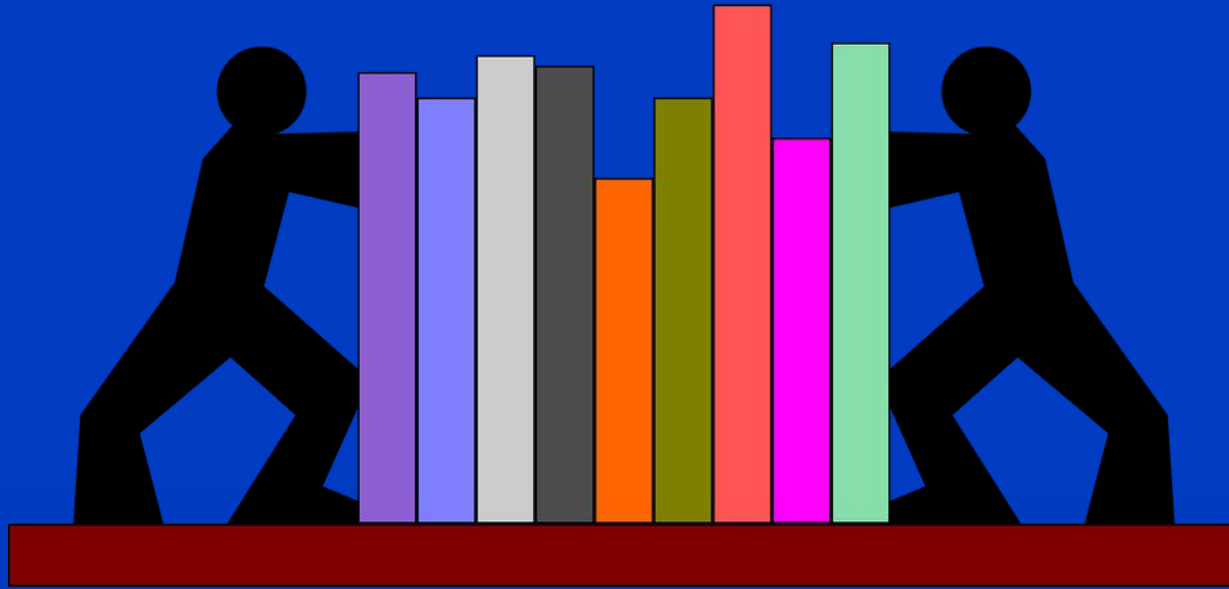


THE URGENCY OF DECISION



- Sense of urgency is added to the call to holiness
- Vss. 6, 7, 10, 12 & 20 warn of imminence
- At the moment of Christ's return the time for decision has come and gone
- This is the context in which the final words of the Bible are written

A BLESSING.....WITH CAVEATS



- Rev. 1:3 and Rev. 22:7 says the blessing of reading Revelation comes ONLY with obedience
- This book is a treasure and a command
- As of this point in Rev. 22 John's visions have ended
- John falls down in worship to an Angel who rebukes him for it

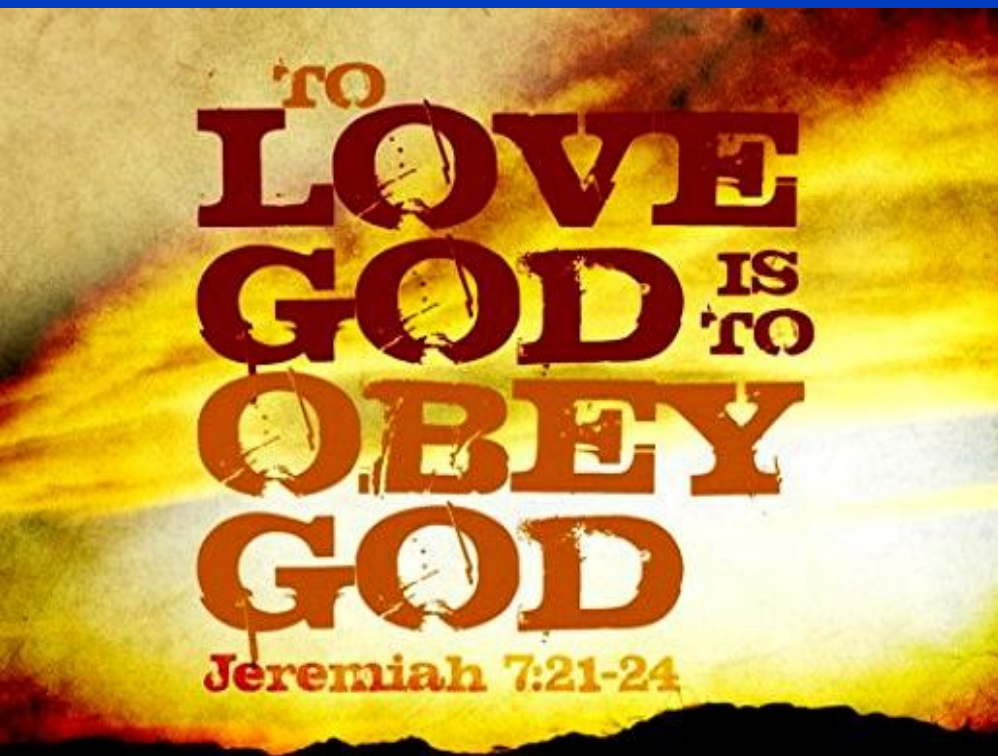


- ***Daniel 12:4 “....Daniel, keep these words secret... as knowledge increases...”***
- The passage of time allows history to unfold so that prophesied events become imaginable or apparent
- For Daniel, “salvation” was the liberation of the Jews from Babylon
- For John, “salvation” became a spiritual reality and the Savior became known
- ***Daniel 8:27 “I, Daniel, grew weak and ill for some days.”***
- John’s reaction was to worship the messenger (an Angel)



A THEOLOGIAN'S NIGHTMARE

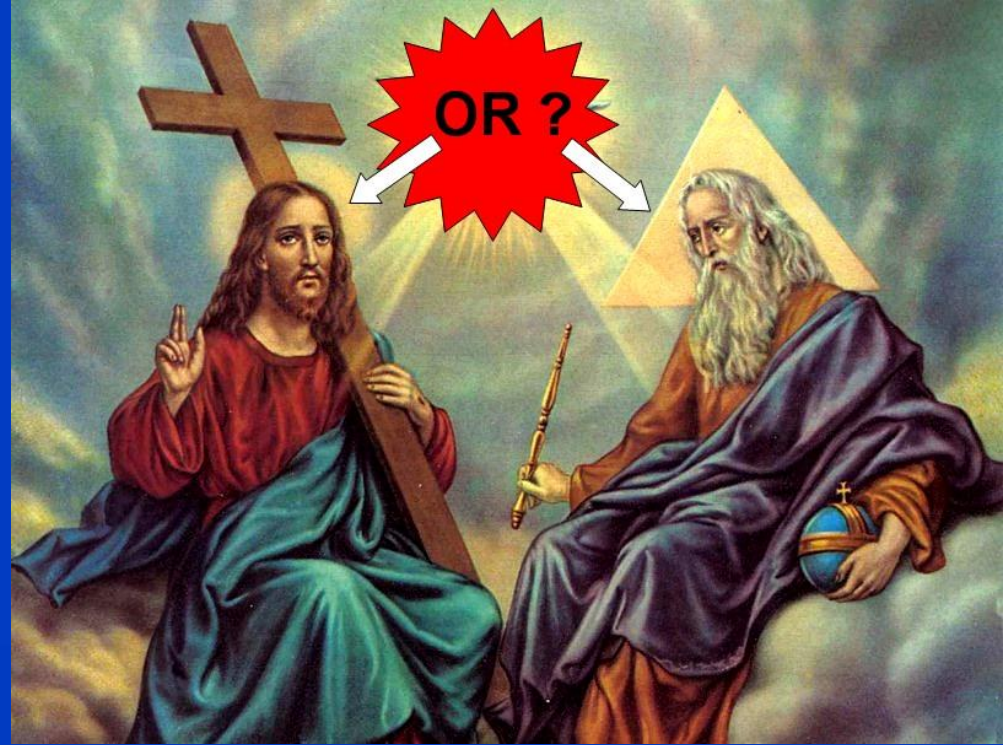
- Vs. 11 Can our loving God also be severe?
- At times God will set His hand against someone and prohibit their ability to make a different choice
- Hardening Pharaoh's heart
- It is important that a person not delay their decision for Christ
- Daniel 12:10 states what the wicked do, versus what the righteous do
- Character tends to eventually become fixed and unchangeable



- What we do in our lives has a serious impact on our eternity
- NOT a works-based salvation
- It IS a works-based reward system for the saved
- Matthew 5:17 – 19

THE A and Z

- Yeshua claims to be the A to Z, Beginning and End
- These are titles for The Father
- In the beginning the Word was God...a special type of unity
- A “reorientation” is which the Word became flesh, was born of a woman, died, and was resurrected
- A division of authority and labor between God and the Lamb
- Upon new earth and heavens perhaps a return to the same type of unity as at the beginning?



Symbols In The BIBLE

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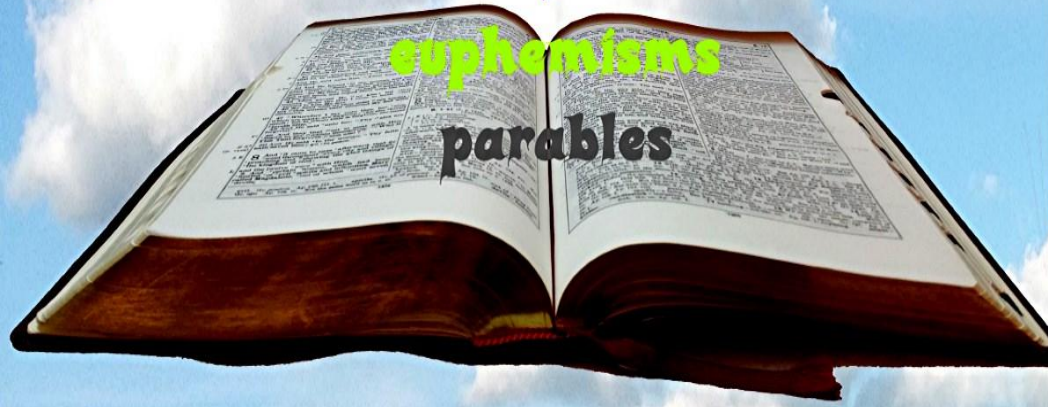
names

metaphors

types

euphemisms

parables



see Revelation 7:14

They have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and made them white.

- Vs. 14 “ *How blessed are those who wash their robes.....*”
- A metaphor for holiness
- The Bible overflows with metaphors
- Garments being made white was a common saying in that age
- Tree of Life is both real and symbolic of bestowing eternal life

THE OUTSIDERS

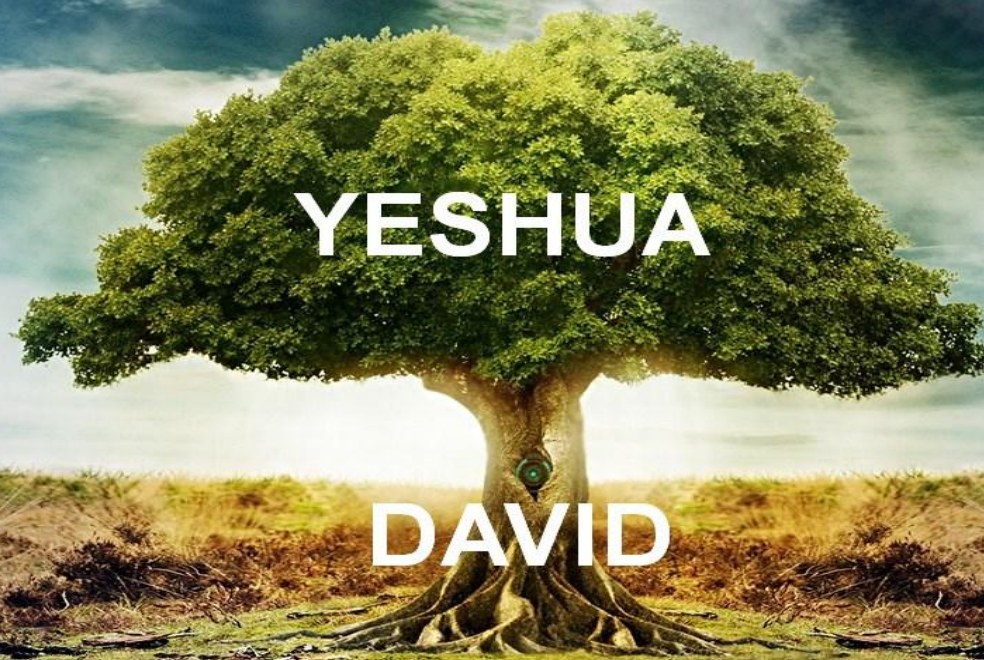
For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and fornicators, and murderers, and idolaters, and whoever loves and makes a lie.

—Revelation 22:15

- These outsiders are not only excluded from New Jerusalem, but also from the new earth
- *Kuon* = dog
- Dogs seen as shameless, unclean, and so used as a nasty epithet
- Most often the term meant Homosexuals
- *Pornos* = male prostitutes (gay men)
- All these behaviors are forgivable provided they have not become chosen identities and lifestyles

“....I am the
root and the
offspring of
David....”

Rev. 22:16



YESHUA

DAVID

ISRAEL

- Rev. 22:15 reinforces Rev. 1:1
- God > Yeshua > Angel > John
- When using the metaphor of Root and Offspring, this is drawing on Numbers 24:17, Isaiah 11:1 & 11:10

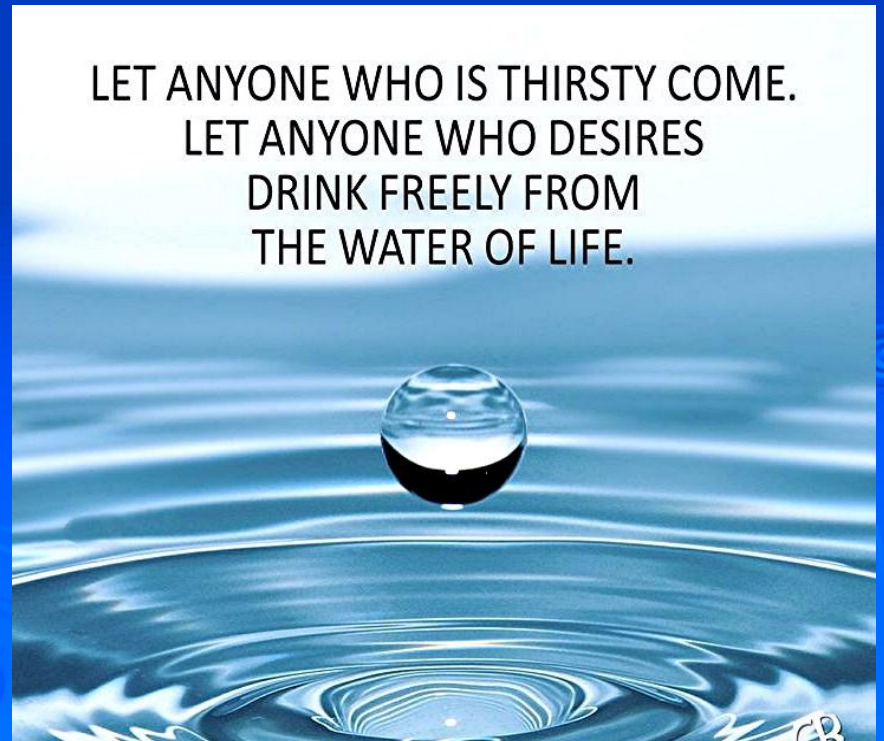
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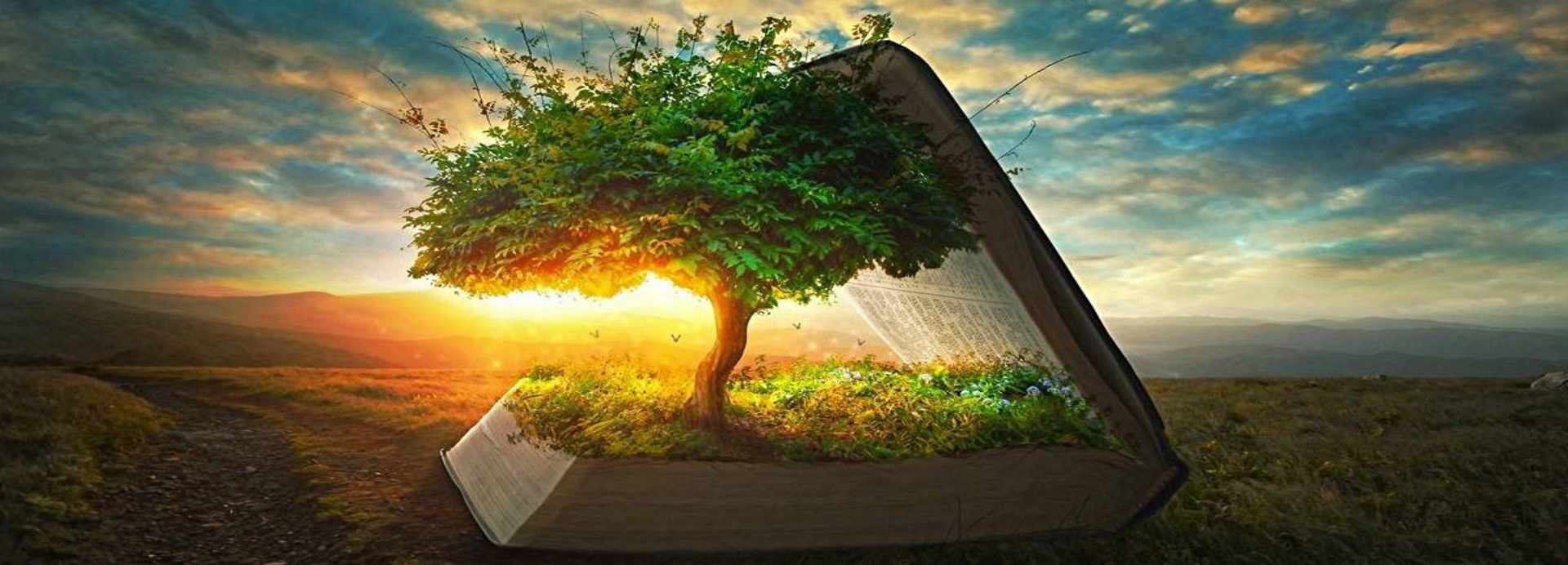
- The Spirit is the Holy Spirit, the Bride is Believers
- Believers are charged with the duty to tell the world the Gospel
- Our job is to obey and speak the truth; the Holy Spirit must persuade and save
- There is a dire consequence for refusing Christ's offer



**THE
SPIRIT
AND THE
BRIDE**

LET ANYONE WHO IS THIRSTY COME.
LET ANYONE WHO DESIRES
DRINK FREELY FROM
THE WATER OF LIFE.





- Do not add to or subtract from John's Apocalypse or God will take action against that person
- Deuteronomy 13:1
- Treating God's Word carelessly can lead to the perpetrator being barred from the Tree of Life
- Yeshua certifies that this entire message is from Him
- He is coming soon !