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## Correcting the Archaic King James Bible

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Throughout the Laodicean close of the Church Age (beginning approximately A.D. 1870), the devil has attacked the pure words of God in English, using apostate Christian scholars. Beginning with the *Revised Version* of 1881, each of the over 300 "new," "updated," "scholarly" modern translations has corrupted the *King James Bible* under the pretense that the readers are unable to understand the archaic language of the AV 1611. The preface of the *RSV* (1952) states its case in this manner:

"A major reason for revision of the *King James Version*, which is valid for both the Old Testament and the New Testament, is the change since 1611 in English usage. Many forms of expression have become archaic . . . . Other words are obsolete and no longer understood by the common reader."

In the *New International Version*

(*NIV*) preface of 1978, we find the same professed concern and need to correct the *KJV* as it states: "As for the traditional pronouns 'thou,' 'thee,' and 'thine' in reference to the Deity, the translators judged that to use these archaisms . . . would violate accuracy in translation."

This pious verbiage is repeated every time a newer English Bible translation is foisted on the market. Every one of them must compare itself to the *King James Bible* and pretend to be an improvement on the 1611 by removing archaic and obsolete words. The modern Christian regurgitates this line of horse pucky (updated version) and is convinced by his so-called Christian education that he cannot understand the archaic 1611.

With this in mind, we will look at how well the Bible revisers have done in their efforts to update the *KJV*, pointing out only a few of the many examples that could be highlighted. The Satanic attack on the scriptures (using Christian educators) begins before we are even finished reading seven words of the Holy Bible.

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# The Love of God

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

**“But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all”** (Isa. 53:5–6).

Isaiah 53 is the great chapter in the Old Testament on the blood atonement. In speaking of the blood atonement for sin, Isaiah is presenting the love of God. God is a balanced Being. He is a God of judgment, wrath, vengeance, and jealousy: that’s the negative part. But He is also a God of love, kindness, longsuffering, grace, and mercy: that’s the positive part. A battery has to have both positive and negative poles to work.

Now we know Isaiah is presenting the love of God here, because in the New Testament the love of God for sinners is clearly defined.

**“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”** (Rom. 5:8).

**“Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren”** (1 John 3:16).

**“In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins”** (1 John 4:9–10).

When I consider a passage like Isaiah 53, I see some things about my Saviour that make me wonder why He came and died for us sinners; especially *me*. Do you know why it is so hard for a lost person to accept the sacrifice of Christ for salvation? It is because deep down in his heart, the unregenerate man has a knowledge of his own depravity. Whether he will admit it or not, he knows God has no reason to love him.

If you are honest with yourself, you know there is nothing in you that would make God love you. What is there about you that would appeal to God?

When you love someone, you want to be with that person. What is there about you that would make God want to be with you? The Bible says all your righteousness is **“as filthy rags”** (Isa. 64:6). Why would God want to hang around a mess like that?

If you love someone, you want to brag about the person. Why would God want to brag about you? The Bible says your **“heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked”** (Jer. 17:9). Why would the Lord brag about that? The Bible says, **“the carnal mind is enmity against God”** (Rom. 8:7); it says, **“no flesh should glory in his presence”** (1 Cor. 1:29). In our natural state, we are against God; we can’t even brag about ourselves in God’s presence. What, then, would God

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be doing bragging about us?

If you love someone, you like to give things to that person. Why would the Lord want to give anything to you? What could you give back to the Lord that wasn't His already? If you tithe, who put the money in your account from which to give the tenth? Why, the Lord did (Deut. 8:17-18). If you give Him your life (Rom. 12:1), well, who gave you your life to begin with? He did.

We had a missionary in our church years ago who told about an old man in some third-world country, to whom he was witnessing, who wouldn't get saved. When the missionary asked him why he wouldn't trust Christ, that old man said, "Because I don't understand it."

"Well, you don't have to understand all the Bible to be saved. You just have to know that you're a sinner and that Christ died for you," said the missionary.

"It's not the Bible I have a problem with," said the old man.

"Then what don't you understand?" asked the missionary.

"I don't understand," said the old man, "why God would *love me*."

The average American has had so much Modernism and Liberalism pumped down him that he takes it for granted that God loves him and figures He would never hurt him. But to people who have an appreciation for the wrath of God because they live under it on a constant basis, a verse like John 3:16 is a startling thing.

First of all, it amazes me that God loved us when we *despised* Him (Isa. 53:3). Lost men turn up their nose at Jesus Christ; they feel *contempt* for Him. They mocked His birth. They said, "**We be not born of fornication**" (John 8:41), implying *He was*. They said, "Why do you even bother to listen to Him? He's demon possessed and is nuttier than a fruit cake!" (That's Ruckman's "living version" for John 10:20.)

"**He is despised.**" Nobody wants Him; they have no use for Him. Why, there are people who have more use for dogs and cats than they have for Jesus Christ. Some of these Hollywood stars and starlets will get on television and make tear-jerking appeals for seals, chickens, dogs, spotted owls, and pink pussycats before they would say anything positive about Jesus Christ. I love dogs, but I can't see putting any animal ahead of my Saviour.

Isaiah 53:3 goes on to say Christ was "**rejected of men.**" The Bible says, "**He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not**" (John 1:10-11).

The political crowd didn't want anything to do with Him. Pilate stared right into the face of Truth incarnate (John 14:6) and said, "**What is truth?**" (John 18:38). Then he walked away before Christ could even answer the question. What was the problem? He rejected the One who said he was truth.

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The religious crowd wanted nothing to do with Him. They said, “**Have any of the rulers of the Pharisees believed on him?**” (John 7:48). They rejected Christ out of the fear of man (John 12:42–43). His own family rejected Him (John 7:5); Peter denied Him; Judas betrayed Him; His disciples deserted Him. He was “**rejected of men.**”

“**A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.**” He wept when His friend Lazarus died (John 11:35). He wept over Jerusalem rejecting Him (Luke 19:41). He was “**sorrowful unto death**” over bearing our sins to Calvary (Mark 14:34).

If I have to meet sorrow and grief head on and grapple with them, I know there is Someone who went before me to help get me through them. The writer of Hebrews said,

“**For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin**” (Heb. 4:15).

He “**suffered being tempted**” so he could “**succour them that are tempted**” (Heb. 2:18).

Joyce Kilmer was an American poet who volunteered for service in World War I and was killed while on a scouting patrol. Before he died, he wrote “Prayer of a Soldier in France.”

“My shoulders ache beneath my pack  
(Lie easier, Cross, upon His back).  
“I march with feet that burn and smart  
(Tread, Holy Feet, upon my heart).  
“Men shout at me who may not speak  
(They scourged Thy back and smote Thy cheek).  
“I may not lift a hand to clear  
My eyes of salty drops that sear.  
“(Then shall my fickle soul forget  
Thy agony of Bloody Sweat?)  
“My rifle hand is stiff and numb  
(From Thy pierced palm red rivers come).  
“Lord, Thou didst suffer more for me  
Then all the hosts of land and sea.  
“So let me render back again  
This millionth of Thy gift. Amen.”

That fellow looked at his own sufferings and realized they weren't anything compared with the One who died for him.

Verse 4 of Isaiah 53 says, “**we did esteem him . . . smitten of God.**” Those Pharisees and Sadducees figured Jesus got what was coming to Him and that God was against Him. That's the position Job's buddies took against him. It wasn't true in the case of Job (Job 42:7), and

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it wasn't true in the case of Christ (Luke 9:31, 35).

For Jesus to become a Saviour who understands us in our troubles, He had to become **"acquainted with grief."** God sent only one Man into this world without sin, but He never sent any man into this world without sorrow. Every man from Adam onward had to suffer in this world, and Christ was no exception.

Now *why* did He have to suffer like that? The text of Isaiah 53 (vs. 5) says, **"he was wounded for OUR TRANSGRESSIONS, he was bruised for OUR INIQUITIES; the chastisement of OUR PEACE was upon him; and with his stripes WE ARE HEALED."**

Jesus didn't die on Calvary's cross as a martyr; i.e., for something He believed or stood for. He didn't die as a rebel against the Roman or Jewish governments. He didn't die as a blasphemer or a thief or a liar: He didn't die for any sin He had committed. He died for *me* and *my sins*.

"Man of sorrows what a name

for the Son of God, who came

RUINED SINNERS TO RECLAIM:

Hallelujah, What a Saviour!"

**"With his stripes we are healed."** The Roman soldiers took Jesus, stripped Him, tied His hands behind His back, and put a scarlet robe across His back. Then they blindfolded Him and began to slap Him around and mock Him, saying, "Prophecy, King of the Jews! Who hit

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you?" Then they took off the blindfold and robe, led him over to a post, and strung up His hands over His head. Then one of those soldiers took a cat-of-nine-tails and brought it down across His back until it was completely flayed. And when that happened, the Bible says, **"by whose stripes ye were healed"** (1 Pet. 2:24).

The Pentecostal and Holiness brethren get so caught up with "Whipping Post theology" (i.e., there is *physical* healing in the atonement) that they miss the spiritual application Peter makes to Isaiah 53:5. In this day and age, the healing is applied to our *sins* (**"being dead to SINS, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed"**—1 Pet. 2:24).

**"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows . . . and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."** If anyone knew about grief, He knew all about it, yet He still loved me enough to go through it and shed the blood for ME. I don't understand that.

Over in Austria, there is a flower that grows up in the Alps called the *edelweiss*. There is a tradition that if a young man really loves a girl, he has to prove his love to her by getting her an *edelweiss*, and the only way to do that is to climb one of those mountains and risk his life to get her one of those flowers. Of course, there has been many a young man who tried that who ended up falling to his death. It must be real love for a young man to do something like that to impress a girl, but Christ laid down His life for someone who *didn't* love Him.

**"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the UNGODLY"** (Rom. 5:6).

**"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet SINNERS, Christ died for us"** (Rom. 5:8).

**"For if, when we were ENEMIES, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life"** (Rom. 5:10).

He did that *willingly* for us. There is no love like that in the world. If you miss that love, you miss all this life has to offer in reality.

In all human love stories, there is an element of selfishness on the part of one or both parties. It's an exchange, no matter how much the parties love each other. But in the case of Christ, the love is completely one sided. He didn't get anything at all out of His sacrificial love for us. We had **"gone astray"**; we were going our **"own way,"** not His.

Christ didn't die for my good points; He died for my *bad* points. He died for my transgressions, iniquities, and sins. He bore our griefs and sorrows. Do you understand that? I sure don't.

Why was he bruised for me? Why did He take a fist in the face for me? Why did He take spit in the face for me? Why did He take His beard being plucked out for me? Why did the blood run down His head from the crown of thorns and into His face for me? Or for *you*, for that mat-

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ter? I mean, we are of no more importance to God Almighty than grains of sand on the beach.

As a shepherd boy, David was out there on the hillsides, looking up at the stars at night. He became so overwhelmed with his own insignificance in the vastness of the universe that he wrote:

**“When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?”** (Psa. 8:3–4).

Why would the Creator of those galaxies and star clusters take the time to come down here and pick up a little pebble on the beach and take it home with Him? I mean, wouldn't you think some planet or nebula or giant star would occupy more of His time and concern than one of us?

Think of this: couldn't God have gotten just as much glory and honor out of you lost as He did saved? Why, sure, man! He said of Pharaoh, **“Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth”** (Rom. 9:17).

So why take the time to haul you up out of the muck and mire (Psa. 40:2)? God didn't have to fool with me. He could have just let me go on to Hell without skipping a beat.

The brethren just wear me out with their own self-importance. Listen, people, if you died today, there are at least six billion people on this earth who will never know you even lived. Even if you are some bigshot like Obama, there won't be that many people who care if you are around or not. Sure your loved ones will miss you, but beyond that, there won't be many who even think about you unless prompted.

“He came to the crossroads all alone,  
With the sunrise on his feet;  
He had no fear for the path unknown,  
No dread for the perilous race.  
The road stretched east, and the road stretched west,  
And no one showed him which way was the best.

“So the boy turned wrong and went on down,  
And lost the race and the victor's crown,  
And fell at last into the deadly snare  
Because no one stood at the crossroads there.

“Another boy on another day  
At the self-same crossroads stood;  
He paused a moment to choose the way  
That would lead to the highest good.

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The road stretched east, and the road stretched west,  
Someone stood to show him which way was best.

“And the boy turned right and went straight on,  
And won the race and the victor's crown;  
He came at last to the mansions fair  
Because someone stood at the crossroads there.”

The Lord could have let me choose my own way to destruction at the crossroads. That's the way my life was headed. But instead He stood at the crossroads and told me the right way. He didn't have to do that.

Back in 1936, King Edward VIII abdicated the British throne to marry an American woman named Wallis Simpson. All the news media played it up as the love story of the century: a King gave up his throne for love. Why don't they make a big deal over Jesus Christ? He gave up the throne of the universe to come down and get me.

I like to read Isaiah 53 and put my name everywhere it says “**our**,” “**we**,” and “**us**.” You say, “It doesn't say that, Ruckman.” Well, I'll tell you what, if that isn't what the passage is saying, then it's no good. It says, “**ALL WE like sheep have gone astray.**” You reckon that includes you and me? You bet your booties it does!

I had someone ask me one time if Jesus died for Judas Iscariot. I told him, “Yeah.” He said, “How could Christ die for someone like that?” I got a better one for you: how could Christ die for a rascal like *you*; how could He die for a scoundrel like *me*?

Do you know why Jesus came and died knowing you would ignore Him, reject Him, make fun of Him, and use His name as a cuss word? The only answer is *love*. That Bible says, “**charity shall cover a multitude of sins**” (1 Pet. 4:8), and the love of God through Christ covered *all* my sins.

If I were in debt over my head to the point where I knew I could never pay it off, and someone loved me enough to make out a cashier's check down at the bank for the full amount of my debt, I would be a fool not to go down and pick it up and use it. Can you imagine me turning that check down because I don't have the right feeling or because I think I have to “live it” or because I think it's too easy or because I don't have the gift of tongues. Anybody with breathing sense would do down and pick up the check and pay his bills.

Yet people owe a debt to God they can never pay on their own. God loved them enough to send down His Son to pay the debt for them, and they turn down the payment for exactly those same reasons. All you have to do to clear the debt between you and God is pick up the “check” made out by Jesus Christ in His own blood on the cross.

**“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”** (John 3:16).



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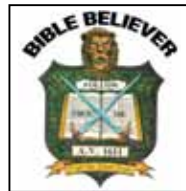
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1:1, the common American reader must not be able to understand that **“God created the HEAVEN”** as the *King James Bible* reads, so it is corrected to read *“heavens”* by the RSV, ASV, HCSB, ESV, NASV, NIV, WEB, NRSV, and even the NKJV! This correction to *“heavens”* allows Christian scholars to deny two separate creations in Genesis chapter 1, while the KJV is very plain that the first creation of Genesis 1:1 (**“heaven”**) does not match the recreation of verses 2–31. This is made even more obvious by use of the plural **“heavens”** in Genesis 2:1, as well as the scripture in Genesis 1:28 that tells Adam to **“REPLENISH the earth.”** You replenish something that had something in it and is now empty.

The first creation of Genesis 1:1 had an anointed cherub named Lucifer over the physical earth, with **“sons of God”** present (see Ezek. 28:13–14; Isa. 14:12–14; and Job 38:4–7). When Lucifer decided to take over the position of God Almighty, he was cast out, and the earth of Genesis 1:1 became **“without form, and void”** (Gen. 1:2), while the created **“heaven”** of Genesis 1:1 took on darkness. The KJV translators were given revelation and direction by the Spirit of God, and we have the **“scripture . . . given by inspiration”** (2 Tim. 3:16) in the English of the KJV in Genesis 1:1.

*Example number 2.* In the book of Esther, when **“the king Ahasuerus”** prepares a seven-day feast (Esth. 1:2–6), the archaic KJV tells us there was **“a pavement of red, and blue,**

**and white, and black, marble.”** Will the “common reader” please step forward and let us know what part of that phrase is archaic? Maybe he has trouble understanding what **“a pavement”** is? Or could it be he has never heard of **“marble”**?

Sorry, Charlie, it is neither of them. The archaic word needing correction is none other than the word **“red.”** That’s right, the NASV helps update the obsolete and archaic word **“red”** with the much more understandable word *“porphyry.”* After, all, the modern English reader’s mind cannot grasp (I believe the modern phrase is “I cannot wrap my head around it”) the idea of a pavement of red marble; he gets a much clearer picture when he thinks of a pavement of porphyry.

*Example number 3.* When Nebuchadnezzar gathers everyone together to dedicate his image in Daniel 3:1–2, the archaic KJV confuses us by saying he gathers **“the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges,”** etc. The NIV, RSV, and NASV all clear up the archaic, obsolete word **“princes,”** letting us know they were *“satraps.”* Just ask any American or British high school student to define what a *prince* is and watch his face wrinkle in confusion, versus the much more understandable *satrap*.

*Example number 4.* The same kind of archaism is fixed in 2 Corinthians 11:32, where the NASV corrects the incomprehensible word **“governor,”** found in the KJV, to *“ethnarch.”*

*Example number 5.* When a storm

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hits the ship in Acts 24:14–17, Paul's shipmates, fearing they were about to hit "**quicksands**" (*KJV*), "**strake sail**" to avoid them. But alas, they were just ignorant sailors, unaware that it was not "**quicksands**" but "*Syrtis*" (*NRSV*) into which they were close to falling. Next time you are out on the docks, ask some seasoned modern-day sailors what they would do if they came across some *Syrtis*.

*Example number 6.* When Job 26:7 gives us some scientific information about the location of the third heaven being "**north**," how mistaken he was, since we now have the updated, scientific evidence given by the *NRSV* that changes the word "**north**" to "*Zaphon*." No doubt, our readers have a better grasp of the universe knowing that God "stretcheth out the *Zaphon* over the empty place."

*Example number 7.* Another one of Job's archaisms is cleared up by the *RSV* by telling us in Job 6:6 that "**the white of an egg**" should be "*the slime of the purslane*." Next time you walk into a Waffle House, IHOP, or Denny's, remember to tell whoever waits on you that you want your "*slime of the purslane*" over easy.

*Example number 8.* When we read the *KJV* in Numbers 21:14, we are slammed with the obsolete phrase that says, "**What he did in the Red sea.**" But no need to worry about not getting the right idea, for we now have the updated 1978 English of the *NIV*, which says, "*Waheb in Suphah*."

Thank God we can now understand the Bible and speak without

using those archaisms of 1611. No wonder the Red Sea parted; Moses simply chanted "*Waheb in Suphah*" three times fast.

*Example number 9.* Joel 2:30 in the *KJV* mistakenly tells us that in the tribulation period, the Lord "**will shew wonders in the heavens**," when we all know (thanks to the modern Christian scholarship of the *RSV*) that "**wonders**" is correctly rendered "*portents*."

*Example number 10.* In Genesis 14:1, Tidal is called "**king of nations**" in the obsolete *King James Bible*. But who can understand that phrase? So the *RSV* and the *NIV* step in and save the day with "*Tidal king of Goiim*." Passing out tracts in the streets of New York City, I have had orthodox Jews disgustingly refer to me as "*goiim*," and I guarantee they did not mean "nations."

These are just ten examples of the literally hundreds of places where the Bible-correcting scholars expose their real motives in revising the word of God. It has nothing to do with archaic or obsolete or misunderstood expressions. Just walk out on the streets and stop people, and ask them to define the modern corrections. I dare you to find ten folks at random who can tell you the meaning of "*Syrtis*," "*Zaphon*," "*ethnarch*," or "*Waheb in Suphah*." Make sure you try them out on college-educated Americans, while I ask some sixth graders to tell me

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what words like “red” and “north” and “princes” and “governor” and “nations” mean.

The real reason for corrupting the pure words of God by the Christian scholars is explained by the Book they profess to correct. In 1 Timothy 6:10, the *KJV* says, “**For the love of money is the root of all evil.**” Since the Bible is the best-selling book of all time by a landslide, someone knows there is money in all those sales. And since the monarch of the books exposes their sin, do not be surprised that the scholars must clear up that archaism and pervert it to read as the *NIV*: “**For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.**”

The “science” of Bible translation is not scholarship at all, but is merely an attempt to make money while removing the authority to which they must give an account. Only a few verses later in the same chapter, the *AV* 1611 gives a warning to avoid these “**oppositions of science falsely so called**” (1 Tim. 6:20). So here comes the Bible-correcting Christian scholar to make sure he and his congregation remain in good standing with the modern educated world by changing “**science**” to “*knowledge*” in the verse. After all, every complete, modern Christian education must include “science,” and God forbid a Christian should look ignorant to the scientific community by which he so desires to be found acceptable. A Christian education today has little to do with the Bible and much more to do with adjusting to the spirit of this

age, which is to get along. Instead of being a stink in his community (2 Cor. 2:16), the modern Christian education teaches him how to be acceptable, and to do that, he must get rid of the *King James Bible* and its unacceptable archaisms.

When one of our church members went to a large Christian college, she was given a handout that urged her to be careful not to use language that might bring a negative impression to her students when teaching. The number one word in a list of 25 was *must*. Christian teachers are being taught that using the word *must* is too negative, and that they should tell the student he *should* do a certain thing, instead of telling him he *must* do something. Imagine telling the little darling that he *must* do something. Doesn't that remind you of the Lord Jesus Christ when He carefully and considerately told Nicodemus that he “should” be born again in John 3? I suppose the next corrupt “Bible” to come out will have to correct the archaic “**must**” of John 3:7.

Another word on the list was *liar*. The sensitive, educated Christian must never call anyone a liar, but instead say that “they are not always being truthful.” The Lord Jesus Christ commends the church at Ephesus for trying those that “**say they are apostles, and are not**” (Rev. 2:2). The *NIV* and *RSV* both help the Lord out by correcting His unacceptable language that might give a negative impression, so that it reads: “*and found them to be false.*”

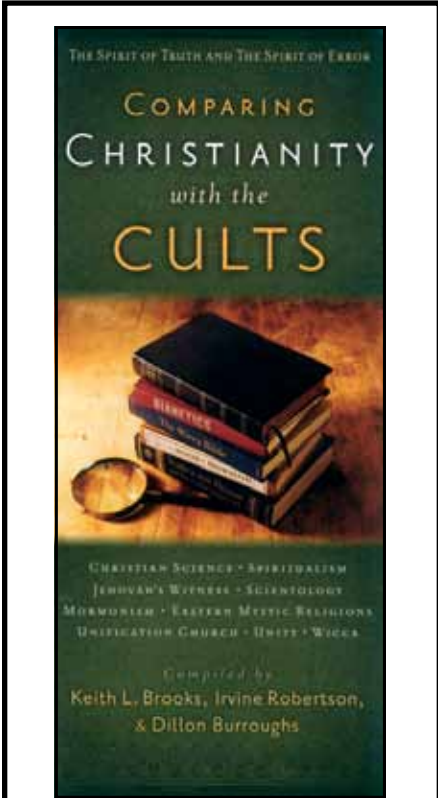
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This shows the spiritual condition of the Laodicean Christian. His “Bibles” and his language and his

“Christ” are all acceptable. He is not a soldier; he is a soothsayer. His speech would never be accused of being “**rude**” (as the Apostle Paul’s in 2 Cor. 11:6), but at worst “*unskilled*” (RSV) or “*not . . . trained*” (NIV). These sissy “Bibles” are producing sissy Christians who would never stand on a street corner and lift up their voices to warn lost sinners. They are much more concerned with making sure they never offend anyone than with preaching the truth. Take heed, Christian. Do not let anyone take your archaic *King James Bible* and its pure words away from you, lest ye end up an acceptable, considerate, nice, and USELESS Christian.



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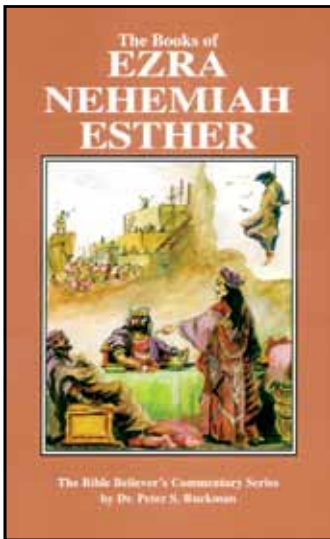
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# Does Greek Help?

By Dean Hays  
(Part Four of Eight)

So far we have examined the worth of the Greek lexicons, and we started examining the manuscript evidence behind the new versions. Here we want to go into the manuscript evidence for John 7:8. The pertinent part of the verse, in the *KJV*, reads, “**I go not up YET unto this feast.**” The new versions like the *NASV* and *NIV* leave out the word “**yet**” so that the verse reads: “*I do not go up to this feast.*” So scholarship says Jesus didn’t go up to the feast *at all*. This makes Jesus a *liar*, since He *does* go up to the feast in verse 10. The new versions make a *sinner* out of Jesus Christ by dropping the word “**yet.**” The *King James* retains Christ’s integrity by having him say, “I’m not going up to the feast just yet, so ya’ll run along, and I’ll catch you later” (the “Dean Hays” version).

Here is the evidence, given by Jack Moorman, for the *King James* reading. This time we add a new category: the *papyrus*. Papyrus was a cheap form of paper that didn’t last long in the moist Mediterranean environment. Nevertheless, many fragments of manuscripts have been found in arid environments like Egypt. These fragments predate the “oldest and best manuscripts” by as much as 200 years. They show you two things: 1) peculiar *KJV*-type readings existed long before Hort’s imaginary “Lucian Recension” in the Fourth Century (a supposed official organization of the Byzantine-type text on which our *King James* Bible is based), and 2) the corruption of the biblical text had already begun (see 2 Cor. 2:17). While P66 and P75 are usually pieces of junk, as far as the text of the New Testament is concerned, this time they *agree* with the *KJV*.

And lo and behold, what is the first uncial manuscript we see with the *KJV*’s “**yet**” in John 7:8? Why, it is Hort’s “precedent”—manuscript B, *Vaticanus* itself. It agrees with the *King James* Bible. Does Nestle’s Greek text give B the “precedent” here? No. Do the *NASV* or the *NIV* give it the “precedent” here? Of course not! Why not? It agrees with the *KJV*!

Along with B, *twenty other uncials* agree with the *King James*: E, F, G, H, K, L, S, T, U, V, W, X, *Gamma*, *Delta*, *Theta*, *Lambda*, *Psi*, 0105, 0180, 0250. The reading is also contained (“extant”) in uncials N, Y, *Omega*, 047, 055, 070, 0141, 0211, 0233. Of course, it is also in the majority of cursive manuscripts, as well as in cursive families 1 and 13. In Latin, it is in Old Latin manuscripts f, g1, and a few *Vulgate* manuscripts. It is in the Syriac *Peshitta*, the Palestinian Syriac, and the margin of the Harclean Syriac. In Coptic, it is found in the Sahidic, one Bohairic manuscript, the “proto-Bohairic,” and the sub-Achmimic. It is also in the Gothic translation.

The evidence for the modern translations dropping “**yet**” is five uncials (*Sinaiticus*, D, K, M, and *Pi*) and *some* cursives. In Latin, there are Old Latin manuscripts a, aur, b, c, d, ff2, and the first corrector of manuscript c, as well as the majority of the *Vulgate* testimony. There are the Sinaitic and Curetonian Syriac translations; along with the Coptic Bohairic in general, the Armenian, and the Ethiopic translations.

Once more we have the elephant against the mice on the seesaw. But the  
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scholars not only reject the mountain of evidence for the *King James*, they throw out their own beloved *Vaticanus*, and take the *Sinaiticus* over it, when B agrees with the *KJV*.

If you really want to know the character of *Vaticanus* and *Sinaiticus*, get a book by Wilbur Pickering, available from the Bookstore, entitled *Identity of the New Testament Text* (KJ-1701 @ \$15.00). Pickering has a quote that says: "There are 3,000 differences between *Sinaiticus* and *Vaticanus* in the Gospels alone" (pg. 57). The two "oldest and best" manuscripts disagree 3,000 times between themselves in just Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John; never mind how many more times they disagree in the rest of the books of the New Testament. That number alone is more than all the disagreements of all the *Receptus* manuscripts combined in the Gospels. The truth is, "the oldest and best" are *pieces of trash*, as far as biblical manuscripts go.

The next passage we want to examine is Mark 16:9–20, the last twelve verses of Mark. Now the newer versions really don't have the courage to remove the verses, but they will put a footnote to this effect:

"The two most reliable early manuscripts do not have Mark 16:9–20" (NIV).

"The earliest manuscripts and some other ancient witnesses do not have verses 9–20" (CEV).

"A few late manuscripts and versions contain this paragraph, usually after verse 8; a few have it at the end of the chapter" (NASV).

What they will do, in the text, is put the passage in *double brackets* (which they get from Nestle's Greek text). That means they don't believe the passage is in the "originals." (The only Bible to actually be honest about what it believes about the last twelve verses of Mark is the new Jehovah's Witness Bible. It leaves out the passage altogether. That's honest. It's wrong, but it's honest.)

Doesn't sound like there is a lot of evidence for the verses, does it? Well, if these scholars were Pinocchio, their noses would be about two feet long by now. They are telling a GREAT, BIG LIE!

Here is the evidence. Here are "the few late manuscripts and versions" that "contain this paragraph":

The uncials: A, C, D, E, F, G, H, K, L, M, S, U, V, W, X, Y, *Gamma*, *Delta*, *Theta*, *Pi*, *Sigma*, *Psi*, *Omega*, 099, and 0112. It is also contained ("extant") in 047, 055, 0211, 0233, and 0257.

The cursives: The *majority* as well as both families of cursive manuscripts (f1 and f13).

Latin: aur, c, the supplement to manuscript d, ff2, g1, g2, l, n, o, q, r2, and the entire *Vulgate* testimony.

Syriac: The *Peshitta*, the Curetonian, the Harclean, and the Palestinian.

Coptic—Sahidic, Bohairic, and Fayyumic.

Also the Gothic, Armenian, and Ethiopic translations.

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*Sinaiticus* and *Vaticanus*, “a few” cursives (and by “a few,” they mean ONE), Old Latin manuscript k, the Sinaitic Syria, one Coptic Sahidic manuscript, and some Armenian manuscripts. This time, the elephant on the seesaw is a woolly mammoth and the two mice are actually shrews (the world’s smallest mammals).

The “few” manuscripts for the *King James* reading turn out to be every uncial containing the passage but *two*, and every cursive containing the passage but *one*. In politics, that is known as a “landside.”

Now you may ask yourself, “But what do the Church Fathers have to say about the ending on Mark?” Well, let’s just see, shall we? Here are the Church Fathers in favor of the passage:

Tatian, *Diatessaron* (I 10:125–129).

Irenaeus, *Against Heresies* (I 1:426).

Tertullian, *Resurrection of Flesh* (I 3:627), and *Against Praxeas* (I 3:627).

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*Gospel of Nicodemus* (I 8:422, 432, 436, 445).

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Of those, both Tatian and Irenaeus wrote around A.D. 170, about 160 years before *Sinaiticus* and *Vaticanus* were written. And the Church Fathers who rejected the passage are: A GREAT BIG GOOSE EGG—0. It’s kind of like a 600-pound sumo wrestler fighting a ninety-pound ten-year-old kid; there’s no competition.

But as if that were not damning enough for the new versions, I have something I want you to see. This is a picture of the end of Mark and the beginning of Luke in the Vatican manuscript (B).



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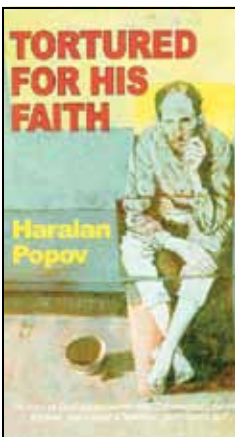
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Every page of *Vaticanus* has three columns of script EXCEPT ONE—the end of Mark. There, the scribe left a space, as if he knew more verses should go there, but he never put them in. So one of scholarship's two authorities for omitting the passage is questionable at best.

And finally, for this article, I want us to look at the verse in Luke on the ascension of Christ—Luke 24:51. There are three verses on the ascension in the New Testament: Mark 16:19; Luke 24:51; and Acts 1:9. We just saw Mark 16:19 attacked by modern scholarship, so now the second verse on it is going to be attacked.

The verse in the *KJV* says, “**he was parted from them, AND CARRIED UP INTO HEAVEN.**” The original *NASV* omitted that last part. Other modern “Bibles” contain notes that cast doubt on the authenticity of the statement. One might say, “Well, at least it is there in the text.” But when a note is there saying it doesn't belong, that doesn't lend credibility to the doctrine; it cuts its throat.

Once more, the evidence is so lopsided in favor of the *KJV* reading that it is no longer funny.

Papyrus: P75.

Uncials: The third corrector of *Sinaiticus*, *Vaticanus*, C, G, H, K, L, M, S, U, V, W, X, *Gamma*, *Delta*, *Theta*, *Lambda*, *Pi*, *Psi*, 063; and contained (“extant”) in Y, *Omega*, 047, 055, 0211.

Cursives: The *majority*, as well as *both families* (f1 and f13).

Latin: The Old Latin manuscripts *aur*, *e*, *f*, *q*, *r1*, and all the *Vulgate* testimony.

Syriac: The *Peshitta*, the *Harclean*, and the *Palestinian*.

Coptic: Both the *Sahidic* and *Bohairic* Coptic translations.

The *Armenian* and *Ethiopic* translations.

Church Fathers: *Tatian*, *Diatessaron* (l 10:94).

The evidence for eliminating the ascension of Christ from Luke 24:51 is the original writer of *Sinaiticus*, uncial D, a few cursives which are so inconsequential that Nestle doesn't even bother to list them, and five Old Latin manuscripts (a, b, d, c, ff2, l). With *Sinaiticus* canceling *Sinaiticus*, you are essentially left with the Greek witness of ONE manuscript. Once again, the “oldest and best” manuscripts (P75 and *Vaticanus*) were rejected because they actually support the *King James* reading.

But there is something much stronger than the “oldest and best” manuscripts supporting the inclusion of Christ's ascension in the Gospel of Luke. You have the *internal witness of scripture*. According to the author of the Gospel of Luke, *it should be there*.

**“The FORMER TREATISE have I made, O Theophilus [the Gospel of Luke—Luke 1:1–3], of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, UNTIL THE DAY IN WHICH HE WAS TAKEN UP . . .”** (Acts 1:1–2).

So according to Luke, the “original” of his Gospel *has* the fact that Jesus was “**carried up into heaven.**” So any note casting doubt on the ascension of

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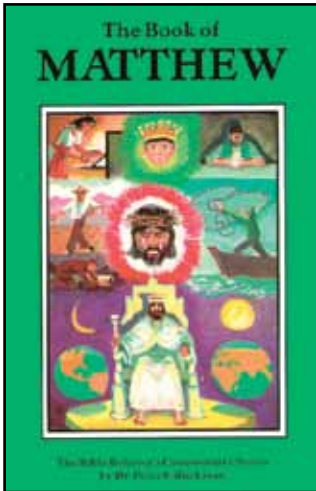
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Christ in Luke 24:51 also casts doubt on what the author himself said he wrote.

The justification you will often hear for attacking the doctrines of the scripture like this is that you can still find them somewhere in the new versions. But 2 Corinthians 13:1 says, **“In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.”** What the scholars have done to the doctrine of the ascension is destabilized it by cutting out two of the three witnesses to it, leaving you with only one. Would you call that the work of God or the work of the Devil?

Next time, we will cover the attacks of the “original Greek” upon the Deity of Christ.

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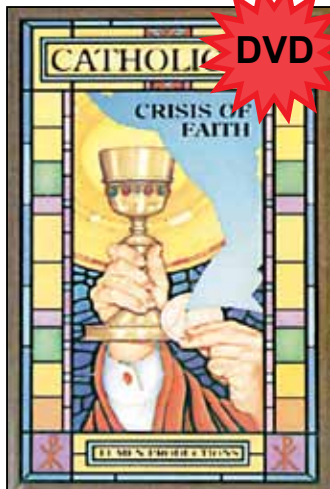
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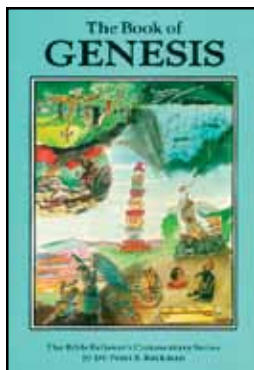


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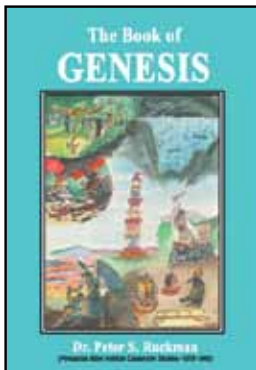
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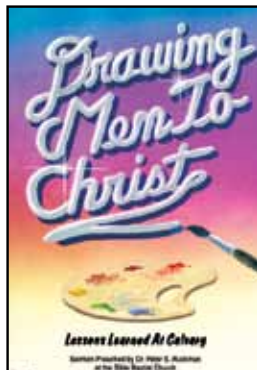
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safety in the ark, the vessel that would carry them over the waters of judgment. *Our Lord is that ark.* He too used fear, especially when dealing with hypocrites and self-righteous moralists.

**“Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?”** (Matt. 23:33).

God’s word is filled with warnings, and each one should be seen as an expression of God’s faithfulness and compassion.

Now that our nation is once again focused on the drama of another political season, you’ll hear all kinds of things said about America’s future. Exposure to the “gas” that will come out of every candidate’s mouth will make you physically ill if you love God’s truth. Have we as a society passed the point of no return regarding the way in which the Lord is dealing with us? Can we look at the future with hope for America? No doubt, all the presidential candidates will point to themselves as reasons to be optimistic about the years in front of us. If you are a foolish and befuddled dreamer, and one of your dreams is to live in a big white house at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C., you will say anything that helps voters to believe you will be a savior.

Who’s going to save America this time? The millions who believed Obama would (and George W. Bush before him, and Bill Clinton before Bush) soon will decide whom to “anoint” and put behind the big desk in the Oval Office. Will America be lifted up to return to the greatness it once possessed? To answer that question, all one has to do is look at what has happened to our family structure today.

**“If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?”** (Psa. 11:3).

No, America’s problem is not political; it is spiritual. Regardless of who gets to live in the White House, there will be no return to greatness. We are heading to our assigned place.

**“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God”** (Psa. 9:17).

Don’t think the Lord will spare us because America sends out almost all the world’s missionaries. No matter how many radio, TV, or internet preachers pray for revival and quote 2 Chronicles 7:14, there will be no glorious comeback for this aged boxer called the USA. We are worn out by sin. The Lord has left us to wallow in a bed of perversion, prescription drugs, violence, and road rage. We are choking on our own vomit.

Will a new president bring relief? Try this: will lawyers learn not to lie? At some point, you would expect a sane person to recognize reality. I should think so, but not willing to believe what God has written has made us a severely delusional society. Truth has fallen in the streets just as it did prior to the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple in 586 B.C. (Isa. 59:14–15). Jeremiah’s preaching and tearful exhortations to repent fell on deaf ears.

We now live in a time when the vast majority of God’s people have been ef-

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fectively programmed to reject the negativity found in God's word. The fact that a gracious, merciful, and loving God could exhibit, at times, a most sarcastic and vengeful spirit is incomprehensible to these pampered souls. Who has the stomach to carry and forcefully propagate the following "wire" from heaven?

**"Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I ALSO WILL LAUGH AT YOUR CALAMITY; I WILL MOCK WHEN YOUR FEAR COMETH"** (Prov. 1:24–26).

Why should a loving God show glee over someone's, or some nation's, destruction? Verse 29 in that same portion of scripture answers that question.

**"For that they hated knowledge, and DID NOT CHOOSE THE FEAR OF THE LORD."**

You have turned your back on God's word, which He has magnified above His name (Psa. 138:2). Why, then, should you question His laughing and mocking when your society, built with higher education and technology, implodes before your eyes? What is happening right now in this country is this:

**"Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices"** (Prov. 1:31).

Take note of that word **"devices."** Think about where our technology will eventually take us. Many Christian young people and others are already caught in the snare of Facebook, My Space, etc. To them I say, "Get out of Facebook and put your face in God's Book, or suffer the consequences."

Now, for those who still cling to the hope that not all is lost and believe that obeying 2 Chronicles 7:14 is somehow going to move the Lord to give America another chance, please consider what the God of Israel told Jeremiah. Jewish life had deteriorated back then as much as that which we see in America today. I'm sure Jeremiah did all he could to move the leadership of Jerusalem to repentance. Nevertheless, he received this most depressing "wire" from heaven.

**"Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: FOR I WILL NOT HEAR THEE"** (Jer. 7:16).

When I recently heard a presidential candidate say that America's best days are ahead of it, I cringed. How darkened have the minds of our politicians now become; it's pitiful. Every June, designated as "Gay Pride Month" by Clinton and Obama, America gets "treated" to the spectacle of sex perverts parading in all major cities, gleefully revelling in their debauchery. Politicians, the media, the entertainment industry, and about 60% of the U.S. population now support so-called "gay rights."

**"Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush"** (Jer. 8:12). We will continue to stagger like a drunk trying to get home after a "bender" and will fall face down in the gutter, or our God is not altogether holy as He says (Rev. 4:8).

**"All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him**

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**less than nothing, and vanity”** (Isa. 40:17).

As long as we have politicians that do not hesitate to quote the Bible when they believe it will help them win the hearts of the voters they are addressing, the verses that reveal God’s true opinion of America will be avoided. **“Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance”** (Isa. 40:15). Is the USA included in that blanket assessment?

Those who believe in “American exceptionalism” find the word of God a bitter pill to swallow. We want to believe we are the best. Pride moves us to put stickers on our cars stating, “My child is an honor student.” In one sense, we are very exceptional: we have had more gospel preached here than in any other nation on earth. Thus, we are that much more accountable to the God who so blessed us that way. God help us!

Is there an American alive today who could have imagined that one day our nation would embrace “gay” marriage and Russia would affirm the sanctity of traditional matrimony? My hat is off to the leaders of the Russian Orthodox Church who lobbied Russian President Vladimir Putin to resist pressure from the leaders of the Western nations to relax the ban on “gay” marriage. The Orthodox metropolitan told the president that the honor and integrity of the Russian family must be protected, and that the state had a sacred duty to do so. Isn’t that amazing? Russia, once the bastion of atheism, proves itself exceptional when it comes to resisting the rising tide of moral filth. With all the


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# When Compassion Fails

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gospel preached here, we still sank like a stone into the sewer of perversion. We have a president that fears Putin and shows it.

**“They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you”** (Jer. 23:17).

Nothing is so reassuring to a hater of God’s word as the positive preaching of a minister secretly employed by the devil. Pulpits in America are filled with men, and now women, delivering the same message the inhabitants of Jerusalem heard just before the Lord lowered the boom on them. Jeremiah stood alone. His negativity set him apart; he wept sore but could not stop judgment from certifying the justice of God and hatred of sin. America does not have the promise of preservation God gave to the Jews. They are unique among the nations.

**“Fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the LORD; for I am with thee; for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have driven thee: but I will not make a full end of thee, but correct thee in measure; yet will I not leave thee wholly unpunished”** (Jer. 46:28).

Preaching judgment has become risky today, even for Baptist preachers. Honestly, this message is not conducive to filling up the pews. Nevertheless, we read:

**“Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD, O Israel”** (Amos 4:12).

Well, then, just what kind of preaching will effectively help you to prepare for that day? “God loves you and so do I” is snack food for kiddies. For what does that prepare you? We are running out of time. Who but the Lord knows what 2016 is going to bring? **“For now is our salvation nearer than when we believed”** (Rom. 13:11).

Americans are wallowing in moral filth like the Canaanites of old. Our society is weakening daily from this cancer of soul and spirit. It’s an aggressive cancer and it is terminal.

Recently, someone close to me was diagnosed with liver cancer. My cousin wanted to believe it was treatable. I’ll never forget the day he called me with news that his cancer was too virulent and that it was terminal. At best, radiation and chemotherapy could help him to linger for six to nine months.

It’s hard for anyone to hear news like that. We expect doctors to be honest with us. Most of us feel it is better to know than not to know, and I agree. Time to prepare for death is a mercy from God, whether one is saved or lost. Isn’t it strange that millions will accept from the doctors what they will not accept from Bible preachers—the truth.

**“Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them”** (Jer. 11:11).

When sentence is passed in a courtroom, it is impossible to have the judge reverse sentence. God’s word tells us that sentence has been passed upon us;

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# THE CREED OF THE ALEXANDRIAN CULT

1. There is **no final authority** but God.
2. Since God is a Spirit, there is **no final authority** that can be seen, heard, read, felt, or handled.
3. Since all books are material, there is **no book on this earth that is the final and absolute authority** on what is right and what is wrong, what constitutes truth and what constitutes error.
4. There **WAS** a series of writings one time which, **IF** they had all been put into a **BOOK** as soon as they were written the first time, **WOULD HAVE** constituted an infallible and final authority by which to judge truth and error.
5. However, this series of writings was lost, and the God who inspired them was **unable to preserve their content** through Bible-believing Christians at Antioch (Syria), where the first Bible teachers were (Acts 13:1), and where the first missionary trip originated (Acts 13:1-52), and where the word "*Christian*" originated (Acts 11:26).
6. So God chose to **ALMOST** preserve them through Gnostics and philosophers from Alexandria, Egypt, even though God called His Son **OUT** of Egypt (Matthew 2), Jacob **OUT** of Egypt (Genesis 49), Israel **OUT** of Egypt (Exodus 15), and Joseph's bones **OUT** of Egypt (Exodus 13).
7. So there are two streams of Bibles. The most accurate—though, of course, there is **no final, absolute authority** for determining truth and error; it is a matter of "preference"—are the Egyptian translations from Alexandria, Egypt, which are "almost the originals," although not quite.
8. The most **inaccurate translations** were those that brought about the German Reformation (Luther, Zwingli, Boehler, Zinzendorf, Spener, et al.) and the worldwide missionary movement of the English-speaking people: the Bible that Sunday, Torrey, Moody, Finney, Spurgeon, Whitefield, Wesley, and Chapman used.
9. But we can "tolerate" these if those who believe in them will "tolerate" US. After all, since there is **NO ABSOLUTE AND FINAL AUTHORITY** that anyone can read, teach, preach, or handle, the whole thing is a matter of "PREFERENCE." You may prefer what you prefer, and we will prefer what we prefer. Let us live in peace, and if we cannot agree on anything or everything, let us all agree on one thing: **THERE IS NO FINAL, ABSOLUTE, WRITTEN AUTHORITY OF GOD ANYWHERE ON THIS EARTH.**

This is the Creed of the Alexandrian Cult.

# When Compassion Fails

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go back and read Jeremiah 46:28. Often in court, depending upon the case, the one found guilty is allowed to return home and settle his or her affairs while saying goodbye to family and others. This is a grace period given those who pose little danger of fleeing justice. It appears to me that this is where our nation is with God. I believe we were given time to turn to God, and we blew it.

**“And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not”** (Rev. 2:21).

With the sixties and seventies came the crazy Charismatics, the desire for miracles and “dynamic worship experiences,” the gospel of positive thinking, the name-it-and-claim-it theology, and the “let Jesus into your life” mantra that effectively removed the power of the fear of the Lord. Preachers stopped barking like watchdogs and started acting more like lapdogs. Except for a few here and there that still believed and preached God’s word (*KJV* 1611), the devil put the church to bed. America lost its opportunity to remain great, and no politician is going to bring it back.

**“It is of the LORD’S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not”** (Lam. 3:22).

That’s a great comfort for a child of God, and also a reminder of God’s promise to sustain a remnant among the Jews no matter how great the trials through which they must soon pass. The USA has no such comfort.

**“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven”** (Eccl. 3:1).

Keep this in mind when thinking about how God deals with nations. Verse six in Ecclesiastes 3 reads:

**“A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep; and a time to cast away.”**

I counted the “times” beginning in verse 2 and saw that **“a time to lose”** is number *eighteen*—*six plus six plus six* (666). When you are given over to the devil, *you lose!*

More than ever, our government has been systematically waging war against God’s word in every facet of our national life. Have we been given over to the devil? You tell me. Parents who still believe in using **“the rod of correction”** (Prov. 22:15) on young ones who are out of control must now fear their government. This is another reason why Russia’s Putin believes we have a degenerate society. Russia’s flag, like ours, has three colors: red, white, and blue. Maybe it is safer to be a Christian parent there than here.

Don’t misunderstand me; I love my country. Jeremiah loved his. Still, if you are not crying over the mess in which we are now, you are spiritually blind.

While we are able, we must faithfully deliver the message we have from our God: “Quit your devilment and **flee from the wrath to come.**” Thank God for the messenger the Lord sent to me in Brooklyn over 38 years ago.

**“Ye that love the LORD, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked”** (Psa. 97:10).

Thank you, Jesus!

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