

The Black Horse Of The Apocalypse

The Most Dreadful August 19th, 2008 Visitation

Prophecy Of Global Economic Crisis

THE MIGHTY AUGUST 19th 2008 VISION OF THE Black horse

On the 19th day of August 2008, the Lord God Almighty spoke with me regarding one of the most historic milestone events that was about to befall the four ends of the planet earth. On that day, I saw the night visions of the Lord God Almighty, and the vision I saw consisted of the most traumatic incidences that were about to ensue across the whole world. In this particular unusual vision of the Lord, I saw heaven standing open and a myriad of distressing events that were about to befall the earth, unfolding right before my eyes. At first glance, the Lord started showing me the tremendous glory that surrounds His throne in heaven, and how that glory bestows the signature authority of God Almighty in heaven. The manner in which the glory descended from heaven and colonized the obscurity and darkness that had consummated in the sky, gave a symbolic overtone of things to be. The darkness that had abounded the skies prior to the onset of the Lord's glory figuratively symbolises the great spiritual darkness of sin that was long foretold as coming over the earth. Such darkness, the bible enumerates as that which would establish sin unto the four ends of the earth, even in the church. Colossal sin and evil has long been forecasted in the books of 2 Timothy chapter 3 verses 1 through 6, and Daniel chapter 12 verse 1. However, in this vision, when the glory descended and began to change the total appearance of darkness over the earth into a brilliant countenance of lumination; then that marked the novel presentation of how the latter glory of God would deliver mankind from the sinful darkness of this last hour. The scripture in the book of Joel chapter 2 verses 28 through 32, vividly expound on the authoritative mark of the endtime glory and how it would obliterate sin. This is absolutely consistent with the role of the Holy Spirit in preparing the glorious sinless church right before the wedding of the Lamb (rapture). Nonetheless, it was during this process as I continued to marvel at the splendour of the heavenly glory of majesty, that all of a sudden the Holy Spirit lifted me and I found myself standing right in front of the throne of God Almighty in heaven. The glory that surrounded the throne of God Almighty was so remarkable that it conferred even a much bigger authority it beheld. It was at this juncture that all of a sudden came forth an incredible and most stunning living being from the depths of the Lord's glory.

Extreme Fear

It was at this very instant in the vision, that the Holy Spirit immediately made me very aware of the severe sternness and gravity of appearing before God Almighty's throne in heaven. What particularly jolted me with intense shock, was the fact that this most serious living creature that came forth from the throne of God, was slowly but most steadily advancing towards me. At that point in time, I hadn't

yet began to perceive that the underlying intention of why this living creature pressed-on-forward towards me, was for purposes of identification. The Lord God Almighty had at that moment wanted me to clearly be enlightened of the features that marked this particular living being from His mighty throne. Jehovah our God did this in order to enhance my understanding within this vision, of the cadre of events that were about to unfold on the earth. The Lord also deliberately intended that I attain a complete comprehension of the specific place in the prophetic timeline that these impending events would take. That can now clearly be revealed as being most important in bringing a time mark towards rapture, in order that the church may prepare in due course. However, what stands out most is the fact that at this very juncture in this most extraordinary vision, is the baleful fear that suddenly consumed me with an acute fright. It is the steadfastness and the unblinking of the eyes of this advancing living creature from the throne of God, that especially perplexed me in egregiousness, trembling, and uttermost fear before God. If this alone were anything to go by, then surely appearing before the throne of God, will have to be the most severe and dreadful moment man will ever live to encounter. It is no wonder that the scripture dwells quite a bit on the importance of believers working out their salvation in fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12). Notwithstanding, in this vision, the more this living creature from the throne of God continued to progress towards me, the more I became totally gripped with such a stupendous level of understanding of what it entails to be in the awesome presence of the Lord, and the fear therein. The moment of reality however, did not dawn until this living being finally came face-to-face with me at a proximate distance of about three metres from my location. It is important to understand that the three metre distance described here, is a direct translation of the events as they occurred in the vision, into our earthly physical realm. It hence may not necessarily instruct on the actually spiritual proximity with which I came close to the living creature from the throne of God Almighty. The most titanic jiffy and flash yet, appeared almost in complete tandem with this face-to-face encounter that ensued in this phenomenal vision of the Lord. Today, I can clearly have the privilege to reveal that the most awakening experience in this vision, ultimately emerged out of observing the glory of the Lord that abound the face of this living creature. The sobering clarity of his glorious eyes and the extreme gravity of the glare from the awe that his face presented, are the dual that particularly threw me aback. It was this intense sobriety and seriousness of the stare from this living being that clearly reflected on the enormity of the perfect austerity in God's holiness. By this, I was greatly appraised to the fact that in front of the throne of God is the most dreadful location one can find himself at. And gradually, I became enlightened and seriously validated on what it will mean for the church at rapture. It is common knowledge today that the church that raptures, will have to be given the privilege of presenting herself before the white throne of God. It is at this most revered white throne judgment of God, when the church will appear before the Lord, that all her ways will be weighed. Everything and anything that raptured believers ever did on the earth, said with their tongues, schemed in their hearts and contemplated to do will be accounted for right before this fearful throne of God. The word itself pronounces that it is a dreadful thing to fall in the hands of the living God (Hebrews 10:31).

Face like Man

A monumental conversation with the Lord that grants in such a prodigious magnitude, always most obviously must have much to do with the eternity of mankind. The startling moment of revelation though, came from the identity of this living being that God Almighty released from His throne towards me, in this vision. It is as though the Lord released this mighty living being to engage with me in that vision, and in such a manner that would underscore his identity. In this way, Jehovah intended that I would be able to perceive the profile of progression along God's own prophetic timeline. Indeed in this vision, I was able to quickly identify the face like man on this living creature from God's own throne. It is this recognition of the face like man on the living creature, that particularly shook me with utmost shudder. Without unveiling the finest details, the face like man I saw was the most solemn face one can ever live to encounter. It was lucidly obvious to me in this vision, that the frowned face, with its characteristic wrinkling of the brow, definitely spoke it all. The message that the face like man proffered was then most serious as the grimace expressed. Apart from the seriousness that the face like man inferred in this vision, there is also the underlying missive of displeasure that kept coming through as I continued to engage this living creature from the throne of God. I quickly understood that any word of prophecy that this visitation was going to subsequently convey, would most certainly have to entail a significant level of ominousness.

Black horse

Remarkably, after the Lord was certain that I had fully grasped the face of this living creature from heaven, then he caused the creature to turn around and head back to the glory. However, the return of this living creature back towards the glory of the Lord, would then become the most defining moment in the vision. A series of sequential events then quickly began to unfold from around the throne of God, even as this living creature walked back to the glory. It then became this time that rolled-out what has since become the biggest prophecy yet to visit the earth, in our time. As the creature with the human face went back towards the throne of God, I was able to see him release the black horse from heaven. As did the creature, so did the black horse come out of the glory of God. The black horse seem to have been given a similar message as was the creature with the face like man. This I can now reveal because when the black horse together with his rider were set free, the black horse equally began to advance towards me. Upon reaching very close to me in this vision, the black horse greatly surprised me as he spotted a very long mane. Standing right before me with his rider in place, this black horse from heaven immediately and most unexpectedly began to dramatically stretch out his flowing mane. What emerged out most vividly is that the rider of the black horse had also been instructed from the throne of God to present to me with clarity, his identity. While the black colour of his coat may have been the most important feature of his identity, I must say here now, that the mane that this black horse spotted actually became the cradle of his identity. As if to crown it all, in a grand breathtaking scene, the black horse began to stretch out his long glorious white mane, then letting it fall back and converge on his neck. The mane I saw on the

black horse, was stunningly pure white and gloriously glowing with the blessedness of the Lord. Here I was now, standing right before the black horse whose mane is pure glorious white. The neighing of the horse could still be heard from afar in a manner suggesting that he is ready to be liberated. What followed then was even more stunning. The living creature with the face like man eventually extricated this most sturdy black horse, with his rider readily saddled. I then saw the rider of the black horse head for the earth, and once he arrived, he went across the four corners of the earth. But, before heading to the earth, the rider took this black horse of the apocalypse, all around heaven, and then set-off for the earth. Upon hitting the earth, I saw this horseman of the apocalypse criss-crossing the entire earth, and greatly impacting the nations of the earth and their kings, in a very heavy way. Immediately following the release of the black horse, I saw horrific suffering engulf the nations of the earth. The suffering that the rider of this black horse unleashed upon the world was so immense as it was historic. It was after that, that the Voice of the Lord asked me to look towards my right, and at that time I was able to see right above the skies in the clouds. It is then that instantaneously, I saw the Son of Man Coming for the church, in His most glorious splendour.

Revelation

It is accurately lucid that on every occasion when the Lord God speaks, that conversation is primarily intended for the church of Christ. In that way, because the church was eloquently baptized as the salt of the earth, such a message spoken to her would have to affect all the nations of the earth. Only then, can the will of God Almighty infiltrate and be realized across the nations of the earth. Having said so, it now emerges unambiguous that the rider of the black horse of the apocalypse effectively adduces a new twist into the pains that the four horsemen unleash on mankind. The unmatched eminence of the biblical word of God in every conversation from Jehovah, offers an opportune and novel platform through which to decipher any message that has descended from the Lord. With no exception therefore, the message arising from this phenomenal August 19th 2008 vision, can only come from the bible. Moreover, in His most sacred reference to the black horse, the Holy Spirit celebrates the global impact of this horseman in the book of Revelation chapter 6 verses 5 to 6:

5"When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. 6Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a day's wages, and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!" (Rev 6:5-6).

Face Like Man:

Who is this Creature

In the holy bible, the book of Revelation has stood out as not only the most intriguing, but also the most fascinating scripture of this hour. In Revelation chapters 1 through 3, it clearly becomes

apparent that the Holy Spirit is involved in preparing the church through repentance. It is for that reason that the bible makes reference to churches such as the one in Sardis, in which the Holy Spirit refers to the spiritual beauty of those believers who do not soil their white garments.

4Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy (Rev 3:4).

The context in which the Holy Spirit uses the word worthy strictly refers to the holiness of the Lord in the church. Similarly, in the same book of Revelation chapter 3 verse 11, the Holy Spirit cautions the church on the need to hold on to the original gospel that they received at Calvary as it would be the most important benchmark at the coming of the Lord. By this, it is possible to corroborate the concern of the Holy Spirit regarding the deception of the last days, which was incontrovertibly forecasted as coming to reign, even inside the church. This kind of trend that is deliberately directed at purifying the church, continues on in these first three chapters of the most treasured book of Revelation. However, commencing from Revelation chapter 4, one quickly encounters a totally different spiritual unfolding. In Revelation chapter 4, the Holy Spirit exhibits the mighty and most dreadful throne of God Almighty in heaven. And at that throne, two main features stand out, namely; a) the twenty-four other thrones that surround the throne of God, b) and the four living creatures around the mighty throne of Jehovah God. The twenty-four thrones around the mighty throne of God are occupied by the twenty-four elders around God's throne. Nevertheless, most central to the throne of God are the four living creatures within His glory. The Holy Spirit who is the Only Expositor of the bible, congenitally opens up the respective identities of these four living creatures around the throne of God. Based on their facial countenance, the first creature presents like a lion, while the second is like an ox, the third being like the face like man, and the fourth like an eagle.

7The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle (Rev 4:7).

From this scripture, it is overtly evident that in that August 19th 2008 vision, the unveiled creature with the face like man that emerges from the throne of God, is the third living creature. It is this third living creature around the throne of God that releases the black horse. And that became the main reason as to why God the Father deliberately orchestrated an encounter between this third living creature and myself, prior to the release of the black horse. The central objective of this spiritual encounter in this vision, was that it would greatly enable me to correctly identify the creature that releases the black horse, as strictly being the third living being around the throne of God. The arrangement of the four living creatures around the throne of God is deliberate because it is intended to reveal much on their spiritual positioning within the prophetic timeline. Understanding the prophetic timeline is crucial towards the return of the Messiah. On the other hand, the book of Revelation chapter 5 unveils a scroll that is in the right hand of God the Father. He holds it in his right hand. This chapter 5 immensely celebrates the seven seals with which the scroll in God's hand, has been closed. And that is the reason why when Jesus Christ opened up His heart to the church,

and revealed to her the signs of his coming in Matthew chapter 24, the unveiling of that most important prophecy later became embedded in the book of Revelation. Consequently, it is of utmost significance for the church to be able to connect the spiritual dots between the complex elements at the throne of God Almighty, and the ultimate Coming of the Messiah. Of the seven seals that define the prophetic timeline, only the first four are most critical to the church of Christ. These first four seals are most significantly crucial to the church because they relay the prophetic timeline towards the return of the Lord in the rapture. Only the Lamb of God has the authority to unlock the seven seals that define the prophetic timeline of God. There is a corresponding relationship that interplays between the opening of the scroll and the four living creatures around the throne of God. In fact, to the extent that when the Lamb unlocks the first of the seven seals of the scroll, it is specifically the first living creature (like lion) that appears and releases the white horse. The opening of the second seal directly relates to the appearance of the second living creature (like ox) who in return releases the red horse of blood and war. And in this particular August 19th 2008 vision, when the Lamb unlocked the third seal of the scroll, it is the third living creature (face like man) that unleashes the rider of the black horse of the apocalypse, across the globe. Albeit, what surely matters most, is to discern exactly what the manifestations of the release of this black horse are, and most especially how they translate in the physical realm of man. Like all the other three horsemen of the apocalypse, the horseman who rides on the black horse represents a significant prophecy that was directed to the church.

Historic August 2008 Prophecy

Following this monumental August 19th 2008 vision of things to befall the earth, I was immediately compelled to stand before over two million people in a little Rift Valley town of Kenya and prophesy. At this town called Nakuru, I proclaimed the coming of a devastating global economic crisis and a ravaging famine that would visit the four ends of the earth. In that prophecy that was handed down in a mammoth gathering on that Saturday, August 23rd 2008, and Sunday August 24th 2008, I came across very clearly that the anguish of economic crisis and famine would now have to visit the world, because the Lord God had spoken. In that pronouncement, I extensively elaborated to the effect that because the word of God says that the rider of the black apocalyptic horse holds a weighing scale on his hands, then there would inevitably have to be a global economic crisis visiting the earth, especially now that the mouth of the Lord had spoken. The weighing scale that the scripture in Revelation chapter 6 verses 5 and 6 refer to in connection with the rider of the black horse, is symbolically intended by the Lord to imply buying and selling. It is this buying and selling that fundamentally represents trade and commerce, in the global economy. The Lord used this weighing scale in the hand of the rider of the black horse in this vision, to represent the calamity that was about to befall the act of buying and selling, world over. But since buying and selling denote the economy and their global markets, then, the fact that the Lord in this vision placed it in the hands of the rider of the black horse, could only have implied that the entire global economy had now been

transferred into the hands of this rider of the black horse. It then became possible to quickly understand that God was implying here that a 'black day' was set to visit the global economies. To ascertain this, the scripture in Revelation chapter 6 verse 5, regarding the release of this black horse, directly stipulates that the voice shouts from among the four living creatures with a stern command. In that command, the voice of the Lord firmly pronounces; "a quart of wheat goes for a day's wages and three quarts of barley for the same denarium'. This is exactly what compelled me on that August 23rd-24th 2008 to equally proclaim a global famine that was looming over the earth. Therefore, the third horseman who rides the black horse principally epitomizes a historic Famine, of ravaging proportions that has never visited the earth before.

THE RAPID FULFILMENT

When the Lord spoke with me on that August 19th 2008 night, I was able to immediately perceive how pensive that message would gravitate on the life of the nations. Going by the scriptural definition within the context of the greatest prophecy that Jesus ever gave to the church, one cannot fail to identify the role of Matthew chapter 24 verse 7 in this conversation;

7Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places (Matt 24:7).

The Lord definitely intimated that there would be a severe shortage and scarcity of food. And because of the laws of supply and demand that govern trade and commerce of commodities in our markets, one will rapidly understand what that exactly means on the price-tags. As a matter of fact, it is the scarcity of food items, as driven by the short supply, that pushes the prices of food too high. Because food is a basic human necessity, anything that reduces on its availability, will most definitely always spur-up a great panic across the populations. It is exactly that kind of distress that culminates into a hyper inflation on the price-tags of food items to the point that it will be out of reach for most households. It is this failure to access the basic nutrition that translates into a severe global famine pronounced in this monumental prophecy. This is the inflation and famine conditions that was foretold as coming to befall the earth right before rapture. As inscribed in the book of Revelation chapter 6, when the Lamb unlocks the third seal thereby releasing the black horse, 'a quart of wheat for a day's wages and three quarts of barley for a denarium...' basically point the church towards a severe malnutrition that would visit the earth. Put it in perspective of the ancient Hebrew definition, a quart of wheat essentially represents the amount of wheat supply that an average person would need for a day's sustenance. And it must be remembered here, that the key word is sustenance, which means merely for survival. And because barley is a foodstuff of relatively lower nutritional value, it was often used by the poor to mix with wheat in order achieve a given minimum supply of nourishment. This kind of food shortage was meant to cause a hyper inflation of food prices. In this way, the Holy Spirit was using barley to relay an important missive to the church. That when the black horse would be released, families would be both undernourished and malnourished. The

undernourishment greatly takes away from the productivity of the labour force since they cannot afford their minimal daily energy requirements given the reduced quantities of food intake. Likewise, the malnourishment predisposes the work force to disease and unhealthiness that greatly impedes, not only food production, but also the generalized economic productivity of manpower. This is what would normally cause a cascade of multiplier effects that would spiral the global economies to the south.

How this Historic Prophecy was Rapidly Fulfilled

At the time of the pronouncement of the release of the black horse from the throne of God, nobody in that little village Kenyan town of Nakuru clearly perceived the gravity of what that August 23rd 2008 utterances would mean. Little did the 2-million strong gathering understand that even as the prophecy was being spoken to the four ends of the earth, it would indeed be the most humongous prophecy to ever shake the earth, in this present day. Similarly, the magnitude of the effects of the manifestation of its fulfilments were not fully conceived yet. But, to the greatest shock of all nations, it took barely a month and a half for that prophecy on the release of the black horse to be accurately fulfilled to the letter, on October 2008. While visiting the church in Toronto, Canada, it was amazingly stunning to witness the collapse of all the global financial markets on that October 7th 2008. In so doing, the rider of the apocalyptic black horse caused the most horrendous and devastating global economic crisis and famine. In what started as the collapse of one institution, one day the nations of the earth woke up to a severe crisis in which all the financial markets melted down. The greatest distress of this generation then ensued, causing Presidents and Heads of States from many nations to begin gathering in several capital cities, as they desperately attempted to salvage the collapsed financial markets. Finance Ministers from the G8, G20, and name it, have since then been holding series of crisis meetings in order to try and salvage the global economy. In the process, a global recession was officially announced across the earth. This has since then affected literally every nation ever created by Jehovah on the face of this earth. But the most important question then becomes how exactly this global economic crunch could take such a devastating effect across the four ends of the earth?

Cascade . . .

It would be totally imprudent to fail to mention that human civilization has been mainly built on economic progress and prosperity of this age. Over the centuries, economic growth and development has become the epicentre of all forms of human activity. For that reason, nations have been ranked squarely based on how they measure on the economic barometer that the World Bank and IMF have instituted. This has often caused countries to be grouped as developed, or developing. It is a ranking that has at times caused a lot of controversy because countries with greater economic progress have been classified as first-world while those with limited economic growth have always been catalogued as third-world. This is the main reason why the developed economies have in the recent past innovated more complex and intertwined financial markets that have spurned across the

globe. As a result, a more reliable system has recently emerged in which financial markets have maintained a comfortable stability over the years. High performance software and modelling of market progression, have in the recent past literally made it possible to predict stock markets performance, to the extent that people have literally made colossal amounts of money by investing in stocks. Pension funds, and equities have been pumped into stock markets with a greater degree of returns. All these technologies have been geared towards annulling the risk factors in stock markets, while maximizing profit margins. It is within the backdrop of all this kind of technological sophistication, and the manipulation of the elements of market stability, that suddenly came the global economic crash.

Lehman Brothers Collapses . . .

Exactly twenty-three days from the day when the prophecy on the release of the black horse was pronounced, the Lord brought its record fulfilment to pass. It all began on that September 15th 2008, when one of the largest global investment banking institution called Lehman Brothers collapsed. It is a day that has now become known as the black monday because the events that transpired on that material day will forever live to be remembered on the earth. For a giant investment banking institution, that had been naturally very stable like the Lehman Brothers, to all of a sudden and from no where, with no forewarning; to abruptly come tumbling down and crash, this has still remained a complex puzzle for the experts to fit. When the directors of the Lehman Brothers woke up that morning and realized that the economic health of their institution had swiftly degenerated into ruination on that Monday, September 15th 2008, they quickly took a move that surprised everybody todate. On that material day, the Lehman Brothers declared bankruptcy. This unexpected filing of bankruptcy is what catalysed and brought to a head historic chaos on Wall Street. It is amazing how the bankruptcy of the Lehman Brothers caused a ripple-effect on credit markets across the globe and their subsequent melt-down. In the weeks that followed, a record number of the majority of credit markets froze around the world. This alarm caused the stock markets to plunge, across the globe. The US government was immediately caused to take control of interests in other companies that began to all of a sudden ail, including the global insurance giant AIG. Other financial institutions that suddenly realized their rapid degeneration as a result of the Lehman Brother's bankruptcy, quickly went into mergers as a last minute attempt. This caused financial giants like Wachovia and Merrill Lynch to merge themselves but unfortunately this merger itself wasn't sufficient to the extent that they were literally knocked out of existence. Many other financial institutions that attempted to merge, hastily crumbled and collapsed because of lack of liquidity. Realizing that this was likely to obliterate the financial markets, the US congress immediately approved a whooping US\$ 700 billion record rescue and bail-out plan for ailing Wall Street. This, they called a stimulus package meant to resuscitate a dying economy. In that program, the US Federal Reserve innovated a historic record array of schemes aimed at salvaging the credit markets, Wall Street, and the entire economy. But unfortunately, as a result of that Lehman Brothers collapse, the global economy precipitously declined and headed south. Many analysts began to

predict that this would be a financial crisis worse than the great depression of the 1930s. This was according to experts, meant to be a signalling of a nightmare of the possible end of capitalism. The fear then became that this could as well be the sundowner to free market economics. The collapse of the Lehman Brothers on September 15th 2008 therefore became a deeply traumatic moment that marked the end of the debit markets as had conventionally been known. It literally exposed the deep flaws of the financial systems that man had spent all his life constructing. In other words, the deep flaws in human wisdom that lacks in the fear of the Lord. It also brought the evil excesses of the credit markets to book. Governments, the G20, and financial institutions were greatly shaken to their very core. It immediately emerged then that at the heart of this global economic crisis were more complex debt instruments that even bankers acknowledged that they could not unravel. They literally threw in the towel. It is obvious that the Lord had to intervene because of man's wayward behaviour that had now escalated out of proportion. At the height of the flourishing financial markets, people did not even see the need for God in their lives. The Wall Street for example had now even overstepped her moral line and gradually converted herself into a quasi-casino for offshore pensioners. How could this fail to catch the attention of the Lord? Rapacious unrealistic and unscrupulous profits exacerbated the remuneration of individuals and companies to the extent that God did not feature in their lives anymore. As the global financial crisis unfolded further, it actually emerged that man was absolutely unable to monitor and contain the financial system, let alone forecasting their trends. Toxic debts have now emerged that threaten the very existence of the so called sophisticated economies. These types of toxic debts today threaten to not only paralyse but also to amputate the limbs of most of today's G7 richest nations. Thence, the collapse of the fourth largest investing banking institution, Lehman brothers, is what sent shock waves that reverberated all across the global financial markets. Citigroup also reported subprime related losses of historic levels. Bear Stern also collapsed in the process. Leading mortgage lenders lost colossal amounts of money, thanks to their clients defaulting to remit mortgage. In a move that further sank the global credit markets, Bank of America lost US\$50 billion in a very short life span, while AIG crushed, hence requiring US\$80 Billion of rescue package. In a spate of a month leading banking institutions like HBOs, Royal Bank of Scotland, Washington Mutual, Fortes, Wells Fargo, Hypo Real Estate, Lansebanki all collapsed. Stock markets hit record lows, across the globe, and essentially wiping out all the gains earlier on made by man's civilization. To say that this was a replay of the downing of the Tower of Babel, would be an understatement. The Rider of the black horse, still went on to do more damage. The edge of investing banking came to an end as Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs renounced their status as investment banks; they swore never to do it any more. The ingenuity of man was literally reduced to its knees on a begging stance.

Catalyst

The bankruptcy of the investment banking giants, Lehman Brothers, was used by the rider of the black horse as the catalyst that stirred up the global economic crisis. As the aftershocks resonated around the world, other stock markets apart from Wall Street also collapsed. Vulnerable banking

houses fell and the international financial systems for sure did grind to a halt. Corporations slid into bankruptcy as job losses mounted to phenomenal historic highs. And eventually, countries across the world went into a global recession. That means that when the Lord released the rider of the apocalyptic black horse, no one was spared the effects of the crisis he ignited. Looking at the remnants of the devastation, many investors even committed suicide as countries pondered what they should have done differently. For the first time, many nations eventually left their economies into free-fall as a last minute ditch. The fulfilment of the August 19th 2008 prophecy on the black horse, really tested the assumption and thinking of man; as what was previously granted suddenly became invalid. This killed to fatality the futile market philosophy of man, a philosophy that had attempted to secure man's future through the 'too big to fail model'. The reality that loomed in the face of mankind even as the rider of the black horse continued to gain ground, was that there is no where to hide. The market analysis on equity by the experts failed to hold water across the globe on that day. And the eminence of the existence of a higher being that has full control of all things was realized. As the global economic crisis continued to swallow the economies of nations, the severity thereof continued to cause discomfort among the analysts to the point that they put it in this way regarding entire economies: It is healthy to keep ones mind as neutral as possible not knowing what to expect as days go by. The 'too big to fail' myth had now been tested and found to just be a fairy tale that should be wiped from many people's thoughts. The rider of the black horse of the apocalypse suddenly and most unexpectedly rendered useless mankind's security, and insurance to life. As one specialist put it, people learnt just how interconnected the global financial markets can really get without a notice. For it to have been a divine intervention by the Lord, it had to wear the following mark: that if the so-called market experts would have had the ability to foresee the collapse of the Lehman Brothers, probably something could have been done. But, it was all far from human control as no one expected what happened on that black monday. The resonance of the collapse of the Lehman Brothers across the globe, appeared as a financial fluster that threatened to shatter the global capital order. This indeed shattered the global financial structures. The unforgettable message that is carried forward todate, even as the global financial markets continue to bite on, is one major lesson that mankind's complex financial systems which on the surface appear very stout and stable; are actually very awfully fragile. Surely, it would never have been possible to write off the existence of God Almighty while living on God's earth. The second lesson is that no amount of human effort is capable of stopping a crisis from snowballing into the economic disaster it has today become. It is now moving in the lines of the great depression especially with such heavy investments on war in Iraq, Afghanistan, Somali, Sri Lanka, etc. The third lesson that man has picked up from the effects of the rider of the black horse, is that the law of capitalism that has perpetuated the existence of extreme greed and the clamour for materialism, and the self-reliance of mankind away from God, were on that day shattered worldover by this black apocalyptic horseman. This today has thrown man to his rightful place as a dependant of God Almighty in heaven. What makes matters even worse, is that many global markets had relied on the Lehman Brothers for their day-to-day financing and running. And that a single act by the rider of the black apocalyptic horse, caused them

to not be able to do business because he literally instantly froze their accounts. Similar dislocations played out across the globe in an unbelievable fashion, as stock traders scratched their hair and their jaws dropped. And what becomes even most baffling is that at times it was not the real collapse that caused the meltdown, but, that all financial institutions across the globe became paralysed with a strange kind of fear. Companies that man had built with his own two hands and used to work together so well, with such a long history of great harmonious corporation, all of a sudden could not trust each other anymore. This further paralysed the global economy bringing it to its knees. The global financial system went into a state of dysfunction as it proved too fragile to handle the distress. This became an absolutely new phenomenon in the global market place especially because it has well established itself over the centuries. The rider of the black horse ensured that doing business became too expensive and messy to sort out, as trillions of tax-payers dollars went down the drain in an attempt to resuscitate Wall Street. At this place, it is prudent to say that the deep pains of the global economic crisis are a necessary spiritual corrective that God Almighty had to levy on mankind because of his increased drifting away from the reliance of the Almighty; and his increased addiction of dependency on the global financial markets. It was surely intended by God Almighty to purge off the rottenness out of mankind's lifestyle of godlessness, and to return him to the reality that he actually is a created being whose God is Jehovah. Nowonder, it is today recorded that from the onset of the global economy collapse, many people have started returning to churches and even began thronging them in their largest numbers. From the ill-considered, and the over-the-top encouragement for home ownership through lies of what one earns, etc, man's fingerprint of sin is all over this global financial crisis. God finally brought him to book. It came out very clearly that it is today in this post-modern world, a near impossibility to make man institute big spiritual changes in his personal life in the absence of a crisis of this magnitude. That is the reason God Almighty brought in the black horse from his throne. One would today comfortably say that God Almighty of heaven released the black horse in order to wind down the huge non-bank financial institutions like Lehman Brothers, and to close down complex bank holding companies in such an orderly fashion, sequentially to initiate major spiritual reforms in man's lifestyle. Through the effects of the rider of the black horse, today's banks and financial institutions have been greatly humbled to a place where they now tread more gingerly for at least the rest of their lives, as they gradually acknowledge that man actually has no control of the majority, if not all of life's instruments. But in this way, mankind at least seems to be headed to a revival of a new kind, as homeowners now turn homeless and begin to look for rental units, also as the employed have now turned jobless, as health insurance become something of the past. At least they can now depend on God Almighty for their health, healing, and to fend for their daily living. Surely the black horse of the apocalypse came to destroy man's economic prosperity to perils that now only mirror the collapsing of the Tower of babel (Pride).

The Backdrop of Deception

The four horsemen of the apocalypse punctuate major spiritual landmarks on the Clock of God Almighty. Their release has long been discussed in the bible by the Holy Spirit. Many christians have

lived their lives and gone to sleep to the dust of the earth, without ever living to see the moment of the release of these horsemen. It therefore serves a great privilege to this generation, that they would truly live to see the dispensation of the manifestations of these four horsemen. It is a lavishing of love that no one can take for granted, except that all this was timed when the dawn of the clock of time was set by the Creator Himself. Most astonishingly though, is the manner of presentation of these horsemen by the Lord, a sequence that seems to indicate that they are following each other in rapid succession. We have seen that the first horseman is even more incredulous in turning very large numbers of believers into an illusory kind of christianity that as a matter of fact, lacks in holiness and righteousness. It gets even more spiritually devastating at this last hour, to factor in the false eastern religions that seem to disguise as new age therapy, yoga therapy, massage therapy, etc. These kinds of hidden therapies have practically encroached into the church and effectively gotten mixed with the lifestyle of today's christians. This can only infer that today's church must continue looking much more to Jesus, the Revelator, as the head, in order to clearly unlock for her the secrets abound this third horseman, and his implications thereof. Though frightening, these pains and signs that the black horse releases upon mankind, are yet necessary endtime warnings and spiritual landmarks that are intended to be the 'magnetic compass' for the church. Such a spiritual magnetic compass, if well followed can carefully and accurately navigate the church through the current spiritual quagmire, into rapture. Since the first horseman(white horse) exemplifies spiritual deception, while the second horseman (red horse) brings war; then it is true to say that the famine brought by the black horse, turn out to be absolutely most horrendous because it sets itself up against the backdrop of deception and war. Considering that the church is the Light of the world and the supposed opinion leader for redress and correction, then, a fall by the church into deception can only mirror the same across the nations. It is the effects of the white horseman's deception that has so much ramified deception from the church and hence across every fabric of today's society. One need not go very far to realize that the great spiritual deception in the church has even gotten itself freely into the market place, since the believers have already been deceived, and hence cannot even restrain deception in society. The current banking and market reforms that are being instituted across the entire globe on either side of the Atlantic, are a clear testimony of how much spiritual deception in the church has essentially putrefied society. The pyramid schemes initiated by Bernard Madoff in his ponzi programmes, ended up to be the largest fraud to ever hit the Wall Street since her birth. Such fraudsters have only emerged because of the failure of the church to give direction to the nations. It is ironical because even in the churches of today, there are on-going mega-pyramid schemes that have swindled lots of millions from poor innocent believers. In Kenyan churches for example, they have been labelled as deci programmes and because of the mega scandals and fraud that arose from them, a big public outcry prompted a serious government investigation. Such deception as has been brought into the church by the rider of the white horse can only make the global economic crisis worse. It confounds the effects of the black horse making him spiritually more virulent.

FAMINE

Today's War & Black horse

When Jesus himself gave the greatest prophecy of all time in the book of Matthew chapter 24, he mentioned the spiritual indicators that would forerun his return. It is absolutely apparent that in that central prophecy the Lord foretold of the coming of the beginning of birthpains, that would present, among other things, earthquakes and famine. He unambiguously said,

7Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places (Matt 24:7).

Notwithstanding in this prophecy, the only way to unlock the spiritual positioning of the effects of these wars between nations, earthquakes and famines, would be by examining the revelation of the Holy Spirit concerning them in the book of revelation chapter 6. We have seen that when the Lamb of God opens the second seal, the second living creature that looks like an ox, sets free the red horse. In this prophecy, the Lord Himself refers to the onset of wars in which one nation would fight another. Ever since the release of the red horse was pronounced, the earth has witnessed a horrendous form of bloodshed to the extent that the entire global population is almost becoming numb to bloodletting. The war in Iraq, the war Afghanistan, the war in Somali, the war in Democratic Republic of Congo, the post-election violence in Kenya, the Xenophobia bloodshed in South Africa, the North Korean nuclear crisis, the upcoming nuclear war to Iran, the bloodbath in Sri Lanka, and the list goes on and on. And we indubitably see that the effects of war have caused large sections of populations to migrate from their homelands hence being rendered refugees in foreign lands. The global refugee situation has now exploded to the surface upto the point at which the UN, the EU and the US, today hold joint conferences to discuss the global refugee crisis and human migration. This can only mean that instead of these people settling and getting involved in agricultural food production, large numbers of otherwise able people are rendered refugees and dependent on food handouts, either from the World Food Programmes (WFP), or the native host nations. This in itself acts as a trigger to escalate the famine that has been unleashed by the horsemen of the black apocalyptic horse. The fact that adults and young men engage in active war as we can today see in Somali, Sri Lanka, Democratic Republic of Congo, and other nations; can only aggravate the effects of the rider of this black apocalyptic horse. In such wars, able people are forced to exchange their hand equipment, from the hoe to the gun. That can only mean that agricultural food production, harvesting, and processing, which are processes that largely require stability and sedentary human order; these processes are literally grounded to a complete halt because of the lack of peace. Therefore, through the wars that Jesus foretold in Matthew chapter 24 verse 7, people would be removed from active farming hence reducing food production.

However, what is even most astonishing about this dispensation of the black horse, is that Jesus literally referred to the onset of famines and not a single famine. This connotes many famines that

would punctuate the surface of the earth. Many times God Almighty employs adversity in order to bring mankind back to his will. Among adversities Jehovah has used, war has featured very prominently as a means of inducing famines. In those famines, God Almighty intended to remove Israel from her fatal comfort and cause them to turn to Him. And because God does not change, the same would have to afflict this post-modern world too, as it did Israel;

6 "I the Lord do not change. So you, O descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed (Mal 3:6).

God Almighty always intended that great famines be employed to reprove the corruption in the church and the land. And that is the reason that now in this dispensation of the last hour, greater war-induced famine has finally befallen the earth. We can remember too well the great famine that engulfed Judah following the besiege of the land by the Assyrian army. Even in the greatest of this ravaging global famine, God will for sure protect his elect that have chosen the path of holiness and righteousness.

30 The poorest of the poor will find pasture, and the needy will lie down in safety. But your root I will destroy by famine; it will slay your survivors (Isa 14:30).

The effects of war that the rider of the red horse brings onto the earth, can only help to further confound the great devastation of famine that the apocalyptic black horse imposes on the earth. And because cyclical and repetitive famines are caused by disrupted human settlements, wars have hence today become a main contributor of hunger and famine in several places across the globe. It is amazing that the advent of the release of the apocalyptic black horse is now causing the world to look at wars differently. In fact, one would courageously say that the wars that plague the earth today are in essence a disguised form of famine which is covered with a veil of evil. That is the reason the whole world faces eminent starvation due to dwindling food supplies and increased food prices.

A Record One Billion Hungry

It is suffice to say, that pictures of bloated bellies of African children are today common scenes in the global news networks. Even skeletal people are currently being exhibited across the global news channels. It is no doubt that ever since the fulfilment of the August 23rd-24th 2008 prophecy of the black apocalyptic horse, and the corresponding collapse of most global economies, the quality of human life on earth has deteriorated. On September 22nd 2009, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (UN-FAO) revealed an alarming statistic on the state of human welfare across the earth. In that report, the UN-FAO reports that in this year 2009, a record 1 billion people are going to be registered as hungry and severely malnourished. Such malnourishment the report says, will result into reduced productivity as the undernourished people succumb to severe disease infections. If there was any place at which to clearly envisage the real multiplier effects of the black apocalyptic horse, then it would be here. This is because the devastating effects of hunger, malnourishment, and disease can only help to further diminish the economic productivity of the

already dwindling human workforce. For that matter, the ultimate repercussion is a multiplier effect whose bottomline is global economic downturn and famine. To make matter worse, wars that have now become a common scene across the globe, have left a trail of lessons to learn. The 1994 genocide in Rwanda for example, affected northern Rwanda which is, as a matter of fact, considered the bread basket of Rwanda. If the nation of Rwanda were a classroom in which the world should sit and learn from the effects of war, then surely it could be summarized as 'war', is in essence a disguised famine. We see that whereas wars can be stopped by peace treaties, famines that follow them tend to be more widescale and uncontrollably deadly. The other example at which today we can see the real effects of war, is Kenya. In what began as a simple disputed December 2007 election results, it all mutated into a whole widescale post-election violence and inter-ethnic war. Whereas one could easily say that the Kenyan post-election violence consumed the entire country, it becomes more accurate though, to pinpoint that it indeed mostly affected the Rift-Valley. But unfortunately it is this mostly affected Rift-Valley that has always been the bread basket of Kenya. With most of the farming community finally displaced into the Internally Displaced People (IDP) camps, agricultural food production was literally brought to a complete halt. And as a result of that war, Kenya is today one of the countries most ravaged by hunger and famine. Tragic tales of war-induced famines of this nature are today repeating themselves across the earth and the situation is getting even worse. Nobody can forget the horrendous famine that has visited Haiti, with its consequent social unrest and upheaval in that nation. Not only have the wars impeded food production, but also it has led to massive starvation of mankind when it affects the distribution of food from areas of surplus in production to areas of deficit and scarcity. As the rider of the black horse continues to race up and down the earth, crisscrossing one nation after the other. Evidence has it that this problem of food distribution from surplus to scarcity is going to become the most complicated. The war in Somali that has now birthed out pirates in the high seas, is one case in time that helps to explain just how critical the problem of food distribution is going to become in this last hour before rapture. In fact, the escalation of the problem in food distribution, is what ultimately fulfils the prophecy when the voice from among the four living creatures said " A quart of wheat for a days wages and three quarts of barley for a denarium". That is because the failure to distribute food from areas of plenty to scarcity, has escalated food prices in deficit areas and trigger a hyper inflation to the extent that a day's wages will now only have to purchase one single quart worth of wheat. It is astounding that famines in these last days mostly affect younger people than older ones. The UN-FAO now estimates that in Eastern Africa alone, over 3 million people are starving. Of the 23 million, 13 million are children. Jesus Christ foretold these predictions, when he delivered the Olivet prophecy. A famine like never seen before, today now looms across the world. This time around even the first world will be eaten up by food shortage. While in the third world, this famine has already increased the number of people barely clinging to life by scavenging through garbage heaps and strewn rubbles for the next meal. This great famine is now spreading to virtually every corner of the planet earth and especially Asia is worst hit.

Quart of Wheat

In that Matthew chapter 24 Olivet prophecy, Jesus most assiduously conferred to his disciples that; 'there would be earthquakes and famines in various places', as the beginning of birth pangs dawn. This essentially denoted that when the advent of his return would draw nigh, there would not only be the onset of many famines in different places, but also several repeating cycles of devastating famines across the earth. Moreover, a fastidious appraisal of this central Mt. of Olives prophecy, beautifully unveils a greater insight into what exactly the Lord meant, when he referred to 'various places'. In a practical sense, the Lord Jesus was actually referring to such famines occurring in many places with an increasing frequency across the whole wide world. And rightfully said, the Lord was already forewarning then, that many nations would be severely affected by this food shortage, and yet not all places would be afflicted. That was the main reason as to why in his language he employed the catch phrase 'in various places'. At this particular place, the Olivet prophecy basically construed that there would be areas of food scarcity and areas of food surplus (plenty). In principal, this would then greatly exacerbate the effects of the black horse since it practically entails the onset of repetitive occurrences of famines and in different places in this most crucial dispensation. The Lord clearly expounded on this famine prophecy to the extent that the famines he referred to, would rapidly accelerate across the globe, right before His most awaited return in the rapture. This absolutely presupposes the sudden explosion of hideous famine conditions and its corresponding ghastly hyper inflation on food prices, within the designated areas of scarcity. The irony though is that while all this is supposed to be happening across the globe, the Lord highlighted that there would be, on the contrary, certain patched areas in which a normalcy would prevail with an excessive food surplus.

Poverty . . .

Stunningly enough, when the Lamb broke open the third seal, the rider of the black apocalyptic horse was released and ferociously charged towards the earth with such an impunity that greatly foretold of the grievous damage he was just about to inflict. What even most defined the gruesome stature of his derring-do mission, is none other than the dramatic events that suddenly unfolded in heaven at the time of his release. It all began with the voice of God Almighty emerging from among the four living creatures and strictly assigning this ruthless rider of the black horse to exorbitantly re-price the cost of the most basic of food items on earth. In that monologue, Jehovah God gave a stern charge to this third horseman to ensure that one quart of wheat goes for an entire day's wage, while three quarts of barley be priced for a day's wage. This is what greatly forewarned of the huge food calamity that was just about to befall the unsuspecting households, worldover. Because of the extended nature of the household in the Hebrew setting, a normal unit was often inhabited by an average of twelve people. When the man, as the head of the household, always went out to labour, he brought home sufficient foodstuffs to feed the entire family. And since a quart basically defines a single unit of measurement of cereal that approximates nothing more than two pints, then one can only imagine the level of distress that this pitiless rider of the black horse was commanded to reign on today's gullible households. God was instructing this third horseman of the apocalypse to literally

stir-up a very acute shortage of cereals across the earth. The world the way we know it, operates in such a way that anything adverse touching on food security as appertains to cereals, would most certainly yield an agonizing anguish, because it basically threatens the livelihood of entire households. In other words, the level of malnourishment that the rider of this black horse was authorized to reign-in on man, would have to be historic. This is because a quart of wheat can only sustain one person's meal a day. It is for which reason, estimates place the price-tags for food items in this black horsedistress, as being twelve-fold the norm. A price designation of this calibre in any economy, definitely yields a dire state of hyper inflation, in which everything goes haywire. The resulting utter social upheaval therein, notwithstanding.

Mixing barley...

Operating within the backdrop of the first two horsemen of deception, and war respectively, this third horseman of the apocalypse essentially defines a new spectrum of human misery and suffering. At the time of his release, the rider of the black horse is bestowed with enough authority, power, and the tools with which to vanquish mankind in his ordained task. Going by the current wars that have today plagued nations, this rider of the black apocalyptic horse finds himself released in an environment in which food production is already compromised by the effects of war. And yet, the callousness of man's heart following the great sell-out to the white horse of deception, can only aggravate the situation as traders dishonestly exaggerate the food scarcity. Under these circumstances of dire strait, it is hence not uncommon to find that the poor families are the ones hardest hit by the economic realities. In the ancient Hebrew order, the only way in which poor households extricated from horrendous food scarcity, was by capitalizing on the cheaper barley. How much more then will households be distressed to settle for the less nutritional commodities in this most horrific dispensation of the black horse. The reason for which at the release of the black horse, the Lord commands three quarts of barley for a day's wages, is because that cereal is of lower nutritional value than wheat. Among the Israelites, whenever a food scarcity manifested in the land, the poor households would take a quart of wheat and mix with three quarts or more of the lesser nutritional barley, in order to increase the food quantity. That was the way in which the less privileged in the society provided for their households. And one can only imagine how much that is going to replay itself at a much higher amplitude during this current global economic crisis and famine. In rural Africa today, the situation has already gone out of hand, to the point that large numbers of people have starved to death, ever since the release of this hardhearted rider of the black horse of the apocalypse. For those households that are still surviving in the most famine-hit rural Africa, the food scarcity has intensified to the point that people are now eating wild berries. The confounding effects of adversity with which the rider of the black horse subdues man, is what is most humbling. In this dispensation, this third horseman of the apocalypse has indeed exploited drought to the point that, not only men have died, but also together with their animals. The situation has gotten very bad that as the animals die from thirst, mankind is left with no source of livelihood at all. In those famine-stricken neighbourhoods, for any household to even strive for a quart of cereals, it

has become a nightmare. This is because the rider of the black horse of the apocalypse has literally hiked the price of maize, millet, sorghum and rice to the point that they have soared through the roof. And that can only mean that it is out of reach for the majority of these poor households. In these kinds of circumstances, it becomes a great privilege for a household to even afford quantities of the low-nutritional sorghum. What used to be the tradition at scarcity, as people mixed small amounts of maize with relatively larger quantities of sorghum, has since faded away as families remain bare-handed, having lost all their crop and livestock. Many households have been humiliated by the rider of this massive black horse of the apocalypse, to the extent that many affected people today sit awaiting for either a miracle, or their death. And because of this phenomenal level of abhorrible distress, brought about by the rider of the black horse, most households today cannot even afford their daily normal basal nutritional requirements. It is a sad situation that has now greatly reduced the quality of today's workforce and hence impeded economic productivity per capita, and especially in the third world countries.

Oil and Wine

Just when one thought that the release of the third apocalyptic horseman would have followed the normal sequence of events as did that of his two predecessors, then suddenly came the most dreadful voice of God Almighty desperately yelling for man's safety. The loud cry and great clamour that unexpectedly rocked the Lord's throne, pleading for the safeguarding of man's wellbeing, is what would particularly astonish to the verge of fecklessness. The stringent directive that the rider of this black horse of the apocalypse was given, greatly underscored the eminent danger of depletion that looms in this dispensation. That instruction read in part:

... and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine (Rev 6:6).

In that most important prophecy that Jesus gave to the church while seated on the Mt. of Olives, he referred to the appearance of a scathing famine that would occur in 'various places'. The Lord used this phrase to intimate that whereas the majority of the nations would experience the unforgiving scourge of endtime famine, there would be pockets of plenty. It is vividly clear that in the more humble famine-stricken regions of the earth, there would be a scramble for survival as households barely make it with the day's wages. Among these poor and heavily starved neighbourhoods, the preoccupation of the breadwinner would be to secure some little wheat and barley that their loved ones may not be wiped out by famine. It is the reason God Almighty loudly exclaimed to the rider of the black apocalyptic horse saying, 'a measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny...' It is incredible that upon passing this rigorous command onto the third horseman of the apocalypse, God Almighty turned around and instructed him to safeguard the oil and the wine. In biblical context, while the poor craved for basic sustenance through wheat and barley, the wealthy always lavished themselves in oil and wine. Therefore, the oil and wine mentioned here in the book of Revelation chapter 6 verse 6, distinctly symbolizes areas of food plenty. It is the reason why the

Lord Jesus in that Mt. of Olives prophecy, deftly presented that there would be famines in various places, entailing not all places.

Cheese and Oil

In order to clearly comprehend the instruction of the Lord onto the church at this most critical hour regarding the command to 'not hurt' the oil and the wine, it is prudent that Christians understand the underlying basis within which the Lord made reference. Among the Israelites, it was common practice for the Hebrew people to live in structured communities. The wealthier often built their houses on the hilltops from where they had a panoramic view of the entire landscape as did they enjoyed an exclusive separation. The refuse arising from their daily living was normally trashed into the valleys that demarcated the affluent hills. And it goes without saying that the majority poor always dwelt within the mountain valleys. Likewise, there was a clear distinction between the feeding habits of the rich and the poor. The poor heavily relied on the pita bread that was carefully baked by placing yeasted dough on a hot-curved stone, as the main component. The rich however, mainly depended on a selection of carefully assorted rich cheese that was delicately processed to their taste. Cheese was considered an upscale entree into anyone's menu at that time because of the inherent scarcities of the moment. Additionally, it was customary for the well-to-do to maintain sufficient stocks of the most treasured olive oil. No meal was complete without the presence of a top selection of wine being served at the table. Such wine had to come from well established vineyards whose quality records had been well-tested over time. And hence, the main meal among the well-off included the central course which was largely constituted of cheese that had been well soaked in fine olive oil for a considerable amount of time. The process of soaking the cheese in the olive oil, had to strike a delicate threshold at which the cheese was fully and optimally drenched with the oil. At table though, as the cheese was scooped from the oil onto the platters, it carried with itself a significant amount of fine olive oil. At a glance, was a characteristic picture of the olive oil surrounding the cheese on the plate. But, it is the manner at which the cheese was eaten, that spoke about their affluent class. The freshly baked hot pita bread would be served at the table under a bread cloth that ensured it was preserved hot. Eating the cheese involved breaking a piece of the pita bread, and using it to scoop a piece of cheese, but, it always carried with it a significant amount of oil that equally soaked the pita bread to softness. Any meats that were served at that table would be, but side dishes. In this way therefore, the wealthy always had cheese and wine at the table. It became a symbol of plenty in that society.

Not hurting it...

Symbolically then, when the Lord God Almighty released the third horseman of the apocalypse across the four ends of the earth, He essentially smit the earth with such a historic famine. The scarcity that this famine would birth out, had to be that of monumental proportions as food prices sky-rocketed twelve-fold. However, Jehovah on the other hand, expressively gave strict instructions to this third horseman, to not hurt the oil and the wine, in the process of executing his valiant

mission. In other words, God Almighty gave the translation of the Olivet prophecy in Matthew chapter 24 verse 7. Jehovah was essentially hinting that as the dispensation of the third horseman on the black horse takes full hold of the four ends of the earth, there would be places of extreme food scarcity, while some other regions would enjoy plenty and a surplus of food stocks. The oil and the wine assume the role of areas of plenty while the quart of wheat and three quarts of barley for a day's wages designated areas of extreme food scarcity and galloping inflation.

The most significant question then becomes, who are these that Jehovah God so jealously protects at the height of the most humongous famine and ravaging starvation in the history of mankind?

Answering this question is what holds the key to the entry of the church into the wedding feast of the Lamb of God. In the spiritual sense, when God Almighty refers to olive oil in the bible, He strictly and always betokens the flow of the anointing of the Holy Spirit. And the wine constantly symbolizes the strength of the power of the anointing of the Holy Spirit. It then emerges very clearly that when God Almighty instructed the rider of the black horse to safeguard and not hurt the oil and the wine at this last hour prior to rapture, he implicitly referred to those Christians that have received the latter and most promised anointing of the Holy Spirit. The Lord had earlier on forewarned in the scripture, that in the last days prior to the return of the Messiah, there would be two kinds of zones across the earth. God Almighty hinted on the fact that the earth would live to see areas of great spiritual hunger and famine at which people would be running around not for physical bread and water, but in search of the true word of God.

11 "The days are coming," declares the Sovereign Lord, "when I will send a famine through the land—not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the Lord. 12 Men will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east, searching for the word of the Lord, but they will not find it (Amos 8:11-12).

The Lord forewarned that this endtime spiritual hunger for the word would be so intense because the word of God will have become very rare and hidden to man. And like it is in the physical, those who will fail to access the true living bread (word of God), would spiritually die and perish due to starvation. And all this would be orchestrated by a tremendous spiritual drought in which areas of scarcity would experience extreme thirst for the life-giving living waters of the Holy Spirit. Visions would be rare in those hunger-stricken spiritual regions, to the extent that the church would be both desolate and lost. On the other hand, God Almighty promised that there would be areas of extreme spiritual plenty in which a magnificent most powerful endtime revival would be throbbing. In such areas of plenty, there would neither be thirst nor hunger because the fresh true living bread (word of God) from heaven would cover their tables as the latter anointing of the Holy Spirit flows in the church. Christians that would find themselves in these areas of perpetual spiritual plenty are the ones that constitute God's own elect. The Lord comes out with such a stunning cry and yell to this third apocalyptic horseman, for the safeguarding and protection of His own elect who dwell in the land of spiritual oil and wine. In other words, when the rider of the black apocalyptic horse ferociously

charges towards the earth with such an unquenchable impunity; God Almighty steps out and orders him to ensure that He 'hurts not' those Christians who have received the Holy Spirit. These are the believers that live in the land of endtime revival of the Holy Ghost. God Almighty also ensures that His elect do not starve both physically when the material famine inflicts the earth with food scarcity, and spiritually when apostasy of the last days befalls the church (2 Tim 3). It is absolutely incredible to witness the happenings in the church today, against this fulfilled prophecy of the release of the black horse. The church of Christ today has been split into two bodies; with one part experiencing the most horrific spiritual drought in her entire history, while the other is over-indulging in the excesses of a phenomenal outpour of the latter oil and wine. Such a mighty endtime anointing of the Holy Spirit was long predicted and promised in the book of Joel chapter 2 verse 28 to 32;

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. 30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come. 32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.

The dual impact of the released apocalyptic black horse and its rider has manifested across the globe in both the physical and spiritual realms. By carrying a pair of scales in his hand, it is as though God Almighty took the entire global economy and placed it right in the hands of this rider of this black horse. The physical evidence of this horse across the earth has yielded such a horrific global economic downturn and famine. But now even more fascinating is the spiritual impact of this roaming third horseman of the black horse. As this black horse races across the globe, from one nation to another, his rider takes the spiritual actions of man and weighs them on the scale thereby unleashing horrific spiritual famine for those found wanting in their act. However, by the nature of God's own instruction to this horseman, when he encounters the revival church of the Holy Spirit, he safeguards their integrity for the Lord. Therefore, in their scriptural use, the oil and the wine reflect that there will be pockets of plenty in the midst of the most horrendous famine in the church. Christ's reference to famines in various places suggested that there would be other places that would be practically spared of this horrendous famine and would hence sustain plenty of spiritual food and eternal life. Any Christian that would find themselves in these places of spiritual plenty, will definitely enter the wedding of the Lamb. This is because the endtime revival that the Lord describes as oil and wine to be preserved, practically connote the church in which the latter anointing is operational. As described by the Prophet Ezekiel, the life-giving Spirit of the Lord that visits the church in this final dispensation, is expected to grow in its strength from one step to the next, till the Holy Spirit achieves the complete spirit-filled church that is the stature of Christ.

1Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar. 2Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side. 3And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles. 4Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins. 5Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over. 6And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river (Eze 47:1-6).

Safeguarding oil

The spirit-filled church of Christ of this hour, will have practically crucified her flesh and hence separated from the world. The evidence of this separation can only be reflected in the most important fruit of the Holy Spirit; the fear of the Lord. Even Jesus himself signified that at the end even as the rapture draws nigh, the church would split into two. One part of his body would be constituted by the foolish virgins, while the other made up of the wise and most prudent church. The wise church enters into the wedding feast of the Lamb because she is seen carrying a jar of oil which figurately stands for the latter anointing of the Holy Spirit. As the midnight hour draws nearer, the church that is represented by the foolish virgins is expected to undergo such a severe drought, famine and acute shortage of the oil, to the extent that she goes around begging for just a little bit to keep her Lamp on. But the wise virgins totally dwell and delve in such a spiritual plenty at which their lives literally thrive in the midst of the most horrific scarcity on earth, and when God the Father instructed the rider of the black horse to safeguard those living in the land of oil and wine, it is this that he intended. Jehovah El Sheddai determined that the oil of the wise church be safeguarded from plunder by the imprudent church. The Lord himself knew that the unwise church who has from the beginning lacked the fear of the Lord, would try to rush and squander the most precious oil of the wise church, in a plundering spree. Unfortunately for the foolish church, it is God the Father that designates those to live in spiritual plenty, strictly based on his age-old criterion of holiness, humbleness of heart, and the fear of the Lord. The divine protection by God Himself, from widescale plunder, is what causes the wise virgins to refuse to comply with the schemy request of the imprudent church, for a little share. The revival church of this hour should therefore be very watchful and take careful custody of their bounteous spiritual supply in the midst of this acute famine.

1Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their Lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. 2And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3They that were foolish took their Lamps, and took no oil with them: 4But the wise took oil in their vessels with their

Lamps. 5While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. 6And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. 7Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their Lamps. 8And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our Lamps are gone out. 9But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. 10And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. 11Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. 12But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. 13Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh (Matthew 25:1-13).

The church to which Jehovah assigned such a terrible scarcity of a quart of wheat for a day's wages, and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, is a church that is in sin. She falls in sin because she is deficient in understanding the treasure of the covenant that exists between her and the Holy God of Israel. And because she fails to shun evil, she surely remains in darkness for a long time, in the absence of understanding (Job 28:28). On the grounds that she lacked the fear of the Lord, the imprudent church continues in sin having been totally deceived by the rider of the first apocalyptic horseman that rides the white horse. It is the deception arising from the rider of the white horse that causes falsehood to consume this church, hence disserve her from the spiritual provision of God Almighty. That is how she ends up into such a monumental spiritual hunger of her lifetime. But, to make matters worse, it is the recurrent propagation of that illusory that secedes her away from true worship, and fellowship with the Holy Spirit. As though to crown her fatal falsity a notch higher, Jehovah God even allows the imprudent church to go out looking out for oil to buy. This, she does in an attempt to address her spiritual scarcity of famine as brought upon her by the rider of the black apocalyptic horse. Truly, it takes a preposterous level of insufficiency in the fear of the Lord to generate the purchasing the Holy Spirit of Jehovah. The fear of the Lord, surely impels all wisdom, including that for entry into the kingdom of God. Hence, when the voice from among the four living creatures, cried out 'do no hurt' it essentially conveyed an extremely very serious message of caution to the church of Christ. The Lord brought about this forewarning in such a manner that lauds and centralizes the role of the Holy Spirit in rapture. Caution was conveyed to the church that carries the anointing of the Holy Spirit to the most unequivocal terms because without the Holy Spirit, the church is surely desolate. Also most importantly is the fact that the church that safeguards and does not lose her Holy Spirit anointing is the only one that makes it into the wedding of the Lamb of God. This is especially so because the bodies of the Christians are the Temple of the Holy Spirit in which he dwells here on earth, and a failure to jealously guard the Holy Spirit that the church has freely received from the Father, can only imply spiritual death.

19What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own (1 Cor 6:19)?

That is the reason that absolute darkness of hades befalls the earth after the church has been taken up in the rapture. Taking the church in the rapture implies taking the dwelling in which the Holy Spirit has been living. And since the church is the Light of the world, then it can only mean that after the rapture, there will be no more glowing of the Light of the world, the Light that is the fruit of the Spirit. When a church operates in such extreme scarcity as a quart of wheat for a day's wages, and three quart's of barley for a day's wages, and yet lacking the oil and the wine, how then does she expect to enter into the spiritual kingdom of God? Most churches today are unfortunately caught up in this quart of wheat for a day's wages, a situation that has caused them to face extreme spiritual starvation, hunger and famine. And in their failure to genuinely seek the face of God as a lasting remedy, it is so sad that today's spiritually starved churches have resulted to a hyped-up fallaciousness in which they are selling and buying oil from one another. It is the Holy Spirit who dwells in the holy christians, that emits the Light of the word (Matt 5:13-14). For as long as the Holy Spirit lives inside the holy christians who walk in the fear of the Lord, the person of the antichrist and his horrific deception will always be held back. But when the church that houses the Holy Spirit in their bodies, is raptured then no one will be left to subdue and restrain the antichrist, hence he will unleash the full course of tribulation on the earth. Given that Jesus overcame death and the hades, it now makes perfect sense as to why in that July 29th 2009 vision at which the Lord showed me the rider of the pale horse coming to the earth, pitch darkness was following him very close. We know today that the rider of the pale horse is named death and hades follows him closeby. Therefore, the only way that death can overtake the earth as hades collects the victims, is when the Holy Spirit that carries the Spirit of Christ has been lifted up into heaven. And the only time when the Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of grace, will be taken away is at rapture when the church which is his Temple and dwelling will have been snatched away;

7For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way (2 Thess 2:7).

The fall of the last days is the most tragic in the entire history of the church of Christ. This is because it causes a great scarcity of the word of God to the level that the church experiences a severe desolation that can only be described as a dearth. But such a dearth of the anointing of the Holy Spirit does not merely surface into the church without notice. Even in the biblical times, many defilements and sin first encroached into the church gradually before the grand fall. It is therefore the steady paucity and loss of the revival that should always act as an indicator of a looming spiritual desolation. And yet, the oil and the wine that the Lord celebrates as he sets free the rider of the black horse, typically enacts the latter revival of the Holy Ghost in which multitudes will return to Jesus and be restored in the endtime harvest. It is true that today many believers are running helter-skelter from church to church in search for greener pastures. It has become common practice to observe christians visiting a new church every Sunday as they look for where the true word is being preached without the contamination of money and prosperity. A great thirst of a unique nature reigns in their hearts creating such a hollow void that they will always long to be satiated with the true bread (Holy

Word). And by the way, nothing else can quench that thirst except a true worship in which people lift up their hands and worship the Lord without stopping, followed by a genuine preaching of the word regarding salvation, the Blood, the Cross, righteousness, holiness, repentance, the kingdom of God, and the coming of the Messiah. There is indeed a tremendous spiritual famine of the word and its revelation, cutting across to the entire globe. Preachers too have today expressed a huge spiritual hunger with such an enormous longing to be restored, and be spiritually renourished because it has finally dawned on them that as they now preach anything under the sun, it is an abomination before the Lord. An abomination by virtue of the fact that they are the teachers of the law and hence lead many people into eternal damnation. This dispensation has truly witnessed the most abhorrible fall within the priesthood to the extent that pastors have even produced dog tag's engraved with the Lord's prayer. This level of repugnancy gets worse a notch lower by the fact that it is the so-called christians who will purchase those blasphemous dog tags. And this has been aired openly on global christian television. The church of Christ has not bothered to safeguard the anointing of the Holy Spirit even when she is well-too familiar with the fact that in these last days there is an extreme spiritual hunger and famine, worldover. The latter anointing of this hour is most imperative to safeguard because it directly leads into rapture. When one observes the way today's christians are living a casual lifestyle of compromise with the world, one has no choice but to wonder whether they truly perceive the meaning of what it takes to be the holy habitation of the Holy Spirit. It calls for a complete separation from the defilement of this world. Whereas there are lots of people who claim to be born again, the truth though, is that the genuine church of Christ is as a matter of fact constituted by only the Holy Spirit-filled christians.

God's Elect

The way in which the prophecy on the coming of the black horse was rapidly fulfilled definitely reveals a greater sense of urgency that right now prevails at the throne of God. Predicted on the August 23rd 2008 following the mighty vision of August 19th the same year then expressly fulfilled in a record breaking time of twenty-three days, this most important apocalyptic event portrays a prophetic acceleration that is occurring in the spiritual realm. This unusual quickening appears to have taken hold of the prophetic timeline of God regarding the advent of Christ the Messiah. Considering that the release of this third horseman is triggered by the breaking of the third and most important seal, then a clear depiction emerges on the speedy zero countdown to rapture. It then becomes plausible that the gravity of the release of this apocalyptic horseman is as a matter of fact in his eminence as a last call on the church. The placing of a pair of scales in the hands of this merciless rider of the black horse, literally defined the most critical threshold at which God Almighty withdrew his enduring protection over the global economies. It is God's ultimate removal of his divine protective shield over the market place that sent the most giant economies tumbling down in a historic freefall of our time. It also became the most sobering awakening on mankind to the effect that it had actually all along been Jehovah's preserve to protect the global economy. If there was a moment on earth at which mankind comprehended how caring and compassionate Jehovah has

been over man's welfare, then this was it. It also became the greatest moment of intellectual disarmament when human wisdom acknowledged defeat. Whereas the market forces may have been fluctuating up and down within a given dynamic equilibrium in order to uphold man's prosperity, on that fateful day the earth woke to the realization that truly there must have been a higher being in market sustenance. Owing to man's rebellious and sinful lifestyle that had well hinged itself on financial and monetary prosperity, God Almighty of heaven abandoned the marketplace, and precisely handed over the global economy into the hands of this reckless rider of the black horse. The global financial markets then surely landed in the hands of this wild black horse that literally took it on a roller-coaster nightmare. It literally turned into a horrific 'economic holocaust' of all time, when all the stock markets were wiped out of the face of the earth. The pair of scales that the rider of this black horse fronts in his hands, strongly suggests that in this wave of visitation across the earth, God was not only going to shake the global economies of man, but even much more. He was also intent in weighing the righteous deeds of mankind in such a way that only those whose deeds were worthy enough to tip the balance, would be spared the horrendous agony. It must be remembered that as scripture says, that only those in Sardis, who are worthy, having not soiled their white garments, will walk with the Lamb on that day. The worthy entails the holy elect of God. Listening to the strict orders with which God was instructing the rider of this black horse at the time of his release, it's obvious that he would look for the oil-worthy and the wine-worthiness, of men, in order to safeguard them from the implacable calamity. When Christians receive the Holy Spirit, he gradually infills them to the extent that they become worthy, because he principally converts them into mere vessels whose only importance is the treasured content contained therein. And such a Holy Spirit-filled believer then becomes the oil-worthy church through whom the sacred anointing oil of the Holy Spirit can now luminously flow. It is the protection of these oil-worthy elect that God Almighty greatly deliberated on, at the release of this feral horseman. The oil-worthy church is often that prudent church who lives in the absolute fear of the Lord in these last days right prior to rapture. She is biblically symbolised by the five wise virgins who were spirit-filled and hence spirit-transformed. A spirit-transformed believer is one in whom victory over the flesh has been fully realized, since the actions of the sinful desires of the flesh have now been determinedly obliterated in such people. A church of that order normally becomes fully conformed to the heavenly realm through the holy works of the Holy Spirit, whose radiant Light she brilliantly emits. This is regardless of the gross darkness hour that dawns this dispensation. Even as the pitch spiritual darkness of today continues to colonize the ends of the earth, such oil-worthy Christians will often depend on the wine-strength of the anointing to overcome the challenge of the hour. It is amazing that the economic downturn has taken several dimensions including the worldwide record unemployment that has now humbled families to a near hopelessness, and the famine that is humiliating human civilization of this age. An economic 'avalanche' of this rank has surely never visited the earth before, given the tremendous leap in information technology and financial management of the day. It is fearful to even envisage that this classic meltdown is only going to deepen further with time. Nowonder, following the UN General Assembly and Security Council Meetings of September 2009, the G20 Summit that convened

in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, for the first time in the history of their existence, agreed to patch-up and work together with the G8 in order to stem the global recession. It has now become the preoccupation of all nations, hence the concerted effort. But even as they do this, it is incredible to witness the worldliness and the subsequent lack of godliness with which they are going about this. Little have they known that there is a horseman who is currently seated on the most terrible black horse, and pacing with the economies in his hands, across the four ends of the earth. This global anguish over food, water, housing, employment, financial market, loss of pension funds, and their related rates of suicides and divorces, is absolutely consistent with the forecast that foresaw the greatest distress ever, visiting the nations right before rapture. Be that as it may, the Lord promises that in the midst of that quagmire, his people, anyone whose name would be found written in the book, would be delivered (Daniel 12:1). Those whose names will be found written in the book, are God's own elect church about whom he proclaimed such a massive armour of safeguard as he preserves the oil and wine, during the release of the third horseman. It is this church that finally enters into the most honoured and anticipated wedding of the Lamb. But who exactly are these that God Almighty may be so fond of as to be able to call 'his people'. The Holy Spirit who is the ultimate revelator, has gone on biblical record to celebrate the peculiarity of these elect. It is today all common biblical truth that the church whom the Lord honours as 'his people', is a remarkably well refined and purified group of christians.

7 "Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, Against the Man who is My Companion," Says the Lord of hosts. " Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered; Then I will turn My hand against the little ones. 8 And it shall come to pass in all the land," Says the Lord, " That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, But one-third shall be left in it: 9 I will bring the one-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, 'The Lord is my God.'" (Zechariah 13:7-9).

Consequently, God's people are his own elect church that has earned her place before the Lord in humility. The one and only way through which today's church can merit the Lord's favour of protection, is when she obeys the command that Jesus laid before mankind. The most cogent command Jesus ever placed before man, is that whoever desired to follow him, should pick up his cross and do so in an act of humility. God's favour is hence earned by any church that pays the price of total separation from the world. Though unpopular in human terms, it is this novel act of separation that gives the Holy Spirit an opportunity to refine such christians with the fire of God that burns away the spiritual chaff.

11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." (Matt 3:11-12).

Gold is a symbol of purification that the Lord uses to express his utmost desire to separate man from defilement in order to achieve man's true and original worth as at creation (Genesis 1:26). Evidently then, God's elect whose oil and wine the third horseman is commanded to 'not damage', are those Christians who have chosen the narrow path that leads to the kingdom of God (Matthew 7:13-14). This highway of holiness that the righteous church tows, is tapered because it is meant to cut off all the excesses of this world. In Zechariah 13:7-9, God Almighty describes that elect church as the one-third that has still to be further reduced by the refining fire of the Holy Spirit. It is a remnant church that is heavily fortified from today's global economic downturn. Daniel's accurate depiction of an anguish ...as has not happened since the beginning of nations until then..., meant exactly such a humongous distress that would have to require God's divine intervention for anyone to survive it. It is such a nose-dive that has today virtually affected every nation and everyone on the earth. Albeit, what will count most in the midst of all this on-going pangs, is the spiritual message that it is intended to relay towards the coming of the Messiah. It is often very easy for people to be caught up in the pains, and forget the true gist of the matter. The truth is that the release of the third horseman with his painful manifestations is meant to be a last and final call to the church that she may wake up from the slumber of worldliness, and prepare for rapture.

The Wedding WINE at Cana

In the beginning

The weak human form cannot overcome the relentless challenges of the world on its own, thereby explicitly proclaiming man's total dependence on the Holy Spirit. God's original plan for the church, intended prosperity that spiritually embraces her most prized heavenly heredity. When Adam squandered the affluence that God had bestowed in paradise, it became the biggest icon yet that prosperity was going to disturb. This candidly pointed towards the fact that down-the-line prosperity was going to become the biggest source of disobedience that would eventually mutate into man's greatest obstacle for entry into heaven. As Adam plundered God's treasured prosperity for personal selfish ends, he immediately lost heavenly connection and tragically came face-to-face with the flaming sword of God. The sword that descended down from heaven, at the garden of Eden, signifies the judgment of God against sin. The symbolic butcher-style back and forth brandishing of the sword to emit flaming flashes, impeccably demonstrated God's greatest displeasure with the embezzlement that man had suddenly engaged in. And as a matter of fact, this sword that was now coming to butcher mankind and the land, to a greater degree alluded that the cup of God's wrath was overflowing. On the grounds that man fell to sin, he inevitably got caught up in that most terrible verdict of the Lord, that integrated death and pain into man's lifestyle. This just underlines how much God Almighty hates the fraud of misappropriation that had now impinged man's existence. Interestingly, the first sin that man fell to, is that of squandering God's blessing of prosperity for man's personal earthly gain. It is this very prosperity-induced insubordination that

today threatens to keep the church eternally away from rapture. The severity of the sin of noncompliance was on that day well verified when God Almighty brought in the most revered Cherubim of his throne, to tackle defiant mankind.

24 After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side [a] of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life (Genesis 3:24).

Death and pain then unfortunately befell in a manner that surely befit man's disloyalty to God, thereby pronouncing the need for correction right from the onset. The thistles and thorns that God eminently proclaimed upon the earth, certainly forewarned of the pains man was going to incur from that moment on. Restoring the church back to her most esteemed spiritual appanage, will hence most certainly entail the dignified amelioration of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the house. A lot is right now at stake in the house of the Lord, especially given that she has veered into the last stretch of her home-run towards rapture. Consequently, any spiritual refurbishing that may occur in the church, between now and rapture, must only come from the most pledged latter outpour (Joel 2:28-34). Even in the advent of that vouched visitation of the Holy Spirit, only ardent christians though, will appreciate the oil and the wine the rider of the black horse was instructed to preserve and its import on endtime revival. This is squarely because the last revival transcends beyond the physical realm as it focuses on the souls of the devout holy saints. Only the spiritually enlightened though, will be able to catch a glimpse of the enormity of the endtime revival and how it would polish the souls to radiance unto the Lord. Emerging from heaven without the slightest of warnings, the stout, sturdy and swift black horse truly touched down on earth well aware of the spiritual condition of mankind. The perceptible split in the church was absolutely prominent in his mind, based on the directive he had obtained from God's throne (Rev 6:5-6). Such a rift though, had been schemed by his predecessor white horse whose callous rider had openly vowed to conquer the church into perils, through a most potent form of deception of this age. Moreover, the rider of the black horse was aware that the white horseman had emerged victorious by finally provoking the current controversy between the Lord and church. And for God to have vowed that because of that deception, two men would be working in the field, and he would only rapture one, the conquest by the white horseman must have been monumental. Likewise, the Lord promised that due to the falsehood and the extreme fraudulence of mankind, two women would be grinding at a mill, and only one would be raptured. Correspondingly, the rider of the black apocalyptic horse was also instructed to bring famine on one section of the populace, while protecting the other that symbolize the oil and the wine; in an act that could only escalate the split in the church. We know that when God Almighty proclaims 'oil', He always refers to the flow of the anointing of the Holy Spirit. And yet, in the same token when Jehovah mentions 'wine', He literally means the strength of that anointing.

Miracle of wine

We are reminded here of the inaugural exploit at the commencement of the indomitable ministry of our Lord Jesus. The induction of this titanic ministry of our Lord Jesus on earth, has always hit a

spectacular reminiscence with that momentous instance when he was invited to the wedding feast at Cana of Galilee. But regrettably for the hosts of that wedding, the wine that was being served to entertain the invited guests, suddenly ran out at the peak of the merriment. A morose kind of distress abruptly emerged rending people's hearts apart at a time that ought to have been entirely jubilatory. This acute scarcity of wine instigated a very distressing scenario in the midst of this celebration, in which now the gala had to come to a complete halt on the grounds that the wine was over. In ancient Palestine, it was the role of the hosting family to endow the feast with all the required elements including, wine as the principal drink of the day. In those days, the variety of drinks were limited to mostly water and wine. Hence, wine played a very central part in entertaining guests at a celebration. And the scarcity of wine at a feast was not taken lightly at all, but rather considered a very serious offence in that society. Often times, the social ranking of the household's standing in that era was in essence gauged by their capability to advance a lucrative hospitality to the invited guests. Therefore, falling short of offering an apt hospitality to the invited guests was deemed a grievous offence in that civilization. That is the reason why at the time of planning, every hosting family became well aware that the provision of adequate superior wine was the greatest barometer through which the society would gauge their worth. This was owing to the fact that the invited guests often had to forfeit their daily vocations at home and trek from far afield in order to grace a function of that nature.

The village . . .

Kfar Cana is a tiny village situated west of the sea of Galilee in a prime location that overlooks the historic Kinneret water body. We can vividly recall that it is on this very Sea of Galilee that Jesus walked, thereby defying the physical forces of gravity, in the greatest sign and wonder ever. Today Cana esteems herself of a mix Israeli Arab and Hebrew population composed of mainly hard-working farmers. Most fascinating though in this village, were the events that symbolized the wedding preparations and how pre-wedding arrangements went a long way in influencing the success of that august day. During wedding planning, the host family always ran the show and hence became the public opinion leader. It was due to the intensive buzz of activity that consumed the host family as they rushed to obtain the wedding gown, foods, drinks and decorations. They also spent significant amount of time and afford sending out invitation cards to the greater society. As a result of the buzz of action that went on around the village and its precincts, the time of sending out invitation cards became the most sensitive in that countdown. Most delicate because every member of the society was in great expectation, while anxiously looking forward to receiving a formal invitation to that most anticipated wedding. Such desire to be invited to the wedding cut across the entire society encompassing the Israelite and alien immigrant communities alike. Nonetheless, this was hyped up by the increased activity of wedding preparations, as was conspicuously observable by all. To make matter worse, the more reknown the host family was, the greater the number of guests who were attracted to the wedding events even as they unfolded. Among the most crucial endeavours, the preparation of the wedding gown turned out to be the most delicately approached considering that

such a raiment had to match the full distinction of the D-day. As was often expected, the finer and more costly the wedding robe was, the more time it inevitably took to be adorned. However, the preparation of such a highly treasured cloth did not escape the attention of the entire village and its precincts. It became even more captivating when the decoration of the wedding dress turned into the talk of the society. Such was the occasion whenever such costly decorations were used to adorn the gown for the event. This is basically because; the finer the preparations for the wedding gown, the more it became an impressive item of public spectacle and discussion. Like it is today, so it was then when a mere glance at the splendour of the wedding invitation notes, one obtained a quick synthesis of the cadre of that upcoming event. In that way the more famous the wedding hosts were in the society, the more fabulous the wedding invitation notes appealed. At that time, it was common practice for the lofty in society to even engrave invitation cards with gold just to underscore the exquisite elegance of the wedding event to come. In that context, the more glamorous wedding preparations at Cana were, and especially coupled with the great splendour of the gown; the more the general public intensely desired to attend. On the contrary though, a wedding whose arrangement was unfortunately characterized by mediocrity, insignificance, non-impactiveness, carelessness, effortlessness, inconspicuousness, often naturally attracted the least attention let alone the audience that became uninterested. The invited guests to such a wedding often enjoyed an ample privilege of escape saying; "sorry, I am fully engaged with my family and cannot make it to your wedding." Carelessly mobilized weddings normally achieved zero impact on the society, to the extent that their importance failed the burden of proof, to outweigh the daily activities that people engaged in. That meant there was not a reason significant enough for attendance.

Today's Church:

Cana showcase

During his heroic ministry on earth, there is no any one single task that Jesus did not approach in a doughty manner however formidable it may have been. That Jesus of Nazareth performed all aspects of his ministry to reflect on his apt mission of preparing the church for rapture, ought to be apparent to all mankind today. It then means that literally everything Jesus ministered, be it in the synagogue, private, or public setting, he essentially implied it in the most principal spiritual context. What today's spiritually barren church needs to concede, is that her all-out cumbersome human effort has resulted into such an unparalleled defeat of all time. It is the physical worship that today's church has engaged in, which has ultimately conferred upon her this greatest desolation ever. In showcasing the wedding at Cana, one would not fail to vividly recognize that it was not until the hosts acknowledged their inherent inability to entertain guests, did Jesus finally step in to salvage the ugly situation. Likewise in today's church, a horrid kind of desolation has raised its ugly head in the house, to the extent that she is no longer even able to entertain her invited guests anymore. The bottom-line truth

is that the church was raised as the mirror image of Christ Jesus on the earth, but she has not lived up to it. And that being the case for which the bible proclaims God's creation of man as falling in the order of his own image and likeness (Genesis 1:26). Walking in that lofty spiritual lineage can only demand that the church pay host to all the nations and peoples of the earth. This is primarily purposed to bring the nations into the full knowledge of the Jesus of Nazareth. As God's emblem of hosts on the earth therefore, the church must actively engage in genuine acts of service to the nations, as a host would in a wedding. Appallingly today though, even as the church has invited people to receive Jesus, such evangelism has now posed a real challenge onto the integrity of today's christianity itself. This is because the first wine that was poured during pentecost, has now run out at such a time when the guests are as a matter of fact already seated in the house of the Lord. Like did the scarcity of wine induce a social embarrassment of grotesque proportions, so has the absence of the Holy Spirit brought such a foul spiritual embarrassment in the present-day church. And it will only come from an open recognition and acceptance of defeat that the Holy Spirit will finally visit the house for revival. Such a public acknowledgment of the truth is what annuls all the human pride that has for a long time blocked the church from reaching her pledged endtime revival prior to rapture. Essentially this would mark a most humble step of genuine repentance from sin. Nowonder the bible affirms that in her weakness, the church would find strength. The church's strength is for all practical purposes God Almighty Himself.

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart (Jeremiah 29:13).

Today's church preparing for wedding

Going by the lesson learnt at Cana, the church today ought to have emulated that sample of life. This is because in Cana, we see that a state of revival manifests in hosts families as they prepared for the wedding, to the extent that the entire society longed to be partaker of that event. But the church today, has not experienced that revival that can cause the heathen to even notice that a wedding is about to befall the house. In Cana, we saw the most famous the wedding party were, the greater the prewedding activities were, and the more everyone in the society longed to attend and be part of that wedding. And yet today in the church, we see that as matter of fact, she is preparing to wed the Son of Jehovah, which automatically makes her a royal bride. But then, how come the wedding preparations have not consummated across the four ends of the earth? To the extent that the entire society of the human race is going about her normal life routines unchanged, can only imply that the wedding preparations which the present church has engaged in, have not been significant enough to catch the attention of the world. It may also mean that the church is actually even not preparing for the wedding. This is because the kingdom to which the church is supposed to prepare to wed into, is very popular and reknown worldover. Jesus, the Perfect Groom, is known worldover as the Son of the King. And hence, how can the preparations for his wedding fail to catch the attention of the entire human race that he delivered and redeemed on the cross? This can only mean that, either the church is preparing very sloppily for this wedding or she is not even preparing at all. We

also saw at Cana, that during the wedding preparations the tremendous adornations and beautification of the wedding gown, and how costly it was together with who was preparing it, became a public debate during the preparations of the wedding. And people greatly talked at market places and at the wells, about the great wedding gown that was being prepared by the host family for the anticipated wedding. Women debated left and right about how costly and beautiful the wedding gown by the host family was. How about for the church now that she is preparing for this royal wedding? How come there is no ongoing conversation going on in the market places and at the wells where people fetch drinking water today, about her wedding gown? How come there is no public talk? How come there are no television talk show hosts discussing her wedding? We know that the fine linen, bright and clean, that the church ought to be preparing for the wedding of the Lamb, is the wedding gown (Rev 19:7-8). Then that can only mean that the nations, the market place, the well from where people fetch drinking water, at all these places, people ought to be discussing and debating about how costly her (church) wedding gown is? The nations ought to be discussing and engaging one another on how enthusiastic she is. They ought to be saying to themselves "Look, yesterday I saw her, and she cannot even eat or sleep because she cannot wait for the day of the wedding. She is so excited except thinking about things about the wedding." They ought to be saying "Look, she is so consumed and totally taken up by the wedding preparations because she cannot wait to enter into the King's household on that day of her wedding." How come this conversation is not animating across the nations of the earth, within the heathen and the other religions. That can only mean that today's church has not taken her ample time to prepare a glorious attention-catching and breathtaking wedding gown. Cana was better than her. And the Lord is wondering that, if the wedding rings are here now, then where is the wedding gown, fine linen, bright and clean, that you will prepare for me. The Lord is saying that "Look, I died for all mankind in the public place and on the hill and the news of my crucifixion reached all the ends of the earth todate. Then why are you hiding the day of my wedding? Why aren't you telling them that I am coming?" Which means that if the church were truly preparing as a royal bride, the story of her wedding preparations and especially the beautification and adoration of her wedding gown, ought to have saturated all the media outlets globally right now. And implies that the righteousness of her walk in this present hour ought to have been the Light of the world now. It should have been the talk of the nations today. They ought to have said "Look how holy she is walking, and look at how righteous her ways are, because she is preparing for the wedding?" They ought to have admired the revival that is consuming her at this hour; the outpour of the Holy Spirit, the healing of the cripples, the opening of blind eyes, opening of deaf ears, healing of the mute, healing of HIV/AIDs cases in her midsts. All these endtime revival wedding-preparatory events, ought to have been the talk of the nations? But look, today she has actually even become unfaithful to the pre-wedding covenant that she had with her groom, on that table of last supper. But the sad part of it though, is that her unfaithfulness to her groom to be (Jesus), have become so apparent that even the heathen and the other religions are now talking about her fall to sin. They are discussing her most abhorrible unfaithfulness to her groom to be. How can they then long to partake of such a wedding? Given that

the new wine Jesus revealed at Cana owed its superiority to the former principally based on the fact that it had no part in the fermentation of yeast; then it is all plausible that the bible directs the church to keep the festival going afar from yeast (1 Cor 5:8). Sadly, the spiritual old yeast that has today marooned the church into a murky form of despair, is the same hindrance that has as a matter of fact yielded such an enormous wickedness and malice in her worship. This has prompted the christians to discard sincerely and truth in their lifestyle. Well, since Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life, then it can only befit that anyone who rejects the truth surely abandons Jesus. Today's church experiences this ugly desolation as a price being paid for rejecting the Jesus of Nazareth in all her practices. The endtime outpour of the Holy Spirit that parallels the integrity of the new wine at Cana, will not realize in today's church until believers ultimately surrender unto God's will. The people at Cana often took offence whenever they were invited into a wedding feast that had been haphazardly mobilized. This was mainly owing to their great busy-ness in fending for their lives, and any detraction from their livelihood routine demanded a sound reason. In today's post-modern world too, there are a variable of factors in inter-play to the extent that fending for a livelihood has become a chore. Most of the heathen are in these days moving towards the new age eastern religions, to solicit for comfort from a myriad of factors that negatively impact their lives on a daily basis. It is for which reason that yoga-related religions have become popular among the youth as a means of remission of pain. This in itself presents an enormous challenge to christian evangelism because one would have to have a reason sound enough to detract them from their normal routines in their cultic engagements. And because of the scarcity of the wine of the feast in the church, many of these previously yoga-inclined persons have taken a serious offence when they receive Jesus only to find a desolate church. History has gone full circle and replayed itself from Cana into the church, except that the church has not yet gone the full course to request the Lord's intervention. The turn that the church has veered into in this hour will most definitely call for her concession of defeat and a blatant supplication for divine help, like did Cana. Otherwise, the mass backsliding that is witnessed today as the invited guests feel offended will have to continue until Jesus reveals the new wine into the House. But the honours is upon the church to humble herself and acknowledge her inherent inabilities in order to give way for Jesus to not only find rock-worthy stone jars, but also command that they be filled with pure water. The symbolism with which the Lord Jesus exalted the rock-curved jars for the upholding of the new wine, becomes the true expression of his heart's desire to encounter worthy vessels of honour with which to renew his miracle in the church. This utterly explains the new benchmark for revival in today's church. The Lord's preference for those rock-formed stone jars to usher in a refreshing new wine was mainly driven by the fact that the new wine brings with itself such an enormous force and power of life-giving effervesce. Upholding the enormity of that power can be a challenge to feeble ill-formed unworthy vessels. We are reminded here of the context in which God Almighty parallels worthy to holiness. God demands for new vessels as a prerequisite for his replenishing visitation into the church's festival.

Today's Church needs Stonejars

The quality of the wine played a very significant barometer to the quality of the wedding. This perception persisted on in that village of Cana, to the extent that the finer the wine the happier, more joyous, more celebratory, more jubilatory and more felicitatory the wedding became. Such a wedding feast was hence ranked as successful in the eyes of the inhabitants of that part of Galilee. As a matter of fact, the intention for which it became customary to present the best wine first at any wedding feast, was mainly for purposes of captivating the hearts of the invited guests, that no one may walk-out on the function, prematurely. Massive walk-outs were an insult on the host family, and often translated into a pertinacious sign of disapproval and failure. However, for a wedding that was well on course, and even approaching its climax, it was nonetheless socially most embarrassing for the host family to suddenly run out of wine. This underlines just how vital it was that sufficient wine be available especially that these wedding lasted even upto a record seven days plus. When a household hosted a wedding, the most dreadful aspect of that whole exercise was the fear of emerging a failure, since that would most definitely always not go down well with that unit. It was hence considered an appalling episode that closely borders on the curse, bearing in mind the smear of unpleasant stigma that would calibrate such a household. Unfortunately then, for such a people that had failed to put up a decent wedding, the stigma of resentment that emerged thereafter, would literally percolate down the fabric of the entire society. This is precisely why when the wine abruptly ran out at the Cana nuptial, an acute distress consumed the hosts to the extent that they eventually surrendered to defeat, thereby seeking the otherwise atypical divine intervention. It is absolutely obvious that for the hosts of the wedding to have sought the help of the Lord Jesus, their human capabilities must have practically succumbed to the challenge. To publicly concede to defeat in their human efforts, that became the biggest mark of humility that earned the village of Cana a miraculous remedy that Jesus proffered upon her life. It then transpired that this was to become the novel occasion for Jesus to perform the first miracle of his ministry on earth. This the Lord did by instructing that water be poured into the six stonejars that stood in the vicinity. We cannot delve much on the symbolism accorded by the rock from which the stonejars were curved, but privilege ourselves with the knowledge that only the Super Potter must have wielded the power to mould them. Nevertheless, what can be elaborately well exploited, is the fact that those stonejars made of rock, suddenly became the iconic spiritual identity of the new vessels which the church requires today in order to uphold the latter wine. The Lord Jesus then converted pure water into the best wine ever made in the entire history of heaven and earth;

1On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, 2and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." 4"Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied, "My time has not yet come." 5His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. 7Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. 8Then

he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

Just like the latter wine that tasted much better and stronger at the Cana wedding, so will it be with the wine of this endtime hour in the church. The first wine at that Cana wedding had tasted inferior to the latter, because it was a wine essentially made out of the fermentation of yeast. It is the fermentation of yeast that caused the first wine to taste in the particular profile it did. However, when the Lord Jesus miraculously converted the water into wine, that latter wine tasted much better by being stronger, newer, more effervescent, more exciting and tastier than the former. This is on account of the fact that the latter wine that came directly from heaven was practically devoid of any yeast-driven fermentation processes. As God the Father sent Jesus to perform this miracle in the eyes of the Hebrew people at Cana, it was all going to be obvious to the church that principal to it is the symbolism it bears on the wedding of the Lamb. Since Jehovah God never dwells on matters flesh, it is all apparent that the wedding at Cana bore a greater spiritual implication into the lives of today's church. At this wedding, Jesus relayed a purely prophetic message that was purposed for directing the church towards the latter visitation of the Holy Spirit that would occur prior to his return. The Lord eloquently foretold that this form of latter anointing would highlight in the days prior to the wedding of the Lamb, except that this time around with a much greater power and authority. At the liberation of this third Horseman of the apocalypse, the exclamation; 'and do no harm to the wine...', principally designated the strength of the latter anointing that needed preservation. This second outpour was designed to function at a plane over and above that at pentecost, as the rapture drew nigh. The Holy Spirit was assuring to visit the church with awesome power. However, the rationale for which the Lord wanted that prodigious anointing to be preserved, was because it offers the only prospect for the church to enter into the kingdom of God. Yet it is the process of protecting this proficient endtime anointing that in essence connotes the separation of the elect spirit-filled church from the world. It seems here then, that God Almighty is egregiously concerned about the dangers of the world contaminating his latter most treasured glory in the church. It all boils down to the integrity of the Christians in the endtime revival church, that Jehovah was jealously clamouring to shield as he release of the black horse. God granted so much authority to the rider of this black horse, to cause devastation upon the life of mankind, to the extent that even the spiritual life of the church would be compromised. A concession of this kind would normally arise from Christians being caught up in doing anything to sustain their comfort during this atrocious famine. Such defiling conciliation in Christian character will most definitely involve lying, absconding from worship, and even partaking of the degradation of immorality. This is what appraises the value of the miracle Jesus performed at Cana, when he literally centralized the treasure of the latter wine (anointing).

Nonetheless, the gravity expressed by God Almighty at the moment of release of the black horse was greatly telling of the past abuse. It can only accentuate that previously there was an anointing that had been misappropriated. And now God Almighty was not keen to observe the believers relinquish their ordained responsibility over the final outpour, and only hope for the church, desecrated once more. Owing to the most awful economic distress that this black apocalyptic horse brings to the earth, Jehovah knew that the majority of the church would be forced to live below the benchmark expectation of holiness. And that is why the Lord had earlier on forewarned of the last days saying that Christians would be converted into lovers of money, lovers of pleasure, having a form of godliness that lacks the power of the Holy Spirit (2 Timothy 3:1-5). The Lord knew it too well that a compromised and false kind of Christian lifestyle would cause his Holy Spirit to expressly egress the believers. A divine intervention would then have to be put in place to salvage revival in the last days. The standard of the Lord on the church is the one only timeless benchmark of holiness in Christian walk. Being very much aware that he has to faithfully respect His holy word, God Almighty cried out in great concern over the latter anointing of the new wine, and preservation thereof. This became the landmark emphasis on the true standard for spiritual endurance with which Christians who are recipients of the latter anointing in the church, should live. It is supposed to be regardless of the height of this most historic economic pang that we see today. The word affirms that without holiness, surely no one will see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14). The last minute rush to safeguard the oil and the wine of this dispensation, directly corroborates the amount of task apportioned to the latter anointing of the Holy Spirit. The endtime outpour of the Holy Ghost is solely charged with the duty of both purifying and reviving the church to complete radiance, for rapture. Right now, the church of Christ wears an incredibly dreary facade of the sin that has addictively plagued the life of believers today. Only a repentance revival that purifies the church away from her current yearn for earthly prosperity, can honestly return her back to the Lord in absolute holiness. This would have to entail an unswerving effervesce of commitment that can only come from the latter wine of the Holy Spirit. That is the true inscription of a legitimate zeal for serving the Lord in these last days. Today, there is a brutal spiritual hunger and famine prowling in the church of Christ, worldwide. To the extent that items are now being merchandised publicly on global Christian television, believers have now finally put up for sale, the blood of Jesus, at market prices. Surely, when the Lord said that there would be famines in 'various places', it went farther than the physical realm, but also more significantly spiritual hunger. Nowonder, God Almighty expresses a lot of zealousness over the oil and wine as he liberates the third horseman of the apocalypse. It is this oil and wine that today offers the church, the smallest remnant glimpse of hope for entry into the wedding of the Lamb;

13 "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills. 14 I will bring back my exiled people Israel; they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit (Amos 9:13-14).

That in itself alludes that only a Holy Ghost inspired repentance restoration can turn things around in the church, however bad they may seem at the moment. While on the global scale the rider of the black horse may have caused the stock markets to tumble, on the household level, this has translated into people losing their jobs, homes, money in the stocks, pension funds, and even most of their earthly treasures like gold savings. It is these adverse effects of the black horse that have consequently translated into homelessness and famine among people who were previously self sufficient. Nonetheless, on the flip side of things, this has also presented a novel opportunity for spiritual revival across the nations. Especially now that most people have ultimately succumbed to recognising that only Jesus remains their unchanging source of help, be it jobs, health, and joy. It is for this cause that God planned for the Holy Spirit to visit the church at this last hour in order to bless her with the wisdom of God. The wisdom of God has today become very rare in the church across the globe. And yet it will only take the wisdom of God to recognize the great spiritual revival that is concealed within the on-going economic hardship. The Holy Spirit has today been charged with the enormous capacity to reveal the person of Christ, more and more until she attains the full stature of the Christ. For that matter, the more the believers are in-filled by the Holy Spirit, the closer they are drawn to the Person of Christ. This is particularly very critical at this moment because the heart of the church has most recently been stolen away by pastors preaching the false gospel of prosperity and wealth transfer. Contrary to drawing the christians closer to Christ the Saviour, this defiling gospel of prosperity has as a matter of fact wafted christians away from the Lord. However, the epitome of it all is that the more the church continues getting in-filled by the Spirit of the Lord, the more she will voluntarily comply with God's righteous requirements. As the Holy Spirit avails more wisdom to the church, she will in turn be drawn more and more into the fear of the Lord (Job 28:28; Proverbs 1:7). The fruit of the fear of the Lord in the church will in these last days manifest as obedience to the righteous word of God. At her inception, the church of Christ was long promised a mighty visitation of the Holy Spirit that would dissuade her from the world and bring her back to obeying the Lord. And that was purposed to be the brilliant archetype of the mature bride of Christ at rapture. Therefore, the pains that today's global recession has afflicted households with, is largely as a result of man's disobedience to God, and his overdue return to holiness. As a matter of fact, man's noncompliance to the word is the main reason God Almighty sends him the horseman of the apocalyptic black horse. This pitiless third horseman of the apocalypse comes wielding a scale in his hands and weighs the acts of man to see their worth. Those whose act can tip the scale and balance up with a combined oil and wine standard, he spares them of the agony. However cruel and remorseless today's economic realities may present in the on-going recession, God Almighty has still pledged to shield those christians who obediently adhere to his holy word. As it was in the garden of Eden, it has resurfaced again very unmistakably that the biggest showdown of this last hour, is not going to be that for bread and water, but a spiritual battle for the control of the hearts of men. And yet even truly so, the only thing that Jesus ever died for on the cross and scored such a landmark victory, is that very contested heart of man. And likewise, the only entity the adversary constantly pursues, ever since he was violently hurled from heaven, is the void tender unsuspecting heart of

man. The adversary cannot contest the victory that Jesus achieved over the heart of man on the cross at Calvary, hence he hunts for void hearts. This stands out as a lesson especially among the believers to ensure that their hearts are continually in-filled with the Holy Spirit to avoid any uncalled for challenges. As so goes the saying, an idle mind is the devil's workshop, and so is the reality that an empty heart often becomes the devils target for habitation.

43When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. 44Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. 45Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

As the world with its sinful desires attempts to waft the empty hearts of christians away from the truth, the Holy Spirit then comes in very handy in a timely fashion, to infill their hearts, while gradually revealing more and more of the Person of Christ. If there was any impetus for the shepherds of this age to teach on the in-filling of the Holy Spirit, then this is it. More so, because of the corrupting influences of today's post-modern world into the church of Christ. It is this reality of more of Christ and the price he paid on the Cross to purchase men, that finally consumes man to totally surrendering his heart to Jesus, and completely shunning evil. That, according to the bible, is understanding: **And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding (Job 28:28)**. This is basically the way in which the latter anointing of the Holy Spirit brings about the endtime revival across the nations, as more and more submit their lives to Jesus of Nazareth.

1The man brought me back to the entrance of the temple, and I saw water coming out from under the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was coming down from under the south side of the temple, south of the altar. 2He then brought me out through the north gate and led me around the outside to the outer gate facing east, and the water was flowing from the south side. 3As the man went eastward with a measuring line in his hand, he measured off a thousand cubits and then led me through water that was ankle-deep. 4He measured off another thousand cubits and led me through water that was knee-deep. He measured off another thousand and led me through water that was up to the waist. 5He measured off another thousand, but now it was a river that I could not cross, because the water had risen and was deep enough to swim in—a river that no one could cross. 6He asked me, "Son of man, do you see this?" Then he led me back to the bank of the river (Ezekiel 47:1-6).

All this genuinely reflects on the raging battle that goes on between the flesh and the spirit. Consequently, as the latter outpour of the Holy Spirit strengthens the spiritual lives of christians, their spiritual beings will eventually defeat the flesh. The Spirit of the Lord does this by gradually weaning the hearts of the believers more and more away from the sinful desires of the flesh. This sinful desires

of the flesh are essentially the earthly prosperity which have in the recent past exalted themselves in the hearts of man, over and above Christ. The scripture in 1 Corinthians chapter 15 verses 50 through 56 could never have been more real than it does now, on the need to kill the flesh. It really doesn't matter whichever way one may look at it, but the ultimate objective for which God sent the rider of the black horse, is apparent. The Lord sent him to destroy the sinful desires of the flesh that the spiritual lives of the christians may be given a chance to grow and thrive again. The church that will be raptured has to grow to the full height (teleos) and maturity of Christ Jesus. And yet, the pressures that this post-modern world subjects the christians to, is what has largely accounted for the perpetual sin and spiritual infancy (dwarfism) in the church. Therefore their removal out of the way, can only imply spiritual growth towards the holiness of Christ Jesus in the church. The mature church strides in tandem with the righteousness of the Lord. It is this walk in the righteousness of the Lord that essentially completes the prophecy at creation when God made man in his own image and likeness (Gen 1:26). All this is in reference to the ridding-off of what is prone to decay from the life of man. Today, it is so unfortunate that many christians live their lives in total spiritual decay without weighing the consequences thereof, of such a casual relationship with Jesus. The greatest challenge of this age will hence continue to be that of getting the shepherds to own up their sin of compromise, and come out eloquently to the sheep on the fact that the perishable will never inherit the imperishable, neither will the mortal inherit the immortality. The Spirit of the Lord has been duly delegated to convert the church from her perishable apostate form, to the glorious imperishable, oil and wine, that enters the wedding of the Lamb.

The Light of the World

Jesus himself spoke about the necessity of this oil for the church to keep her Lamp burning towards rapture. The Lord compared the perfect, mature, righteous and holy church that is worth rapture, to the five wise virgins that carried oil in their jars and used it to fuel the Lamps of their salvation. The Holy Spirit is the oil for this hour in the church, in order to emit the fruit of the Spirit. That Light is the Light of Christ. By emitting the Light of Christ, many who are distressed in the anguish of today, will inevitably admire the tranquillity of the spirit-filled christians. That is the way in which the heathen would become convicted in surrendering their lives to Jesus. That Jehovah is the God of Light, who hates darkness, is obvious. No wonder in the interior of the Temple of the Lord, God commanded the priesthood to always use clear oil made out of pressed olives, to tend the Lamp continuously from evening when the darkness sets in till morning when the daylight arrives. That can only emphasize that Jehovah our God desires to see the church of Christ continuously tending her Lamp of salvation using the anointed oil of the Holy Spirit.

1The Lord said to Moses, 2"Command the Israelites to bring you clear oil of pressed olives for the Light so that the Lamps may be kept burning continually. 3Outside the curtain of the Testimony in the Tent of Meeting, Aaron is to tend the Lamps before the Lord from evening till morning,

continually. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come. 4The Lamps on the pure gold Lampstand before the Lord must be tended continually (Lev 24:1-4).

When Spirit-filled Christians shine the Light of the Holy Spirit in their walk, they essentially fulfil the calling to become the Light of the world. And hence attract many people to Jesus. This is what was intended as the endtime revival in the church. However desolate the church may be today, He that wrought so hard for Israel in her greatest hour of anguish, is capable of converting today's desolation into a flourishing revival of the endtime.

15till the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the desert becomes a fertile field, and the fertile field seems like a forest (Isaiah 32:15).

The spiritual beauty of it all, is that the rapture church is accorded a divine protection from God Almighty. In the midst of this global economic distress, the third horseman of the apocalypse is instructed to protect the spirit-filled elect of the Lord from plunder. That means that we are in a state of spiritual battle and plundering is a real threat. Of course the adversary would love to pillage especially from the tranquil elect. God's protection in these days of the black horse, is very real, both in the physical and spiritual phases. A case in time is Israel whose economic protection the Lord has today guaranteed as an oasis of refreshment within a hush economic desert. While many global leaders are today in panic with series of crisis meetings aimed at resolving the current global recession, the State of Israel has remained recession-proof and virtually unaffected. On the contrary, the Israeli economy has experienced a phenomenal growth of even greater strides this year, as the Israeli shekelim has yet again appreciated in value against other currencies. For that to happen in the backdrop of such a harsh global financial meltdown, it must have been Jehovah that has protected his people. This kind of miracle can only come about as a result of the direct intervention of the God of Israel. So it is with the church that treads along the narrow path of obedience and righteousness. God Almighty who is the architect of the current freeze in the credit markets, is able to protect his own elect with unmeasurable provision. Given that the agenda of the endtime revival was purely designed to befit this dispensation in the prophetic timeline towards rapture, then it is credible to catalogue it as that pledged greatest resurgence of reformation in today's church. Fueled and driven by the Holy Spirit of Jehovah, then it is conceivably deducible that the momentum of such a spiritual renovation was indeed targeted at the purification and perfecting of the bride of Christ. This is the reason God sent the rider of the black horse on that August 19th 2008, to demolish the human prosperity infrastructure that has otherwise today ramified the entire framework of the church, and overshadowed the Light of Christ that she ought to emit. It is these brands of perishable highways of earthly prosperity that the adversary has maximally exploited to keep the church's Lamp from emitting Light and hence, off the novel highway of holiness, and yet faithfully delivering her into the decay of darkness. In the absence of such overshadowing putrefaction of prosperity, the church will inevitably have no choice, but regain her spiritual lumination and eventually be able to emit greater Light that focuses her into the imperishable realm. Earnest pursuit for eternity is what ultimately

prompts honest Christians to thirst for more and more of the Holy Ghost outpour to refuel their Lamps (1 Cor 15:50-56). In declaring his unconditional love for the church, the Lord himself tendered his unwarranted guarantee that those who would go out to seek him with all their hearts, would find His Light to rekindle the Lamps for their salvation. That is the motive for which the horseman on the black horse was hurled onto the earth, to ravage the instruments of prosperity in the church's lifestyle; in order to accord the Lord the ample occasion of relighting the spiritual Lamps of the church for this for this spell. It is this that separates out the endtime luminous revival church, thereof disconnecting her from the contaminating darkness of this world, while ultimately transforming her into an honourable Holy Ghost-filled Light of the world. These are the Christian elect that the voice of the Lord from among the four living creatures cried out without vogue, in a commanding tone: 'do no harm to the oil and the wine . . .'. The oil that the Lord jealously clamours to shield, essentially epitomizes the massive flow of the anointing of the Holy Spirit that is intended to keep the Lamps of the elect burning as the wedding of the Lamb draws near. It greatly denotes on the wisdom of God with which the rapture-ready elect live while exuding the Light of the fear of the Lord, prior to rapture. Only the spiritually wise elect whose souls have been lit up as the Light of the world will fully appreciate the eternal consequences of a life lived in the absolute fear of the Lord. The most captivating attribute of the endtime revival church arises from the fact that the Trinity of God Almighty becomes particularly very fond of her because she continues to luminate the Light of Christ in this dark world. In a nutshell then, the price that believers are hence required to pay in order to be moulded into the stonejar vessels of this day, is as a matter of fact, a greatly paying reward of God's eternal love, yet in disguise. It is the compensation that Christians will receive for observing a separated life (2 Cor 6:14-18). While the Lord Jesus may have hinted on this elect as being symbolized by the five wise virgins of the allegory, God the Father on the other hand proclaims a mightier divine protection around the oil that keeps their Lamps burning, amid the current anguish (Matt 25:1-13). For the Lord God to have decreed such a mighty safety surrounding the holy elect as he released the apocalyptic black horse, indicates that the most critical edge in these last days, is going to boil down to the protection of the anointing oil of the Holy Spirit within the lives of the Christians. Furthermore, the way in which the voice of the Lord yelled out to the rider of the black horse saying, 'and do not damage the oil and the wine . . .', can only insinuate an eminent risk of a disastrous plunder on the oil that keep of the church burning today. That is the emphasis on the danger that looms over the latter anointing of the Holy Spirit in these last days. The threat of such desecration becomes vividly real, especially that it could distort the very image of the Light emitted by the elect causing it to be sooty in this delicate endtime revival. The divinely sheltered oil of the anointing upon God's elect therefore, must be composed of those under the privilege of walking in that biblically well-celebrated wisdom of the Lord that the Holy Spirit brings into the church. Such a rare aspect of Christian lifestyle can only materialize in one having received the oil from on high. That oil brings wisdom that has the aptitude and aggregate competence to spiritually re-direct today's church back from the perishable decay of darkness that has now demarcates her miserable life. This re-rearing from sin to the holiness of the Lord, is the repentance that the oil of the Holy

Spirit is capable of provoking in the act of strict veering of value systems of the believers, from the things of this world, to the eternal kingdom of God. In which case then, the devastation of today's economic civilization by this third horseman, leaves the elect holy Christians virtually untouched and indifferent anyhow. They are not gravely impacted by the economic collapse and woes of today because their value systems have already been withdrawn from mere earthly prosperity and re-launched into the deep of the heavenlies. And this re-launching of value away from the carnal world into the heavenly realm as a matter of fact simulates their spiritual propensity to effectively evangelize the holy Jesus of Nazareth. They that bear this stonejar trait, then become the true vessels of endtime revival because even in their fishing for men, they indeed launch their nets into the deep of the sea. This command on how to evangelize the glorious gospel, Jesus gave to the church as a lasting charge:

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." (Luke 5:4).

Because the elect church walks in Light of holiness, she always enjoys the complete separation from this defiling dark world. And hence such a church with Light has the authority to evangelize Jesus because she walks the Light of salvation and the heathens can see her righteousness and follow suit. Attachment to a covetous relationship with the excesses of this dark world, is what has hampered the revival of souls in the church, and consequently removed the Light with which she was ordained as the ambassador of Christ. Because of this, darkness has raised an ugly head of sinful desires of the flesh in the house. This has become the perpetual spiritual darkness in the lives of today's Christians. It never ceases to amaze that the scripture proclaiming 'seek ye first the kingdom of God and all his righteousness . . .', was aimed at shining the fine linen bright and clean in the church but today the shining of that Light has been virtually dismissed in the churches. And yet the same scripture is aptly fulfilled in the lives of the elect holy and God-fearing believers, to the extent that they might shine the Light of God in this dark world. Despite the elect getting entirely consumed by the pursuit of the kingdom of God in a righteous living, the Lord is always faithful enough to protect and provide plentifully for a meek church of this kind, and especially in the midst of this greatest global economic anguish. The reason God Almighty emphasizes on safeguarding the oil and the wine of the latter anointing in this dispensation of the black horse, is principally because only the anointing of the Holy Spirit has the mandate to separate the church from the dark deeds of this world. In that context, just as did the Holy Spirit lead Jesus to the cross, he is likewise willing to navigate today's church to a place whereby she would be able to pick up her cross and follow the Lord, in the crucifixion of her sinful desires. Such separation from the flesh (world) is absolutely imperative if the present-day church is to regain her Light and heavenly focus for access into the wedding feast of the Lamb. Only the unwavering holiness of God that is resident in the blood of Jesus, is eternally imperishable as the Light of righteousness that overtakes the sinful mortal body which Christians wear today.

Our Heavenly Dwelling

1Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. 2Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, 3because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. 4For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. 5Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. 6Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. 7We live by faith, not by sight. 8We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. 10For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad (2 Cor 5:1-10).

The final repercussion of all this meltdown is that God Almighty has finally shaken down man from his futile and dark earthly dwelling, so that he may now seek to clothe himself with a more permanent and stable heavenly dwelling of the Light of Christ. Such a heavenly Light is only present in the blood of Jesus, and purify the church from sexual sin, immorality, love of money, covetousness, homosexuality, witchcraft and all vices. For that reason, by letting out from heaven, the black horse of the apocalypse, God Almighty is essentially unnerving the church from her prolonged slumber in darkness into an awakening of this last hour in preparation or the new day of Light (rapture) (Matthew 13:24-30). Correspondingly, Jehovah is today enlightening the church that her earthly insurance that she has most treasured over the centuries, in large homes, big cars, and fat bank reserves, are all but merely very empty and highly susceptible temporary perishables. For the first time in a very long time, mankind has now been completely compelled to think beyond the perishable dark realm of materialism. It is this spiritual restructuring that has now began to centralize the role of Jesus in the lives of many millions of people, who would have otherwise never ever have given the Lord even the slightest of a wink.

Apostasy Today

The modern-day church of this era has majorly been founded on the preaching of a prosperity gospel, that has to the greater extent contributed to her apostate condition. And what most of the present-day christians have not well understood, is that spiritually the current apostasy in the church, as a matter of fact amounts to a house that has literally renounced her allegiance to the Lord. Over the greater part of her existence, today's modern church has practically engaged in the teaching of a false form of christianity that promotes the careless living and compromise with world. Faulting the word in this way is what has largely established apostasy and the blatant practising of lawlessness in the House of the Lord. While God Almighty may have openly expressed his intention that mankind prosper here on earth, nevertheless was such prosperity intended to focus the heart of the church entirely into the perishable realm. By God's design, the original blueprint of the creation of man

meant every blessing of prosperity to draw mankind closer and closer to God Almighty. However, it is now emerging more and more that to a greater extent the conception of this novel blueprint still remains for the most part, concealed to the present-day christians. For this reason, the grave spiritual misconception that is presently being fronted by the popular gospel of prosperity has consequently wiped the church to a state of near extinction. In this condition of the house, Pastors can now openly confess living for self, as the christians convert to a more casual relationship with the Lord. Theological head knowledge charted by Pastors has gradually and most systematically overtaken the greatest promise God ever released to the church, the promise of the Holy Spirit as ultimate Counsellor. Post-modern christianity in its finest machinations, and especially through its false gospel of 'sow-a-seed to get your miracle', has surely proved itself seriously wanting of holiness to the degree that the church has now been largely reduced into business premises whose purpose is to entertain the local folk. And that is the reason it is common practice to observe preachers acting comical even on such matters serious, as the cross and the blood. Yet the church in her normal spiritual senses knows it too well that, that was never the original intention for which Jesus was sent to the Cross to pay such a horrific heart-wrenching price of redemption. Due to its inherent inadequacies, the gospel of prosperity has virtually failed to rebuke the sin that has today intruded into the church, and instead opted to entertain worldliness and spiritual decay among christians. Such spiritual decomposition has most recently presented as rampant ungodliness in the church, whereby manifesting excessive perversion, love of money, sexual immorality, homosexuality, lesbianism, even among the pastors. This ilk of lawlessness in the house of the Lord, is what has negatively impacted the central calling of the church to evangelize the Jesus of Nazareth. A derisory fall of this genre has also brushed her in bad Light to the extent that today's christians now bear a repulsive image that the heathen would neither long to bear, nor desire to associate with. The rubric of it all is the appalling state of perpetual spiritual infancy that has now dogged her countenance. This apostasy has today well established in the church, even to the extent that believers are now reduced to a mere despondent batch that cares less of the word. It is unfortunate that this contemptible plummet has gone on virtually undetected for a very long time, and even more so this late in the day. The failure to intuit this seemingly obvious but very sneaky fall in the church, is what has majorly contributed to the loss of sensibility to sin among christians. It is a numbness that has raised the church's threshold to sin, hence lulling her to eternal damnation, in a form of spiritual gangrene. Sadly, it is so disheartening to realise that the real definition of gangrene is as a matter of fact the local death and decay of the body as a result of lack of blood in that area. It can be said of the church today, that she surely lacks the blood of Jesus in the body. If she doesn't repent urgently this gangrene could as well kill her. The raising of the threshold to sin and evil simply means that christians gradually become accustomed to not only observing sin in the church, but also accommodating it in their personal lives. This is the careless living of compromise with the world, that has apparently not factored in the fear of the Lord and his holy reputation. Spiritual numbness of this sort is what has exactly besmirched worship to the extent that today christians no longer view their lifestyles as the true worship that Jesus taught on the cross. If there was any take-home lesson

that Jesus emblematically left on the cross, it was the crucifixion of the flesh. In that most exuberant greatest disposition of love towards the church, as the Lord gave his life on the cross, he also unveiled to her the biggest secret to a successful christian lifestyle. And that secret literally lay in the complete obliteration of the sinful desires of the flesh in order to be born-again. This is one particular aspect of christian salvation that the larger majority of present-day christians have least understood. Contrary to the sad association of material possession with success, a true successful christian lifestyle involves the shunning of sin and walking in absolute holiness for entry into the kingdom of God. The failure by the Pastors to augment their teachings with this novel cradle of the gospel (the cross), is what has now turned church services into a great dishonour of our time, hence reducing it into mere pascal rituals of human traditions, other than a true worship in the spirit and in the truth. It is surprising though, that a form of faithlessness has gradually encroached into the holy pulpit, with the shepherds veritably lacking the conviction to believe for divine provision from the Lord. This lack of assurance that is currently proliferating among Pastors to the effect that God may not be able to miraculously provide for them in this day and age, is what has unfortunately hatched out a stinging wave of virulent false teachers of the word. This clique has today mutated into a bunch of Pastors who can outrightly lie publicly, in order to loot offerings and the so-called 'seed' money from the faithful. They are the false prophets of the day. The priesthood today can openly deceive and feast on the sins of the saints in order to earn their so-called decent living.

They feed on the sins of my people and relish their wickedness (Hosea 4:8).

Promised in the beginning as one of the key landmarks of the last days, it is nevertheless most painful to live to see this apostasy play itself to full course in our time. This level of officious worldliness, with its sullyng post-modernism, right at the centre of the church, is what has finally provoked God Almighty to releasing the horrific pangs of rider of the black apocalyptic horse. Though, a necessary step within the prophetic timeline to rapture, this third horseman is intended to shake mankind from his more earthly inclination, back to a heavenly proclivity. The Lord intended that the subsequent global economic crisis unleashed by this horseman is what is meant to reprove this apostate church back to the echelon of her holiness. By collapsing and melting down all the structures of prosperity that had beclouded the christian vision, the Lord Almighty purposed that the release of the black horse purge the hearts of the saints off materialism back to spiritual purity. Such structures of prosperity that had lodged themselves inside the hearts of the christians, include aspects like accumulation of financial stock reserves, idolizing of homes and cars, priding in what they do and have. Surely these structures had robbed God off the attention of man. Even among the Israelites, Jehovah has been super passionate about covenant keeping, reverence, worship diligence and a non-contaminated relationship. God the Father is equally very jealous of the church and deserves the total attention of the believers. This is the rationale for which Jehovah can deliberately crumble down every distraction that may sway mankind away from his complete attention. This, the Lord has previously done with that likewise obstinate generation at the monumental Tower of Babel pride. The dominant endeavours by this third horseman in shaking-up the global economy, is

irrefutably a divine effort that is aimed at awakening the church of Christ on the necessity to repent from her corrupt deeds and prepare the righteous way for rapture (Isaiah 40:1-5). Righteousness is the fine linen with which today's christians ought to clothe their hearts with, in order to enter into this most awaited wedding feast of the Lamb (Rev 19:6-9; Heb 12:14; 2 Cor 5:1-5). By virtue of the global famine that this apocalyptic horseman discharges, an astonishingly parallel corresponding ravaging spiritual hunger has pervaded the church of Christ worldwide. This has especially built-up into a humongous spiritual scarcity for the essential gifts of the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ. And that is the reason today's christians can be heard faking tongues, and false prophets heard counterfeiting the holy voice of God, while regular preachers can be seen faking miracles, etc. There surely is a huge clamour for the Holy Spirit to visit the house at this hour of great need. The visitation of the Holy Spirit is the only intervention that would finally release the much-needed wisdom of God into the current apostate church. All God-loving christians will today agree that if the global economic crunch is what it takes to return the church back to God, then it is a good thing, and so be it. The advantage of the current economic shake-up can only accrue onto the lives of the christians, in as far as it reprioritizes the quest for eternity in their hearts. Considering the increased worldliness that demarcates christian lifestyle today, there is surely no greater awakening that best describes the actions of the man of the black horse, than this scripture;

15 Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world. 17 The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever (1 John 2:15-17).

Case for Israel: Why God sends Third Horseman

Man's disobedience against the will of God Almighty, has always been his greatest undoing. From immemorial, God Almighty, the Creator of man, has been holy, and remains holy to date. This is the reason as to why mankind needs to know that for any meaningful covenant to transpire between himself and Jehovah, man has to live according to the ordained holy word of God. For example, when God spoke to Israel he expressed a lot of desire that the house of Jacob may maintain a lasting covenant with Him in order to be blessed in the land she was to occupy. By living righteous and avoiding false religions, Israel would have plenty of rainfall, good weather and fertile soil. This was intended by the Lord, to yield a good harvest in the land that she was to possess. There is no better place at which to see the generosity of God towards mankind than in the book of Deuteronomy chapter 28 and the book of Leviticus chapter 26. In these scriptures, the God of Israel promised a mighty blessing upon Israel if only Israel would obey Jehovah. And this obedience would entail keeping all of the Lord's commands including observing a holy Sabbath. On the contrary, these same scriptures also disposition the curse of a gut-wrenching episode of disasters that would befall Israel if she did not comply and obey Jehovah. Central among the calamities the Lord promised is that the

Israelites would cannibalize their own children in an ultimate curse of famine, if they did not obey his commandments and keep his sacred decrees.

1 "Do not make idols or set up an image or a sacred stone for yourselves, and do not place a carved stone in your land to bow down before it. I am the Lord your God. 2 "Observe my Sabbaths and have reverence for my sanctuary. I am the Lord. 3 "If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands, 4 I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees of the field their fruit. 5 Your threshing will continue until grape harvest and the grape harvest will continue until planting, and you will eat all the food you want and live in safety in your land. 6 "I will grant peace in the land, and you will lie down and no one will make you afraid. I will remove savage beasts from the land, and the sword will not pass through your country. 7 You will pursue your enemies, and they will fall by the sword before you. 8 Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand, and your enemies will fall by the sword before you. 9 "I will look on you with favour and make you fruitful and increase your numbers, and I will keep my covenant with you (Lev 26:1-9).

The reason for which the Lord released this third horseman of the black apocalyptic horse, is because the Lord intended to highlight a critical punctuation on the prophetic timeline towards rapture. Because of the hideous consequences that this horseman brings on the earth, we see very clearly that God Almighty sent him because of man's rebellion and disobedience that has today unfortunately consumed the entire earth. The pangs that this third horseman of the apocalypse brings upon the lifestyle of rebellious man, is indeed the greatest act of love that can ever descend from the throne of God. This is because it acts as an awakening for the nations to return to Jehovah before they miss rapture. Thereupon, just as Jehovah promised to deliver Israel from the catastrophic consequences of sin, so has He pledged that he would hear the repentance and deliver the church from this distress and anguish brought in by this apocalyptic black horse (Daniel 12:1). In that event, only those that will repent at this last hour, will be nourished both spiritually and physically, in the midst of this historic famine of food and the word. Not even famines or earthquakes will separate those elect who choose to live in holiness from the Lord.

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? (Rom 8:35).

Even the current horrific global economic crisis and famine will surely not separate the elect from the Lord, because they bear the Holy Spirit of the Lord who causes them to have wisdom. The wisdom of the Lord makes the elect have a contrite spirit and humble heart. So then, God has now allowed mankind to pass through these severe traumatic global economic crisis, unemployment, loss of homes, famine, etc in order to disconnect man's heart from the things of the world. Nowonder, in the midst of all this anxiety of global economic meltdown, the righteous man, woman and child will have enough power and authority to even mock the mere thought of famine; in these last days when the

black horse of the apocalypse has been released to crash the global economic civilization of the world.

22 You will laugh at destruction and famine, and need not fear the beasts of the earth (Job 5:22).

Correspondingly, the age-old spiritual notion that, 'sin doesn't bring happiness', once more stands out clearer even in this post-modern world, right unto the end of the age. By instigating the black horse and its rider to lurk across the globe at this very critical threshold before rapture, God Almighty must have purposed to now purify the church from the excessive worldliness that has today encroached upto the deepest interiors of worship. The whimsical notion that when one becomes born-again, they are rendered trial-proof, is totally out-witted by this defiling encroachment of darkness right into the interiors of the house of the Lord. That judgment always returns a people back to the Lord is an argument no one can gainsay. This is what particularly compelled Jesus to give a doomsday-style prophecy to the church on the Mt of Olives. The Lord himself emphatically warned the church to beware of the fact that in these last days there would be great trial that directly hinge on the ushering of darkness right at the pulpit. By warning "watch out that no one deceives you . . ." the Lord Jesus implied the lulling of his own servants at this hour (Matthew 24).

Treasures in heaven

The subprime mortgage crisis that rocked the global housing industry worldwide, has today led to such a widescale loss of homes by households, to a point where it now stands out on its own merit, as a monumental shaking of our lifetime. Many families have in the recent past lost their homes owing to the fact that they can no longer sustain the monthly mortgage remittance to the lenders. It is a situation that has reduced millions of families in the developed economies to utter hopelessness, to the extent that they now confess to having nothing to write home about. Albeit, what is most important is that man learns out of this daunting experience. By setting off the black horse from heaven to trigger such a welfare calamity, the Holy Spirit has just reasserted to the church that her home is actually not here on earth, but as a matter of fact in heaven where Jesus went to prepare (John 14:1-3; 2 Cor 5:1-10). In this way, the Lord is vigorously employing the Holy Spirit to effectively shake believers into detachment from the wealth of the world, in order that they may resort to storing up for themselves treasures in heaven instead. This seemingly painful act is truly for the believer's own good that she may be able to make it into rapture. It is only under the splendour of God's heavenly glory that destruction cannot befall man's treasure. And going by this, an indestructible treasure is by all accounts an everlasting treasure. And similarly, a heavenly storable affluence is definitely a possession of everlasting spiritual value. God then is today re-emphasizing to the church on the need to re-evaluate her walk and anchor once more, on that noble biblical foundation; a principle that requires her to focus upwards and store up for herself treasures in heaven. God has finally evoked this last minute stirring in the body of Christ because by his own set standards, things had gotten so bad that the House of the Lord had now fully settled for the preaching of a very worldly gospel. This has in effect brought with it the corruption of money-

preaching, witchcraft, sexual sin, immorality, lust, homosexuality, lesbianism, lies plus the falsehood that accompanies it. The church has lately been very sick thereby requiring a spiritual surgery that can chop-off these rogue malignancies that have now virtually grown her away from the control of the central authority of Jesus as the head. Most notably though, is that all these spiritual severing tools of the Holy Spirit appear to have been directly targeted at the false prophets and false apostles that peddle this false gospel of prosperity which has essentially simulated ancient baalism. It is no wonder that today there is no deliverance in the house of the Lord. It is this incorporation of baalism in worship that has today barred the Holy Spirit from visiting the church of Christ. To the extent that the church has finally returned to Egypt for her deliverance, greatly bespeaks of just how far drifted from the Lord, she has gone. The Lord is the Rock, Creator and Saviour of the church, and it serves catastrophe to disregard him:

15 Jeshurun grew fat and kicked; filled with food, he became heavy and sleek. He abandoned the God who made him and rejected the Rock his Saviour. 16 They made him jealous with their foreign gods and angered him with their detestable idols (Deuteronomy 32: 15-16).

Looking at today's church of Christ, one cannot fail to spot the striking semblance that she presents in parallel with Jeshurun. The church too has actually fattened up with the excessive self-indulgence in the corruption of this sinful world. Without a severe shake-up, there is no way such a contaminated church will have made her way into the most holy wedding of the Lamb of God. For this reason, the Lord has today loved the church so much as to let loose the black apocalyptic horse and trigger his rider to unleashing the current global economic distress. It is a humbling household anguish as has not happened since the creation of nations until today (Daniel 12:1). Ironically, as agonizing as this economic interlude of distress may seem, it actually opens up such a blessing unto the church because it literally highlights the greatest need to depend on God Almighty; and also denotes the spiritual landmark of all ages. The church ought to have eagerly been in great anticipation for the coming of this mighty milestone of rapture. And for those devout holy Christians who will be blessed enough to partake of the rapture, they will sincerely have successfully attained the greatest historic fete of their entire lifetime. Devotion becomes very critical here because it in essence defines the sustainability of the spiritual gains of repentance. Today, the majority of Christians have repented from sin and yet miserably returned right back to wallowing in the Egyptian mud (Heb 6:4-6; Heb 10:26-31; 2 Peter 2:19-22).

Ripening For Antichrist

The humbling crash of the financial markets and the resultant onset of its horrendous global recession have in essence pushed human suffering to an all time high. Households have been thrust to the brink of survival. This agony of pangs has been even greatly worsened by the fact that there now seems to be no apparent dividing-line between the haves and the have-nots. Both today appear to be eating from the same plate of sorrows. For those that owned colossal stocks of lucrative value, this economic avalanche has literally obliterated their earthly treasures to the extent

that it has become the greatest nightmare of their lifetime. In one single 24-hour cycle, they helplessly watched as the value of their most-treasured stocks get wiped-out to such dismal readings, that even suicides have been reported. As disturbing as this experience may seem to individual households, it has equally even acted more pitiless by virtually mauling the accumulated reserves of the largest corporations and economic powerhouses, known to man. This is essentially what has made history by re-writing the age-old classical law of free markets and Keynes economics, especially given that the iniquity of the 'too big to fall' law has been publicly exposed as wanting in the market place. In this day and age of the black horse, no corporation of economy, however large can claim to shock absorb the ripples that resonated from this heartless prowling black horse. The continued sustenance of this kind of depressing scenario within the global marketplace can only help to make human life deteriorate even further down the pits of economic doldrums. Let alone the perpetual fear that continue to grip households on a daily basis as they observe the erratic behaviour of the financial markets, this economic meltdown has already as a matter of fact had its full share in unleashing such wanton suffering upon the lives of families, across the entire globe. It is this economic holocaust that will obviously now brew the unwelcome storm of economic rage and social upheaval across the largest cities on this earth, as labour unions take up placards and head to the street in protests. This kind of monetary disaster is what will unfortunately hatch out a calamity on mankind, especially that families will no longer be able to place bread on the table, owing to the lurid roller-coaster that their lives have now become. Notwithstanding, there will emerge an unprecedented level of cruelty and tension for failure to maintain a roof over one's head, given the current rate at which mortgage lenders are now mercilessly repossessing homes. Many households will have to say bye-bye to health care services, and other welfare benefits given the impunity of powerbrokers, and bankruptcies that today glare their feeble economies. Multitudes of national economies will require an infusion of financial life to sustain a little breath. But, the question is 'with such a horrendous downturn of its own record, where will that 'financial drip' come from? The US government for example, is now into a scary trillions upon trillions of dollars in debt owed to the Chinese. The failure of governments to stand up to their pledges to alleviate the suffering of the citizenry is what will now act as a huge spark plug that will literally send the entire global population with flames of rage into every corner of the streets demanding their rights. Coupled with the already on-going despiriting gloom of famine, the melancholy of the droughts and the El Ninos that are currently peeping within the forecast horizons, is what will this time around, practically just push the human race to the edge. And that will be the gravest moment at which mankind will finally throw up his hands in total surrender as he accepts his fate into the unknown. Nature will no longer act kindly towards mankind because of the instruction coming from this third horseman of the apocalypse. It will become the greatest despair that has ever visited man. With the energy crisis preparing itself for another miserable bout on man, at this one, the food prices will literally have to fly through the roof because of the increased cost of food production. This one in particular will erase any dwindling hope that could have remnantly survived on. At this unveiling, no man will be able to stand before another and talk about capitalism any more. That can only mean that the amount of acreage under

crop production will even shrink further as the energy crisis acts rough and the weather vagaries unleash their wrath on the soil. The quantities of harvest in the national granaries will diminish to depletion. A state of this nature will inevitably spur-up animosity and desperation to the place that there will arise a need to arrest the ugly scenario. Such a need will call for one central authoritative personality to take full charge to the welfare of people that they may have food and water as they re-plug themselves back to life. This will mark the quick ripening of the earth for the onset of the dominion of the antichrist. Many nations will now be compelled to seek his help and authority to take charge of things in their livelihoods, including resetting the global clock again and asserting its rules of commerce thereof. But that will only happen after the church has been taken up in rapture. This foregoing narrative clearly alludes that the current manifestation of the impact of the rider of the black horse, directly bears on the spiritual clock of God to the extent that time is out. There is an urgent need to prepare because all the distress that man observes today are just but the prelude to the true birth pangs that will consummate the reign of the antichrist. In the book of 2 Thessalonians chapter 2 verses 6 through 8, the Lord says;

“ and now you know what is holding him back so that he may be revealed at the proper time. For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendour of his coming.”

Due to the collapse of the major pillars of the global economy, there will quickly arise a greater need for world leaders to agree with one who will seemingly wield authority as he promises peace with Israel. The world will long for this personality to take charge of things in the energy sector, global security, and provide enough resources, financial or otherwise, to bail them out of the collapsed financial markets. This will inevitably have to be the antichrist. Therefore the black horse that the Lord released on that August 19th, 2008, has hence began the process of essentially ripening the entire earth for the coming and rise to power of the antichrist. However, it becomes so fearful to even envisage that today's ripening earth serves an even greater spiritual value in signalling that the rapture is around the corner. For the antichrist to rise to power and take authority to unleash his wanton evil, the precious elect of the Lord will for sure have been taken up into the safety of rapture. Being covered by the blood of the perfect passover Lamb of God will be absolute caveat for any christian in that nick of time. The release of the black horse with his merciless rider has truly become the message of Preparing the Way in the hearts of man for the coming of Christ Jesus, the Messiah. Nowonder this horseman is demolishing mountains of prosperity that had clogged man's heart and raises the vallies of corruption that had eaten into the highway of holiness, as he clears the rough and the rugged places for the coming of the King (Isaiah 40:1-3) In that coming the Lord arrives like a thief and takes the holy elect who will have been preserved in the oil and wine of their salvation. And this becomes the message that the rider of the black horse is balancing on the scales that he holds in his hands, as he traverses back and forth the terrains of this aging planet earth. Without any

ambiguity this message cautions economic prudence as it is today more profitable to invest into the heavenly spiritual realm, than it is in the physical economy of the world.