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A community outreach program embodies the vibrant spirit of uplifting communities, and a Christian foundation plays a significant role in the efforts!

By Gerda Potgieter



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Empowering communities extends far beyond the realm of charity or temporary assistance. It encompasses a comprehensive approach that focuses on sustainable development, robust infrastructure, and equitable opportunities for all. This process is not merely about providing help to those in need; it involves actively collaborating with community members to create meaningful change alongside them.

For example, it might involve creating educational programmes that equip people with essential vocational skills, encouraging local entrepreneurship, or improving public transport systems to ensure everyone has mobility. It could also include initiatives aimed at enhancing healthcare facilities and services, promoting environmental sustainability through community gardening projects, or supporting inclusive dialogues that empower marginalised voices. The list is endless. In principle, the idea of uplifting communities sparks our imagination, but what does it look like in real-world contexts?

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

Genuine community upliftment requires a commitment to creating enduring relationships, understanding local needs, and working together to create a shared vision for a better future. Christian organisations are widely recognised for uplifting communities worldwide, including in South Africa. Their efforts often comprise social, economic, educational, and spiritual projects. Sadly, mainstream media does not share enough information with the public

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about how Christian organisations make a difference. While Christians believe that the “right hand must not know what the left hand is doing” when it comes to helping others, we have a responsibility to glorify the Lord by sharing information with the world about how the Lord uses people and organisations for His glory. These positive stories are uplifting and give hope.

A well-known example in South Africa that genuinely benefits communities and glorifies the Lord through its work is the multi-award-winning water bottling brand, aQuellé. It is community-based and exists as a profitable enterprise because of the community it serves. This water brand is bottled on the farm of the Christian Mission, KwaSizabantu, located in the Kranskop area near Greytown in KwaZulu-Natal’s (KZN) Midlands region. The area features a rocky escarpment with scenic value. However, it remains predominantly rural and faces many socio-economic challenges, such as limited infrastructure, few employment opportunities, poverty, and restricted access to essential services. Against this background, aQuellé actively plays a role in making life better for its community. Despite the challenges, aQuellé, in collaboration with partners, local leadership and community organisations, has been proactive in establishing sustainable solutions that enhance development efforts. KwaSizabantu is self-sustainable, and the mission’s work and upliftment programmes are funded by enterprises it has established over the years, reducing reliance on external donations. The Mission

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has created thousands of jobs in the area through its diverse commercial ventures, including the aQuellé bottled water company, which has three plants in different regions. Here is a profile explaining a few reasons why and how aQuellé exemplifies community upliftment.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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The first water tank in the series was installed at Aldinville Primary School in KwaDukuza, KZN, on Tuesday, 30 July 2024. Michael Ngubane, director of aQuellé, said at the occasion, “Access to safe and clean drinking water is a challenge for many communities. In addition, frequent floods in recent years have caused significant damage to municipal water supply systems, leading to a water crisis. This is why aQuellé has come here to help. We brought the school a large tank of water, and the children can be happy as they come to school.” Thanks to aQuellé, there are already 25 donated water tanks in various locations, each containing 5,000 litres of fresh water. These tanks are fitted with user-friendly taps, providing a reliable and sustainable water supply. This ensures that community members and schoolchildren have easy access to safe drink-

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ing water.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL PROJECTS

One of aQuellé's outstanding projects is its clean-ups. The initiative focuses on community involvement and ecological indicator education. It is a nationwide programme aimed at improving the environment and communities, significantly affecting neighbourhoods. Launched in 2021, the programme focuses on sustainable waste management, community engagement, and environmental education. It has conducted nearly 100 cleanup activities in neglected areas across all provinces, making it one of the country's most extensive and sustainable community-led ecological efforts. These projects have attracted tens of thousands of volunteers, including residents, schools, municipalities, and environmental agencies.

Each cleanup event is organised in partnership with local municipalities, community groups, and other stakeholders. The initiative emphasises the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling to minimise waste and environmental impact. In so doing, the community benefits in many ways. Participating in clean-up campaigns promotes environmental responsibility and educates community members about the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling to minimise waste sent to landfills. Through collaborations with local media such as Radio Khwezi, aQuellé informs communities about the benefits of recycling and proper waste management.

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aQuellé financially supports the KwaSizabantu bi-annual week-long youth conferences, of which 102 have been held since it started over 50 years ago. Attended by thousands of young people at a time, these events provide social connection, spiritual encouragement, volunteer involvement, leadership and skills development.

To help develop fundamental skills, aQuellé partners with Emseni Farming (another KwaSizabantu enterprise) to establish vegetable gardens at schools. Dietmar Joosten, the farm manager of Emseni, said he hopes it will inspire young people to explore agriculture. “I want to encourage you to grow your vegetable gardens so you can help care for your families,” Dietmar told the young people at a youth conference where thousands of seedlings were distributed to kickstart their agricultural efforts. “In this way, you can help yourselves, and you can also help others. Maybe you can later pursue careers in food security.” These youth conferences highlighted social issues and youth challenges, leading to the CYPISA (Concerned Young People of SA) initiative, which supports young people facing addictions and other difficulties. With financial backing from aQuellé, which alleviates the financial burdens for those most in need, over 20,000 people have already received help with their addictions.

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The company actively participates in health awareness programmes, such as diabetes campaigns. It backs these initiatives to educate communities about health issues and promote well-being.

IMPACT

The Bible consistently emphasises the importance of helping others, particularly the poor, the vulnerable, the oppressed, and those in need. For example, Proverbs 19:17 tells us, “Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for that they have done.” The projects mentioned above are just a few examples of genuine community upliftment in action. These are all initiatives that Christians can take part in as volunteers. Christian organisations often play vital roles, especially in rural and underserved areas where government services may be lacking. Their community-focused approach helps build strong social networks and encourages lasting change. It is also a powerful way to share the gospel and lead people to the Lord.

Strategic partnerships are powerful tools for building stronger, more resilient communities by combining strengths and resources to serve a broader audience. aQuellé’s community upliftment initiative exemplifies a strategic partnership in action. They extend their reach geographically and demographically, creating a sustainable impact. The profound impact of aQuellé’s upliftment initiatives, forged in collaboration with various partners, is layered and far-reaching. Take, for instance, the meticulously organised clean-up campaigns, which, in partnership with

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local authorities, alleviate hardships while fortifying the resilience of communities. These efforts usher in a new era of improved quality of life, marked by better health outcomes, increased incomes, heightened school attendance, and a pathway to sustainable growth. It ultimately empowers local communities to take the reins of their own development.

With its diverse array of initiatives encompassing education, health, vocational training, and agriculture, aQuellé's influence is sweeping, penetrating the very fabric of daily existence. This esteemed South African water brand is a beacon of hope, actively uplifting communities through a variety of transformative projects designed to meet essential needs and promote enduring well-being. This is the essence of true community upliftment—where lives are changed.



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NOAH'S ARK

History, Hope, and the Picture of the Rapture



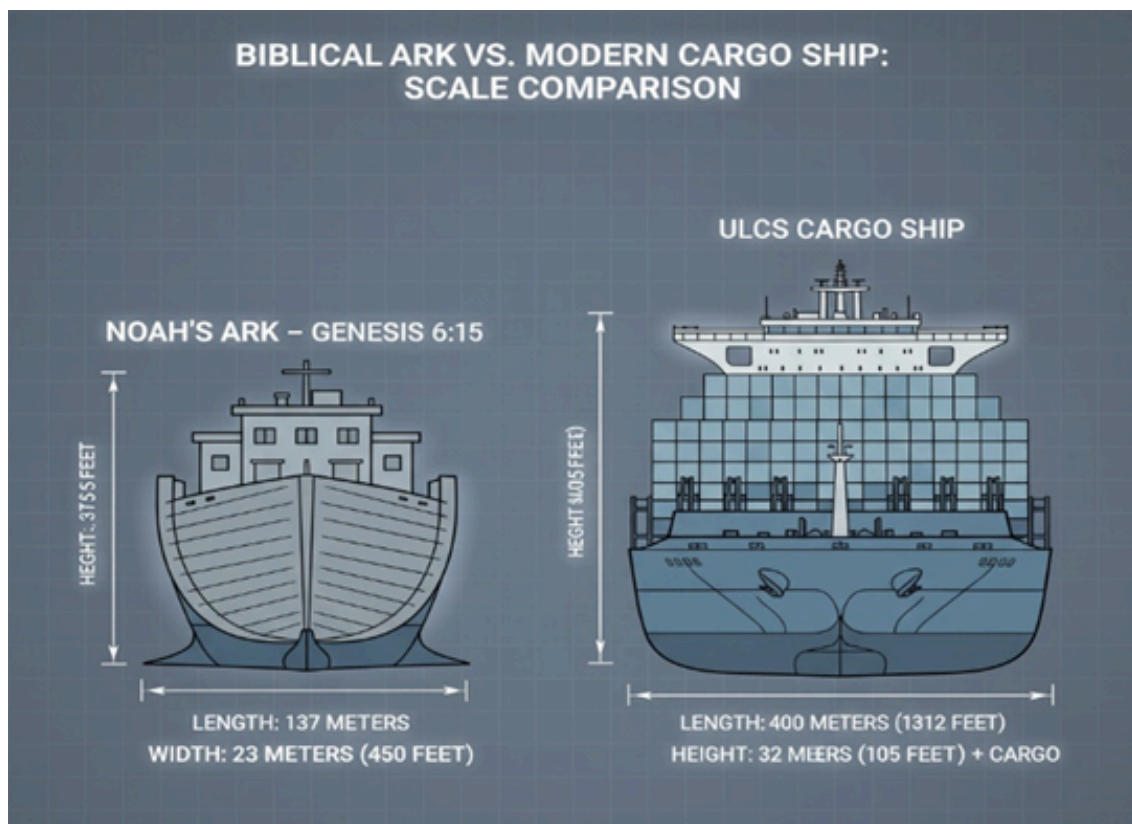
Few accounts in Scripture are as well-known as the story of Noah's Ark. Children learn of it in Sunday school, skeptics question it, and scientists search for evidence of it. Yet, far beyond being a tale for children, Noah's Ark is a foundational account in the Bible that speaks of God's justice, His mercy, and His plan for salvation. In this article, we will explore three key aspects: evidence for the Ark and the global flood, how Noah's Ark foreshadows the Rapture of the Church, and fascinating flood traditions from cultures around the world.

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1. Did Noah's Ark Really Happen? Scientific and Biblical Evidence

Biblical Testimony

The Bible records in Genesis 6–9 that God judged the world through a flood because of the great wickedness of humanity. Noah, a righteous man, was commanded to build an ark to save his family and representatives of all living creatures. Jesus Himself affirmed the historical reality of Noah's day: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man" (Matthew 24:37). The New Testament writers—Peter and the author of Hebrews—also refer to Noah as a real figure of faith (Hebrews 11:7; 2 Peter 2:5).



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Scientific Evidence

Global Flood Legends: More than 200 cultures worldwide—spanning from Mesopotamia to the Americas, from Africa to Asia—preserve flood accounts. Many of these describe a catastrophic deluge, a vessel, and the survival of eight people.

Geological Signs: Layers of sedimentary rock found across continents suggest rapid, large-scale water coverage. Marine fossils appear high in mountain ranges (e.g., the Himalayas), pointing to a time when oceans once covered much of the earth.

Archaeological Interest: Mount Ararat in Turkey (the traditional resting place of the Ark) remains a site of intrigue. While no discovery has been universally accepted as the Ark, reported sightings and expeditions continue to stir discussion.

Engineering Feasibility: Studies show the Ark's biblical dimensions (about 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high) create an ideal ratio for stability in rough waters. Modern shipbuilders have confirmed that such dimensions would have been seaworthy.

2. How Did All the Animals Fit on the Ark?

Skeptics often ask how Noah could possibly fit “all the animals” on the Ark. Several explanations help us understand:

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- **Kinds, Not Species:** The Bible says God brought two of every “kind” of animal, not every species we know today. A “kind” could represent a broader category, from which today’s species descended. This would drastically reduce the number of animals needed.
- **Young Animals or Eggs:** It is possible God brought young animals—smaller in size, easier to manage, and requiring less food. Some creatures may even have been preserved in egg form.
- **Supernatural Provision:** God, who orchestrated the entire event, may have allowed the animals to enter a state similar to hibernation. This would reduce their need for food, water, and care during the year-long stay on the Ark.

Taken together, these explanations show that the Ark had more than enough room. With three decks and massive square footage, Noah’s Ark could easily house animals, food, and Noah’s family.

God’s Promise: The Rainbow of Covenant

After the floodwaters subsided, Noah built an altar and offered sacrifices of thanksgiving to the Lord. God then made a covenant promise never again to destroy the earth with a flood. As a sign of this everlasting covenant between Himself and all living creatures, God placed a rainbow in the sky (Genesis 9:12–17).

The rainbow stands as a powerful reminder of: God’s Mercy and Faithfulness: Though He judged the world, He also remembered mercy.

A Universal Covenant: The promise was not only to Noah, but to all

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generations and all creation.

A Symbol of Hope: Even after the storm, God's light shines through. The rainbow is a visible expression of His grace.

Spiritually, the rainbow also points to Christ—our mediator of a better covenant (Hebrews 8:6). Just as the rainbow bridges heaven and earth, Jesus bridges God and humanity, offering peace and reconciliation.



3. Noah's Ark and the Rapture of the Church

The Ark is more than history—it is prophecy in picture. The New Testament connects Noah's days with the coming judgment at the end of the age.

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Deliverance Before Judgment: Just as Noah and his family were lifted above the waters of destruction, the Church will be “caught up” (raptured) before the final judgment of the earth (1 Thessalonians 4:16–17).

A Call to Readiness: In Matthew 24:38–39, Jesus warns that people in Noah’s day were eating, drinking, and unaware until the flood came. Likewise, many will be unprepared when Christ returns.

The Ark as Christ: Noah’s Ark itself points to Christ. Only one door led into safety (Genesis 6:16), just as Jesus is “the door” (John 10:9). All who entered the Ark were saved; all who enter through Christ will escape eternal judgment.

The message is clear: God provides a way of salvation, but only those who respond in faith will be rescued.

4. Fascinating Facts: Noah, His Family, and Global Flood Stories

Noah and His Family

Noah lived to be 950 years old (Genesis 9:29).

He was a preacher of righteousness (2 Peter 2:5), warning the world for decades while building the Ark.

Only eight souls entered the Ark: Noah, his wife, his three sons (Shem, Ham, Japheth), and their wives. These eight became the ancestors of all post-flood humanity.

Global Flood Stories

Remarkably, stories of a great flood appear across many cultures:

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Mesopotamia (Epic of Gilgamesh): Describes a boat, a righteous man, animals, and a flood sent by the gods.

Native American Tribes: Cherokee and Aztec traditions tell of a family saved in a large canoe.

China: Ancient flood legends tell of a catastrophic deluge survived by a man, his wife, three sons, and three daughters.

Hawaiian Tradition: Speaks of Nu'u, who built an ark to escape a global flood with his family.

These widespread accounts, though varying in details, point back to a common historical event remembered by humanity.

Noah's Ark at a Glance

- +- 137m(L) x 22m(W) x 13.5m(H)

Ark's biblical dimensions – as long as 1½ football fields!

- 1 Door

One way into safety. A picture of Christ, “the Door.”

- 3 Levels

The Ark had three decks, providing room for animals, food, and Noah's family.

- 8 People Saved

Noah, his wife, Shem, Ham, Japheth, and their wives – ancestors of us all.

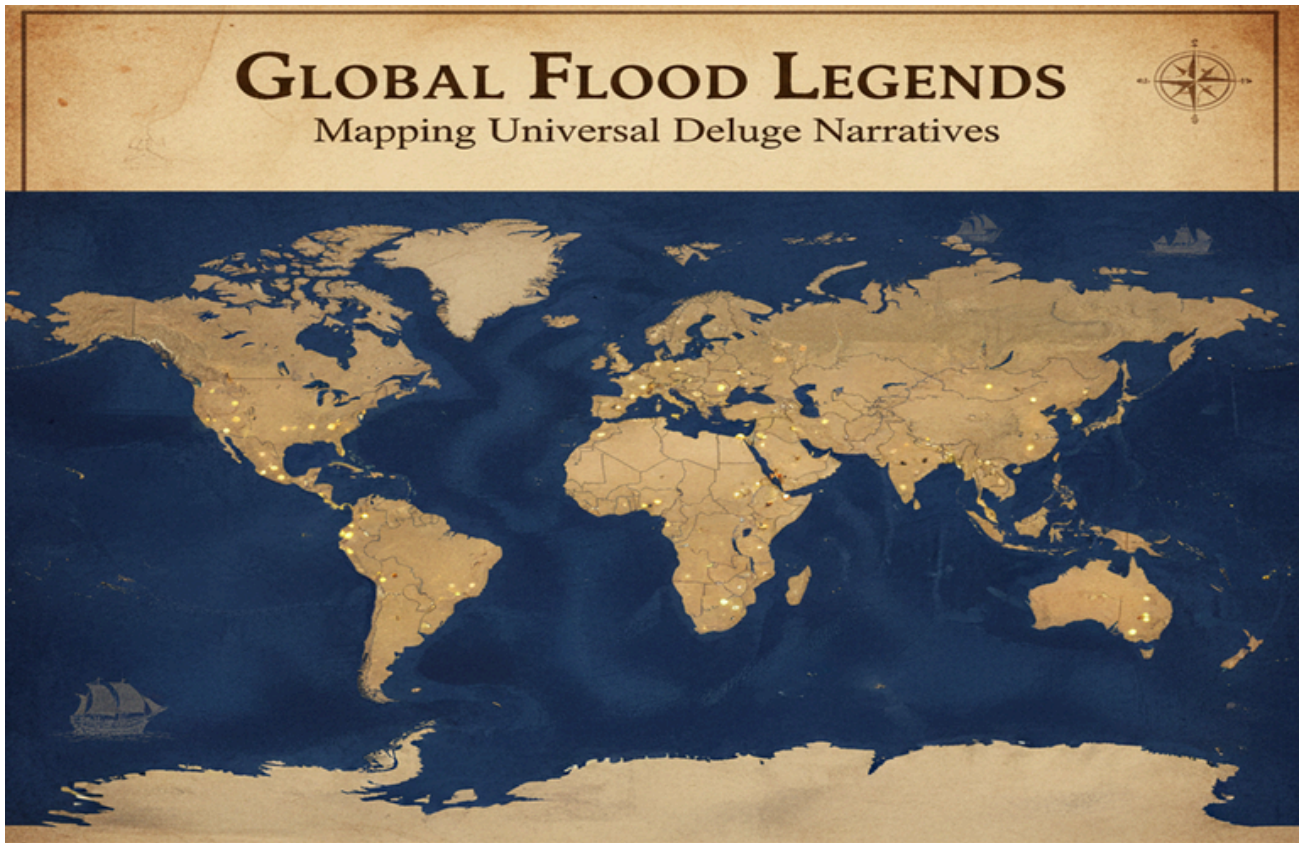
- 200+ Flood Legends

Across the world, from Mesopotamia to Hawaii, cultures remember a global flood.

- A Preacher of Righteousness

Noah warned the world for decades while building the Ark.

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Conclusion

The account of Noah's Ark is not a myth but a message. It reminds us that God is holy and will judge sin, but He always provides a way of escape for the faithful. Just as the Ark carried Noah's family to safety, Jesus Christ is our Ark of salvation today. The flood foreshadows the coming judgment, and the Ark foreshadows the Rapture—when Christ will gather His people before the final outpouring of wrath.

The call is urgent: just as Noah's door remained open for a time, the door of salvation through Christ is open now. Will we enter while there is still time?

"The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise... He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9)

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Invite House of Avishua for workshops on deliverance, spiritual warfare and 'hauntings' Avishua Ministries is run by a married couple, Riaan and Lynette Engelbrecht. We are down-to-earth, ordinary people who love the Lord and who are willing to help anyone on their spiritual journey. We want to see people walk in His love, joy, peace, healing and liberty. We want to see people touched by the Lord, for our Lord's yoke and burden is light and easy. It is our mission to see people delivered, revived, equipped and properly disciplined. We sit on the board of Lighthouse Ministries and have been serving God for many years, which includes prison ministry.

Riaan has been teaching the Word for the past couple of decades. He has been a presenter (and also station manager) of numerous Gospel online radio stations and also on Osasogie TV to spread the truth of Jesus. He has written over 100 books to uplift, edify, prophetically guide and speak the Lord's will in the last of days. Lynette has been called for deliverance and has a heart to see the captives set free from the clutches of darkness. She is a survivor of the occult and now embraces the beauty of a loving and great God.

We present workshops and courses, focusing on the spiritual realm, spiritual warfare, deliverance, hauntings (there is no such thing as ghosts) and so much more. We are open to invites from small or big groups, be it a ministry, or a Church or a fellowship of believers. It is time to be empowered to know the truth. We are here to address the misconceptions, the strange ideas and the lies about deliverance, the

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spiritual realm and warfare by offering real and truthful solutions as led by the Spirit of the living Lord. All to the glory of Jesus.

The reality is, there is a darkness arising in this world. False altars and covenants are being erected. There are many 'thoughts', 'ideas' and narratives designed to counter God's truth. The spiritual war is real, and so many people are led astray and deceived by satanic notions, manipulations and suggestions. Just consider the rise of New Age teachings. It is time for God's Bride to arise in purity, truth, holiness and love in service to the true King of kings. May the world be awakened from the dark, from the cruelty and the malevolence to seek the eternal splendour of Adonai, the one and only God unto whom belongs all power, glory and dominion. Silence and ignorance is no longer an option. It is time to join the fight, set the captives free and make disciples according to Matthew 28.

The truth is that all disciples are called to do deliverance, and deliverance is usually the first step of discipleship. We are here to train, equip, guide, and facilitate so that the Body of Christ can again be empowered in setting the captives free. We are based in Boksburg, Gauteng, but are willing to travel. Costs of the courses or workshops will be worked out to only cover the cost of transport, and, where needed, the cost of accommodation.

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Dive Deeper into Discipleship and Faith with Riaan Engelbrecht

Riaan Engelbrecht is a Christian non-fiction Author, Pastor, and Founder of Avishua Ministries in South Africa. He began his professional journey in journalism—working as a newspaper editor, sub-editor, and journalist from 1995 onward. From 2002, he transitioned into ministry and is the founder of Avishua Ministries in South Africa. He also holds leadership roles as vice-president of Lighthouse Ministries International and was the station manager of Lighthouse Radio.

Since publishing his first book in 2002, Engelbrecht has authored 105 Christian non-fiction titles, deeply rooted in discipleship, prophecy, spiritual formation, and end-time themes. His writing is not driven by financial gain or fame but by what he describes as obedience to divine instruction—a calling to flood the world with God’s Word to counteract darkness and deception. Engelbrecht’s corpus includes numerous compelling titles that reflect a wide range of spiritual and theological concerns, such as:

The Last Stand of Faith (2021): Emphasizes spiritual warfare, apostasy, and the urgency of the church taking a firm stand.

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Discipleship Volume 3: Emmaus Walk with Jesus (2021): Portrays the believer's spiritual journey as an ongoing walk with Christ.

Bastion of Divine Truth (2021): A passionate call to return to the truths of Christ amidst contemporary heresy and apostasy.

Prophetic Unveiling: God's Move of Glory, Deliverance, Refinement (2022): Consolidates prophecies originally delivered between 2005 and 2020—exhorting people toward their divine purpose

Revival and Awakenings Volume One: The End-Time Harvest (2023): A prophetic vision asserting that the end times will bring successive, Spirit-led revivals globally.

Saturated in God's Love, Beauty and Freedom (2025): An omnibus collection celebrating God's love, beauty, and the liberation found in Christ.

Engelbrecht has a passion for teaching and sharing knowledge and wisdom, with his ministry focusing on the uncompromising truth of the Lord Jesus. He writes as he is instructed by the Lord, and his intention is to see people liberated from 'spiritual slavery.' He dedicates his work to Jesus and sees his writing as an act of obedience, love, and zeal for God. Engelbrecht offers a wealth of knowledge to guide you on your spiritual journey.

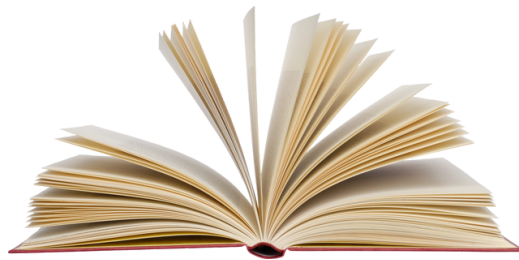
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Engelbrecht has two printed books circulating in South Africa which can be purchased directly from the author. They are Discipleship Vol 1

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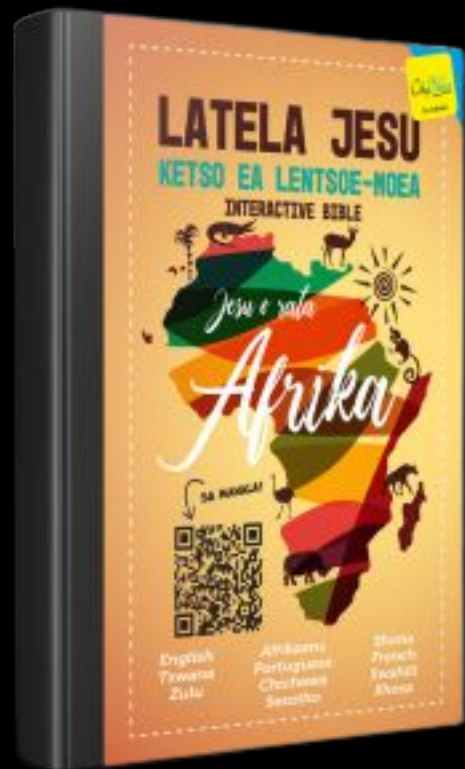
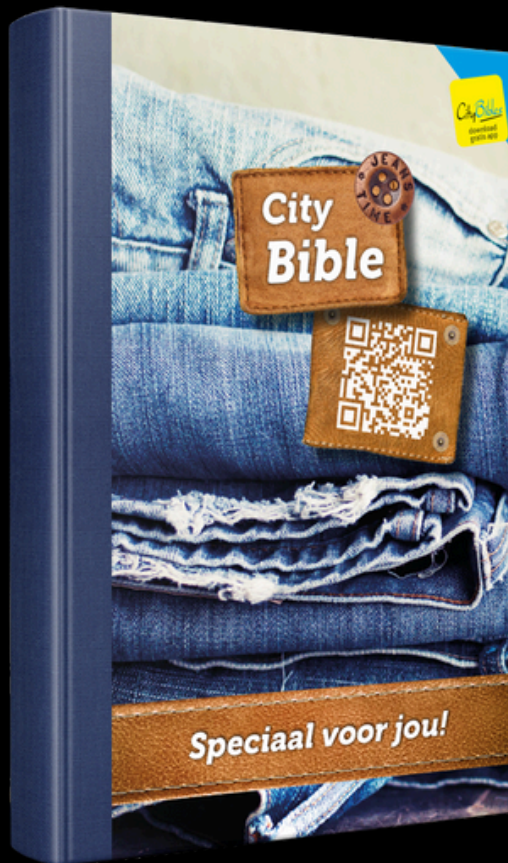
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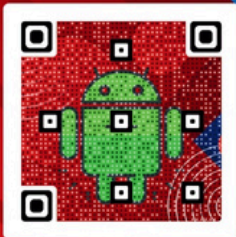
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Romans 3:23 ESV

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

The abovementioned verse is an extremely well used verse and many people know it and can even quote it off by heart, but the significance of it is the reality that every single person needs to contemplate.

If you have not accepted Jesus as your Personal Saviour yet or are thin king about it, you have to start here. The reality of your sin problem cancels and disqualifies you from the very presence of God and this bars you from eternal Life. Your choices are simple here, either an eternity with God or an Eternity without God. I would think that the logical answer would be an Eternity with God. Why? Well let's look at this:

2 Thessalonians 1:9

"They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might"

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This is the reality of a choice that omits Jesus as your Personal Saviour -

= Everlasting Punishment

= Destruction

= Shut Out

= No Godly Presence

= And no Glory at all

This is not something to take lightly and by the way this is not scaring you into making a false decision, God is love, thus we as His followers are love, this means if I say I have the love of God, it is my duty to tell you the truth and point you into the right direction.

So in looking at the sin problem and the reality of this, what is the answer then? Let's look at this:

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

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What a wonderful solution to an immense problem, God has made a way and in making the way He has also made it very clear that this is the only answer to the problem. You have to accept Jesus His Son in order to obtain Eternal Life and ward off all the destruction and other bad things spoken about in the previous Bible verse.

It also makes it very clear that this can only be done through JESUS CHRIST His Son, there is no other way to salvation or Eternal life other than through Jesus, NONE!

Let's look at this too:

John 1:12-13

"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

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Wow! Just look at this, not only do we get Eternal Life but we become Children of God. The impact of this is massive as it speaks to the fact that we now belong to the family of God and receive the benefits of being part of a family, and not just any family but a royal family (1 Peter 2 vs 9).

So in looking and understanding all of this, How do you accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour?

Romans 10 vs 9-10

"that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."

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Let me just make one point very clear before we look at the above verses, your salvation cannot be obtained by good works, you cannot go to Heaven or be part of God's family because you are a good person, or you do good deeds, No! The Bible makes it clear, if you want to accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour then it gets done on the basis of two things. These two things are critical because it will also help you on your work with the Lord and attain righteousness and a life pleasing to God.

Firstly, you have to confess with your mouth that Jesus is your Lord, this is very important because by your confession God will know and people in the world will know. This is significant because one does not hide a light under a bowl. Everyone must see and hear that you are a child of God.

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And secondly you must believe in your heart, with your whole being and understanding that Jesus was raised from the dead and is alive and is your only Saviour.

So if you have read all of this and the Holy Spirit is directing you to accept Jesus as your Personal Saviour please pray the prayer on the next page, God loves you so much.



ACCEPTING JESUS IS EVERYTHING!

PRAYER FOR SALVATION

Dear Lord Jesus,

I understand that I am a sinner and in need of desperate saving, The Bible tells me clearly that the only answer is for me to confess with my mouth and believe in my heart. I am now confessing with my mouth that I am accepting You as my Personal Saviour and believing in my heart that you are alive and well and dwelling within me. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the fellowship of other Believers and allow me please to follow in your footsteps. Amen!

Wow! Congratulations if you have just prayed this prayer, and know that you are now part of the family of the Kingdom of God. Please tell someone about your decision, pray all the time and read and study your Bible. Find a Holy Ghost, Bible preaching church and join.

Please let us know if you have made this decision and allow us to point you in the right direction.

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“Ancient Worlds Part Three”!

Wonderful Father of mercy and grace, we thank you for the Holy Spirit, who is our constant companion.

May You be glorified. We thank You for the Teachings of the old biblical times. Help us to realize how important it is for us to know Your Word, and also have knowledge of old Biblical things, issues, events, people, and materialistic things, so that we can understand your Word more clearly.

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Beloved in Christ,

The Teaching on Feasts of ancient times is very important for Christians today. It helps us to understand the thought pattern of the old biblical people and also the traditions that they had and how they lived. The stone on the Ephod of the High-Priest is also very interesting, and it teaches us much about Who this God is that we serve. That He instructed them to put these twelve stones in the dress-code of the High-Priest; but also, to realize that they refer to the twelve tribes of Biblical Israel and also refer to the twelve disciples of Jesus. Enjoy the information regarding the Metals in the Word.

God bless you, shalom.

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FEASTS OF ANCIENT TIMES

The three major Pilgrimage Festivals in Hebrew (“shalosh Regalim”) are three major festivals in Judaism. They are:

- 1) The Passover Feast (“Pesach”)
- 2) The Feast of Pentecost – or Feast of Weeks (“Shavuot”)
- 3) The Feast of Tabernacle – or Feast of Tents/Booths (“Sukkot”)

Ancient Israelites living in the kingdom of Judah, made a Pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem as was commanded by the Torah. Let us have a look at Exo 23:14-17 Three times in the year you shall keep a feast to Me. Exo 23:15 You shall keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread (“matzos”); seven days you shall eat unleavened bread as I commanded you, at the time appointed in the month of Abib, for in it you came out of Egypt.

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None shall appear before Me empty-handed. Exo 23:16 Also you shall keep the Feast of Harvest [Pentecost]- (“Shavuot”), [acknowledging] the first fruits of your toil, of what you sow in the field. And [third] you shall keep the Feast of Ingathering [Booths or Tabernacles] –(“Sukkot”) at the end of the year, when you gather in the fruit of your labours from the field. Exo 23:17 Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the Lord God.

Also have a look at the Book of Deuteronomy:

The Feast of Passover: Deu 16:1 Observe the month of Abib and keep the Passover to the Lord your God, for in the month of Abib the Lord your God brought you out of Egypt by night. The Feast of Weeks: Deu 16:9 You shall count seven weeks; begin to number the seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the standing grain. Deu 16:10 Then you shall keep the Feast of Weeks to the Lord your God with a tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give to the Lord your God, as the Lord your God blesses you. The Feast of Booths: Deu 16:13 You shall observe the Feast of Tabernacles or Booths for seven days after you have gathered in from your threshing floor and wine vat. Deu 16:16 Three times a year shall all your males appear before the Lord your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles or Booths.

They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed: Deu 16:17 Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you. In Jerusalem they came to worship God; bring Offerings; participate in festivities and worship rituals through the services of Priests (“kohanim”) in the Temple. After destruction of the

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second Temple Pilgrimages were no longer compulsory to the Jews. Today in modern Israel, many Jews living in or near Jerusalem try to attend Prayer Services at the Western Wall, probably trying to keep the ancient tradition alive. Did you know that Samaritans, even till today, take Pilgrimages to Mount Gerizim three times a year?

GEMS IN THE WORD OF GOD

There are many Gems in the Word of God of which we can learn much because every Gem has a significant colour and meaning, physical and spiritual. The garment of the High-Priest (Exo 28:19-21) of the old ancient Temples, had twelve different stones in his Breastplate. Every stone represented a tribe of Israel as well as a special colour and refer to each of the twelve Disciple of Jesus in the New Testament. Exo 28:15 You shall make a breastplate of judgment, in skilled work; like the workmanship of the ephod shall you make it, of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet [stuff], and of fine twined linen. Exo 28:16 The breastplate shall be square and doubled; a span [nine inches] shall be its length and a span shall be its breadth. Exo 28:17 You shall set in it four rows of stones: a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle shall be the first row; Exo 28:18 The second row an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond [so called at that time]; Exo 28:19 The third row a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst;



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Exo 28:20 And the fourth row a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper; they shall be set in gold filigree. Exo 28:21 And the stones shall be twelve, according to the names of the sons of Israel, like the engravings of a signet, each with its name for the twelve tribes.

In the New Testament we find the gems also mentioned in the Book of Revelation. Rev 21:19 The foundation [stones] of the wall of the city were ornamented with all the precious stones. The first foundation [stone] was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony (or white agate), the fourth emerald, [Isa. 54:11, 12.] Rev 21:20 The fifth onyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, the twelfth amethyst. Rev 21:21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each separate gate being built of one solid pearl. And the main street (the Broadway) of the city was of gold as pure and translucent as glass. See the Table of Gems that appear in God's Word below:

SARDIUS	Exo 28:17 You shall set in it four rows of stones: a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle shall be the first row;
TOPAZ	Exo 28:17 You shall set in it four rows of stones: a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle shall be the first row;
CARBUNCLE	Exo 28:17 You shall set in it four rows of stones: a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle shall be the first row;

EMERALD	Exo 28:18 The second row an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond [so called at that time]
SAPPHIRE	Exo 28:18 The second row an emerald, a sapphire , and a diamond [so called at that time]
DIAMOND	Exo 28:18 The second row an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond [so called at that time]

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THIRD ROW OF STONES

7	JACINTH	Exo 28:19 The third row a jacinth , an agate, and an amethyst;
8	AGATE	Exo 28:19 The third row a jacinth, an agate , and an amethyst;
9	AMETHYST	Exo 28:19 The third row a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst ;

FOURTH ROW OF STONES

10	BERYL	Exo 28:20 And the fourth row a beryl , an onyx, and a jasper; they shall be set in gold filigree.
11	ONYX	Exo 28:20 And the fourth row a beryl, an onyx , and a jasper; they shall be set in gold filigree.
12	JASPER	Exo 28:20 And the fourth row a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper ; they shall be set in gold filigree.

OTHER STONES MENTIONED IN REVELATION

1	CHALCEDONY	Rev 21:19 The foundation [stones] of the wall of the city were ornamented with all the precious stones. The first
2	CHRYSOLEITE	Exo 28:20 And the fourth row a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper; they shall be set in gold filigree.
CHRYSOPRASUS	Rev 21:20 The fifth onyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite , the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase , the eleventh	
GOLD	EXO 25:18 You shall make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold , that the table may be carried with them.	
CORAL	JOB 28:18 No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal; for the possession of Wisdom is even above rubies or pearls.	
SHINING METAL (AMBER METAL)	EZE 1:4 As I looked, behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, and a great cloud with a fire enveloping it and flashing continually; a	
PEARLS (BDELLIUM)	REV 21:21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls ...	

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METALS IN GOD'S WORD

The Bible of God's Word mentions six metals: copper, gold, silver, lead, tin, and iron.

Num 31:21 And Eleazar the priest said to the men of war who had gone to battle, This is the statute of the law which the Lord has commanded Moses: Num 31:22 Only the gold, the silver, the bronze, the iron, the tin, and the lead, Num 31:23 Everything that can stand fire, you shall make go through fire, and it shall be clean. Nevertheless, it shall also be purified with the water of impurity; and all that cannot stand fire [such as fabrics] you shall pass through water.

Note the following interesting factors:

What is the rarest metal of all?

Whereas "Tantalum" is the rarest stable metal on earth; the rarest metal on earth is "Francium" but it is very unstable and has a lifespan of only 22 minutes, therefor it serves no purpose.

Is there a metal worth more than Gold?

From the four major metals, Palladium is now the most valuable. But due to much shortage thereof the prices have shot through the roof. Palladium is a key component in pollution control devices for trucks and cars, and the price has doubled in less than a year, making it more expensive than Gold.

What is the oldest metal in the world?

In the Middle East, some Researchers declared that they have found the oldest metal object dating back to the late 6th or 5th century BC:

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It is called copper awl, found at “Tel Tsaf” excavation site near the border of Israel, in Jordan.



What is the strongest metal in the world?

In terms of flexibility, Tungsten is the strongest of any natural metal (142,000 psi). But with regards to impact strength, it will shatter on impact due to brittleness.

When did Humans start using metals first?

Copper was apparently used by ancient man more than 10000 years ago – a copper pendant was discovered in 8700bC in where modern Northern Iraq is now. Although various copper tools and artifacts can support this claim, some Archaeologists give evidence that the early Mesopotamians were the first to fully harness the ability to extract and work with copper. Copper had all the metal applications and for almost five millennia it was the only metal known to man. During the next 2000

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years humans have learnt where to find metals, how to master them, and manipulate them for their own selfish usage. Nuggets of gold were the easiest to find in streams, etc.

Who were the first to make steel?

Around 400bC Indian metalworkers invented a “smelting process” which bonded the perfect amount of carbon to iron; therefore, producing the first true steel. Their secret was a clay that was receptable for the molten metal, a Crucible. By the height of the Roman Empire, many metals were in use including silver, zinc, mercury, lead, gold, copper, tin, iron, arsenic and antimony.

Who were the first to use Iron?

Iron objects were found in Egypt dating back as far as 3500bC, containing 7.5% nickel, indicating they were of meteoric origin. Iron is found in the core of all Planets in the Solar System and is the heaviest element formed inside Stars.

Is there a metal that is Bulletproof?

By melting aluminum around hollow metal spheres, composite metal foam is 70% lighter than sheet metal and can absorb 80 times more energy than steel. Aluminum is fireproof, radiation-resistant, and bulletproof.

Is there something like a “holy metal”?

The word Iron comes from earlier words meaning “holy metal” because it was used to make swords that was used in the Crusades. In Hinduism, their religion believe that gold was the first human, therefore gold is the “holiest metal” according to Hindu’s.

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See the Table of Metals that appear in God's Word below:

METAL SCRIPTURES

GOLD

There are more than 305 scriptures re gold in God's Word.

Gen 2:11 The first is named Pishon; it is the one flowing around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold.

Mat 2:11 ... they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell and worshiped Him. Then opening their treasure bags, they presented to Him gifts--gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Rev 3:18 Therefore I counsel you to purchase from Me gold refined and tested by fire, that you may be [truly] wealthy, and white clothes to clothe you and to keep the shame of your nudity from being seen, and salve to put on your eyes, that you may see. See 2 Cron 9:18.

COPPER / BRONZE

The Bronze Basin - Exo 38:8 He made the laver and its base of bronze from the mirrors of the women who ministered at the door of the Tent of Meeting.

LEAD

Exo 15:10 You [Lord] blew with Your wind; the sea covered them; [clad in mail] they sank as lead in the mighty waters.

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SILVER

Gen 23:15 My lord, listen to me. The land is worth 400 shekels of silver; what is that between you and me?

TIN

Num 31:22 Only gold, silver, bronze, iron, tin, and the lead,
IRON Deu 8:9 A land in which you shall eat food without shortage and lack nothing in it; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper.



**May you be blessed in Jesus Name, until next time, Shalom.
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