In our last podcast, we discussed how the choices we make will inevitably dictate our destiny, a destiny which Jesus will affirm. He will always support our choices, which is a terrifying thought. We then discussed Jesus Second Coming and how He will bring with Him his hard-earned reward, His people, His bride (which includes those who lived by faith prior to His resurrection and those who are now living by faith and are now overcoming. We also touched on the payback, and how Jesus will render to every man according to what he **now** does.

With that, let's pick back up in ***Revelation 22***.

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Recapitulation: Alpha & Omega, First & Last, Beginning & End

Revelation 22:13

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

The **Code** here is interesting. "Alpha" and "Omega" and "beginning" and the "end" are all nouns which define Jesus, but "first" and "last" are adjectives which describe Jesus. The nouns are like bookends on either side of the adjectives. These nouns declare what He is, and the adjectives describe who He is, or what He is like.

This phrasing highlights one of the major themes in ***Revelation***, a theme which has without question permanently altered my life.

The Nouns

Let's first look at the nouns. By referencing the Greek alphabet

Alpha and Omega

This phrase, the "**Alpha** and **Omega**," though utilizing the Greek alphabet, is lifted from a Jewish practice of using the beginning and end of the Hebrew alphabet to declare the totality of any event. For example, Adam transgressed the whole law from Aleph to Taw whereas Abraham kept the whole law from Aleph to Taw (the Hebrew equivalent to the English "A to Z").

In effect, it is another way of Jesus declaring that as **Yahweh Adonai**, He is the sum totality of all things, as all things are from Him, by Him (or through Him) and to Him.[1] "*All things chose to come into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing chose to come into being that has come into being*."[2] Likewise, all things end with Him, as He is the completion and fulfillment of His creation. Truly, He is the Amen, the faithful and true witness![3]

Jesus being the "Alpha and Omega" communicates that He is eternal, outside of time, and all of time

[1] ***Romans 11:36.*** *See* also ***1 Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 2:10***

[2] ***John 1:3***

[3] ***Revelation 3:14***. *See* also **2 Corinthians 1:20**

is held in His sovereign hands. As David said, "*And in Your book were all written the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them*."[4] It is all in His book—every little detail!

Beginning and the End

Jesus not only sees the beginning from the end (knowing all things all at the same time), but He is also the **Beginning** and the **End**.[5] Thus, we can be confident that there is that nothing occurs which He did not initiate, nothing comes to closure that He does not close, and even the journey through is a result of His sovereign hand.

This should bring us great comfort to know that everything, absolutely everything that has occurred in our lives has been from Him, through Him, and its purpose is found in Him. And since we learned that He loves us with His *agape* love, everything that we have experienced, both evil and good, has been an expression of His great love for us despite what it feels like or how we assess and judge our situations and associated outcomes.[6] His **Plan-A** for our lives has been, is, and always will be good, pleasing, and perfect.[7]

This presents a truth that is very uncomfortable for many people. You see, God does not just "allow" things; rather, the truth is that He is the author of all things, it all comes from His Hand, both good and bad.[8] **Yahweh** being the impetus to all the details of our life is a far different reality than He being someone who merely allows things to occur, as if He is some passive third party observer of life.

It is unfathomable, but nothing in our lives has been an accident, there has been no randomness; it has all been purposeful and a part of His **Plan-A** for our lives, the plan that was already written in His book. As He said, "*For I know the plans that I have for you, declares **Yahweh***."[9] In His sovereignty, He has directed peoples, family, nations, individuals, and the hosts of heaven to accomplish His eternal and beautiful purposes in our lives.

Everything **Begins** in Him and everything **Ends** through Him and according to His plans, and no one can thwart His will.[10] "*For* **Yahweh Sabaoth** *(the Lord of hosts) has planned, and who can frustrate it? And as for His stretched-out hand, who can turn it back?*"[11] "*But **Yahweh's** plans stand firm forever; His intentions can never be shaken*."[12]

2 Chronicles 20:5-7

> Then Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of **Yahweh** before the new court, and he said, "O **Yahweh**, the God of our fathers, are You not God in the heavens? And are You not ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in Your hand so that no one

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[4] ***Psalm 139:16***
[5] ***Revelation 22:13***. *Note*, the Father also uses this title in ***Revelation 21:6***.
[6] ***Revelation 1:5***
[7] *See* ***Romans 12:2; Genesis 50:20; Jeremiah 29:11***
[8] *See* ***Job 2:10***
[9] ***Jeremiah 29:11***
[10] ***Job 42:2; Proverbs 21:30***
[11] ***Isaiah 14:27***
[12] ***Psalm 33:11***. *See* also ***Proverbs 19:21***

can stand against You.

Or as stated in His own words, and then supported in the book of ***Job***:

Isaiah 43:13; Job 9:12

Even from eternity I am He, and there is none who can deliver out of My hand; I act and who can reverse it?" … Were He to snatch away, who could restrain Him? Who could say to Him, 'What are You doing?'

Jesus initiates all things as all that exists in our lives comes from His plan. He completes and brings all His plans to fruition, and no one or nothing can stand in His way or thwart His will. **He is the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End!**

The Adjectives

The First and the Last

He is the first and the last, a declaration similar in context to the Alpha and the Omega, but different. "Alpha and Omega" as well as the "Beginning and the End" define Him and speaks of the fact that all things originate and come to their completion by Him and through Him, for He is the totality of all things. Whereas the "first and the last" are adjectives which describe Him as the one who brings to fruition everything He has ever said or promised.

In effect, He describes Himself by saying, "*I have the first word in determining what will be, and I have the last word in bringing about what will be. When I speak, it is assured. Regarding all that I have declared in the past: it is done and therefore will be done!*"

Every promise He has ever made and every prediction He has ever communicated all will come true in exacting detail, it is all just a matter of time, because it has already been determined; as such, it is unalterable and incontestable.[13] There is no negotiation with God and there is no manipulation that could ever alter what He has declared. His word is the first statement of what will be and the last statement hallmarking what is. Accordingly, **it is done and therefore will be done!**

These truths are not just to be read as the final tag lines of this amazing book. Rather, they are to be pillars of truth which stabilize us and get us through everything and anything we face. He is now and always in control of every little detail that occurs in our lives. In fact, He delights in the details of our lives.[14] Yes, this is emotionally and logically hard to accept, especially given the tragedies, evils, and terrors that befall many, but we must bet our lives not upon what we think or feel about what we experience, but upon what **Yahweh Adonai** has declared about Himself. This is to be our great expression of faith.

We must not be like those **Yahweh** addressed when He said: "*Listen, you who are deaf! Look and see,*

[13] *See* ***Isaiah 41:1-4; 44:6-8; 48:3-12***

[14] ***Psalm 37:23***

*you blind! Who is as blind as my own people, my servant? Who is as deaf as my messenger? Who is as blind as my chosen people, the servant of **Yahweh**? You see and recognize what is right but refuse to act on it. You hear with your ears, but you don't really listen*."[15]

We must not be like this. We must let this truth that Jesus is the **Adonai**, the Lord, **our** Lord, be personalized and sink deep into our souls and become our truth. We must not let these words pass through us as if they are a religious cliché, good for Christian calendars and greeting cards.

In terms of all that He has said, nothing will be left wanting, nothing will be incomplete, nothing will be a surprise, and the plan simply will not change. After all, it is **Plan-A** and there is no Plan-B, or C, or D. The living God, the one who holds time in His hands, the One who delights in the details of our lives has declared it to be so and therefore it is.

This phrase, the "**First** and the **Last**" is used six times in the **Codex**.[16] According to the **Code**, six is the number representing mankind. As such, these adjectives describe what He is like in connection with His involvement with humanity. He speaks and declares our future and it all comes out exactly as He declared, without anything missing.

Isaiah 41:4

Who has performed and done this, calling the generations from the beginning? I, **Yahweh**, the first, and with the last; I am he.

In other words, from the beginning He has ordered the affairs of humanity. As each new generation passes by, it all happens according to His will. This is how it was with those in the beginning and how it will be with those at the end. As we have read in ***Revelation***, all things happen because He has the power to make them happen.

Isaiah 44:6-7

Thus says **Yahweh**, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, **Yahweh Sabaoth** (the Lord of hosts): "I am the first and I am the last, and there is no God besides Me. Who is like Me? Let him proclaim and declare it; yes, let him recount it to Me in order, from the time that I established the ancient nation. And let them declare to them the things that are coming and the events that are going to take place."

In this phrase, He speaks of His absolute sovereignty over the affairs of man. He has the absolute power to do as He wills when He wills. No one else can make such a claim. No one else has the power. This truth is amazing. Our response should be equally amazing.

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[15] ***Isaiah 42:18-20***

[16] ***Isaiah 41:4; 44:6; 48:12; Revelation 1:17, 2:8, 22:13***

Isaiah 44:8

Do not tremble and do not be afraid; have I not long since announced it to you and declared it? And you are My witnesses. Is there any God besides Me, or is there any other Rock? I know of none.

His description as being the "first and the last" is to give us comfort, hope, and assurance that everything He has said is going to come true because that is what He is like. He speaks and it happens, He declares the beginning from the end because He can. He is the one who, by His power, assures all things get done as He has said they would.

The implication of this truth is that we don't have to worry, we don't have to be afraid, He has told us what is going to come to pass, and we can rest in the fact that it will all come true with a vengeance for He has the power to do what He wills. And there is no one who can compare to Jesus—NONE!

What is our takeaway? We can choose to rest for our God is God, our Lord is the one and only **Yahweh Adonai**, and He is the only Almighty that can do all He has purposed to do.

In short, Jesus is **Yahweh Adonai our God Almighty**.[17]

The Blessed

Revelation 22:14

Blessed those who are **now** washing their robes, so that they, in the **future**, will choose to have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city.

This is a very interesting statement. There is a continuing action that is done in the now which leads to the opportunity in the future to exercise one's free will regarding a very specific item (the tree of life), and which leads to a permission to enter the city, specifically by the gate.

What is troubling about this statement is that it blows the door off the evangelical understanding that a person needs only to say the "sinner's prayer" and be born-again and they are guaranteed their golden ticket to heaven. That is not what this says much less intimates, not even remotely.

First, there is this requirement, in the now, to be washing their robes. Yes, they are blessed if they do, but we must not lose sight of the fact that this is an ongoing requirement, rendered in the *present active participle*. Reaching back to ***Revelation 7:13-17*** to get some additional context, we are told that the true believers, the 144,000, the bondservants of Jesus Christ, wash their robes white *in the blood of the Lamb*. Water combined with the strongest detergent does not wash these robes clean, and they cannot be bleached, only the blood of the lamb can make them white.

Second, the continuation or ongoing nature of that activity, washing, is what seems to guarantee that they will choose, in the future, to have the right to the tree of life. The "right" or the authority to the tree of life does not come by saying a prayer, nor even by being born-again, but by now and continually washing

[17] ***Revelation 19:6***

one's robes. Further, there is a choice that one must make to ultimately possess this authority. What is not clear in the Spirit's use of the *future* tense is whether this is a choice we make in this life, or if it is a choice that is made when we pass from this life. We will need to look to other contexts in the **Codex** to understand this more precisely.

Third, their washing their robes, now and continually, is done so that they may enter by the gates into the city. It does not say that they will enter, but that they may. It is a right or a privilege afforded them. Yet, it has no reference to time, as it is rendered in the *aorist active subjunctive*, which is not time bound, but it speaks of the possibility of the event occurring. So, there is no guarantee that they will enter the city by the gates, rather, they are permitted to enter. The *subjunctive* mood throws in this idea of possibility rather than a guarantee.

So, what do we do with all of that?

Let's flush it all out and see if we can make sense of it all.

The Robes

We were first introduced to this very specific type of robe in ***Revelation 6:9-11***. What we translate as "robe" comes from the Greek word "*stola*." When the fifth seal was broken, we saw martyrs underneath the altar of God (a symbol of their sacrifice – they had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained), and they were crying out for justice. God gave them each a white "*stola*" and they were told to rest for a short while.[18]

Then in ***Revelation 7:13-17***, we were shown a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were identified as the 144,000, those who are **now choosing** to be coming out of the great tribulation. They too were in white robes or "*stolas*."

Throughout the book of ***Revelation***, only the bondservants of God are privileged to wear these white robes. No one else is afforded the privilege.

Washed or Washing

Our passage says, "*Blessed those who are **now** washing their robes*" (rendered in the *present active participle*), and the passage in ***Revelation 7:14*** gives us further detail in that the robes are washed and made white in the blood of the lamb, which is the only way one can have a clean white robe.

To wash our robes in the blood of the Lamb is simply another way of declaring the truth that **Only God is Good**. When we choose to rely only on **Yahweh Tsidkenu** to be our righteousness, we access the blood that washes us white as snow.[19] We have been justified by His blood and in Him we have redemption through His blood.[20] He loves us and released us from our sin by His blood.[21] And it is His blood that purifies our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.[22] Only the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all

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[18] ***Revelation 6:9-11***
[19] See ***Isaiah 1:18; Psalm 51:7***
[20] ***Romans 5:9; Ephesians 1:7***
[21] ***Revelation 1:5***
[22] ***Hebrews 9:14***

sin.[23] Therefore, we wash our robes in His blood.

In ***Revelation 7:13-14***, addressing the bondservants of Jesus, we are told that they "*have chosen to being clothed in the white **robes***" (rendered in the *perfect middle participle*, indicating something occurring in the past that still resonates forward in the present) and as it says, they "*have washed their **robes** and made them white in the blood of the Lamb*" (rendered in the *aorist active indicative*, a simple statement of occurrence).

If it has been done, why then does the Spirit say, "*Blessed those who are **now** washing their robes*"? **Why is there this requirement for continual washing?**

Perhaps it is because that along this journey toward salvation, our robes get dirty, and we are continually tempted to wash our robes in our own righteousness, our own good deeds, our own good intentions, and our own confidence, all of which is really nothing but dead works. But we begin to act like an adult believing that we can do it on our own, and we stop living as a little child who is depending upon their Father for all things all the time. And then there are some who become so weary on their journey that they simply do not care that their robes have become filthy, and they just settle in that state of uncleanliness.

We need to recognize that even though we made the decision to wash our robes white in the blood of the Lamb when we turned to Jesus to be born-again, convinced that there is salvation in Him alone, the subsequent journey is a messy, intentionally so, and there is always the temptation to be something other than a little child. As we succumb to those temptations, in our own strength, wisdom, reasoning, and in our own actions, we try to be something when in truth we are nothing, and we deceive ourselves. We become like pigs rolling over and over in our filthy pigsty.[24] We forget that **Only God is Good** and only He is Righteous.

ONLY JESUS CAN MAKE OUR ROBES WHITE AS SNOW!

Authority to Access the Tree

"*Blessed those who are **now** washing their robes, so that they, in the **future**, will choose to have the right to the tree of life* …"

Now and continually washing, is what seems to guarantee that we **will**, not may, but **will** choose, in the future, to have the right to the tree of life. The "right" or the authority to the tree of life does not come by saying a prayer, nor even by being born-again, but by now and continually washing our robes white in the blood of the Lamb. If we continue in this action, we will choose to have the right to the tree of life.

To better understand this choice, consider the following statement from ***John 1:12-13***, it essentially says the same thing, just in a different way: "*But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right {or the authority} to choose to become children of God, those who are **now** believing in His name, who were*

[23] ***1 John 1:7***

[24] ***Galatians 6:3***

caused to be born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

Receiving Jesus, being born-again by the power of God, and now believing in His name are just steps in the journey of salvation. This is what gives a person the right or authority to subsequently choose to become a child of God. One is not automatically a child of God, and one does not automatically get the right to the tree of life.

Using an analogy we have discussed many times, when we "accept Jesus" and are born-again, we are brought into God's household where we must decide if we will live in God's house like Ishmael or choose to live like Isaac. Though sons of Abraham living in Abraham's tent, these two boys had very different destinies. Ishamel was the son of a bondwoman, a slave (symbolic of those who live under the covenant of the law and are trying so very hard to be good for God). In contrast, Isaac was the son of a free woman, not a slave (symbolic of those who live free from the law and will inherit as a child of God—those who get the right to the tree of life). The Spirit, in ***Galatians 4:21-31***, made it clear that though both "sons" live in the tent, only the son of the freewoman will inherit from the Father as a child. In fact, the Spirit is adamant, "*… the son of the bondwoman shall not in the* ***future*** *be an heir with the son of the free woman*."[25]

God has made this a choice. Each one of us in His household gets to choose whether we will identify with the bondwoman or the free woman. This is an individual choice that occurs after our being born-again. This is why the Spirit asked this question, "*Are you* ***now*** *so foolish? Having chosen to begin by the Spirit, do you at this present time* ***now*** *choose to be perfected by the flesh?*"[26] "*… for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose*."[27] We each must consider whose destiny we even now emulate, that of Ishmael or Isaac?

This concept is mirrored in ***Matthew 18:3***, "*… Truly I* ***now*** *say to you, unless you may be caused to be converted and may choose to become like little children, you may not enter the kingdom of heaven*." The *subjunctive* mood, the idea of a possibility, is used three times in this passage; hence, there are no guarantees that each step will be taken.

1. It speaks of the possibility of conversion or transformation, which we also call being born-again.
2. It speaks of a subsequent choice that one can make to become like a little child, an infant even, who is 100% dependent upon their heavenly Father for all things all the time.
3. It speaks of the possibility of entering the kingdom of heaven.

Collectively, these possibilities speak of a journey to get to our ultimate destiny, a journey to choose the right to the tree of life. Therefore, to convert these possibilities into our reality, every step of the way, we need to now be washing our robes. Through continually washing, we remember the utter depth of our dependency upon God to be our righteousness, as only He is the one who makes us clean. He is the source of all righteousness, the only source. And as we have learned, **the source matters, the source is everything!** For **ONLY GOD IS GOOD!**

The one thing we can be sure of is that we, the bondservants of Jesus Christ, individually and collectively, possess nothing in and of ourselves by which we can make our robes white. Our robes get

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[25] ***Galatians 4:30***
[26] ***Galatians 3:3***
[27] ***Galatians 2:21***

stained by just living in this fallen world, both by our own sin and by the sin of others. And there is no amount of remorse, repentance, or trying extra super hard to stop sinning that will result in clean white robes.

Even though we may innately know this to be true, our religious *flesh* is constantly beating us down trying to get us to focus on what we have done wrong and what others have done wrong, believing that somehow, we could be clean if only we did this or we did that or we did not do this or that. But that way of thinking and feeling leads to the imprisonment of the soul, a hardened cage of legalism which is found in the house of the Harlot, the Woman who Rides the Beast. In that cage, believers who are not now washing their robes in the blood of the Lamb are held captive and watched over by all manner of demonic being.[28] That is **NOT** a blessing.

In contrast,

- Every time we bet our lives upon the name **Yahweh Tsidkenu**, **Yahweh** who is our righteousness, fully convinced that we are righteous regardless of what we have done wrong, we are now washing our robes white in the blood of the Lamb.
- Every time we bet our lives on the fact that it is the Spirit's job to transform us according to His intention and in His timing, we are now washing our robes white in the blood of the Lamb.
- Every time we declare that there is no law, we are now washing our robes white in the blood of the Lamb.
- Every time we live in forgiveness, with ourselves and with others, we are now washing our robes white in the blood of the Lamb.
- Every time we choose to let God cause us to be a vessel by which His *agape* love is poured out on another, we are now washing our robes white in the blood of the Lamb.

Thus, we are to always be, **even now**, washing our robes in the blood of the lamb confident that His blood removes the stains and makes our robes white as snow.[29] Now that is living blessed.

Entry into the City

"*Blessed those who are **now** washing their robes, so that they, in the **future**, will choose to have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city*."

Interestingly, this comment about our entry into the city is **NOT** rendered in the *future* tense, but this privilege is rendered in the *aorist active subjunctive*, a possibility that can happen sometime throughout our life. The use of the *aorist active subjunctive* does not bind us to time (past, present, or future), but it captures the opportunity that exists throughout our journey with Christ. But please do not miss the fact that this speaks of a possibility, "**may"** and not "will."

Those who now are washing their robes may enter the gates into the city. They are permitted to enter, by the gates, but they are not forced to. Keep in mind, the gates are the only way by which one can enter the city. There is no other way to join this great collection of believers.

The message about the gates is clear, there are not many ways to the Father, there are no alternate means by which one can enter this heavenly entourage of faithful ones comprised of all those who even

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[28] *See **Revelation 18:2***

[29] *See **Isaiah 1:18***

now are overcoming and are now found to be worshipping in the Sanctuary of God.

For entry to this city, there are twelve gates positioned in groups of three (four sets of three) that are guarded by twelve angels, the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel are on each gate, and each gate itself is one large pearl. We covered this in ***Revelation 21:10-21***.

In short, it means that the way of entry into this city is perfect, and it can be found to the north, south, east, and west; in other words, the way to this city can be found all throughout creation. There is no place in this world where the entry cannot be found. The message is that no matter who you are, where you come from, there is a perfect way for you to enter the holy city, a way for you to be part of the **Called and Chosen and Faithful** of God.

However, the entry way is guarded by mighty angels, so not just anyone can enter; it is a very exclusive city. And there is no entry way carved out for those who follow Krishna, Shiva, Buddha, Muhammad, the Mormon god, ancestral spirits, Marduk, Baal, Ashtoreth, or any other god that is worshipped in our world. The only entrances are by way of the Jews, the sons of Israel, and the Gentiles, who are the Israel of God. As such, all Israel will be saved.[30]

As we studied, the "*city*" itself is a metaphor, a picture of the bondservants of Christ, the 144,000, those who are now choosing to be overcoming, those who are now worshipping in the Sanctuary, those reeds who flow with the oil of the Spirit, the **Called and Chosen and Faithful**.

When we are born-again, we become part of God's household, but we do not have automatic access to the "*city*," and we are not forced into this city. God never forces us, but He leaves these critical relational decisions up to our personal sovereignty, which is why the Spirit utilized the *subjunctive*, indicating a possibility and not the *indicative*, which would imply a guarantee.

However, due to the sacrifice that is required, and the much easier alternative that is offered up to us by the Harlot, not everyone wants to enter the city and be part of the **Called and Chosen and Faithful.** Instead, they choose the way of religion. Consider what Jesus said:

> ***Luke 9:23-24***
> And He had said to all, "If anyone **now** wishes to **now** choose to come after Me, he is commanded to choose to deny himself, and commanded to take up his cross daily and is commanded to **now** follow Me. For whoever may **now** wish to save his life will in the **future** lose it, but whoever may lose his life for My sake, he is the one who will in the **future** save it."

> ***Matthew 7:13-14***
> You are commanded to enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that is **now** leading to destruction, and there **now** are many who choose to **now** be entering through it. For the gate is small and the way has been caused to being narrow that is **now** leading to life, and there **now** are few who are **now** finding it.

[30] ***Romans 11:25-26***

This is a hard calling and far too many lose the right in the future to the tree of life because they do not choose to deny themselves, do not take up their cross and carry the burden of death to self, and they do not follow Him to Golgotha, to the mount of suffering, that very narrow pathway that is now leading to life. So, the Spirit of God warns and continues to warn all to not choose to now be refusing Him who is our life.

Hebrews 12:22-25

But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the **now** living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who have been caused to *being* enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of [the] righteous caused to have been being made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which is **now** speaking better than [the blood] of Abel.

You are commanded to **now** see to it that you may not choose to refuse Him who is **now** speaking. For if those did not escape when they chose to be refusing him who is **now** warning on earth, much less we who are caused to **now** be turning away from Him from heaven.

This is a heavy **WARNING**, and the Spirit is talking to those who consider themselves to be believers, not to those of the world. But the key to not being one of those who choose to refuse Him is to now be washing our robes, washing them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"*Blessed those who are **now** washing their robes, so that they, in the **future**, will choose to have the right to the tree of life, and may enter by the gates into the city*."

Let's stop here and we will pick back up in ***Revelation 22*** with a little side note regarding those who have the right or the authority to access the infamous Tree of Life.

I am glad you "tuned in" and have been "ready to listen."