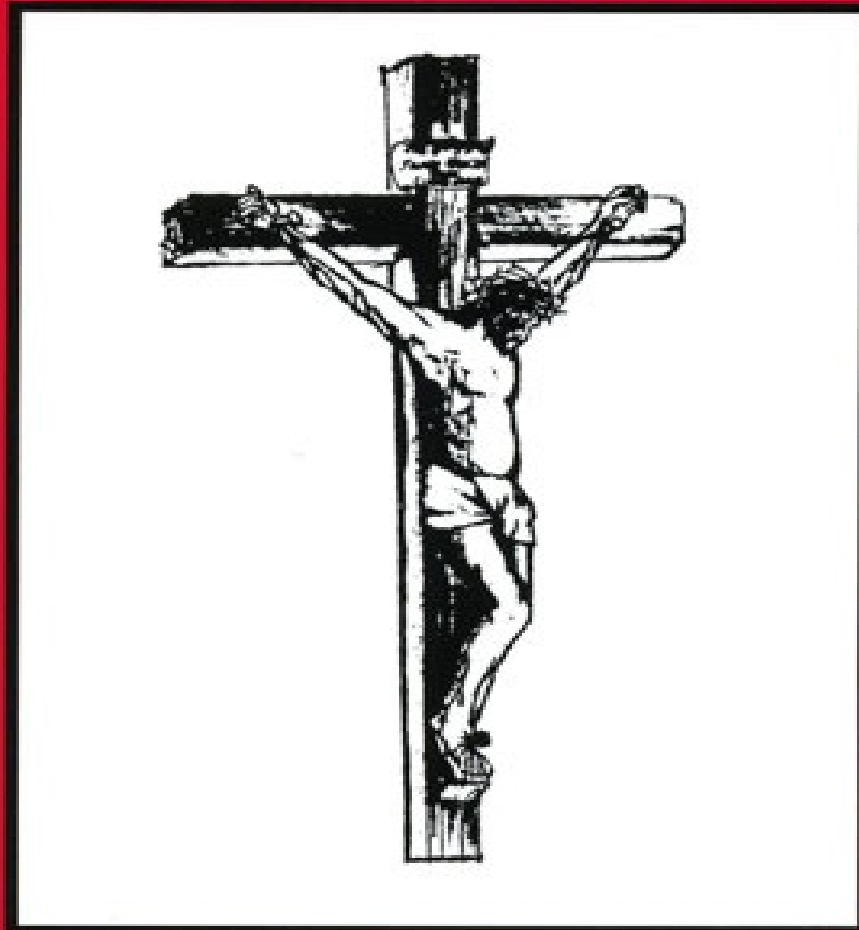


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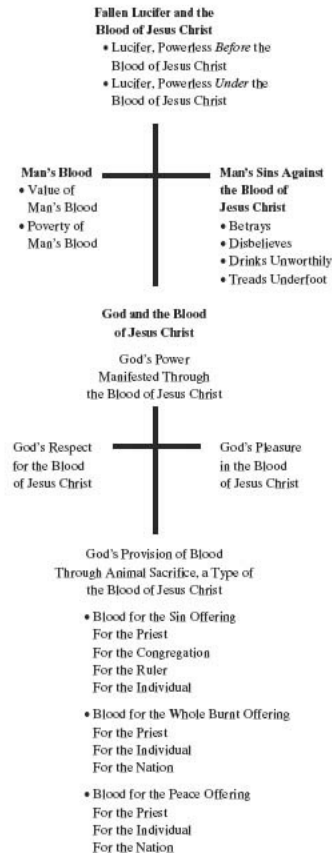
Introduction

In previous volumes of the study about God's Provision of Blood for a Sin Offering, we have learned that God provided sin offering blood for His Priests and for the whole congregation of Israel. The focus of this volume shall be upon the sin offering blood that God provided for His rulers in both the spiritual and natural realms.

In order that the reader may understand exactly where this material fits in the full Stature of Truth about the Blood of Jesus Christ, we shall repeat the outline of the complete study.

(See Stature on following page.)

Full Stature of Truth About the Blood of Jesus Christ



When the LORD God set up rulers in the land of Israel, He delegated power and authority to them so that they could serve as His viceroys. However, He did not commit Supreme Power and Authority into the hands of these rulers. God reserved for Himself the Supreme Power to be the ultimate Judge, Lawgiver, and King over all His creation.

The rulers in Israel were to remember that, on one side of the Scales, they held exalted positions over the people, but on the other side of the Scales, they were equal with God's subjects, in that they were bound to be in subjection to the *Torah*. God did not give His rulers either the power or the right to legislate moral laws. Rulers were set up for the purpose of governing and guiding God's people by implementing the Justice and Righteousness of the *Torah*.

The LORD God clearly described the rights and duties that rulers had in relation to Himself, the Supreme, Sovereign Ruler of Israel and of all the world.

In His Infinite Wisdom and Knowledge, God was aware of the grave responsibility that He had placed upon the shoulders of rulers. God was also knowledgeable of the many temptations to sin which rulers would encounter because of their human ignorance, because of their exalted positions of power and authority, and because of the lust and greed of their flesh. Therefore, in His graciousness and mercifulness, the LORD God provided special sin offering blood for the needs of His rulers so that they might (through their continual repentance, confession, and laying hold of the sin offering blood) remain true rulers and faithful examples of obedience to the nation of Israel.

How gracious and good the LORD God is to provide special sin offering blood for His rulers, even under the shadow and type. Nevertheless, how much greater is His Provision of Blood, through Christ Jesus, for His rulers today. We all are rulers, either in one place or another or at one time or another. Therefore, let us be faithful to lay hold of our allotted portion of the Sin Offering Blood of Christ Jesus so that we can begin each new day with a fresh cup of Life from Him.

Chapter One

Four Qualifications That Rulers Must Have

God, in His Wise Master Plan, has provided rulers to assist Him in carrying out His Supreme Governmental Power and Authority over all people upon Earth. He has granted exalted positions to earthly rulers, and to them He has delegated power and authority to demand that others give an account to them.

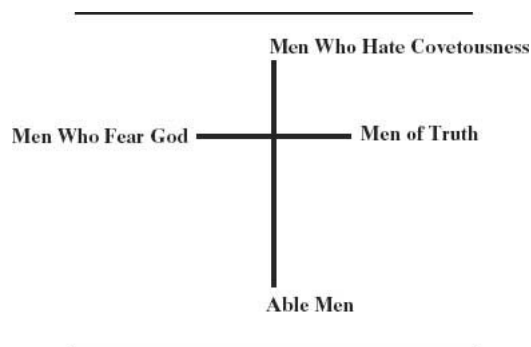
However, God has never given any earthly ruler Supreme Authority. All rulers, regardless of how high a position they may hold, are under the Rule and Reign of the LORD God, the Heavenly Ruler, the one and only Sovereign King; and to Him they must give an account. God takes special notice of rulers because they serve in exalted positions directly under Him, and He is greatly displeased when they sin against Him.

God has committed unto rulers the oversight of His people. Rulers bear a tremendously heavy burden of responsibility to walk uprightly before God and before the people. When rulers sin as individuals, they not only offend God, but they become “bad examples” which people follow. Thus, rulers who sin and stray from God’s Will have power, by their influential example, to entice others also to stray from God’s Will.

The four qualifications that Moses looked for in the princes he chose to help him govern the Nation of Israel reveal the importance of leaders being good examples before the people.

Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people **able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness**; and place *such* over them, *to be* rulers of thousands, *and* rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens: And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, *that* every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear *the burden* with thee.... And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves (Exodus 18:21,22,25,26).

The men whom Moses appointed to be leaders of God’s people were to be (1) able men, (2) men who feared God, (3) men of Truth, and (4) men who hated covetousness. A ruler who does not possess these attributes will not be able to lead the people to walk in the Ways of the LORD God.



Able Men: In order to be good examples, rulers must be *able* persons of valour and virtue. They must possess superior power and skill of mind to understand God’s Word. They must possess a valiant force and strength to persevere in order to carry out the Will of God. Their heart’s desire must be fixed to revolve around the Will of God.

Men Who Fear God: Rulers personally must possess Holy Fear or Reverential Respect for the LORD God. They must maintain a loyal attitude of deep respect, love, and awe for God’s Truth, His Ownership, and His Mastership. They must demonstrate their reverence for God’s Holiness, Righteousness, and Purity by keeping themselves clean and sanctified through the precious shed Blood of the LORD Jesus Christ.

Men of Truth: God’s rulers must be persons of *Truth*. In addition to speaking the Truth, they must be trustworthy, stable, and faithful in their personal and business affairs. They must allow the sincerity, genuineness,

and honesty of the Truth of God's Word to be worked in their hearts so that it manifests itself in their daily lives.

Men Who Hate Covetousness: God's rulers must hate covetousness. They must hate all forms of unjust gain, robbery, theft, and greedy gain, for all these things devastate and despoil the poor.

God's rulers must allow the LORD Jesus Christ to crucify and cleanse them from all insatiable desires to possess or acquire more than God's Will ordains for them to have or to control.

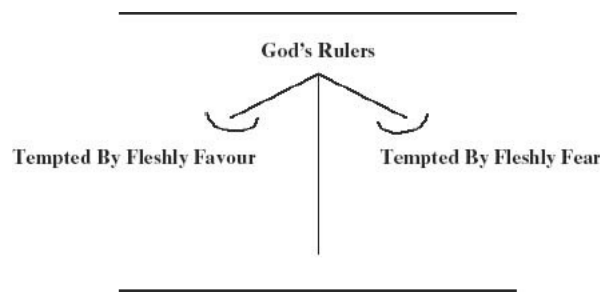
God's rulers must have heroic spirits in order to drive the Wheels of God's Chariot of Truth and Justice over the hard, stony ground of the wicked wills of men.

God's rulers also must be strong to row with their oars of God-given authority against the strong current of human wills in order to sail their Ship of Truth upstream to God's Goal and Destiny for them. The strong currents of the sinful times and the torrents of man's vice and iniquity force God's spiritual rulers to row hard in order to guide the Ship of Truth upstream for the Prize of God's High Calling in Christ Jesus.

God's rulers must be prepared to stand against roving rebels who, like Korah, Dathan, Abiram, and On, oppose the leadership of God's appointed leader.

God's rulers must be willing to oppose the lawless, lustful sons of Belial who, like Ahab, are ready to devour and destroy all who stand in the way of satisfying their greedy lusts.

When tempted by their own fleshly fear and fleshly favour, God's rulers have to resist their own evil, inner emotions which try to persuade them to turn aside, either to the right or to the left, from God's Just Judgment.



Fleshly fear, when one yields to it, turns a person into a coward, making him a slave to his superiors in this world and prevents him from being a humble slave to the one and only true Saviour, the LORD Jesus Christ. Fleshly fear also fills the heart with greater concern for what the creature thinks rather than what the Creator thinks.

Fleshly favour makes a person a "fellow fool" with his earthly equals in this world. It causes a person to rush about irrationally giving favour and receiving favour in order to be joined to the creature instead of the Creator, the Master and Owner, the LORD Jesus Christ.

When God's rulers corrupt themselves, their wills become like "windmills" that are turned by the breath of the creature instead of the Breath of the Creator. Thus, instead of drawing from God's Wells of Prudent Heavenly Wisdom, they draw waters out of man's wells of sensual earthly wisdom.

For His rulers, God graciously has provided special Blood to offer for their sins, faults, and failures.

When a ruler hath sinned, and done *somewhat* through ignorance *against* any of the commandments of the LORD his God *concerning things* which should not be done, and is guilty; Or if his sin, wherein he hath sinned, come to his knowledge; **he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a male without blemish:** And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the goat, and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering before the LORD: **it is a sin offering.** And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out his blood at the bottom of the altar of burnt offering. And he shall burn all his fat upon the altar, as the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings: and the priest shall make an atonement for him as concerning his sin, and it shall be forgiven him (Leviticus 4:22-26).

When a ruler sinned against God's *Torah* through careless ignorance, and when God brought his sin to his attention, he was commanded to bring a male kid of the goats as a sacrifice for his sin. The blood of the male kid goat was shed and applied for his sin.

God will make rulers aware of their sins, both inadvertent sins and willful sins. Happy is the congregation whose rulers publicly confess these sins, which have been committed through human ignorance of the Law itself or through ignorance of the real price of disobedience.

God required rulers to bring blood offerings for both their inadvertent acts and willful deeds. God gave rulers in Israel the responsibility of leading and guiding the nation into paths of righteousness and justice by their private instructive example and by their public instructive example. God's rulers were commanded to guard the Life and

Light of the *Torah* by obeying it in their own private and public lives. They also had to guard the Life and Light of the *Torah* by seeing to it that the practical government of the nation was carried out according to the moral demands of the *Torah*.

It was important that the High Priest and the ruling King, the two highest intelligences in the land, study to understand the theories of the Moral Law so that they personally could be “doers” of the Word of God before they assumed the responsibility of leading the Nation of Israel upward in obedience to God’s High Moral Calling of the *Torah*.

Rulers must govern themselves before they are fit to govern God’s spiritual family. They must overcome the love of flattery; otherwise, they will be seduced out of God’s Will. They must overcome their own fleshly ambition to be “known” instead of making the “Truth known,” or they will become depraved and useless in God’s Kingdom. Rulers must overcome their own fleshly desires for exaltation, or they will become corrupt and worthless to God and His Kingdom.

True ruling power consists not of vain pomp but of Jesus Christ’s great Humility Virtue, which is obtained through His precious shed Blood. As we repent of our prideful pomp, Jesus Christ cleanses us with His precious Blood and gives us His Humility Virtue.

God demands complete moral obedience to His *Torah*, from individuals and from nations, because He has provided a sufficient Blood Sacrifice in Christ Jesus to cleanse man and to help him obey.

God required both the High Priest and the King to be Holy before Him. They had to be Holy personally, in both their private and public lives, in order to lead the people in obedience in the upward Way and the Moral High Calling of the Holy *Torah*.

Chapter Two

God's Provision Of Bullock Blood For A Sin Offering For The High Priest, The Ruler In The Spiritual Realm

The High Priest and his sons, the rulers in the spiritual realm, had to be Holy in order to lead and teach God's people in the Moral High Calling of the *Torah* and to help them attain their spiritual education.

When, through Moses, God unfolded His Law of Blood Sacrifice for man's redemption from sin and his reconciliation to his Master and Owner, God began with His Ministers, the Priests.

God required that, as His servants, the Priests be free from sin before they ministered in His Tabernacle-house. Priests were required to bring a bullock without blemish to the door of the Tabernacle of the Congregation, and there they were to kill it for a sin offering before the LORD.

And he brought the bullock for the sin offering: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the bullock for the sin offering. And he slew *it*: and Moses took the blood, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger, and purified the altar, and poured the blood at the bottom of the altar, and sanctified it, to make reconciliation upon it (Leviticus 8:14,15).

In the Old Testament dispensation, God made provision through the bullock blood for His Servants, the Priests, to receive new cleansing. The sin offering of the bullock offered on this occasion painted a graphic picture of the LORD Jesus Christ's Blood which provides cleansing for God's ministers and leaders today.

One bullock was to be brought to the door of God's House to be shared by Aaron, the High Priest, and his sons. Both Aaron and his sons were to lay their hands on the one bullock and claim its blood for their cleansing from sin. This was not an ordinary, ceremonial "laying on of hands." They did not place their hands lightly upon the bullock. Instead, they had to lay their hands upon him and lean upon him with all their strength so that the bullock supported their weight. Thus, they demonstrated their complete dependence upon the blood of the bullock to cleanse them from sin.

Aaron and his sons all shared the same bullock, demonstrating that they were to be "one bullock," as it were, in the House of the LORD. The sons of Aaron had to learn they were to be co-workers with the High Priest, with the LORD God, and with each other in God's Sanctuary. Before they could accomplish the complete Will of God in the LORD's House, they had to be cleansed from the sin of independence so that they could work together in Unity. A single individual, by himself, regardless of how talented or anointed he may be, cannot accomplish the complete Will of God in the LORD's House by himself.

Aaron and his sons already had passed through the blood of the Passover lamb in Egypt; they had experienced the Baptism in the Cloud and Fire; and they had passed through the Baptism of the Red Sea (I Corinthians 12:1-4). Nevertheless, God provided special sin offering blood for them in order to prepare them for ministry, service, and worship in His House.

Not every believer is called into active ministry as an Apostle, a Prophet, an Evangelist, a Pastor, or a Teacher. However, all believers are called to be spiritual priests unto the LORD (I Peter 2:9). Therefore, the study of the bullock blood which the Priests offered in the Old Testament dispensation is profitable for *all* believers today, and not just for those who are serving publicly in the LORD's House.

It is important for believers to know what is in their lives that God looks upon as sin. Then, they can apply the Sin Offering Blood of Jesus Christ, by faith, to the sin in their hearts and lives and be washed white as snow. When the vessel of a believer's heart is freshly clean and Holy, the Word of God flows through it in greater power. People will be inspired to know the LORD and motivated to become His dedicated servants. God's ministers should serve and worship Him in such a way that the people will want what they see in a minister's life. People who see a living, glowing example before them will hunger for new cleansing, new service, and new worship.

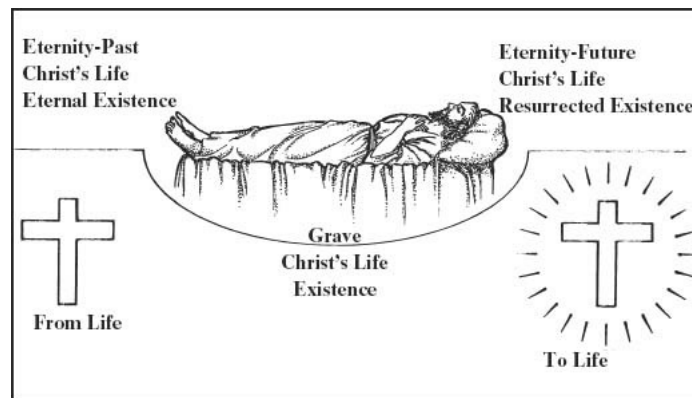
God required more from the Priests than He did from the common people, and He required more from the High Priest than He did from the ordinary Priest. The LORD God commanded that the High Priest was to be consecrated wholly unto Him. This special consecration was accomplished by *pouring* the Holy Anointing Oil upon him and

clothing him in the Garments of Glory and Beauty.

Both the Anointing Oil and the Garments worn by the High Priest in the Old Testament reveal pictures of our spiritual High Priest, the LORD Jesus Christ. The Oil that was poured over the Old Testament High Priest portrayed the Anointing of the Holy Spirit that was poured without measure upon Jesus when He was baptized by John in the River Jordan. The Garments of Glory and Beauty worn by the High Priest in the Old Testament depicted the glorious spiritual adornment of Righteousness and Holiness that clothed Jesus.

The High Priest who served under the Old Testament Covenant was a type of Jesus Christ, our spiritual High Priest in the New Testament. Therefore, God set limitations to govern the behaviour of the earthly High Priest so that his life could exemplify the Life of Christ, the Eternal High Priest.

Christ came from “immortality,” lived in “time,” and returned to “immortality.” His Priesthood was not born at the cradle nor did it cease at the grave; it did not pass from existence to nonexistence, as did that of a mortal Priest, whose priestly office was no more permanent than his physical body. Christ’s Life and Service as High Priest was not affected by the grave.



Neither earthly enemies, nor Death, nor Hell, nor the grave could destroy the existence of Jesus Christ. His existence originated in the Heavenly Father, and it is maintained by the Father.

Death could not devour and defile the Living Christ. On the contrary, when Jesus Christ was confronted by Death in others (before He went to the Cross), His earthly Life swallowed up the Death in the mortal creatures. Jesus Christ swallowed up Death for all mankind, for time and Eternity, by His Death on the Cross and by His Resurrection Life from Death, Hell, and the grave. He arose from the dead with Eternal Resurrection Life and Glory, with Everlasting Victory over Death!

The Old Testament High Priest could not swallow up Death — neither by his life nor by his death. Therefore, as the spiritual head of the nation, as the one on whose head the Holy Anointing Oil had been poured, the High Priest was forbidden to defile himself by touching the dead. He was forbidden to defile his head with images of grief and mourning because Death had won a temporary victory over life. He was forbidden to rend His Holy Garments, even at the bitter loss of his nearest and dearest kinsman to Death. The Old Testament High Priest was always to be an example of triumphant life and victorious joy because he was to be a picture of the triumphant Life and victorious Joy of Jesus Christ, Who came from Eternal Life and went to Resurrection Life.

Chapter Three

God's Provision Of Male Kid Goat Blood For A Sin Offering For The King, The Ruler In The Natural Realm

The Old Testament High Priest was given the responsibility of teaching the spiritual theories or the knowledge of Spiritual Principles of God's Moral Law to Israel. The king was given the responsibility of leading the Nation of Israel in righteous obedience to the Moral Law, both by personal example and by exerting his royal ruling authority in the land.

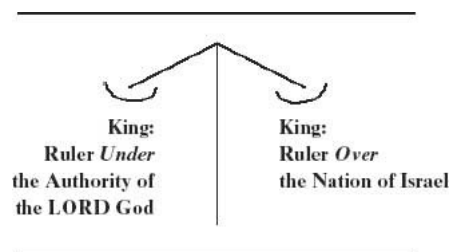
All rulers in Israel, whether they were a king or a prince of a tribe, had to offer a kid from the goat family as a sin offering when they committed sin.

When a ruler hath sinned, and done *somewhat* through ignorance *against* any of the commandments of the LORD his God *concerning things* which should not be done, and is guilty; Or if his sin, wherein he hath sinned, come to his knowledge; he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a male without blemish: And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the goat, and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering before the LORD: it is a sin offering. And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out his blood at the bottom of the altar of burnt offering. And he shall burn all his fat upon the altar, as the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings: and the priest shall make an atonement for him as concerning his sin, and it shall be forgiven him (Leviticus 4:22-26).

How happy is a kingdom of people whose public rulers publicly confess their sins that are committed in ignorance, error, and deliberate disobedience to God's *Torah*. When a ruler penitently followed the order of sacrifice in the Old Testament Covenant, God forgave his sins.

The king, the ruler over Israel, was also a special instrument of government in God's Hand to teach the nation God's Moral Law by his example on the experiential side of the Scales. When the ruling King of Israel sinned and became guilty of disobedience and rebellion against God's *Torah*, he affected not only his own future but the future of the whole nation. Israel's history proves that people, as a whole, always will follow their king, their ruler or leader, whether in obedience or disobedience.

As the ruling monarch of the nation, the king held a unique position. He was *under* the Authority of the LORD God, but he was the ruler *over* the Nation of Israel.



A king could further the cause of God's Holy *Torah* in Israel and rule *over* the nation as long as he stayed *under* God's Divine Authority.

When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that *are* about me; **Thou shalt in any wise set *him* king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: *one*** from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which *is* not thy brother. But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way. Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold. And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of *that which is* before the priests the Levites: And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them: That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, *to* the right hand, or *to* the left: to the end that he may

prolong *his* days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel (Deuteronomy 17:14-20).

God gave special Laws for the kings who ruled in Israel. First, the kings had to be *chosen by God* and not the people. Since God is the Supreme, Sovereign Ruler and the true Owner and Master, He has a perfect right to choose in His Will and to say with His own Mouth who is to be the ruler *over* His people. Second, God forbade Israel to choose a ruler from among the foreigners in the land, lest a strange king or ruler import into Israel strange gods, strange laws, and strange customs that were contrary to the teaching of God's Divine *Torah*. Third, God demanded that a king or ruler be a "blood brother" because he was to be a type of Christ, the true King, Who took upon Himself Flesh and Blood in order to be a perfect Ruler over God's children. Christ had to take on man's human nature in order to take the place of fallen human nature on the Cross and in order to become a merciful and faithful High Priest.

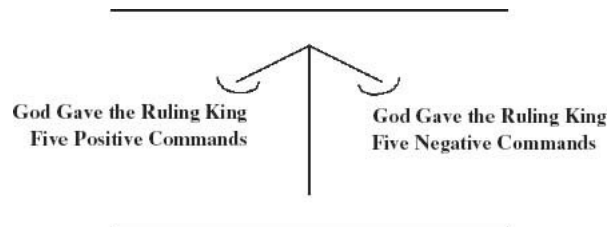
Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, **he also himself likewise took part of the same**; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; (Hebrews 2:14).

Christ Jesus took on a Body of Flesh so that He could understand flesh and bone and how to rule over it.

God clearly defined the standard that was to be used for selecting a king; furthermore, He plainly set forth the qualifications the king had to have and the duties he was expected to perform.

It was legitimate for Israel to have a king, but he had to be a native Israelite, and he was expected to be a faithful monarch who governed the people according to the moral demands of the *Torah*.

The LORD God gave Israel's king or ruler a special *Torah*, which he was to write with his own hand from the Priests' copy of the Law. The king's personal *Torah* consisted of five negative Commands and five positive Commands which he had to obey in order to be a Holy and obedient ruler over God's people.



God did not give a king to conquer the land, for the land was given by God. The LORD God did not give a king to guard Israel, for He Who keeps Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps. God did not give a king to develop a great external military force so that Israel could make herself known as a military nation. God gave Israel a king so that she could become known as an obedient "*Torah-Nation*." As long as Israel won the victory over her own inner disobedience against the *Torah*, God gave her outward victory over all her external enemies.

God purposed that Israel's King should shine forth as a bright and shining instructive light and a living moral example by his righteous obedience to the *Torah* and by his faithful performance of God's Judgments.

I. Five Negative Commands Were Given to the King.

God had a good purpose in mind when He gave five negative Commands to the ruling king. By observing the negative Commands, the king could be faithful and obedient to the Moral Law of the *Torah*.

A. The King Was Commanded not to Acquire a Multitude of Horses for Himself.

God forbade the ruling king to acquire a multitude of horses which could be used for a military cavalry: (1) God did not want the king to keep His people in subjection for vain purposes of defense, and (2) He did not want His king to lean upon the creatures (the horses or the people) for gaining victory over Israel's enemies. The LORD God desired that the king and the people should trust Him as their Creator, their Bridegroom, their Master, their Owner, their Protector, and their Deliverer from all their enemies.

The *Torah* forbade the king to keep a large number of horses because doing so was synonymous with keeping a large military force. In early days, the horse was used in war. History reveals that the royal lust for *all power* has been a ragged and jagged rock on which kings continually have fallen, bringing themselves to grief and shattering

the happiness and prosperity of their nation. Thus, God forbade the King of Israel to cherish earthly military ambitions. Heathen kings possessed horses in proportion to their military strength, but the LORD commanded the king as well as the Nation of Israel to depend upon Him for their protection.

If Israel had returned to Egypt to buy horses, she would have become dependent upon Egypt for her military success. The LORD God had given Israel freedom from Egypt; therefore, His Wise Design did not include Israel's return to dependent bondage to Egypt. His Master Plan for Israel was for her to remain free in Canaan's Land, depending on the LORD God for her protection.

B. The King Was Commanded not to Acquire Many Wives.

God forbade the ruling King of Israel to acquire many wives and, thus, establish a harem for himself as the heathen kings did.

King Solomon, who with his wisdom enlightened Israel and attracted people from afar to come and hear his wisdom, broke three of God's special laws for the king. He sought to acquire many horses, many wives, and many possessions. The day Solomon brought Pharaoh's daughter to Israel as his wife was the day he espoused to his heart a direct, corruptive influence from Egypt and, thus, became enslaved in Egyptian bondage.

The King's marriage to Pharaoh's daughter was a downward path which led him to disobedience to God's *Torah*. He continued on this downward path of disobedience until he had acquired seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines.

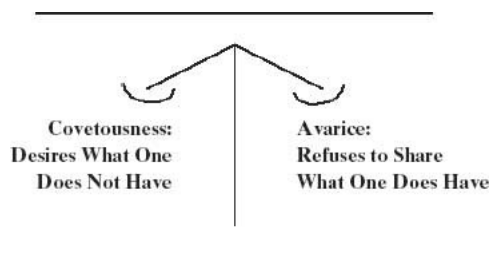
Solomon may have felt that he could contract all these marriages and still remain loyal to the LORD God. However, his experience proved that he was wrong. When Solomon was old, his foreign wives weakened his power of resistance against the enemies of the Truth and led him astray from the LORD God. His loyalty to God's Truth was not wholehearted, nor was his worship of the LORD God wholehearted. By providing images and shrines for his heathen wives, he condoned their idolatrous worship and pagan practices. Thus, he proved that his allegiance was divided.

C. The King Was Commanded not to Amass Great Riches.

God forbade the ruling King of Israel to acquire or amass great riches. This third negative Command was given so that the king would not allow his greed to drive him to gather more gold and silver than was necessary to provide for his well-being and the well-being of the nation.

Passion for wealth is the most pernicious of sins because it never can be satisfied. The gathering of too many riches is evil in itself because earthly riches become man's treasure. Jesus said: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21). If earthly riches are a man's treasures, his heart will be on Earth. If the LORD in Heaven is a man's Treasure, his heart will be in Heaven. God created man's heart to be a treasure chest, as it were, for Jesus Christ, His Living *Torah*, and not for temporal, earthly things.

Passion for silver and gold leads the heart to sins of avarice, to evil cravings for excessive wealth, to wicked greediness for gain, and to deceitful, inordinate love of money. There is a difference between covetousness and avarice. Covetousness desires what one does not have; avarice withholds and keeps such things as one has without sharing according to the demands of the *Torah*.



If a ruler's heart were filled with a covetous desire for more earthly riches than God desired for him to have, it could not be filled with a Holy desire to obey God's Word, the *Torah*. If riches are not made to be *servants* of the ruler, they will become his *master*.

The nature of covetousness is to lust, to desire, and to gain. Once covetousness has gained riches, it delivers them

to its partner named “avarice,” which, in turn, selfishly guards these riches at the Eternal Expense of the soul. Covetousness and avarice fill the soul with sorrow, sadness, misery, wretchedness, perpetual slavery, fear, suspicion, and discontent. The “terrible two” — covetousness and avarice — promise happiness and satisfaction, but they actually bind the soul in chains of selfish misery and woe.

How sad it is when a ruler becomes the slave to riches, instead of making riches serve him. Deplorable and calamitous conditions exist when a ruler exalts his riches to the throne of his heart instead of exalting the LORD God, the true Master and Owner, and His *Torah* to the throne of his heart.

It is impossible to obey God’s *Torah* without sharing with the poor and needy, both spiritually and naturally. Thus, God’s negative Commands to the ruling king were given for the king’s own protection, both naturally and spiritually.

D. The King Was Commanded not to Allow His Heart To Be Lifted up Above His Brethren.

Although the king held a position of rulership over the people, he was not to allow his heart to become proud and lifted up above his brethren. The King of Israel was to treat his subjects as though they were his brothers.

If God commanded the King of Israel to shun pride in his heart, then, certainly, He expects the same of those who rule over His children today. One shuns pride by confessing it to Jesus Christ and allowing Him to wash it away with His precious Blood.

God commanded the king to walk in humility before his brethren, neither looking down in contempt upon his brethren because theirs was a lower position than his, nor lifting up his heart above them because he held a higher position. The king was not to walk haughtily before his brethren; neither was he to walk disdainfully in his heart so as to trample upon them. The king was always to remember to minister in love to his brethren and, thus, fulfill the *Torah’s* Command to love his neighbour as himself.

E. The King Was Commanded not to Turn Aside from the Commandments of the *Torah*.

The ruling King of Israel was not to turn aside from doing the Commandments of the *Torah*. God commanded the king to study the *Torah* for himself and, then, to obey the Moral Laws written in it.

The king was forbidden to turn aside from the Truth of the *Torah*. God commanded the king *not* to change the Truth of His *Torah* for the error of Lucifer, neither on the right hand nor on the left hand. The king was forbidden to twist the Light of the *Torah* in his heart so that he could excuse himself for walking in darkness and fulfilling the lust of his flesh. By turning away from the Truth in his own heart, he would, by his personal example, lead Israel astray from the Light of God’s *Torah*. The King was not to try to shape, form, and fashion his own *Torah* or idol of error and, thus, through his own example, lead God’s people astray from the One and only true LORD God and His Holy *Torah*.

The king’s loyalty in his heart to God’s *Torah* would establish loyalty in God’s Heart to the king’s throne, and it would establish loyalty in the people’s hearts to the king’s throne. Thus, by being loyal in his own heart to the *Torah*, the king secured his throne, both with God and with the nation.

II. Five Positive Commands Given to the King.

God also had a good Purpose in Mind when He gave the ruling king five positive Commands. By faithfully obeying these Commands, the king would learn to keep the *Torah*, personally, in his daily life, and this, in turn, would enable him to lead the people into greater realms of obedience to the LORD God and His Holy *Torah*.

A. The King Was Commanded to Write a Copy of the *Torah*.

The first positive Command that God gave the king was for him to *write* a copy of God’s Holy *Torah*. On one side of the Scales, this was a Command which the king was supposed to obey. On the other side of the Scales, it was a tremendous privilege because it allowed the king to have God’s *Torah*, His Royal, Divine Law, as a personal treasure from his own pen.

It did not matter how many copies of the *Torah* the king had inherited from his ancestors. He was required to *write* his own personal copy. Nor did it matter how many scribes might be able to turn out more beautifully written copies than the king could produce; he was required to *write* his own copy of the *Torah*.

God knew that by the king’s writing of the *Torah*, in his own hand, the Truth of it would be imprinted, even to the

smallest detail, upon the king's mind and heart. So, in spite of the fact that the king was busy and burdened with the affairs of the kingdom, he had to make time to write, with his own hand, a copy of God's Law.

When the king ascended to the throne, his first act as a true king was to write the *Torah*. By his act of writing the *Torah*, the king signified that the *Torah* was the real, true King and Master in Israel and that he was the "subservient king." Thus, the king acknowledged the *Torah* as his true Governor and Guide. The *Torah* was to be the king's unalterable rule which governed all his moral conduct as a king. Because the king had a copy of the *Torah* before his face, he had constant access to God's Moral Law to guide him in making all the decisions that had to be made for the nation. The king did not have to go to the Temple to inquire about the Commands of the *Torah* because he had his personal, handwritten copy of the Law.

B. The King Was Commanded to Read the Law All the Days of His Life.

The LORD commanded the king to *study* the *Torah* and meditate upon its Truth all the days of his life because the *Torah* was (and is) filled with all righteous Wisdom. The king's written *Torah* provided him a copy of God's Word, which he was to use for his own private meditation, worship, and daily life. Furthermore, the *Torah* was the source of the Treasure of Wisdom which he needed for his public ministry as king. It was not enough for the king to *write* the *Torah* once for himself; all the days of his life he was to *read* that which he had written.

God's Word is Infinite. Therefore, each time a believer writes the Word and each time he reads it, there are new realms of the Bread of Life to be discovered in it as food for his soul.

As the king read the Law, conscientiously, faithfully, and with loving affection, the Torah-Truth empowered him to give his heart in self-sacrificing devotion and dutiful obedience to the dictates of the *Torah*. Therefore, the king could stand before the nation as a moral example of an obedient son of the *Torah*.

When an Israelitish king discarded and disregarded the yoke of the *Torah* (with its Holy, Righteous Precepts, Statutes, and Commandments), he became a despotic king, ruling as a tyrant over God's people. The mind of an apostate king became filled with cruelty, and his heart became hardened with callous indifference. He was untouched by the needs of God's people, unmoved by their cries, and unconcerned about their natural and spiritual welfare.

A king's example of apostasy inevitably led the people to follow in his footsteps and become apostates. The kingdom soon became filled with covetousness, avarice, and corruption, and, then, the wild asses of rebellion, evil, and wickedness ran unrestrained through the nation. God's true Prophets continually and faithfully denounced rebellion, evil, and wickedness in Israel when the people walked in the ways of apostate kings and rulers.

The king did not have to become an apostate. He had the privilege of reading the same *Torah* as was read by the Priest in the Temple. Therefore, he had no excuse for not leading the people to walk in the ways of the *Torah*, in the ways of Light and Life.

C. The King Was Commanded to Learn to Fear the LORD God as His God.

The ruling king was commanded to *fear* the LORD God. The fear of the LORD God had to possess the king's heart in order for him to hear and reverence God's Divine and Majestic Authority in his own life and in the life of the nation.

When a king or ruler receives fear and respect from his subjects, it should teach him, as a subject in God's Kingdom, to fear and reverence the LORD God as his Owner and Master.

God commanded the king to learn the instructive contents of the Moral Law so that he could grow in reverential fear of the LORD. The king's mind had to be ever increasing in clarity of understanding of God's Purpose for each individual in Israel in order for him to lead them all in the Will of God. He had to increase in God's Wisdom and Knowledge in order to know God's Purpose for Israel among the nations of the Earth and in order not to thwart God's Plan for Israel to be a living testimony of God's *Torah* in the Earth.

God's Purpose for the individual Israelite was for each person to grow up in Spiritual Stature so that each one could fulfill the Moral High calling of the *Torah* which demanded complete dedication and obedience to the Will of God.

His purpose for the Nation of Israel was the same as that for each individual. God desired for Israel to grow up, as a nation, and become spiritually mature so that she could be clothed with Holy obedience to the *Torah*. In this way, she would become a living example to show the whole world the Righteousness of the *Torah*.

When a king, a ruler or a leader, fully understands the awesome responsibility he has in God's Kingdom, he

learns to fear and reverence God as his Owner and Master and to respect God's Holy Purpose for him and for his nation.

D. The King Was Commanded to *Keep* the *Torah*.

God commanded the ruling king to *keep* the *Torah*. In addition to *writing* the *Torah* and *reading* it, the king was to *keep* the Righteousness of it by obeying its Moral Principles and putting them into practice in his daily life.

The king was required to guard the *Torah* by meditating on how to improve his obedience to it as an individual and as a king. He was to exercise all his power to hold the *Torah* in his possession; he was not to part with it, regardless of who might oppose it.

Through meditation and prayer, the king could preserve, retain, and not let slip the Commands of the *Torah*. The king kept the *Torah* by his careful supervision over the nation and by seeing that the people, as a whole, obeyed its Divine Commands. The king kept the *Torah* by preserving it in his heart under peculiar conditions, in difficult conditions, and in dangerous situations. As long as the king kept the *Torah* Holy and Sacred and as the greatest pleasure and delight of his heart, there was no one who could overthrow his throne and no thing that could take the *Torah* from him.

E. The King Was Commanded to *Do* the *Torah*.

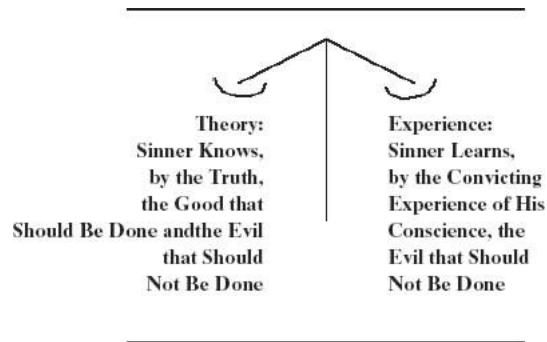
God commanded the king to *do* the *Torah*; that is, the king was to execute, perform, and carry out the Righteous Deeds and Acts of the *Torah*. To *do* the Commandments is to practice them to the full and to act habitually in obedience to the *Torah*. As the king sought to obey and *do* the Commands of the *Torah*, he would better understand and appreciate his loyal subjects' efforts to obey his commands.

James declared that failing to *do*, after one knows the Truth, is sin.

Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it not*, to him it is sin (James 4:17).

God reveals the Truth to man in order to teach him what should be done and what should *not* be done. When a man knows the Truth in his heart, his conscience will bear witness against him while he is sinning and after he has sinned. Thus, the man who continues to sin after he knows the Truth in his heart becomes a sinner against theory and experience on both sides of the Scales.

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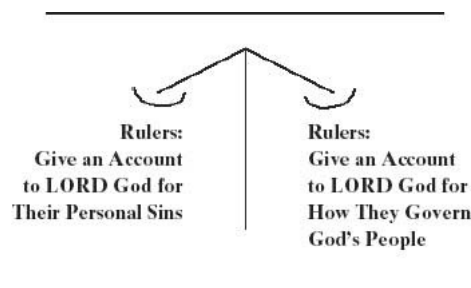
The careless heart sins by omitting to do the good deeds that he knows he should do and by committing evil deeds that he knows he should not do. The Word of God is faithful to bear witness against him, and his own conscience is also faithful to bear witness against him for the good he should have done and for the evil he should not have done. Therefore, a wise person will heed the Truth that God has placed within his heart and heed his conscience that has been enlightened by the Spirit of God; then, he will do that which is right and avoid that which is wrong.

When we notice these five negative and five positive Commands given to a king (a ruler or leader), we see God's gracious Mercy in providing special blood sacrifices for those in positions of authority and power. A leader's responsibility is great, and his temptations to sin are many. Therefore, it is comforting for a leader to know that God has provided special blood for the leaders of His people to offer when their human ignorance causes them to sin.

God provided special sin offering blood of a kid which His ruling kings, who served as overseers of His people, were to offer for their sins of ignorance. Leaders sometimes sin because they are destitute of knowledge in general; that is, they lack clear perception of the Truth of God's Word. Sometimes leaders do not have an unshakable grasp of that which is error and that which is Truth. Because of insufficient instruction or lack of particular information, leaders sometimes err in making wise decisions and Holy judgments; consequently, they lead God's people away from the LORD's Will instead of leading them in the LORD's Will. Sometimes they are untaught, unenlightened, unacquainted with, and unconscious of the Truth in God's Word because they do not spend sufficient time studying God's Word. Many times, leaders are unaware of things they should know in God's Word in order to govern and guide God's people in the ways of the *Torah*.

In every dispensation, God has provided different kinds of leaders to be overseers of His people, and He always has provided sin offering blood to cleanse every kind of leader and ruler in every kind of circumstance. A ruler can be continually cleansed from his ignorance, and he can start each new day and each new moment of the day with a fresh cup of life from the Resurrected Blood of Jesus Christ.

It is important for leaders to be aware of and to remember that the LORD God observes the errors and wrongs which leaders commit, just as He does those of the ordinary person. Although leaders, rulers, and princes have subordinates who must give an account to them, they themselves are still under the highest form of Government, the Rulership of God. Therefore, they must answer to the LORD God for any form of disobedience, both personally and as leaders of God's people.



Rulers have a dual responsibility to keep themselves clean through the Blood of Jesus Christ; they are to be clean as individuals and as leaders.

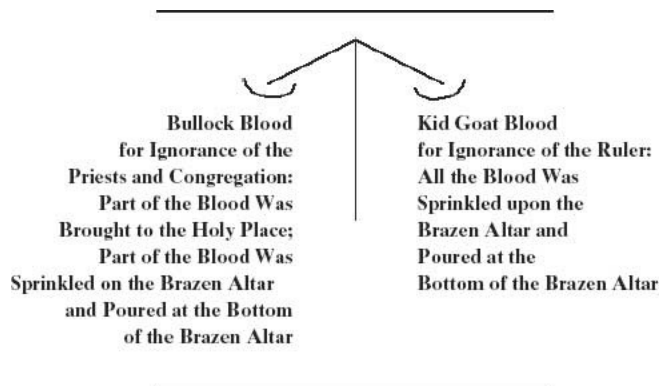
God brings sins of ignorance to a person's attention in the following ways: (1) by the conviction of God's Spirit in the conscience, (2) by the illumination of Truth of His Holy Word which exposes the error of human ignorance, (3) by the faithful rebuke and reproof that God sends through friends and loved ones, and (4) by the enlightenment that God sends through circumstances and situations.

Regardless of which means God uses to make believers cognizant of their faults, sins, and errors, they should be grateful and thankful. Once they are made aware of their sins, they can submit quickly to the God-given Light of Knowledge by confessing their sins, repenting, and asking Jesus Christ to forgive them and apply His precious Blood to their sins.

Believers should pray daily for God to make their secret, hidden sins, faults, and failures known to their minds so that they can confess them, repent, and turn from the things that displease the LORD because they are unlike Him.

It is important to notice that a ruler's sin offering for ignorance was different from those of the Priests and the congregation. The blood of a male kid goat, without blemish, had to be offered for the ruler's sins of ignorance. The sin offering blood of the kid, like the sin offering blood of the bullock, had to be offered for both the Priests' sins of ignorance and the congregation's sins of ignorance. It was sprinkled round about on the Brazen Altar and poured at the bottom of the Altar.

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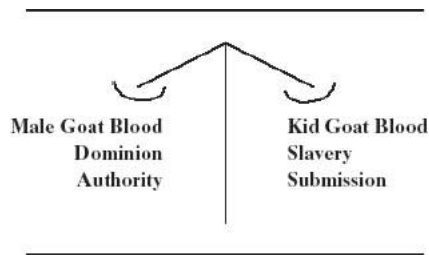


All the blood of the kid goat that was offered for the ruler’s sins of ignorance was kept in the Courtyard at the Brazen Altar. Some of it was applied to the horns of the Brazen Altar, and the rest of it was poured out at the bottom of the Brazen Altar.

In order for us to understand why God required the ruler to sacrifice a male kid goat as a sin offering for ignorance, it is necessary to relate the leader, himself, with different qualities that made the kid goat a good leader of the flocks in the natural realm.

A natural kid goat had strength in his feet to walk surefootedly over rough terrain. He had determination in his mind to keep going in the face of opposition. He had surrender in his will to keep climbing to new heights, and he had aggressive pushing power to resist all strangers and enemies of his master and owner. The goat that was offered as the sin offering for the ruler had to meet two qualifications: (1) it had to be a male (which speaks of authority), and (2) it had to be a kid or an immature goat (which speaks of surrender and subjection to the parent).

A ruler of God’s people also needs this peculiar, paradoxical combination of *Authoritative Blood* from the Male Goat side of Jesus Christ’s Blood and the *Submissive Blood* from the Kid Goat side of His Blood.



A ruler must have the paradoxical union of “dominion intelligence” and “slavery intelligence” in order to be a good ruler. He must bow in complete submission to the LORD God but, at the same time, exert strong dominion over his subjects.

III. God Provided Male Goat Blood to Meet the King’s Need for “Dominion Intelligence.”

In order to guide and govern God’s people, a king must use his God-given authority to exercise sovereign control over his subjects. However, the ruler must remember that his source of power to control and rule over the public affairs of God’s people is built upon his own submission to the LORD God as his Owner and Master.

A king could exercise Holy Dominion over God’s people only if he appropriated the authoritative male blood of the goat to cleanse him from uncertainty, insecurity, and timidity so that he could walk surefootedly, determinedly, and with aggressive pushing power to carry out the Commands of the *Torah* in the nation.

The first attitude a leader of God’s people has to overcome is his fleshly *fear* of people. Then, instead of obeying the people, he is free to obey God. As long as a ruler is *ruled over* by the people, he is not *being ruled* by God. A

ruler lives in a dangerous place. There always is the temptation to allow himself to be influenced by the will of the people rather than by the Will of God.

In Israel's day, God provided the Breastplate with its *Urim* and *Thummim* so that the ruler always could go to the High Priest and find the Perfect Will of God. Also, a ruler sometimes is tempted to follow his *own will* instead of obeying the Will of God. Thus, a ruler's constant choice is between the human will (his own and the will of others) and the Will of the LORD God.

God's Spirit provided goat blood (a picture of the *strength* of the Blood of Christ) to cleanse His rulers so that they could be free from their own wills and the wills of others. When the goat blood was applied by faith, it empowered a ruler with strong "dominion intelligence" which enabled him, as God's chosen leader, to carry out the Divine Commands of the *Torah*, according to God's Holy Will.

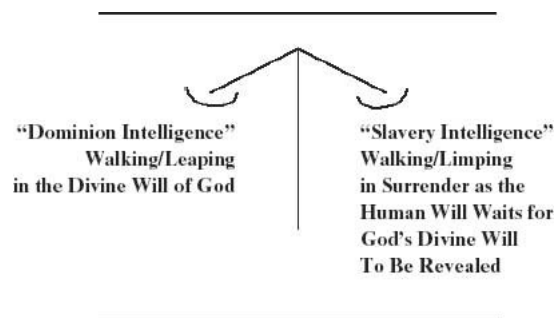
IV. God Provided Kid Goat Blood to Meet the King's Need for "Slavery Intelligence."

It was not enough for a king to have "dominion intelligence"; he also had to have "slavery intelligence," which came through the immature kid-side of the goat blood. The king had to be a bondsman to the Will of God.

Slavery is the established right of the master and owner to have absolute power over the life and property of his slaves. Slavery is a state of bondage in which a slave's will is entirely subject to the will of his master and owner. In an owner/slave relationship, the owner does not need the slave's consent before asking him to do something, nor does the owner need a special work-contract before assigning a slave a job to do.

God provided the kid goat blood (which represents the child's subjection to the parent) for the sin offering of a ruler so that he could have a bondsman's childlike surrender to the Will of God. A ruler always had to take his place before God as a child who, apart from the Will of his Heavenly Parent, knows neither how to "come in" nor how to "go out."

A ruler or leader always has to cry for the LORD God to reveal the sins of ignorance which he has committed because of his lack of subjection to God. Otherwise, he will be guilty of intruding into God's Dominion and Rulership. When a leader intrudes into God's Governmental Authority and Management, he begins leaping *into* situations and *out of* situations that are not a part of God's Will. Whenever God does not immediately reveal His Will to a ruler, the ruler should tiptoe softly, as a little child, while he waits for his Heavenly Father to show him the right way to walk. In this manner, then, the ruler becomes a bondsman to the Will of God.



Provoked by their own fearful human ignorance, leaders sometimes leap outside of God's Will to try to redeem people, places, or things through their fleshly efforts, when they should be waiting for God to manifest His Redemptive Will in a situation. Other times, when they should be walking and leaping, boldly, in the Dominion of the Will of the Creator, they let their human ignorance cause them to walk and limp in cowardly submission to creatures. Rulers should walk and leap fearlessly in the Dominion Will of God, after the LORD has revealed His Way to them.

The Male Goat Blood of Christ Jesus can wash away the desire that causes a leader, in his human ignorance, to leap presumptuously out of the Dominion Will of God to walk in his own cowardly will. The Kid or Childlike Goat Blood of Christ Jesus can cleanse and wash away the human ignorance which causes a leader to limp along in fear of mortal creatures, on the one hand, while conversely preventing him from coming under the Divine Authority of God and walking submissively in the Will of Jesus Christ, on the other hand.

Likewise, the Male Goat Blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse man from the dominion of the human will. On one side of the Scales, the human will leaps zealously to usurp God's Place of Dominion in order to rule. On the other

side of the Scales, it leaps in cowardice to avoid ardent submission to the Dominion of God's Will.

Human ignorance constrains a person to sin doubly or on both sides of the Scales. On the *Dominion* side of the Scales, human ignorance can sin either by robbing God of His Dominion or by avoiding all responsibility as an overseer in carrying out the Dominion of God's Will. On the *Slavery* side of the Scales, human ignorance can sin either by robbing Jesus Christ of His Submissive Will or by avoiding all responsibility as a bondsman in carrying out the Submissive Will of Jesus Christ.

First, human ignorance tries to rob God of His Dominion. King Uzziah is an example of a ruler whose human ignorance caused him to sin in this way.

Walking in the dominion of his own human will, Uzziah tried to offer incense upon the Altar of Incense in the Holy Place. The responsibility of offering Incense did not belong to King Uzziah. According to God's Divine Will, only Priests who had been consecrated and anointed for service in the Sanctuary were allowed to offer Incense upon the Golden Altar. Thus, Uzziah tried to usurp the Dominion Will of God by *leaping* into the Holy Place. If the king had confessed his sin quickly, had repented, and had offered the male goat blood by faith, his trespass would have been forgiven. Because Uzziah refused to humble his proud will, he was disgraced and punished by God with the dreaded disease of leprosy (II Chronicles 28:16-21).

Second, human ignorance likes to *leap* into the valley of human cowardice, feel sorry for itself, and disbelieve the Power of God's Dominion. Israel's behaviour at the Red Sea is a classic example of this class of human ignorance.

When Israel came to the Red Sea, God intended that the people should be *leaping* in His victorious Dominion, which He already had given them through the blood and Fire. However, they leaped into the valley of human ignorance, fearfulness, and self-pity, and began crying in pain and distress.

The children of Israel distrusted Moses, their God-given ruler. They looked around and saw the Red Sea in front of them, mountains on both sides, and Egyptians pursuing relentlessly from behind. Because they did not know what to do, they thought Moses also did not know what to do or where to go.

Instead of leaping into a pit of despondency and unbelief, Moses cried unto the LORD. The LORD replied, by asking: "...Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward" (Exodus 14:15). In so many words, the LORD said, "Leap forward and assume the responsibility of carrying out My Dominion Will; and, through the Power of the Name of the LORD God, take victory over the deathly hindrance of the Red Sea."

Instead of obeying the LORD and leaping on the mountain of confidence in the Dominion Will of God and the Power of His Holy Name, Israel *leaped* into the valley of disbelief at the Red Sea. Israel would have perished in unbelief if Moses had not been a strong and faithful leader on this occasion. Moses lifted up the Rod with the Holy Name of the LORD and opened up the waters of death so that Israel could continue her journey toward Canaan's Land.

Third, human ignorance sins on the Slavery side of the Scales by *limping* in disbelief when it should be trusting the LORD Jesus Christ for His Submissive Will to rule and reign. Although Moses did not sin as Israel did at the Red Sea, he later allowed his human ignorance to cause him to *limp* in presumptuous disbelief, when he smote the Rock.

For example, when God told Moses to speak to the Rock so that Israel could have water to drink, Moses *limped*, verbally, on the people with his *slow* tongue; and with his lack of eloquence, he spoke with passionate agitation. Then, he smote the Rock. Because Moses did not *limp* in surrender as an obedient child, trusting completely in his Heavenly Parent, he robbed Christ of the opportunity of displaying His Submissive Will through Moses.

God had commanded Moses to *speak* to the Rock, but He gave him no command to *speak* to the people. Hitherto, Moses had refused to *speak* to the people (Exodus 4:10-14). Moses' rebellious complaint in the beginning was his lack of eloquence and his slow tongue, which he refused to surrender to the LORD. Later, when God asked Moses to *speak* to the Rock, Moses substituted his own submissive will in the place of the Submissive Will of Christ. Contrary to God's Will, Moses *spoke* to the people. Then, Moses *leaped* on the Rock and vehemently smote it instead of speaking to it as his Heavenly Parent had said. Moses became a bondsman to his own will instead of being a bondsman to the Will of God.

Fourth, human ignorance sins by excusing itself and *limping* away from assuming the responsibility of taking on the Submissive, Childlike Surrender of Jesus Christ. Human ignorance says one of two things: (1) It is impossible to surrender completely to the LORD, or (2) God's Demands of complete surrender to Him are unjust and unfair.

The rich young ruler is an example of one who allowed his human ignorance to cause him to sin by *limping* away from responsibility. The rich young ruler ran; he kneeled; and he inquired of Jesus about the conditions he would have to meet in order to inherit Eternal Life. When Jesus unveiled the Truth to him, telling him that he would have to surrender his life and possessions completely to God as a bondsman, the young ruler sorrowfully *limped* away

from assuming the Submissive Will of Christ.

Remember that God provided authoritative male blood of the goat to cleanse His leaders from all sins related to the Dominion side of His Government. They experienced this cleansing through the blood of the male goat as they confessed their sins of ignorance and repented for their *leaping* and *limping* on the Dominion side of God's Will.

God also provided the childlike, submissive blood of the kid goat to cleanse His leaders from all sins related to the Slavery side of His Government. All the ruler's sins of governing were rooted in either his slavery relationship to God and the people or in his dominion relationship to God and the people.

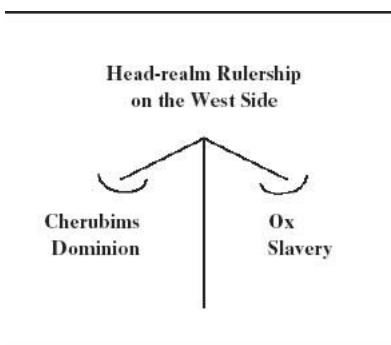
A ruler must give his administrative intelligence to God by assuming the responsibility of surrendering to God, his Heavenly Parent (as a kid goat or lamb is in subjection to his natural parent), so that the ruler's administrative intelligence can be joined to God's Administrative Intelligence. Then, he can rule over God's people according to the Perfect Will of God.

The ruler's soul must be open to all Infinite Truth, Divine Energy, and Creative Expression. This is the True Light that lightens every man that comes into the world (John 1:9). The bondslave of the LORD must defy the gravitational pull of the earthly error of human ignorance and restrain his free will from doing as it pleases. He does this by taking on Jesus Christ's Submissiveness which brings satisfaction to the heart of God. Self-discipline, by the Spirit of God and the Word of God, brings one into true freedom and happiness. Restraining one's own human will, by God's Power, liberates the soul into the paradoxical relationship of freedom and union as a bondslave with the Heavenly Father.

In the natural realm, the owner and master of a slave assumes *all* responsibility for providing the slave with food and clothing and all other things necessary to the slave's welfare and government. This Principle also applies in the spiritual realm. Through the soul's bondslave union with the LORD God, the soul is liberated into a joyful dance of freedom from the responsibility of governing his own life and possessions because God has placed all Government upon the Shoulder of His Son, Jesus Christ.

The liberated soul of the bondslave who has received the glorious freedom of his Owner and Master, the LORD God, witnesses to the Master/Slave Union by his graceful leaps and whirls of gratitude for the privilege of surrendering completely to the Perfect Will of God in all things.

The Dominion/Slavery Principle of Rulership was personified through the Cherubims and the Ox that were placed in the Headrealm part of the Stature of Jesus Christ (pictured by the Holy of Holies on the west side of the Old Testament Tabernacle). The *Cherubims* were a part of the Mercy Seat which rested upon the Ark of the Covenant on the west side of the Tabernacle. The *Ox* was the insignia for the tribes of Benjamin, Ephraim, and Manasseh, which encamped on the west side of the Tabernacle.



The Cherubims on the west side personified the Dominion of Christ Jesus' Sovereignty that constantly leaps forward to guard and protect the Divine Law, the *Torah*, the Word of God.

The Ox on the west side personified the Slavery side of Christ Jesus' Sovereignty. As the Son of God, He always *limped*, as it were, under the yoke of total Obedience and complete Subjection to His Heavenly Father's Perfect Will in all things.

Jesus Christ, the Perfect Sovereign, has given His Male Kid Goat Blood to cleanse and purify the believer from sins of ignorance, which proceed out of the corrupt dominion and slavery principle, and give him the Governmental Power of the Dominion and Slavery of His Will so that he can be a true leader in God's Kingdom.

A spiritual leader is responsible to *fight* (as the Cherubims did) to guard and protect the Truth of God's Word and

to *plow* (as the Ox did) to open the minds and hearts of God's people to receive the good Seeds of God's Word. A spiritual leader also is responsible to govern and guide God's people continually to His Table of Truth and into the Righteous Paths of God's Word so that they can grow up unto the Measure of the Stature of the Fullness of Christ. Therefore, a true ruler in God's Kingdom needs Christ's Authoritative Male Goat blood and His Submissive Kid Goat Blood to give him strength to walk surefootedly in the fight to defend the Truth, in the plowing and planting of the Truth, and in leading God's people to the Table of Truth and in the Righteous Paths of Truth.

Unfortunately, some rulers, because of their ignorance of God's Word, fight against the Truth instead of fighting for it. These ignorant leaders do not know the Righteous Paths of Truth; so when they hear contrary voices round about them, they sometimes are influenced to choose the wrong path. Thus, rulers need to let the Blood of Christ cleanse them of their own ignorance so that they can have new spiritual eyes opened to see the Righteous Paths of Truth.

If a ruler has discovered his own ignorance, he easily can recognize human ignorance in others. Then, it becomes easy for him to choose to walk in the Way of Righteousness and Truth, regardless of the reverse influence that comes from others round about him.

A ruler may, through his human ignorance, become discouraged and lose his desire and determination to continue in his God-given position as a guide and governor of God's flock. However, if he will use Jesus Christ's Dominion Male Goat Blood and His Submissive Kid Goat Blood, the Blood will cleanse him from his sins of ignorance and give him a fresh cup of life that is filled with desire and determination to do the Will of God. The precious Blood of Jesus Christ will empower the believer's human will with new desire and new determination to be faithful in the place where God has placed and planted the believer, in spite of the opposing pull of earthly forces of error round about him.

Lacking in complete understanding of the importance of following the LORD God in each Governmental Decision, and faced with constant opposition from Satanic forces, a spiritual ruler can lose his aggressive pushing power to defend God's Right, God's Truth, and God's Perfect Will. A ruler needs the Dominion Power and Submissive Slavery Power of the Male Kid Goat Blood of Christ Jesus to cleanse him from ignorance and to give him new aggressive pushing power against all enemies who oppose God's Right, God's Truth, and God's Perfect Will.

When a ruler finds himself in the midst of painful and adverse circumstances, he may feel his human will rising up in ignorant rebellion against being caught between the Will of God, his own human will, and the human will of the people. He may feel that it would be better to cease in his ministry of leading and guiding God's people. His negative, adverse feelings and reactions to these painful conditions prove that he needs a fresh application of Jesus Christ's Male Kid Goat Blood to cleanse him from the corrupt dominion and slavery of his human will. The Blood of Jesus Christ gives new surrender to the human will. When a ruler submits himself to be both a *master* of the people and a *bondslave* to the Perfect Will of the LORD God, for Christ's Sake, he will overcome all the opposing forces round about him.

A ruler will find himself ignorantly compromising, on a subconscious level, with the forces of darkness and error rather than aggressively pushing to fight for the Godly Power of Light and Truth. Thus, a ruler continually needs to appropriate Jesus Christ's Male Kid Goat Blood to cleanse him from his ignorant compromise and to give him the powerful horns of the Blood of Jesus Christ to push back all the enemies of God and to prevail over all their strange, untrue ideas and false teachings which are contrary to God and His Truth.

A spiritual ruler must be cleansed from his ignorance that would constrain him to feel that he must allow the people to rule over him in the process of trying to keep the so-called "harmony" in the walk of the LORD. When the spiritual ruler allows the people to lead him away from the Paths of God's Righteousness and Holiness, then God will forsake him as His appointed leader. It is far better to be forsaken by a few finite creatures than it is to be forsaken by the Infinite, Eternal Creator.

A true spiritual ruler must be surefooted, determined, surrendered completely to God's Will, and willing to be aggressive against God's enemies through the Power of Christ's Blood, if he is going to govern and guide God's people into the Paths of Righteousness and Holiness.

Remember, the sin offering for a ruler had to be a *male goat* (symbolizing authority and dominion), and it also had to be a *kid* (symbolizing subjection and slavery). A spiritual leader must first be in subjection to the LORD God as his personal Owner and Master; he must be a bondslave to God's Holy Will and not to the will of the people. Second, the spiritual ruler must have the boldness, faith, and courage to take his human ignorance, which prevents him from being submissive in all his thoughts, actions, and feelings, to the LORD God, the true Spiritual Parent. He must be cleansed from human ignorance that prevents him from being bold and courageous in maintaining authority

over the people so that he can lead them in the Way of Light and Truth.

On one side of the Scales, a leader must have this mature authority and dominion over the people. On the other side of the Scales, he must *never forget* that the origin and source of his authority is submission to the Will of the LORD God, his true Spiritual Parent. A spiritual leader *must remember* that he is a “little child” who does not know how to come in or to go out apart from God’s Holy Will. Therefore, he needs to remain in a position of subjection under God’s Headship and in a state of slavery and bondage to the Will of God, his Father.

Human ignorance sometimes can deceive a ruler into feeling, subconsciously, that because he is over people he is also over God. When this happens, the ruler begins using his own will as the governor and guide over the people. He is forgetting one important Truth — that God is the Father *above* all His creation.

It is easy to perceive when these proud feelings have invaded the hearts of God’s spiritual leaders because they begin to rule over God’s people as though they were supreme deities and to intrude into God’s Headship with fearless insolence and impudent arrogance.

The precious Blood of Jesus Christ is able to cleanse a leader from the sins of fearless insolence and impudent arrogance that influence him to think, act, and feel independent of God’s Will and God’s Judgment. The precious Blood of Jesus is able to strengthen a spiritual ruler so that he, as a humble child, can depend completely upon God as his Heavenly Father. Then, his authoritative dominion over the people will be built upon his humble submission and subjection to the Will of God.

A spiritual leader who falls at the Feet of the LORD God in soft, gentle, humble submission cares not for his own will and name. His desire is to lift up the Name of the LORD while he waits for the revelation of God’s Holy Will.

It is a joy and delight for the submissive soul to submit, yield, and surrender his natural powers, privileges, and prosperities to the Control and Governmental Authority of the LORD God, the true Owner and Master. The submissive soul of a spiritual leader acknowledges his inferiority, his weakness, and his dependence on the LORD’s Superiority, Strength, and Liberty.

The submissive soul adopts a humble, suppliant behaviour in prayer, confessing his faults, errors, and human ignorance. He is possessed by intense longings to comply with God’s Commands of Truth, to fulfill the Righteousness of God’s Laws, to conform to God’s superior wishes, and to concede to the desires of God’s Will as his Heavenly Parent.

The true spiritual leader is constantly sensible of his great need of God’s Mercy, and he submissively applies for it in prayer continually. Thus, a true leader’s submissive spirit to the LORD God is what gives him ruling and restraining authority over the people.

The Blood of Christ always pardons believers’ human frailties when they are submissive to Him. Christians should always honour and adore the LORD God, and, with all submissiveness, prostrate themselves before Him to receive His censure and to be guided in His service.

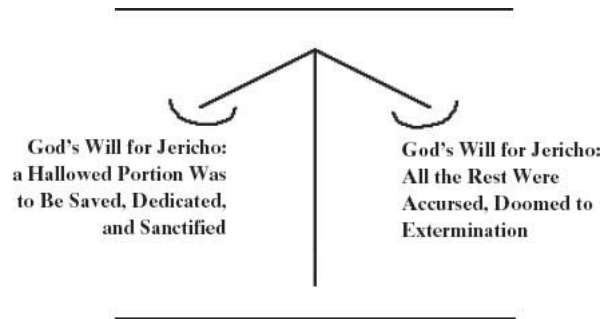
A spiritual leader will always succeed as long as he subdues his rebellious ignorance and brings it under subjection to the Authority and Dominion of the LORD God.

A spiritual leader will have strong authority and dominion over God’s people when he personally is filled with love and joy in God’s Holy Will and when the only desire of his heart is to be in subjection to God’s Holy Will, both individually and for the people.

When unknown sin and undiscovered defilement gathers throughout the day, it forms a dusty cloud or powdery veil that comes between the believer and God, robbing him of his desire to meet the LORD in the Word and prayer.

The story of Joshua’s experience at Ai presents a good example of how the sin of human ignorance can work in a spiritual ruler. Joshua was “unaware” of Achan’s sin in the camp, but his ignorance of sin did not stop God’s Judgment from coming upon the people in the camp.

Joshua was God’s chosen spiritual leader to help govern and guide Israel in possessing Canaan’s Land, through many battles, according to the Will of God. Joshua had been a good spiritual leader and bondsman in submission and subjection to God’s Will. He had exercised dominion and authority over Israel according to the Will of God. Through God’s miraculous Power, Joshua had led Israel to victory in the taking of the City of Jericho. God had pronounced *all* the City of Jericho to be accursed, with the exception of the gold, silver, brass, and iron which were to be consecrated for use in the Sanctuary of the LORD.



God had appointed almost all of Jericho for destruction, with a warning that whosoever rebuilt Jericho would himself be accursed. However, God sanctified the silver, gold, brass, and iron in Jericho for Himself and dedicated them to be used in His Sanctuary as firstfruits of the victorious battles in Canaan's Land.

Achan, an Israelite, sinned against God's Divine Commandments on both sides of the Scales. He deliberately took out of Jericho a goodly Babylonish garment, which God had doomed and accursed to utter destruction, and hid it in his tent. He also took silver and gold, which God had dedicated and hallowed to Himself as firstfruits to be used in His Sanctuary, and hid them in his tent. Achan studied to sin secretly against God's Divine Commands on both sides of the Scales by taking these forbidden things and hiding them in the midst of his tent.

Joshua gained a mighty victory at Jericho because he stayed under the LORD's Headship and encircled the city exactly as the LORD had commanded him to do. As a result of Joshua's valiant taking of Jericho, God magnified him by giving him Honour and Glory, as his spiritual ruler, in the eyes of Israel and in the eyes of the enemies in Canaan's Land. Nevertheless, Joshua and his army lost their next battle when they went out to fight at Ai. The people's hearts melted with fear, like hot, melted wax, and their souls became poured out in helplessness, like spilled water.

As a leader, Joshua was completely unaware of what had caused God to become Israel's enemy. He did not know that Achan's secret sin was lurking like a wild beast inside the camp, devouring the spiritual victory of the camp. Through his human ignorance, Joshua tried to lead and guide God's people to a victory over God's enemies on the outside of the camp, without first taking victory over God's enemies inside the camp.

As Joshua lay on his face before God in prayer, he complained and accused God for the lost victory at Ai. Joshua was whining and complaining, *limping*, as a child of human ignorance, when he should have been *leaping*, as a child of God, in strong dominion, to uncover the hidden enemy of secret sin inside the camp.

We cannot expect God to help us fight the battle against our enemies on the outside until we have called upon God to help us fight the enemy of sin on the inside. The enmity between us and God must first be purged away, and we must be reconciled to God on the inside, by confessing our secret, hidden sins. Then, God will become a strong Fortress and a mighty Tower against the enemy on the outside.

God had to deal with Joshua's sin of human ignorance before Joshua could take dominion over the people by searching out their secret sin that had turned God into their enemy.

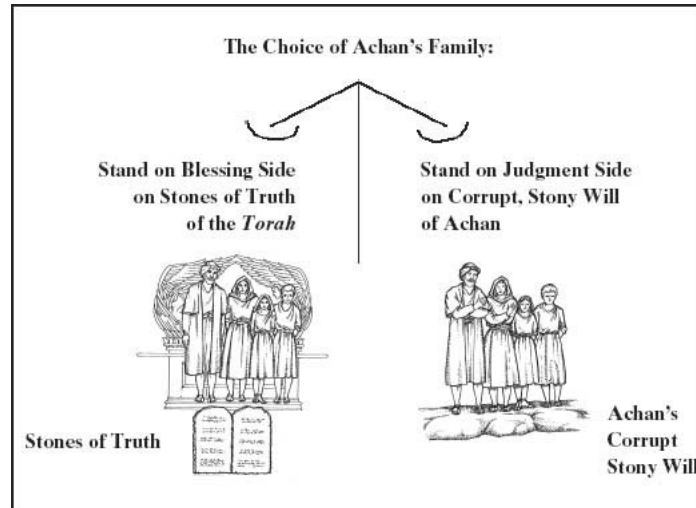
After God had enlightened Joshua's mind and caused him to see his sin of ignorance, Joshua started searching for the people's secret sin. He searched by tribes, then by families, then by households, and finally by individuals until he confronted Achan, who confessed his secret sin against God's Words of Divine Judgment concerning the accursed things and against God's Words of Divine Blessing concerning the sanctified, dedicated things.

All Israel stoned Achan, his family, and his possessions, and then burned them with fire. With that, they turned the LORD from the fierceness of His Anger and Enmity against Israel.

And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide *it* not from me. And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done: **When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they *are* hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it.** So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, *it was* hid in his tent, and the silver under it. And they took them out of the midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all the children of Israel, and laid them out before the LORD. And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them unto the valley of Achor. And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. **And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire,** after they had stoned them with stones. And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, unto this day (Joshua 7:19-26).

The fact that Achan's family suffered his punishment with him proves that they took an active part in his sin. Achan's family either actively helped him obtain the forbidden things, or they actively worked to help him protect these forbidden things after he had obtained them. It is certain that they took a stand for their father's corrupt, stony will, instead of allowing the *Waters* of the *Rock* to make their feet like pillars of stone to stand on the *Torah* Stones of Truth inside the Ark.

(See diagram on following page.)



Achan's family had a choice to stand in marriage union, as it were, with the stony will of their earthly father, or to stand like marble pillars in Marriage Union with the Stones of Truth from the Will of the Heavenly Father. Because they chose to stand with their father's stony will against Truth, they had to share in his judgment and in his stones of punishment.

A valuable lesson can be learned from Achan's family. We need to remember that those who choose to stand with the corrupt will of others will, without choice, be made partakers of their judgment.

God is not mocked, and He judges both the sin and the sinner. If the sinner does not confess his sin, repent, and receive the Blood of Jesus Christ to cleanse him from the sin and its penalty, he will, as a sinner, receive the same penalty of sin, and that is death.

After sin was put away from *inside* the camp of Israel, Joshua and Israel fought against Ai and gained the victory over God's enemies on the *outside* of the camp.

Chapter Four

Examples Of *Naw-see* Rulers And Their Temptations

Several different Hebrew words are used in the *Torah* to denote various degrees of authority and power held by chiefs, princes, captains, and rulers. In the fourth chapter of Leviticus, verse twenty-two, the Hebrew word for *ruler* is *naw-see*, which means an exalted one. The prevailing connotation of this word is elevation. In general, it denotes a man of elevated rank.

The Hebrew word *naw-see* is translated as king, captain, chief, cloud, governor, prince, ruler, vapor, mist. *Naw-see* was the official name given the Governor of the Sanhedrin, whose seat was in the midst of its members.

God knew the tremendous responsibility that would rest upon the shoulders of a *naw-see* or elevated person, so He provided the special sin offering blood of the male kid goat for the rulers (*naw-see*).

The LORD, speaking through the inspired writings of the Apostle Paul, has exhorted us to pray for His rulers, the ones who are exalted in power and authority, and to be thankful for them.

I exhort therefore, that, **first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority;** that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; (1 Timothy 2:1-3).

The Spirit of God has charged all Christians to pray for all men, and particularly for the rulers who hold positions of power and authority, which includes the *naw-see* ruler so that he can see to avoid and avert evil judgment. Prayer enlightens the ruler's ignorance so that he can see how to obtain the Good Mind, the Holy Will, and the Righteous Judgment of the LORD God.

God has many different kinds of rulers in His Kingdom. We must pray for *all* of them and not plot against them because God's leaders encounter many difficult situations and are exposed to many snares and entanglements as a result of their exalted positions. The human ignorance of leaders sometimes prevents them from making the right decision and doing Holy Deeds of Righteousness.

Leaders in God's Kingdom need our prayers and gratitude, not our censoring and ungratefulness.

Leaders are like pillars of misty clouds with their watery vapors that rise above the Earth to moisten the Earth by the fall of their imperceptible fine drops so that the Earth can become more fruitful and productive. However, in the process of moistening the Earth, these pillars of misty clouds dim, obscure, and darken the light of the sun. Likewise, in the process of ministering the LORD's productive and fruitful Government, God's leaders may momentarily seem to dim, obscure, and darken the light for their followers. Therefore, if the people are not careful, it is easy for them to accuse their leaders falsely because they cannot see the way and cannot understand the reason for the misty clouds.

If the natural Earth experienced the continual light of the sun, without the relief of the darkness and obscurity provided by the misty clouds with their watery vapors, the Earth soon would become a dry and parched desert. The same Principle applies to the earth of man's being. Without God's Balanced Government, which He shares through His leaders in both the natural and spiritual realms, the souls of mankind would become like empty, dry, and parched sponges, on one side of the Scales, and on the other side of the Scales, they would be filled with vain confusion and utter hopelessness.

Therefore, we need to be grateful for God's leaders who must become living sacrifices in order to be public servants. God's public servants must suffer their own human ignorance and the human ignorance in others while serving the public and trying to do God's Will.

The LORD has graciously provided a special sin offering of the Male Kid Goat Blood of Jesus Christ for His *naw-see* rulers so that they can be cleansed, continually, afresh and anew, from their sins of ignorance, when such sins are called to their attention. God makes His rulers aware of their sins of ignorance through either the conviction of God's Spirit and the enlightenment of God's Word or through the faithful counsel of friends and situations.

It is vitally important that rulers do not miss God's enlightening call of attention to their sins of ignorance through

His Word, His Spirit, and His Counsel; through others; or through circumstances and situations. Therefore, in this chapter, we shall look at some Scriptures in which the Hebrew word *naw-see* is used so that we can better understand the thirteen temptations that rulers encounter because of their human ignorance.

The first person who was called a *naw-see* ruler or prince was Abraham.

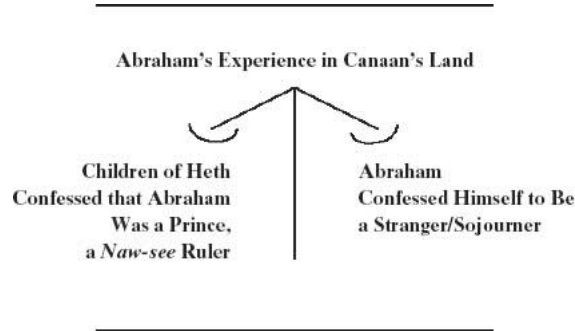
I. Rulers Are Tempted to Exalt Themselves.

The children of Heth called Abraham a *prince*, a *naw-see* ruler.

Hear us, my lord: **thou art a mighty prince among us**: in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead; none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead (Genesis 23:6).

God had promised Abraham the Land of Canaan for his inheritance and as a future possession for his Seed. God had made Abraham a rich and exalted *naw-see* ruler in the Land of Canaan. Yet, up to this point in Abraham's life, he did not own one parcel of land. When Abraham's wife, Sarah, died, Abraham went humbly to the children of Heth, confessed that he was a lowly stranger and sojourner in their midst, and requested to buy a sepulchre as a possession so that he could bury his dead wife.

Although Abraham called himself a *stranger* and *sojourner*, the children of Heth exalted him by calling him a mighty prince (*naw-see*) in their midst.



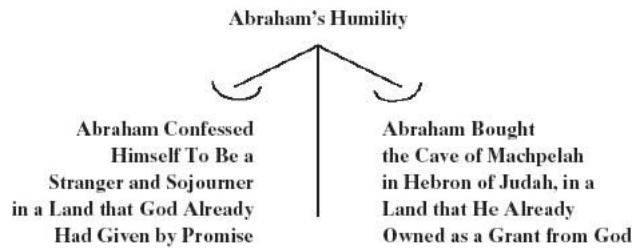
Abraham's testimony among the children of Heth reveals that he had, by faith, laid hold of the cleansing power of the blood sacrifices for his human ignorance. Abraham did not sin ignorantly by trying to exalt himself among the heathen with whom he sojourned. Abraham humbled himself under the mighty Hand of God by confessing that he was a lowly stranger and sojourner in the Land of Canaan, although God already had given him a royal grant of Canaan's Land. Therefore, God highly exalted him by constraining the sons of Heth to confess the Truth — that Abraham was a mighty prince (*naw-see*) in their midst.

When God has lifted a ruler into a *naw-see* position of rulership, it is easy for the ruler, in his human ignorance, to feel justified in believing that he should exalt himself. The Truth is that cleansed human ignorance and enlightened human intelligence understands that its ministry is to *humble* itself and that it is God's ministry to *exalt* a person.

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and **he shall lift you up** (James 4:10).

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, **that he may exalt you in due time**: (I Peter 5:6).

As a mighty *naw-see* prince, Abraham not only humbled himself by confessing that he was a stranger and sojourner, but he also humbled himself by buying, as his first possession in Canaan's Land, the cave of Machpelah for a sepulchre in which to bury his dead wife.



The location of the cave of Machpelah is one of the Biblical sites which is positively known. It is situated on the western slope of a hill in Judah by Hebron.

Abraham had tarried for many years as an alien in Canaan; yet, he never had tried to acquire a single foot of his God-given land. His wife's death and the need to obtain a burial place for her body was the first cause that constrained Abraham to acquire a small portion of the Land of Canaan. Although God had given him the land by a Royal, Divine Grant, Abraham had to pay a price in order to obtain the sepulchre, the cave of Machpelah. Abraham's first attachment to the land was the *grave* or sepulchre of his wife; it was the first place in Canaan that bound Abraham to Canaan's Land.

The cave of Machpelah, which had power to attach Abraham to Canaan's Land in the natural realm, presents a beautiful picture of Jesus Christ's Death and Burial in Canaan's Land. It is the Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ that attaches and binds believers to the Heavenly Canaan's Land.

Although Abraham had been an alien and a sojourner among the Canaanites for many years, the people recognized him as a mighty *naw-see* prince. Abraham enjoyed an exalted reputation in their midst because of his godly behaviour and because of God's Government and Guidance in his life. The Canaanites could see that Abraham loved the LORD and followed Him in all places and in all things.

Abraham was held in such high esteem and given such great respect by the people that Ephron was willing to give him the land because he considered it a great honour to have Sarah, Abraham's wife, buried on his property. However, Abraham offered to pay the full value of the whole field where the cave of Machpelah was located.

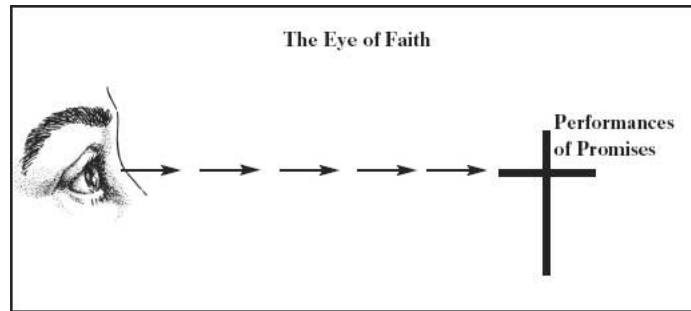
The Hebrew word for *Machpelah* means *double*. This cave obtained its name because of its natural formation which consisted of rows of double caves. These double caves provided excellent twin sepulchres so that husbands and wives could be united in their deaths, just as they were joined in their lives. Thus, Abraham and Sarah, and Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and Leah all found their resting places in the cave of Machpelah in Judah, near Hebron.

Later, the Hebrew name *Hebron* (meaning alliance, close, intimate union) was added to this place in Judah where the cave of Machpelah was located. This was an appropriate name for the close intimacy that these people had in death as husbands and wives because they lay side by side in the twin sepulchres.

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that **they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth** (Hebrews 11:13).

God tried the faith of the patriarchs by giving them a Divine Promise, a Royal Grant, of the land which they never received in their lifetimes, but they accepted the Divine Promise, the Royal Grant, by faith. God promised them and their Seed the Land of Canaan, and He promised them that their Seed would multiply. God also promised them that Christ, the Messiah and Redeemer, would come in the Flesh. However, they died without receiving either the Performance of the Promise of the land or the Performance of the Promise of the Messiah. They only *saw* the Divine Promises afar off, through the eye of faith.

The eye of faith can see at a great distance, and it can perceive the fulfillment of the Promises of God.

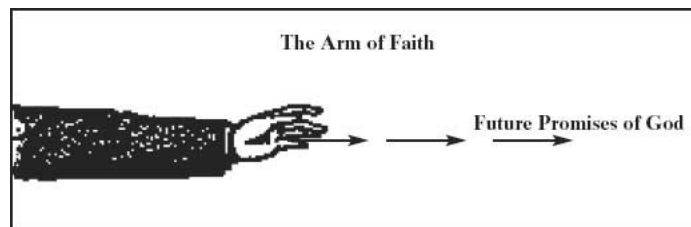


The eye of faith can look beyond the present Promise and “see” the future Performance of the Promise. Then, the persuasive mouth of faith is able to influence the feelings of the heart and soul of the reliability and the validity of God’s Promises.



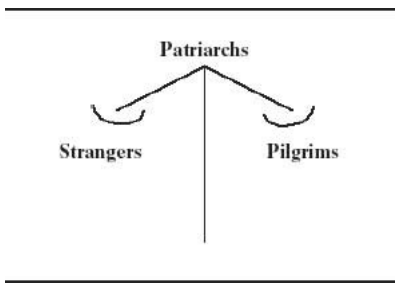
Thus, the mouth of faith confirms God’s Promises that the eye of faith has seen performed prophetically. The mouth of faith gives assent to the Promises of God as being Truth, and thereby settles and satisfies the heart and soul.

The long, strong arm of faith embraces God’s Promises which the eye of faith has seen God perform at a distance and which the mouth of faith has confirmed as Truth, clasping them firmly and holding them fondly in the heart with affection.



The long, strong arm of faith willingly and ardently seizes God’s Divine Promises, even in a distant future, and makes them a present possession.

Although the patriarchs confessed that they were pilgrims and strangers in this present world, their eyes of faith allowed them to see God’s future Performance of His Promises; their mouths of faith allowed them to confirm God’s future Performance of His Promises, and their arms of faith allowed them to embrace the future Promises as present possessions. Therefore, they gladly confessed that they were pilgrims and strangers in this present world.



They confessed that they were strangers or foreigners in this world and that they belonged to a foreign country. As God's saints, they were strangers in this world because their Eternal Home was in the Heavenly Canaan's Land.

John Bunyan, the author of *Pilgrim's Progress*, expressed this spiritual Principle. He wrote: "But truly there are many that go upon their earthly road, who rather declare themselves strangers to the heavenly pilgrimage, than to declare themselves strangers and pilgrims on earth."

The patriarchs were not ashamed to acknowledge that they were pilgrims in this world, in this earthly country. They lived in this earthly world but did not look on it as their Eternal Home. They traveled and wandered through this earthly country, while looking forward to Eternal Life in a Heavenly Country.

All human life is just a journey and pilgrimage through this present evil world. Nevertheless, there are few who are willing to confess the Truth with their lips — that this life is temporal and will soon pass away. There are fewer still who are willing to acknowledge the Truth of living a pilgrim life in heart and soul in this present evil world.

As a stranger and sojourner, Abraham owned no land in Canaan until he purchased the field in which the sepulchre-cave of Machpelah was located. Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob and Leah never received the Performance of the Promise of the Royal Grant of Canaan's Land or the Coming of the Messiah, but they carried with them these precious Promises, as their personal possessions, to the sepulchre-cave of Machpelah.

It was exactly in this place that the Virgin Mary experienced the Performance of the Promise of the Coming of the Messiah, the Christ in Flesh, when the Holy Ghost came upon her and gave her the Holy Conception of the Son of God.

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.... **And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda;** And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, **Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.** And whence *is* this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. **And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord** (Luke 1:35,39-45).

After the Virgin Mary had heard the message from Gabriel that she was to be the mother of Jesus, she hastened to the hill country of Judah, where her cousin Elisabeth lived, to tell her the good news. God's Word plainly declares that Hebron, in which the cave of Machpelah was found, was located in the hill country of Judah.

And they gave out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which are *here* mentioned by name, Which the children of Aaron, *being* of the families of the Kohathites, *who were* of the children of Levi, had: for theirs was the first lot. And they gave them the city of Arba the father of Anak, **which city is Hebron, in the hill country of Judah,** with the suburbs thereof round about it (Joshua 21:9-11).

It was not an accident that the Virgin Mary hastened to the hill country of Judah or Hebron (the burial place of those who had died with the Promises) in order to experience the *Performance of the Promise* of the Messiah. In the exact place where the Promise had been *buried*, in faith, in the sepulchre-cave of Machpelah, the Promise *arose*, in faith, by the Performance of the Holy Ghost when the Virgin Mary conceived.

When the Holy Ghost came upon the Virgin Mary, to perform the conception of Jesus, He also filled Elisabeth with His Spirit. Elisabeth's unborn child leaped in her womb for joy on this happy occasion of the *Performance of the Promise* of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. Elisabeth recognized that the Virgin Mary had become the mother of her LORD, and she blessed her.

The Virgin Mary, who also was full of the Holy Ghost, magnified the LORD and blessed God her Saviour. Thus, in the hill country of Judah, in Hebron, in the place of those who had died clinging, by faith, to the Promises, the LORD caused the Performance of the Promises to spring up through faith. He resurrected the Promises, as it were, from under the cold clods of death in the cave of Machpelah and brought them forth in the form of living

Performance in the Person of His Holy Son Jesus.

If Abraham had not overcome the temptation to exalt himself, if he had not kept himself clean as a *naw-see* prince, through God's provision of the blood sacrifices, he would have prevented God's Master Plan from coming to fruition concerning the Promise and Performance of God in the hill country of Judah.

II. Rulers Are Tempted to Make False Judgments and to By-pass Their Immediate Superior.

God chose Moses to be the ruler and leader of His people, Israel. Later, the increased duties of leading such a great multitude made it necessary to exalt others to positions of rulership so that they could help Moses. God still spoke face to face with Moses, so Moses did not need their help on the spiritual side of the Scales, but he did need them to help him carry some of the natural responsibilities that arose as the whole congregation traveled toward Canaan's Land.

Although these men were *naw-see* rulers, they remained faithful to report any problems, which they encountered in dealing directly with the people, to Moses, God's appointed *naw-see* ruler.

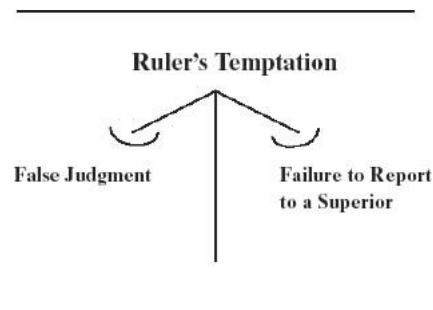
And it came to pass, *that* on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one *man*: and **all the rulers [*naw-see*]** of the congregation came and told Moses (Exodus 16:22).

In the beginning, after God had finished His six days of Creative Work, He instituted the Spiritual Principle of a Sabbath Day of Rest. The LORD God Himself set the example of working six days and resting on the seventh day. Therefore, God commanded man to work six days in his natural labours, and He set the seventh day apart and sanctified it as a day for man to enjoy Holy Rest and to do His Holy Work.

The congregation of Israel already had understood God's Spiritual Principle of Separation on the Sabbath Day, for they had gathered twice as much bread on the sixth day as they had been gathering each day, in preparation for the Sabbath, to the surprise of the *naw-see* rulers. When God sent twice as much bread on the sixth day, the people obediently gathered it, which revealed that the congregation as a whole understood the Spiritual Principle of resting on the Sabbath Day.

Although the *naw-see* rulers appeared to be ignorant of the Spiritual Principle of Sabbath Day Rest, they faithfully reported to Moses, their superior, what appeared to be a wrong deed on the part of the congregation.

This lesson focuses on two important temptations that God's *naw-see* rulers face as a result of their human ignorance: (1) false judgment, and (2) failure to report to a superior.



Because these rulers judged the congregation out of their human ignorance, they erroneously accused them of doing wrong by gathering a double portion of bread on the sixth day.

Human ignorance can cause a leader or ruler of God's people to err in judgment. It is easy for human ignorance to cause a ruler to think that just because he is an exalted person he always has true judgment. That is why God provided the kid goat blood for a special sin offering to wash away the sins of erroneous judgment that had been committed through the human ignorance in his rulers.

Another great offense frequently committed by rulers in God's House is the failure to report important matters to their superiors. It is easy for human ignorance to justify itself for failing to report important matters to a superior. Human ignorance can cause rulers to sin by putting off giving the proper feedback to a superior, by esteeming the matter as being too insignificant to report, or by feeling entirely capable of taking care of the important matter without the superior's input.

On this occasion, in spite of their human ignorance, the rulers did act justly and righteously by reporting to

Moses, their superior, the apparent wrong. Because the rulers who served under Moses did the right thing by reporting the apparent wrong to him, Moses solved the matter quickly by making the Truth known. He told the rulers that the congregation gathered a double portion of bread on the sixth day so that they could obey God's Spiritual Principle of resting on the Sabbath Day.

Many troublesome matters in churches could be solved easily and quickly if subordinate rulers would faithfully report to their God-given superiors.

III. Rulers Are Tempted to Yield to the Fleshly "Fear or Favour Syndrome."

God forbade the congregation to curse the *naw-see* rulers He had set over them.

Thou shalt not revile the gods, nor **curse the ruler** of thy people (Exodus 22:28).

The people were commanded not to curse or blaspheme the personal honour or influence of His leaders; neither were they to denounce the weight of the public position the rulers held. Cursing is incited by defiance and envy.

People must not curse God's rulers for upholding His Moral Laws and doing their duty to minister His Judgments, regardless of those who may suffer as a result of the rulers' obedience to God.

When rulers are being reproached and reviled by men, instead of being respected and honoured, their human ignorance makes them subject to the *fear and flight syndrome*. God intended that His rulers be a *terror* to evil works and to wicked workers; He did not intend for His rulers to be terrorized by evil works and wicked workers. Nevertheless, when rulers are faced with vicious and vile opposition, it is easy for their human ignorance to err by compromising the Truth. If they yield to *fear*, they may *flee* from their responsibility to stand up for the Truth and fight against evil. Or they may yield to human ignorance that *flees* forth, fearlessly, to *fight* against evil in the energy of the flesh.

God also warned believers in the New Testament against speaking evil against their leaders.

Likewise also these *filthy* dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and **speak evil of dignities** (Jude 1:8).

When a man defiles his body, he wounds and wrecks his soul. When he despises the dominion of God's rulers who speak against his filthy thoughts and deeds, by speaking evil of them, he wounds and wrecks God's Holy Word. The man who despises God's rulers disobeys God's Word, which God gave in both the Old Testament and in the New Testament. God's Word commands man to honour his rulers, and it forbids him to dishonour them by reviling and cursing them.

God has provided His rulers with the kid goat blood to cleanse them from the sins of ignorance which they commit by compromising with evil or by yielding to fear and fleeing from their God-given responsibility to declare the Truth.

IV. Rulers Are Tempted to Reap, Personally, Where They Have not Sown.

The *naw-see* rulers who served under Moses respected him as their leader because they saw that the Glory of God rested upon him.

And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him. And Moses called unto them; **and Aaron and all the rulers [naw-see] of the congregation returned unto him:** and Moses talked with them. And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai. And *till* Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face (Exodus 34:30-33).

Moses had spent forty days and nights in fasting upon Mount Sinai in order to obtain the second engraving of the *Torah* from the LORD God. When Moses descended from the mountain, his face was adorned with the splendid shine of the Glory of God. Communion, alone with God in the Word, the *Torah*, makes one's face shine with the Glory of God.

In order to show that they had reverential respect for the Glory of God that was upon Moses' face, the rulers stood at a distance from him. They did not try to ride upon the Glory which Moses, their superior, had acquired while he was alone in the Personal Presence of the LORD God.

The fourth major temptation that God's spiritual rulers encounter because of their human ignorance is the erroneous idea that they can *ride* upon the Glory of their superiors or that they can reap where they have not personally sown. It was impossible for rulers to reap Moses' Glory which had come as a result of his time of solitary

fasting and communion with God in the Word and prayer upon the mountain.

God had provided, through His Son, Christ Jesus, the Kid Goat Blood to cleanse His spiritual rulers from the deceitful desires of their human ignorance that tries to reap where it has not sown. It is impossible for us to reap where we have not sown, whether it be good or evil.

Moses showed humility kindness to the rulers and to the congregation by covering his face and God's Shining Glory with a veil.

V. Rulers Are Tempted to Be Slow to Set an Example of Liberality.

The *naw-see* rulers who served under Moses were not members of the Levitical Priesthood. Nevertheless, they contributed their natural substance so that God's Government could be established in Israel and so that His Priests would have the necessary spices and oils needed to fulfill their ministry in the Holy Place.

And the rulers [*naw-see*] brought onyx stones, and stones to be set, for the ephod, and for the breastplate; And spice, and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense (Exodus 35:27,28).

The rulers contributed the precious stones that were sown into the Ephod and the Breastplate worn by the High Priest Aaron. They also contributed the spice of frankincense used at the Table of Shewbread, the Oil for the Golden Candlestick, and the fragrant Spices that made up the sweet Incense for the Golden Altar. All these substances helped the ordinary Priests fulfill their duties as they ministered unto the LORD in the Holy Place.

Unfortunately, in this case, instead of these rulers being the *first* to give for the ministry and worship in the Mosaic Tabernacle, they were the *last*. Sometimes human ignorance deceives God's rulers into believing that it is not necessary for them to be the *first* to set an example of helping to establish God's Government among His people and the *first* to help establish the ministry and worship in God's House, according to His Divine Master Plan.

It is reprehensible for God's rulers to think, in their human ignorance, that their elevated office frees them from assuming the responsibility of being *first* to set the example of giving and sharing.

It is easy for a ruler in God's Kingdom to let his human ignorance deceive him into thinking and feeling that he is justified in being selfish. When this happens, he is willing to let others assume the responsibility of being *first* to give and share in spiritual things.

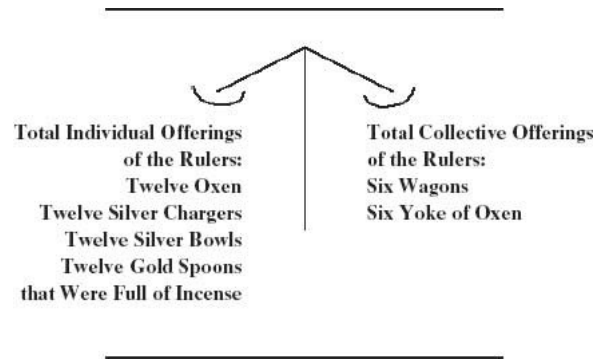
The rulers should have been *first* to respond to God's Call for a freewill offering to help build a Tabernacle that was to serve as a picture and type of the only Begotten Son, the LORD Jesus Christ. They should have been *first* to discharge their duty for two reasons: (1) as rulers, it was their responsibility to set an example for the people to follow, and (2) as individuals, it was their privilege to assume responsibility for their personal obedience to God's Call. However, without the gifts of the rulers, although they were the last ones to give, God's Governmental Ministry and Worship could not have been established in Israel.

God has provided Male Kid Goat Blood in Jesus Christ to cleanse His *naw-see* rulers from ignorant selfishness and carelessness, which prevent them from being good examples, when it has been brought to their attention by the Spirit of God.

VI. Rulers Are Tempted to Be Slow to Join with Other Rulers to See that God's Work Is Carried on.

The *naw-see* rulers brought a collective offering that was used to buy wagons and oxen to transport portions of the Tabernacle from place to place. They also gave individual offerings that were used for purposes of worship in the Tabernacle.

And it came to pass on the day that Moses had fully set up the tabernacle, and had anointed it, and sanctified it, and all the instruments thereof, both the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed them, and sanctified them; That the princes [*naw-see*] of Israel, heads of the house of their fathers, who were the princes of the tribes, and were over them that were numbered, offered: And they brought their offering before the LORD, six covered wagons, and twelve oxen; a wagon for two of the princes, and for each one an ox: and they brought them before the tabernacle.... And the princes offered for dedicating of the altar in the day that it was anointed, even the princes offered their offering before the altar.... This was the dedication of the altar, in the day when it was anointed, by the princes of Israel: twelve chargers of silver, twelve silver bowls, twelve spoons of gold: (Numbers 7:1-3,10,84).



After Moses had set up the Tabernacle, fully, and had anointed it, and after all the camp of Israel had been located in their proper places around the Tabernacle, the rulers or princes of the tribes came forth to offer their collective and individual offerings.

On this occasion, the princes or rulers had learned their spiritual lesson of setting the example. They were the *first* to offer their offering to the LORD. These *naw-see* princes, because they were rulers over the houses of their fathers, represented their tribes in all national matters, and they joined together to provide for the transportation of portions of the Tabernacle as it was carried through the wilderness.

The twelve tribes were twelve branches that grew out of the great living *national tree* of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Since the branches grew out of a mutual root and trunk, they were responsible to help guide and retain the mutual national spirit and to make the mutual mission of the nation a reality within each tribe. The mutual mission of the nation was to press upward in the High Calling of obedience to the Moral *Torah*, which demanded the giving up of oneself completely to the Will of the LORD God.

The twelve princes or rulers united in pairs to present a collective offering of six wagons and six yoke of oxen for the transportation of portions of the Tabernacle in the wilderness. Then, the twelve princes individually contributed their personal offerings. Each gave an ox, a silver charger, a silver bowl, and a gold spoon full of incense. The twelve oxen given by the twelve princes were yoked together in pairs to pull the wagons.

It is easy for the human ignorance of rulers to cause them to err in the matters that require them to join with other leaders in order to accomplish the mutual mission of the High Calling of obedience to the Moral *Torah*. When the pride of self-exaltation is present in the heart of a ruler or leader, he rebels against being joined with other rulers to share in fulfilling the common mission of God's Will. However, on this occasion, all the twelve princes humbly joined together to supply six wagons and to unite their twelve oxen under six yokes in order to protect and to transport certain portions of their national treasure, the Mosaic Tabernacle, which was a shadow and type of Jesus Christ.

After the princes had offered their collective and individual offerings for the transportation of portions of the Tabernacle, they also brought individual offerings for the ministry of worship in the Tabernacle by giving the following things: flour for a meat offering, oil, animal sacrifices, and incense. This time the princes set the spiritual example of being *first* to offer, both collectively and individually.

The individual offerings brought by the rulers from the twelve tribes of Israel were offered on twelve consecutive days. Each day, one of the rulers brought his individual offering, but in every case, the offering was the same kind.

It is easy for pride, found in human ignorance, to cause men to sin by creating vain thoughts of rebellion when they hear that whatever they are doing must be the *same* as what everyone else is doing.

It was a day of joy and gladness in Israel when the twelve *naw-see* princes worked together in harmony, both collectively and individually, to fill God's Altar-Table with sacrificial food and to provide protection and transportation for portions of the Holy Sanctuary, the God-given Treasure to Israel and to all believers, which portrayed the Stature of Jesus Christ.

God has provided the special Kid Goat Blood in Christ Jesus to cleanse all sins that prevent leaders from working together in harmony and unity for the Mutual Will of God in His Kingdom.

The Psalmist revealed the beauty of brotherly relationship.

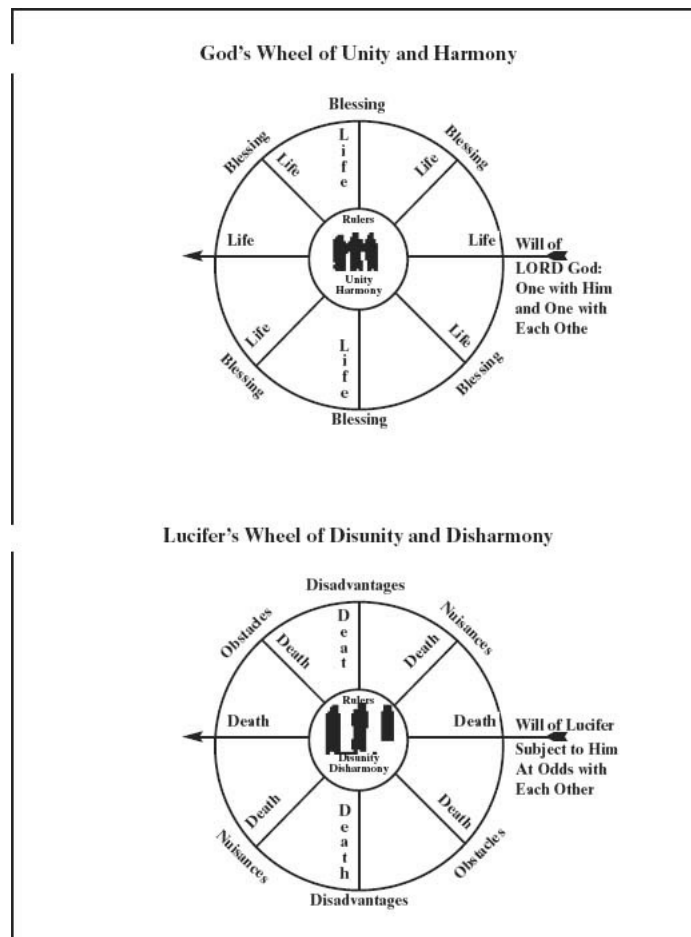
Behold, **how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!** *It is* like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, *even* Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, *and as the dew* that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, *even* life for evermore (Psalm 133:1-3).

When God's rulers and leaders unite in brotherly harmony as a strong hub in a wheel, the effect of this concentrated unification invigorates the whole wheel, spreading the blessing of life throughout the spokes and the perimeter of the wheel. The hub of unity and harmony is God's Eternal Blessing Place from which His Life, Joy, and Peace radiate forevermore.

It is the responsibility of God's rulers and leaders to bring harmony and unity to God's people. The all-embracing Male Kid Goat Blood of Jesus Christ can bind together, in unity and harmony, the many kaleidoscopic personality patterns of God's children, and it can knit together, into one fabric, the many coloured fabrics of the diverse dispositions of His people, making them *one* in Christ and *one* with each other.

The all-embracing Blood of Jesus Christ can transform rivals into allies and servile strangers into royal brothers. The unity of brethren is like the dew, which is fresh, undefiled, and fructifying.

God's Wheel of Unity and Harmony brings an ever-increasing measure of fruitful life. It is diametrically opposite to Lucifer's wheel of disunity and disharmony, which brings misery and death.



Let us pray for the increase of the Will of God in the form of His Wheel of Unity and Harmony, and let us cast off Lucifer's wheel of disunity and disharmony.

VII. Rulers Are Tempted to Close Their Ears to God's Trumpet Call and Mutual Message.

God provided Israel with two silver trumpets, which were used either to signal the nation to assemble together or to alert the camp to break up and continue its wilderness journey. God called the nation together through its representatives, the *naw-see* princes, who were heads of the thousands of Israel.

And if they blow *but* with one trumpet, then the princes, which are heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee (Numbers 10:4).

The rulers had to listen attentively for the trumpet's strong, forceful, and prolonged notes so that they could gather around Moses, their superior, to hear the Mutual Message from God for the nation.

If the sound of the silver trumpet did not penetrate the ears of the rulers, God's Mutual Message would be broken because the rulers would not be present to receive God's Word; hence, the nation would be robbed of receiving God's Word, and the unity of the tribes would be destroyed because they would not receive God's Mutual Message.

God intended that Israel become *one* and remain *one* by receiving the Mutual Message of His Word and His Will. If some rulers had heard new revelations of God's Word and Will and others had not heard the same Mutual Message, then Israel, as a unified nation, would have ceased to exist. The ones who had not heard God's latest Mutual Message of His Word and Will would have been stopped in their journey to Canaan's Land. Those who had heard the latest Mutual Message would have continued on in their journey to Canaan's Land. Thus, the nation would have been separated and divided, and God's Master Plan for unity in the nation would have been destroyed. God's Mutual Message to Moses forbade the camp to march on toward Canaan's Land until they *all* could march together.

This Truth was graphically demonstrated when Miriam became leprous and was put out of the camp. The whole Nation of Israel was stopped in its journey until Miriam, one of the leaders with Moses and Aaron, was brought into the camp, again.

This Spiritual Principle teaches that rulers in God's Kingdom have the power of choice to hinder themselves and others from going on in their spiritual journey to Canaan's Land. Israel's journey to Canaan's Land was not stopped by common people, although they continually murmured and complained. But, when Miriam and Aaron broke the Unity with God and with Moses, in the hub of the wheel, the whole nation ceased to move forward.

It is easy for rulers to let their own human ignorance blind and deceive their minds into thinking that they have the right to make accusations and judgments against other leaders without their behaviour affecting themselves or anyone else. However, this is sinful thinking because it is the opposite of the Truth. Miriam and Aaron were completely unaware that when they accused and judged Moses, taking a stand against him, they would make God angry, and Miriam would be smitten with leprosy, and the whole camp would be stopped in their journey to Canaan's Land.

God expects His rulers to tune their ears to hear the sound of the trumpet so that they can receive God's Mutual Message of Unity and Harmony from His Word and Will — first for themselves and, then, to share it with others.

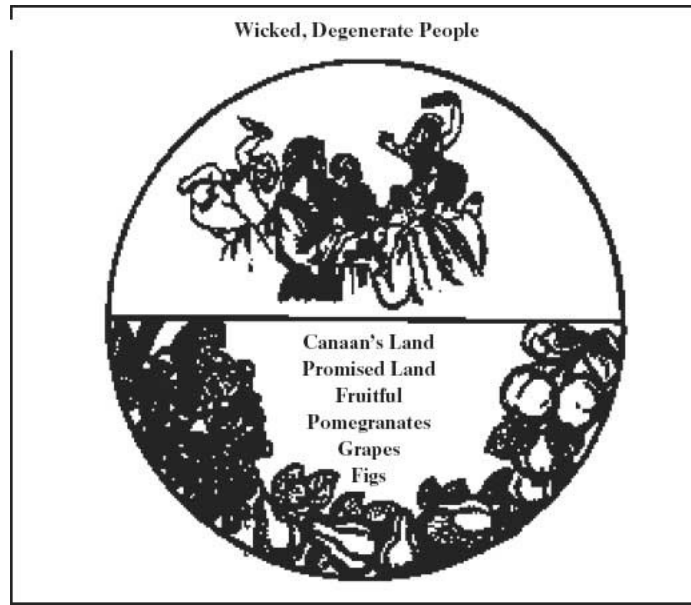
However, in His great Grace and magnificent Mercy, God has provided the Male Kid Goat Blood in Christ Jesus for His rulers to offer when they sin ignorantly by not hearing God's mutual Message of Unity and Harmony.

VIII. Rulers Are Tempted to Give a False Report of God's Promised Land and a False Report of the Enemies' Strength.

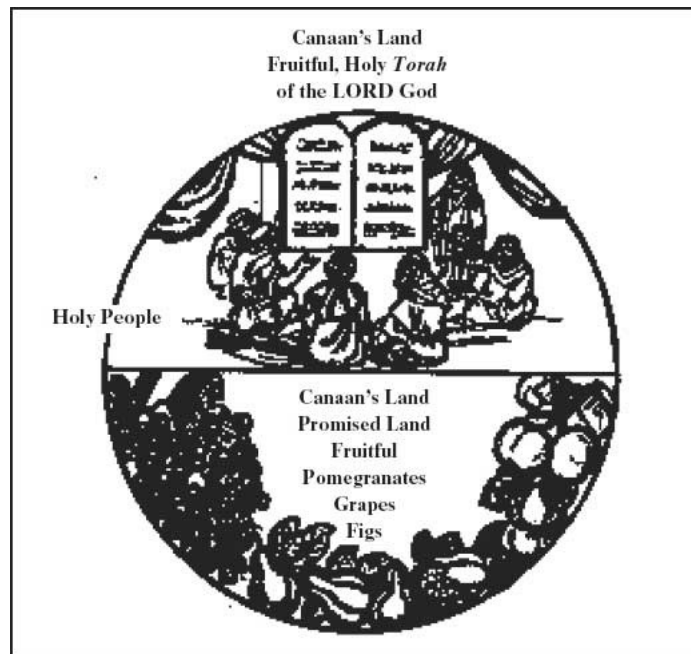
When Israel arrived at the threshold of Canaan's Land, God commanded Moses to send out twelve *naw-see* princes to spy out the Promised Land and to explore it, first, so that they could have a foretaste of the good fruits of the land.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, **every one a ruler [naw-see] among them** (Numbers 13:1,2).

God purposed that, through the witness of the *naw-see* rulers, He would enlighten Israel concerning the unknown facts about the land and give her a foretaste of its fruits. The Promised Land itself was a fruitful place with grapes, pomegranates, and figs, but it was filled with wicked, degenerate nations.

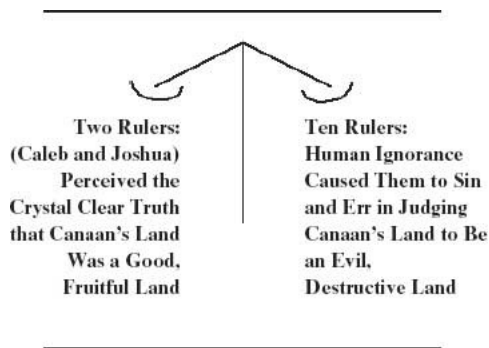


God desired that the fruitful Promised Land of Canaan be occupied by a Holy people who loved and obeyed His fruitful Holy *Torah*. He wanted the fruitful Holy Land of Canaan to be joined to a Holy people and to His fruitful Holy *Torah*.

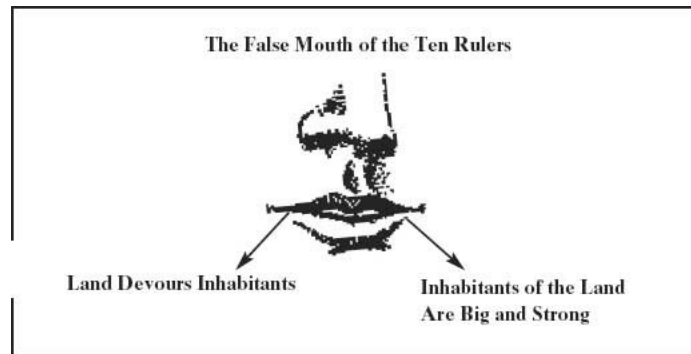


The twelve *naw-see* rulers who returned from spying out the Land of Canaan were divided in their perception of the land.

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In one breath, ten of the *naw-see* princes reported that the Land of Canaan was an evil land which devoured the inhabitants. Then, in the next breath, they said that the inhabitants were so big and strong that it would be impossible to conquer them.



The false mouth of the ten rulers gave a diametrically different report. Out of one side of their mouths, they said that the evil land “ate up” the inhabitants (implying that the inhabitants were weak, sickly, and dying). Out of the other side of their mouths, they said that the land produced such strong inhabitants that it would be impossible to conquer them. Thus, the ten rulers gave a sinful and untruthful report of both the land and the wicked, degenerated people of the land.

Only two rulers, Caleb and Joshua, gave a truthful report of both the land and the people. They said that the land was good and that the people actually were fearful and cowardly because they dwelled in walled cities. This fact was confirmed later when Israel marched thirteen times around the walled city of Jericho. Israel encircled Jericho for seven days, yet during all this time, not one of the fearful, cowardly inhabitants came out to fight.

The two faithful rulers perceived that the Promised Land was an exceedingly good and fruitful land. To prove their good report of the good land, they had brought back a cluster of grapes so huge that it had to be carried on a pole between two men. In addition to the grapes, they brought figs and pomegranates that they had found growing in Canaan’s Land and declared that the land flowed with milk and honey.

Caleb and Joshua perceived the Truth, which was that these so-called strong people of the land presented no problem to the Holy Almighty God. The two rulers knew that the Holy LORD God was able to overcome the fearful, cowardly, wicked, degenerated ones in Canaan’s Land and to plant His chosen nation, Israel, as a fruitful vine.

If the rulers, by faith, had used the male kid goat blood that God had so graciously provided for them, they would have repented, and they would have enjoyed the privilege of helping to lead the children of Israel in conquering the enemies in Canaan’s Land and possessing the good land. Instead, they stoutly refused to use God’s provision of male kid goat blood for their sins of ignorance, even after Joshua and Caleb had made them aware of their false report. Their ignorance and fearfulness caused them to miss God’s Prize in both the natural and the spiritual realms.

It is easy for rulers to allow fear to possess their hearts when they are faced with people who are strong, wicked, and degenerated human beings and who appear to be unconquerable. It is easy for fear to distort the Truth in one's mind so that one cannot see the weakness of the creature and the Strength of the Holy Creator, the Almighty God.

Caleb and Joshua knew that if the Power and Strength of Almighty God, the Holy Creator, was for them, then the weakness of finite creatures could never win over them. Therefore, forty years later, after all the rebellious ones had died, these two faithful rulers experienced the Power and Strength of Almighty God in helping them to drive out the wicked and degenerated enemies of God in Canaan's Land.

IX. Rulers Are Tempted to Think Their Exaltation Gives Them the Right to Challenge the Authority of God's Anointed Servants.

Korah, Dathan, Abiram, and On took upon themselves the right to question the right of Moses and Aaron to hold the positions of King and Prince in the Nation of Israel.

Now **Korah**, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and **Dathan** and **Abiram**, the sons of Eliab, and **On**, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men: **And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes [naw-see] of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown:** And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, *Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?* (Numbers 16:1-3).

Motivated by their desire for self-exaltation, the rulers sinned by proud assumption and rebellious presumption. They tried to usurp a degree of authority and power that God had not given them. However, they camouflaged their proud motive under a cloak of pretended concern for the public good.

Four evil men influenced two hundred and fifty *naw-see* princes or rulers to join them in their agitation of the masses against God's chosen leaders, Moses and Aaron. Then, this cruel crew presented themselves before Moses and Aaron to unveil their revelations, reproaches, and requisitions.

First, they gave their erroneous revelation that the whole congregation was Holy and that God was just as near to them as He was to Moses and Aaron. Second, they reproached Moses and Aaron for daring to say that the people needed "them" as spiritual leaders, or that the people needed a Priesthood and a Tabernacle with which to draw them near to God, since they were already near. Then, they required Moses and Aaron to answer why they had taken too much authority and power upon themselves.

The rulers' false assertions and accusations against Moses and Aaron were total denials of God's Divine Will for Moses and Aaron and for His Divine Blueprint, in shadow and type, of His Son, the LORD Jesus Christ. Their rebellion was a negation of God's Divine Commission (given to Moses and Aaron) and of God's Divine Blueprint of the Tabernacle (given to Moses on Mount Sinai).

This cruel crew was clothed in garments of glory-seeking jealousy that bore the label of a false, original designer by the name of "Public Interest."

The four main leaders and the 250 lesser *naw-see* princes became living traitors to God's Glory, God's *Torah*, God's Master Plan, and God's Divine Will.

Since the 250 princes felt so Holy, Moses invited them to come near to God with their censers and incense and offer their offerings without the mediatorial help of Aaron, the High Priest. Surely, if they were Holy and near to God, as they claimed, they would not need Aaron, a type of Jesus Christ the true Mediator. Therefore, they certainly would be accepted by God and His Glory-Fire.

Deceived by their own sinful ignorance, this cruel crew imagined that they, by the sheer force of their numbers and the false unifying weight of the masses, could force Moses and Aaron to step down from their God-given positions as spiritual rulers and leaders. But, they failed to accomplish their goal.

Moses and Aaron stood *for* the Truth and *with* the Truth on God's side of the Scales. Therefore, although they were fewer in number than their enemies, they far outweighed them because they did not stand in their own weight. Man's finite glory and power cannot compare with God's Eternal Weight of Glory and the Mighty Power of the LORD's Name. "...If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31).

As soon as the 250 princes appeared with their censers, their strange incense, and their strange fire, the Glory of God appeared to defend God's Word, Will, and Master Plan. God punished the four evil, spiritually proud ones (Korah, Dathan, Abiram, and On) by cleaving the Earth under them, which allowed them to fall into the lowest pit of Hell.

God's punishment of sinners always matches the sinners' sins. These four men were forced by God to descend just as low into the Fires of Hell as they had disobediently ascended on high into the Fire of God's Glory. Their

prideful jealousy, which caused them to intrude into the Glory-Fire of God's Judgment, also caused them to descend into the Glory-Fire of God's Judgment in the pit of Hell. The height of their sin is known by the depth of their punishment in the pit.

God punished the 250 princes who joined these four rulers in their rebellion by letting the Fire of His Exalted Glory devour them.

It is easy for the pride of human ignorance in a ruler or leader to imagine, deceitfully, that he deserves more power and authority than God has given him.

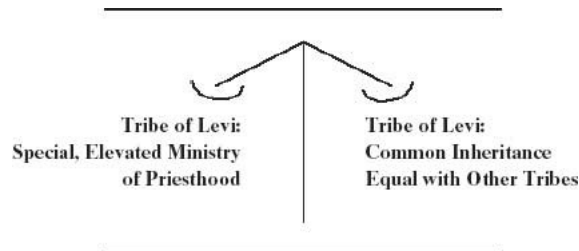
As one studies more about the *naw-see* ruler, it becomes increasingly crystal clear why God provided the special sin offering blood of the male kid goat to cleanse rulers from their sins of ignorance. The male kid goat is a beautiful picture of the Cleansing Power of Jesus Christ's precious Blood, which is able to cleanse rulers, continually, of all their confessed sins of ignorance.

X. Rulers Are Tempted to Judge According to Outward Appearance.

In spite of God's great defense of Moses and Aaron, His chosen rulers, the children of Israel continued to murmur against them because God had punished Korah, Dathan, Abiram, On, and the 250 rebellious rulers.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and take of every one of them a rod according to the house of their fathers, of all their princes according to the house of their fathers twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod. And thou shalt write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi: for one rod shall be for the head of the house of their fathers. And thou shalt lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation before the testimony, where I will meet with you. And it shall come to pass, that the man's rod, whom I shall choose, shall blossom: and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of the children of Israel, whereby they murmur against you. And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, and every one of their princes gave him a rod apiece, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, even twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron was among their rods. And Moses laid up the rods before the LORD in the tabernacle of witness. And it came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and yielded almonds (Numbers 17:1-8).

The human ignorance of the rulers of eleven of the tribes of Israel prevented them from understanding the tribe of Levi's paradoxical relationship within Israel.



On one side of the Scales, the tribe of Levi was an equal branch that was joined to the common *root and trunk* of the *national tree* as far as their family inheritance was concerned.

However, on the other side of the Scales, the tribe of Levi was exalted to the highest calling in Israel as a separated tribe for ministry in God's Sanctuary. From the tribe of Levi came the Aaronic Priesthood. Aaron was the priestly prince or *naw-see* ruler who represented the tribe of Levi.

When the children of Israel continued to murmur against Aaron's serving as God's chosen Priestly Prince, God commanded the twelve princes from the twelve tribes to bring their rods and lay them before His Face so that He again could prove, miraculously, that Aaron, from the tribe of Levi, was His Divine Choice for the Priesthood.

Externally, all the rods of the twelve princes appeared to be more or less the same. Therefore, it was easy for the human ignorance in the eleven rulers to sin by thinking that, because they all sprang from the same common stock of the national tree, their rods were as important and powerful as Aaron's Rod. They ignored the Truth that God had specially elevated Aaron and his family to the Priesthood and that the LORD God had put His Holy Name upon Aaron's Rod, clothing it invisibly with the Divine Power of His Holy Name. God proved this Truth to the eleven rulers or princes when they saw that Aaron's Rod had budded, blossomed, and had sprouted twigs with mature almonds. God proved that He had placed the Creative Life and Resurrection Power of His Holy Name upon Aaron's Rod, out of the tribe of Levi, in preference to the rods of the eleven princes from the other eleven tribes.

Human ignorance judges solely by outward appearance, but God judges by internal appearance. He looks on the

inward part to see if His Holy Name is engraved there.

It is a common fault of rulers in God's Kingdom to sin ignorantly by looking on the outward appearance of things. God foresaw the many temptations, snares, and pitfalls His rulers would face, so He provided a special sin offering of Male Kid Goat Blood in Christ Jesus for them so that they could constantly be cleansed, afresh and anew, from their ignorance as soon as they became aware of it, confessed it, and repented of it.

XI. Rulers Are Tempted to Give Their Personal Judgment Instead of Waiting Before the LORD to Receive God's Judgment and Governmental Decision.

Then came the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hopher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph: and these *are* the names of his daughters; Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah. And they stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, **and before the princes [naw-see]** and all the congregation, *by* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying, Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not in the company of them that gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah; but died in his own sin, and had no sons. Why should the name of our father be done away from among his family, because he hath no son? Give unto us *therefore* a possession among the brethren of our father (Numbers 27:1-4).

And the chief fathers of the families of the children of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near, and spake before Moses, **and before the princes [naw-see]**, the chief fathers of the children of Israel: And they said, The LORD commanded my lord to give the land for an inheritance by lot to the children of Israel: and my lord was commanded by the LORD to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother unto his daughters (Numbers 36:1,2).

Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle: and when they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that, behold, the place *was* a place for cattle; The children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spake unto Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, **and unto the princes [naw-see] of the congregation**, saying, Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Shebam, and Nebo, and Beon, *Even* the country which the LORD smote before the congregation of Israel, *is* a land for cattle, and thy servants have cattle: Wherefore, said they, if we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession, *and* bring us not over Jordan (Numbers 32:1-5).

Zelophehad, the great, great grandson of Manasseh, had died in the wilderness, leaving no sons to inherit his portion of Canaan's Land. His daughters came to Moses and the rulers of Israel to ask for their father's inheritance in the land. Neither Moses nor the rulers gave their personal judgment in this case. Instead, they sought God's Judgment from His Divine Oracle and waited for God to render a judgmental decision in the matter. God confirmed that these daughters of Israel had spoken that which was right in the matter and that they had a right to their father's inheritance in Canaan's Land, although no one had redeemed their father's name by fulfilling the Levirate Law. The daughters of Zelophehad were fatherless; therefore, God, as their Heavenly Father, judged their righteous cause.

It is easy for the human ignorance of rulers to misjudge the cause of the fatherless. The widows and the fatherless are the most apt to be neglected and oppressed because, in man's carnal eyesight, they may appear to be unimportant. But, as God's children, the widows and the fatherless ones are valuable and important. However, God commands that righteous judgment be ministered to *all* His children — those of high degree and those of low degree.

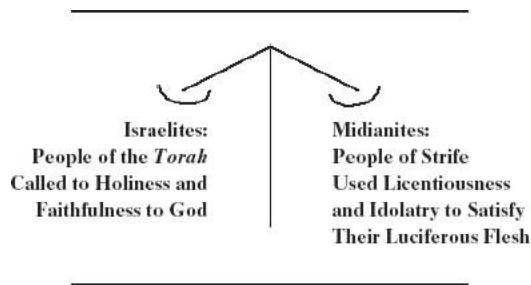
God knew the many difficult situations a ruler would encounter and the many times his ignorance would cause him to misjudge a matter. So He provided the male kid goat blood for the ruler's cleansing, to be used as soon as he became aware of his sin of ignorance.

XII. Rulers Are Tempted to Withhold Public Recognition of Victories Won by Others.

And Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and **all the princes [naw-see] of the congregation**, went forth to meet them without the camp (Numbers 31:13).

God commanded Moses to avenge the children of Israel from the mighty Midianites because the two nations were diametrically different. Israel served the LORD God, the true God, whereas the Midianites served false gods.

(See Scales on following page.)



When Israel’s army fought against the Midianites, they returned triumphantly. Moses, Eleazar, and all the *naw-see* rulers went forth to meet the victorious warriors of Israel to acknowledge their conquest publicly, to give Glory to God, and to express their gratitude to these warriors who had risked their lives to obey God’s Will and fight for God’s Cause.

God’s leaders and rulers went forth in unity and harmony to give honour and respect to these victorious warriors who were the veteran heroes of the day.

It is very easy for human ignorance in leaders and rulers to sin by withholding their honour and gratitude from others who have gained great victories and who may appear presently in a more splendid light than they themselves. For example, David’s troubles with the envious Saul started after his triumph over Goliath and the Philistines. When David outshined Saul as a triumphant veteran in his victories over the Philistines, Saul did not give David proper respect and honour. Rather, he eyed him with resentment and jealousy.

Moses, Eleazar, and the twelve princes in Israel could have sinfully thought to wait until the triumphant warriors came to them so that they could acknowledge them *privately* instead of honouring them *publicly*. They could have deceived themselves into thinking that private recognition would be sufficient. But, true gratitude gives respect and honour publicly to those who have jeopardized their lives to do God’s Will and to bring the blessing of the spoil to all the people.

However, sinful human ignorance in rulers constrains them to believe that everyone should join them in helping to achieve success and to rejoice with them when they receive the glory and honour of their success. They feel they deserve all this help to attain success and all the fellowship in their honour and glory. But, this same sinful ignorance in rulers will not permit them to run forth, as Moses, Eleazar, and the princes did on this occasion, to acknowledge the success of others and to give honour and glory to them publicly.

The LORD has provided the Male Kid Goat Blood in Christ to cleanse His leaders and rulers, after they have become knowledgeable of their failures to express, publicly, their gratitude and after they have confessed their sins of ignorance to God. It is important for rulers to glorify God, publicly, and to honour God’s children, publicly, when they have gained victories over the world, the flesh, and the Devil.

XIII. Rulers Are Tempted to Be Halfhearted or Slothful About Fulfilling Their Responsibilities.

And ye shall take **one prince [naw-see] of every tribe**, to divide the land by inheritance.... These *are they* whom the LORD commanded to divide the inheritance unto the children of Israel in the land of Canaan (Numbers 34:18,29).

Joshua (God’s Commander-in-Chief) and Eleazar (God’s High Priest) were the representatives of the entire Nation of Israel. They divided the land of Israel, giving portions to the twelve princes of the tribes of Israel who, in turn, subdivided the land among the families of their own particular tribes. Each prince was a representative of his respective tribe and of all the particular families of his tribe.

The initial allocation of the land of the twelve tribes of Israel was made by Joshua and Eleazar after they *cast lots* and received a Divine Confirmation upon the lots concerning the inheritance that each tribe was to receive in Canaan’s Land. This Divine Confirmation was also obtained through the Witness of the *Urim* and *Thummim* in the Breastplate worn by Eleazar the High Priest. The twelve rulers or princes were responsible for implementing God’s Master Plan by dividing the land among the families of their particular tribes after God’s Will had been obtained by lot and after it had been witnessed by the *Urim* and *Thummim*.

The land was divided according to the Will of God, not according to the will of man. The twelve rulers had the mutual mission to help each person in their tribe in Israel find his own personal inheritance in Canaan's Land. It was important that each Israelite find his God-given place as part of God's Bride in Canaan's Land.

The task of helping each person find his place required a lot of time and effort on the part of the rulers. Sinful ignorance could have offered the seemingly justifiable excuse of being tired and, therefore, deceitfully reasoned that it was not necessary to exercise the same time and care for the people, in the end, as they had for the people in the beginning. It is easy for human ignorance to take over when a person is tired, causing one to become careless and indifferent to the implementation of God's Master Plan and Will.

However, God, in His great Grace and magnificent Mercy, has provided Male Kid Goat Blood in Christ Jesus for the cleansing of His rulers after they have discovered that they have sinned ignorantly by failing to help some soul to find its own personal spiritual inheritance in Christ Jesus.

In this book, we have seen how God provided a special sin offering of male kid goat blood for His rulers to offer when they sinned through human ignorance. This offering was available to the High Priest, who ruled in the spiritual realm, to the King, who ruled in the natural realm, and to those who served as lesser rulers under them.

We have seen the five negative Commands and the five positive Commands that God has given to help rulers overcome some of the basic temptations that confront them as leaders over God's flocks. Furthermore, the LORD God has given Male Goat Blood in Christ Jesus to meet the King's need for dominion intelligence and Kid Goat Blood in Jesus Christ to meet his need for slavery intelligence.

We have also seen, in this book, the thirteen different ways in which a leader or a *naw-see* ruler might sin in God's spiritual Kingdom because of his human ignorance.

- Rulers are tempted to exalt themselves.
- Rulers are tempted to make false judgments and to bypass their immediate superior.
- Rulers are tempted to yield to the fleshly "fear or favour" syndrome.
- Rulers are tempted to reap, personally, where they have not sown.
- Rulers are tempted to be slow to set an example of liberality.
- Rulers are tempted to be slow to join with other rulers to see that God's Work is carried on.
- Rulers are tempted to close their ears to God's trumpet call and mutual message.
- Rulers are tempted to give a false report of God's Promised Land and a false report of the enemies' strength.
- Rulers are tempted to think their exaltation gives them the right to challenge the Authority of God's anointed servants.
- Rulers are tempted to judge according to outward appearance.
- Rulers are tempted to give their personal judgment instead of waiting before the LORD to receive God's Judgment and Governmental Decision.
- Rulers are tempted to withhold public recognition of victories won by others.
- Rulers are tempted to be halfhearted or slothful about fulfilling their responsibilities.

In spite of all the technical advances that have been made in recent decades, human ignorance in leaders and rulers, today, is still destructively great. Therefore, all rulers and leaders should cry constantly to the LORD God to open their eyes so that they can see their sinful ignorance as God sees it. Then, they can choose to confess, repent, and turn to the Blood of Christ Jesus for new cleansing and for the fresh Life of Christ's Dominion Intelligence and for Christ's Slavery Intelligence. Thus, they can be rulers and leaders who will be acceptable and well pleasing to the LORD Jesus Christ and to the Heavenly Father.

