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“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth” (John 17:17)

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## He Is At The Door

By Brian Donovan

The main subject of the holy scriptures is the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and the set up of His millennial kingdom on this earth. This grand event is referred to in the King James Bible as **“the day of the LORD”** in hundreds of verses (Isaiah 2:12, Isaiah 13:6, Isaiah 34:8, Jeremiah 46:10, Ezekiel 13:5, etc.), as well as being the subject of whole chapters in Joel 2, Joel 3, Amos 9, Zechariah 14, Malachi 4, Psalm 2, Psalm 24, Isaiah 9, Isaiah 11, Revelation 19, to name a few.

The present church age is a hidden mystery throughout the Old Testament and is NOT the main subject of the Bible. The saved of this age should be looking for the **“blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ”** (Titus 2:13), and our hearts should be in expectation for the return of our King, first to call us up in the rapture, and then to return to earth to reign. However, as D. L.

Moody said about one hundred and thirty years ago (circa 1890), “If the question were put to popular vote, I do not believe a single state would vote for the coming of Jesus to reign here as He reigns in Heaven...the Republican Party would vote for the biggest blackguard (scoundrel) on earth, rather than Him. The Democrats would vote solidly against Him. I see some of you shaking your heads, well, shake them, I’m talking facts.” Those facts are even more true some one hundred and thirty years later, only now, you can include the majority of Christians in with the Republican Party’s vote.

The **“god of this world”** (II Corinthians 4:4) has successfully deceived the Christians in this country to believe that his plan of improving the world and making America great again, is a valid and worthwhile effort. Through seduction, Satan has led the body of believers in the USA to turn from the Lord’s work of saving individual souls through preaching, to attempting to save a country by way of politics and the voting booth in an effort to keep a comfortable and advanced American way of life. As Clarence Larkin wrote, also

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# The Fifth Commandment

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

**“Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee”** (Exod. 20:12).

This commandment begins the section of the Decalogue that deals with man's relationship to man. The first four deal with man's relationship to God and are summarized by what Christ calls **“the first and great commandment”** to love God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind (Matt. 22:37–38). The last six commandments of the “Ten” are summarized by what would be the second great commandment, which is to love your neighbor as yourself (Matt. 22:39 cf. Rom. 13:8–9).

To the chagrin of the hyperdispensationalists, Paul takes what is obviously a command to Jews (notice **“the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee”**—that's a reference to Canaan, modern-day Palestine [see Deut. 4:21, 40, 5:16, 9:6, 12:1, 15:4, 7, 16:20, 17:14, 18:9, 19:1–3, 10, 14, 21:1, 23, 24:4, 25:15, 19, 26:1, 27:2–3, 28:8]) and puts it on Gentile Christians in the body of Christ—TWICE (Eph. 6:1–3; Col. 3:20). So the command must be very important. It is not only **“the first commandment with promise”** (Eph. 6:2), it is the *only* commandment of the “Ten” with a promise attached to it (**“That it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest live long on the earth”**—Eph. 6:3). Paul says that it **“is right”** to follow this commandment (Eph. 6:1) and that the Lord is *well pleased* with those who do (Col. 3:20).

A rash of TV “sitcoms” have come out of Hollywood the past sixty years that have undermined parental

authority in this country. Generally speaking, they make the children look intelligent and the father look like a fool. They shy away from ridiculing the mother too much because the goal is to get women and children ruling over *men* (Isa. 3:12), but you still see something similar with the mother if she takes the father's side or tries to tell her daughter what to do.

You are living in a day and age where the media and the public school system are trying to get children to grow up too quickly. The goal is to expose them to sex just as soon as possible (they are targeting the kindergarten kids now) and hustle them into fornicating at younger and younger ages before they're ready for it. The “sex” industry is one of the biggest in the world—there's a lot of money in it. It includes normal things like gynecology and obstetrics, diapers, baby clothes, toys, formula, etc. all the way to SIECUS (“sex education”) and the multimillion-dollar pornography industry.

The average girl ceases to be a “girl” by the time she is twelve years old, and some girls are “putting on airs” as early as ten. They have no “girlhood.” The goal is to make this young girl a woman by the time she is thirteen. It is the same way with boys trying to be grown men by the time they are sixteen.

When I was a boy, a teenager was considered a really bad cat if he was smoking and drinking by the age of fifteen. This modern generation has got that beat, though. There are kids on dope by the time they're eleven. I have preached in prisons

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where everyone in there had to have committed three *felonies* before they were thirteen years old. Some of those kids had *killed* their mommas and daddies; they did it when they were nine, ten, and eleven years old. That's "progress": things are getting "better" all the time. That's Charlie Darwin's monkey-man jungle.

Of course, I know some mommas and daddies aren't worthy of honor. There are some adults out there who aren't fit to raise a dog, much less children. Nevertheless, the command is for the child to honor his mother and father, and to obey them. I can't think of many parents who want their kids to lie, steal, or loaf. I know there are exceptions to that. I have heard testimonies from some of our students who came through school here who had mommas and daddies who weren't worth shooting. I'm no "greenhorn"; I "know the ropes"; I know exactly with what I am dealing. But the old saying is: "Every thief wants his money in a good bank." The general rule is that a parent wants his kids to turn out better than he or she is.

Here is a story from a church bulletin on how *not* to raise a kid:

"Once there was a little boy. When he was three weeks old, his parents turned him over to a babysitter. When he was two, they dressed him up like a cowboy and gave him a gun. When he was three, everybody said 'How cute!' as he went about lispng a beer commercial jingle. When he was six, his father dropped him off at Sunday school [while he went to the golf course or fishing]. When he was eight, they bought him a BB gun

and taught him to shoot sparrows; he learned to shoot windshields himself. When he was ten, he spent his afternoons at the drugstore newsstand reading comic books. His mother wasn't home, and his father was busy. When he was thirteen, he told his parents that other boys stayed out as late as they wanted to, so they said he could too. It was easier that way. When he was fourteen they gave him a deadly two-ton machine, wrangled a license for him to drive it, and told him to 'be careful.' When he was fifteen, the police called his home one night and said, 'We have your boy; he's in trouble.' Screamed the father, 'It can't be MY boy!' But *it was.*"

Here are twelve steps to raising a juvenile delinquent:

1. Begin with infancy to give him everything he wants; that way he will grow up to believe the world owes him a living.

2. Laugh at him when he uses bad words.

3. Never take him to church or give him any spiritual training. Wait until he's grown up and let him "decide for himself."

4. Never tell him he's wrong; it might hurt his "self-esteem," wound his "psyche," or give him a "guilt complex."

5. Do everything for him so he will learn to throw all his responsibility on someone else.

6. Take his part against teachers, the police, and other adults who are "against your baby."

7. Quarrel frequently in front of him so he won't be surprised when you get divorced.

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8. Give him whatever spending money he wants and never make him do anything to earn it.

9. See that his every sensual desire is gratified—preferably as quickly as possible.

10. Let him read anything he wants and listen to any kind of music he wants.

11. Never take any responsibility yourself as a parent when he gets into trouble.

12. Prepare for a life of grief because you're likely to get it.

The thing about mommas and daddies is if you can't follow their example, you can usually follow their advice. You say, "Doesn't that Bible say, Ruckman, to be '**doers of the word, and not hearers only**' (James 1:22)?" Yes, it does, but unfortunately not all parents follow that verse.

Now honoring your father and mother is a prerequisite for a long life. Psalm 34:12 says, "**What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?**" Is that you? Okay—1) "**Keep thy tongue from evil**" (Psa. 34:13), 2) "**and thy lips from speaking guile**" (Psa. 34:13), 3) "**Depart from evil, and do good**" (Psa. 34:14), and 4) "**seek peace, and pursue it**" (Psa. 34:14).

And if you don't want a long life, that Bible says, "**The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth**" (Psa. 34:16).

Here are some factors for a short life as given by a judge handling cases against juveniles. He summed up the problems with modern teenagers with these things:

1) Too much television and movies.

2) Lack of male leadership in the home.

3) Idleness and unemployment.

4) Working mothers.

5) Pornographic literature.

6) Getting an automobile too soon.

7) Liquor.

8) Lack of religious training.

9) No discipline in the schools.

Do you know who lives the longest lives in America? According to the research, it is females in Protestant families. Now it is not so much any more now that most European countries have gotten rid of their monarchs or made them mere figureheads, but at one time the group that had the shortest lifespans were European monarchs. Baptist pastors live longer than Catholic priests. As a class of people, mid-West farmers live longer than any other. "Professionals" live longer than laborers. Bricklayers live longer than carpenters. Married men live longer than single men. Honor students live longer than athletes. The two states that have the most "senior citizens" in them are California and Florida. The oldest people in the world, as far as nations go, are Japanese and Chinese. Madame Chiang Kai-shek lived to be 106.

A labor union organization called Crusade for Children put out a pamphlet back in the 50s entitled "Violence for the Youthful Mind." It said, "On nationwide networks millions of dollars are spent to bring into American homes . . . every known trick of the criminal method . . . these abominable crime stories viewed by our nation's youngsters serve as

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a crime educational center for the youthful minds.”

Correct. That's how I got into the mess I did as a boy and as a teenager—the movies. They were ten cents for children and 25 cents for adults when I was growing up. My gang didn't even have money for that back in the Depression; we had to sneak into the theater. I must have seen two movies a week for almost ten years. That's one of the reasons I can draw like I do: I project a picture in my mind onto a blank sheet of paper and then draw it in. That's from sitting there in that theater and watching those pictures on a screen. I guess from a standpoint of art it is helpful, but from the standpoint of *life* it ain't worth a dime.

Life isn't like a movie or TV program. Life doesn't change every two seconds, and problems don't get solved in thirty minutes to two hours. Movies and TV are a virtual *unreality*.

Now the commandment is to *honor* your father and your mother. What does *honor* mean? Well, first of all, it means to *show them respect*. Over in Malachi 1:6, the Lord says to those apostate priests, “**If then I be a father, where is mine honour?**” In other words, “If you call me your Father, why aren't you showing me the respect due to me?”

When you respect someone, you will *obey* that person (see Eph. 6:1). A boy went off to play baseball and left his mother this note: “You owe my buddy Harry five dollars for raking the leaves.” Momma had told him to do it, see, but he had pawned it off on his friend for five bucks.

Have you ever thought about what

it would be like if your mother left you a bill for what she did for you? How much would you have to pay a maid to clean your room, make your bed, do your laundry, cook your meals, drive you to school and ball practice, etc.? That would be quite a “tab” you built up there, wouldn't it, kid? Honor your father and mother—respect them.

Young people today don't show much respect for anybody or anything. They haven't been taught discipline; they haven't been taught to obey; they haven't been taught the fear of the Lord.

I am in favor of compulsory military training. Between World War I and World War II, there used to be a law requiring every young man to be in the military for at least a year before going to college. I'm not a war-monger, but I believe in that. There is something about making a fellow obey orders for a year that helps him in any area of life. If you go in for a job interview and the employer asks if you have any experience, tell him, “Yes, I know how to do what I'm told.” That's what an employer is looking for.

Young people today have no respect for God, no respect for the Bible, no respect for their parents, and no respect for the police. When I was coming up, we were scared to death of the police. If a cop said, “Stop in the name of the law!”, if you didn't stop, you got one warning shot over your head, and the next one went in your back. No one respects the police anymore because anyone can sue a cop for looking at him the wrong way.

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Some of you young people have no respect for the preacher when he gets up. You sit in the back and talk to each other through the whole service.

There's a poem entitled "By the Book" by a Bridgid Patrick. It is a satire on raising children according to "Dr. Spock" and all the modern psychological drivel.

"Junior bit the meter man.  
Junior kicked the cook.  
Junior's antisocial now  
(According to the book).

"Junior smashed the clock and lamp.

Junior hacked the tree.  
(Destructive trends are treated  
In chapters two and three.)

"Junior threw his milk at mom.  
Junior screamed for more.  
(Notes on self-assertiveness  
Are found in chapter four.)

"Junior tossed his shoes and socks  
Out into the rain.  
(Negation, that is normal—  
Disregard the stain.)

"Junior got in Grandpop's room  
and  
Tore up his fishing line.  
(That's to gain attention—  
See page 89.)

"Grandpop seized a slipper and  
Yanked Junior 'cross his knee,  
Because Grandpa hasn't read a  
book  
Since 1943."

That is what is known as "applying

the board of education to the seat of knowledge."

To honor somebody means to *obey* the person. When Lee Roberson was a young man, he saw a boy on a street corner with a pet dog that he had trained to do some of the most unbelievable tricks Lee Roberson had ever seen. That boy entertained a crowd there for about an hour with that dog. When that kid got through with his show, a fellow there in the crowd offered to buy that dog. That boy said, "Mister, I wouldn't sell this dog for a hundred dollars." When asked why not, the boy replied, "When my dog finishes a trick, he looks at me, and I can tell by the look in his eyes that he is thinking, 'Did I do a good job?' He wags his tail, and that's his way of saying, 'Are you pleased?'"

When you honor you mother and father, you *submit to discipline*. I don't believe in child abuse, but I do believe in corporal punishment as a method of discipline (see Prov. 13:24 and comments). If you are a child, you ought to submit yourself to the discipline of your parents. If you don't, this is what you get: New York—89,000 robberies a year, as compared to only 400 in Japan in the same year. Do you know the difference between New York and Japan? In Japan, people are taught to honor their ancestors. Of course, that is taking things too far. It is hard to win someone like that to Christ because they are worshiping family over God (see Luke 14:26 and comments), but it does make a difference in their behavior.

What does it mean to honor father

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and mother? It means to *heed their advice*. As I said, you can't always follow their example, but you can nearly always follow their advice. A poll was taken of teenagers up in Chicago, and they said that parents should attend church themselves if they expect their children to go. That's very true, but if the parents won't go, it is still good advice on their part if they tell you to go to church, kid.

A boy was sent home from school for fighting, and his daddy said, "Didn't I tell you to count to fifty before fighting." "I did," said the boy, "but the other kid's dad told him to count to *twenty*."

So sometimes the advice doesn't always work, but you don't often find parents giving bad advice to their kids. A lot of those Mafioso don't want their children to follow in their footsteps in the Mob. They want them to grow up and be "respectable"—doctors, lawyers, those kinds of professions.

My dad was unsaved but he gave me good advice. He told me never to get into a car with a stranger or take candy from someone you don't know. That's good advice. When I was ready to take my gang down to New Orleans and get on a banana boat down to South America, my dad called me in and said, "Peter, if you were given a choice to take your men on a mission that was sure suicide and you didn't have to go, would you take such a mission?" My dad was a colonel in the Army, so everything to him was military. I said, "No, sir." He then said, "Those boys will follow you anywhere. You're a god to them. You are taking them to sure destruction,

and you don't have to go." That was good advice—I *didn't go*. That advice saved my life at that time so I had a chance to get saved when God's time came.

Something else you will do if you honor momma and daddy—you *will provide for them in their old age*. Did it ever occur to you that there's no commandment in that Bible for a child to love his parents? There's a command for husbands to love their wives (Eph. 5:25). The older women are commanded to teach the younger women to love their husbands and children (Tit. 2:3–4). But there's nothing in that Book that tells a child to love his parents. Isn't that peculiar? Why is that? Because it is taken for granted that a son or daughter will love momma and daddy. One of the marks of the degeneration of the last days is that men will be "**Without NATURAL AFFECTION**" (2 Tim. 3:3). In other words, it is *natural* for a child to love momma and daddy.

I honestly don't remember hearing my daddy say that he loved me. Maybe he did say it, and I just don't remember it. But I never thought that my daddy didn't love me; I don't think that right now. I have never doubted my father's love for me. Growing up, I lived like the devil and got into a lot of trouble. I'm glad I had a momma and daddy who put up with it and tried to raise me right despite what I did.

I understand that there may come a time when you are unable physically and medically to take care of your parents; but just because they become senile and messy doesn't mean you have to cart them off to a nursing home. After all, they took

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care of *you* when you were like that as a baby, didn't they? You can put up with some things from them in their old age.

I gave you something in previous articles that showed you the government took the Ten Commandments out of the schools because the *children* might obey them. That is, the government and the National Education Association don't want you honoring and obeying your parents. They want to *replace* your parents with *themselves*. That's called "values clarification" or "behavioral modification" in the colleges; it's called *brainwashing* in the concentration camps.

When the Civil Rights Act passed back in 1964, the crime rate among girls under eighteen increased 500% over the next five years. The population didn't increase 500%; it didn't even double. What was the crime rate doing increasing 500% among *girls*? Girls aren't typically associated with being involved in crimes. Of all the serial killers in the United States, only *two* have been women. Serial killing isn't a woman's "occupation." There are cases all of the time now of girls killing their babies. I'm not even talking about abortions here; I'm talking about girls giving birth to their babies and then drowning them in the toilet, smothering them with a pillow, throwing them in the garbage can, etc. That's not normal. That's the result of getting rid of the Ten Commandments so they wouldn't be obeyed.

You take the Bible and the Ten Commandments out of the schools, and do you know what you get? You get an increase in crime and the prison population. Do you know what

a prisoner gets when he goes into "stir"? He is given a *Bible*. Well, why don't you give him a Bible *before* he commits the crime, back when he is in middle school?

Of the ninety-plus prisons in which I have been, I have never been in one yet where the "population" was over 10% Oriental. Do you know why that is? Because those Chinese, Japanese, and Koreans are taught to honor their father and mother.

Matsu Yoshida was 83, after having spent 27 years in prison for a murder he didn't commit. He had a retrial in 1944 after being turned down five times for it. At the retrial, evidence came out that hadn't come out at the original trial, and the court got a written confession from the man who actually committed the murder. When asked how he took being in prison for 27 years for a murder he didn't commit, all he said was: "I was just worried about the *family name*." A man like that does not swear or lie or kill or commit adultery; that's why you find so few of them in the prisons.

Honor your father and mother. Why? Because if you learn to honor mother and father, you'll *learn to honor God*. The reason it is good for a kid to get spanked when he does wrong is because it teaches him to fear his parents the right way, and when he learns that, he knows what it is like to fear God in that same way. Let's just face it, shall we—do you know why your kids don't get into more devilment than they do? Because they are afraid of the consequences. They're afraid of getting the belt across their backside or getting grounded or

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losing the car, etc. If a momma or daddy (especially a daddy) is a good momma or daddy, that kid knows what it is like to fear her or him and still love her or him.

It's the same way with God. The fear of God is more than just "reverential trust" (see Heb. 12:28). It's being scared of an all-powerful Being who can create a furnace like the sun (see Heb. 12:21). If you don't fear a Being like that, you are a *fool*. If you fear God, you'll think twice before putting a sinner like Mary before Him or using His name as a cuss word or doing something He told you not to do. At the same time, you won't doubt His love that provides a way out of the punishment you deserve for violating His law; especially when He gave His only begotten Son as the perfect sacrifice in your place.

If God is your Father, you will honor Him like you would honor your earthly father and do what He tells you to do. *Is God your Father?* When did He give birth to you? Don't give me this "Fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man" business if you can't even tell me when God gave birth to you. If you are a child of God, then there is a time *He gave birth to you*. When was it?

Everybody should have two birth-days: the day your physical father gave birth to you and the day your heavenly Father gave birth to you.

**"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel**

**not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again"** (John 3:5-6).

**"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name"** (John 1:12).

"Years and years ago, when I  
Was just a little lad,  
An' after school hours used to work  
Around the farm with dad,  
I used to be so wearied out  
When eventide was come,  
That I got kinder anxious-like  
About the journey home.

"But dad, he used to lead the way,  
An' once in a while turn 'round an'  
say—

So cheerin'-like, so tender—  
'Come!

Come on, my son, you're nearly  
home!

That allers used to help me some,  
An' so I followed father home.

"I'm old an' gray an' feeble now,  
An' trimbly at the knee,  
But life seems just the same  
today—

As then it seemed to me;  
For I am still so wearied out  
When eventide is come,  
An' still get kinder anxious-like  
About the journey home.

"But still my Father leads the way,  
An' once in a while I hear Him say,  
So cheerin'-like, so tender—  
'Come!

Come on, my son, you're nearly  
home!

An', same as then, that helps me  
some,

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An' so I'm following Father home."  
("The Journey Home" by John Talman)

Is God your Father? When did He become your Father? If He's not, NOW is the time to make it the birthday of your soul (2 Cor. 6:2).

I remember a dark, rainy night in downtown Pensacola, many, many years ago now. I was going up and down the streets with my shirt unbuttoned and no shave for about four or five days, with my shoes unlaced, running around like a madman, searching for something I knew I didn't have but I knew I needed. It was a Sunday night, and I broke into an empty church. I prayed at the altar for about twenty minutes. I didn't even know how to pray. But I remem-

ber what I prayed:

"Lord, I'm tired and I'm wore out. I've been shot at; I've been cussed; I've been gypped; I've been cheated; I've been mistreated. I've lied; I've stolen; I've been in trouble all of my life. I'm cold; I'm wet; I'm miserable. I want to come home; I don't even know where home is; I don't think I've ever had a home. God, I don't know where you are, but wherever that is, I want to get back to wherever I came from. I don't even know where I came from. I just want to get home, wherever 'home' is."

I prayed like that for about twenty minutes, and nobody set foot in that sanctuary. Then I heard the choir begin to practice in the back. I had been a disc jockey on Sunday mornings. I knew the song they were singing; I

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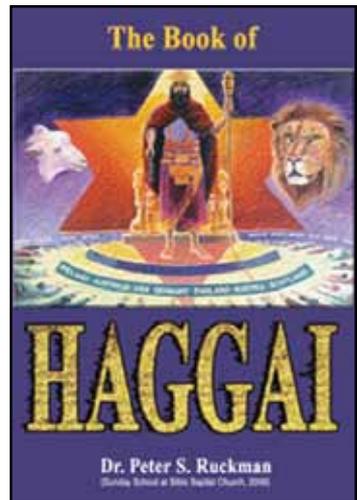
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 had played the record before. They began to sing "Rock of Ages": "Could my tears forever flow, Could my zeal no languor know, All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone. Nothing in my hands I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling."

I got up and walked out of that church with no assurance of salvation at all, but God heard that pitiful prayer.

The next day He sent Hugh Pyle by the radio station where I worked, and he led me to Christ. I know where "home" is now. It's *up there*. The night of this life grows darker, but I know where I'm going, and I'm going to make it. If you don't know, you can by honoring God the Father enough to take the only way of salvation He'll accept: faith in the completed atonement of His Son.

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over one hundred years ago (about 1912), "When the god of this age discovered that he could not stamp out the Church by persecution, he changed his tactics and now seeks to neutralize her efforts by seduction. His method is to divert her efforts for the evangelization of the world, to methods of social betterment, and thus make the world a better place to live in." Satan has deceived the saints that Jesus Christ saved out of this world into believing that their calling is to save a social structure that Jesus Christ gave Himself to deliver us from, namely, what He calls **"this present evil world"** (Galatians 1:4). This effort by modern Christians to save America is no different than the work of the Babel Tower builders in Genesis 11 about four thousand years ago, nor any different than the works of the sons of Cain in Genesis 4, with the building of their cities and "improving" the world with their inventions.

The idea that there is such a thing as a "Christian" country or a "Christian" society that is being preached in American pulpits today, has duped believers into landing right in Satan's lap. They remain too blinded to even notice the results of their grand efforts as their "Christian" country installs one Roman Catholic Supreme Court justice after another (each with the approval and glee of the so-called "Christian Right"), so that now the Jesuits have become a majority on the highest Court of the land. In the meantime, the churches hold political rallies in a rock and roll like atmosphere, only with Trump

replacing Paul McCartney, the Roman Catholic Pence replacing John Lennon, Limbaugh instead of George Harrison, and the Roman Catholic Hannity beating the drums in the place of Ringo Starr. Trump recently held a rally in a church in south Florida with his prosperity woman preacher (Paula White), leading hundreds of Christians in a chant to make America great again, with the loudspeakers in the background blaring Mick Jagger croaking out, "I Can't Get No Satisfaction". This is understandable if it were only the charismatic and prosperity gospel churches, but this euphoria has taken over in Bible-believing churches. The excitement and emphasis have been transferred from looking for the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the ecstasy of putting Trump into the White House and maintaining a great economy.

The scoffers continue to ridicule the thought of the second coming of Christ (II Peter 3:1 -4), as they also ridicule an effeminate, weak church that loves their now-defunct "Tea Party", and their "Washington D.C. Roundup", in the place of holding up a Bible on the street corners of this nation, passing out tracts, and telling this wicked country the truth of the saving gospel of Jesus Christ and His coming judgment on this nation. **"Cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood"** (Jeremiah 48:10). The Lord's return is going to take place in a fury (Isaiah 63:3, Nahum 1:6). But before that, His bride is going to be caught with her hands entangled with the **"affairs of this**

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**life**" (II Timothy 2:4), as she fights hard to maintain her comfortable lifestyle. Glued to Roman Catholic Fox News, the preachers push their congregations into the saving of their country, and they cheered themselves when the Roman Catholic Kavanaugh won the battle against the "wicked left-wing media" and joined his dolly worshipping Jesuit cohorts on the Supreme Court (Alito, Roberts, Thomas, Sotomayor and Gorsuch, a Roman Catholic-Episcopalian). These appointments (with the exception of Sotomayor) were made by the darling Presidents of the Laodicean Church: Bush Sr., Bush Jr., and Trump. Obama and Clinton appointed three Jews to the Court, while the Christian Right made the Supreme Court the daughter of the great harlot of Rome.

The professing Bible-believing preachers now claim that they have been "called" to save America and remain oblivious to the fact that they are working to develop Satan's plans. There has never been, nor ever will be, a "Christian country", or a "Christian civilization", and it is going to take the return of King Jesus to destroy the present satanic setup of the kingdoms of this world (Revelation 11:15), and that includes America. In the meantime, Trump is working on a plan to take billions of dollars and hand them over to Israel's enemies and establish an Arab homeland (carved out from Israel's land which the Lord says is HIS. Joel 3:2). Trump's "Peace to Prosperity" vision lays out an economic side of the plan that takes billions of American dollars

and sets up a "great civilization" for the Palestinians, including paying for their education, medical system, and an infrastructure. The political side of the plan would carve up Israel's land, give it over to Muhammad, and successfully place America on the side of being one of God's greatest enemies. Do you really think that the Lord God Almighty is going to "shut up and get behind Trump"? I trow not!

The apostle Paul looked for the return of the Lord Jesus Christ in his day when he said, "**we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord**" (I Thessalonians 4:15), showing that he lived in expectancy of its imminence. Paul knew that certain things had to take place before the rapture (II Thessalonians 2:1-3), but still looked and hoped for it in his lifetime. The rapture of the body of Christ is a mystery (I Corinthians 15:51), but certainly not one that is without warning signs. Many teach that no one can know the timing of this great event, incorrectly applying, as well as misquoting Mark 13:32, which says, "**But of that day and that hour knoweth no man...**". The verse is in the context of "**the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory**" (verse 26), and that takes place "**after that tribulation**" (verse 24). The context is NOT the rapture, but the literal return of Jesus Christ to this earth in power. Not only that, the verse does NOT say that "no man CAN know the day or the hour", as the false teachers so often quote. When Jesus Christ spoke the verse, He was saying that no man knew the day or hour of His

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second coming after the tribulation, since it was yet to be fixed before the rejection by Israel of their Messiah and the hidden mystery church age which was to follow and be revealed throughout the book of Acts.

The Bible believer should be looking for this day and studying the scriptures to see what can be revealed about the subject. The Lord loves to reveal things (Revelation 1:1, Deuteronomy 29:29), while Satan loves to hide his intentions in subtility (Genesis 3:1), even transforming himself and his ministers into something else (II Corinthians 11:13-15). But the Lord delights in uncovering Leviathan's deception (Job 41:12), even while the Bible correcting scholars are used to hide him, calling him a whale, a crocodile, or a dinosaur (see most commentators on Job 41:1). The Lord looks for someone who is interested in **"thus saith the Lord"** and will spend time in the scriptures. He will then reveal some secret things to His servants (Amos 3:7), even before the events take place. The author of the holy scriptures has all kinds of secret things hidden and sealed (Daniel 12:4,9) that He wants to reveal, and He does it through His written words. When Daniel found out about the length of the Babylonian captivity, it was through what Jeremiah wrote (Daniel 9:2 with Jeremiah 25:11-12). When the Lord reveals things to His children today, He does it through His Holy Spirit teaching the scripture as we compare **"spiritual things with spiritual"** (I Corinthians 2:13).

Many believe that the Lord will

not reveal the rapture of the Church before it happens, and that it is to be kept a secret. Yet the work of the Holy Spirit is to **"shew you things to come"** (John 16:13). The Lord revealed the worldwide flood before it took place to the man who **"walked with God"** (Genesis 5:22), and as a result, Enoch named his son (Methuselah) to reveal it to others. When the Lord was getting ready to rapture Elijah, he revealed it to the sons of the prophets at Bethel (II Kings 2:3), and at Jericho (II Kings 2:5), as well as to Elijah and Elisha. The sealed things of the book of Daniel will soon be revealed as the world enters **"the time of the end"** (Daniel 12:9). The Church is going to be caught up in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye (I Corinthians 15:52), but not before the Lord reveals some things. There will be some more **"falling away"**, a **"shout"**, a **"last trump"**, the **"man of sin"** will **"be revealed"**, and the **"dead in Christ"** will rise (II Thessalonians 2:1-3, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17, I Corinthians 15:51-55); all a revealing of this great event before it happens.

Christian, do not quit looking for the **"blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ"** (Titus 2:13). It is **"high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed"** (Romans 13:11). Get your eyes off the things of this world and realize the **"day is at hand"** (Romans 13:12). This world is in a fearful state. They are being led to the slaughter, and the present manipulation of whole

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populations ("for their own good") is only a preview of things around the corner with the antichrist. The steps that have been taken to put fear into the hearts of the lost sinners have worked to perfection, and have been only a test for when the next outbreak "accidentally" happens; only the next one will be a deadly disease that will bring out the military and police state, with millions being locked up and brought to concentration style camps. Don't fret over who your president might be; he can only do as the "**high ones**" over him direct him to (Isaiah 24:21). Leave it to the Lord God to fix our wicked government, and do not marvel at their perversion of judgment (Ecclesiastes 5:8). Pray for the salvation of Mr. Trump and

that he could be relieved from the life of spiritual wickedness that his decisions are embroiled in (Daniel 10:13). In the meantime, look up and preach the glorious gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in the short time you have left, while you still have the mobility to do it.

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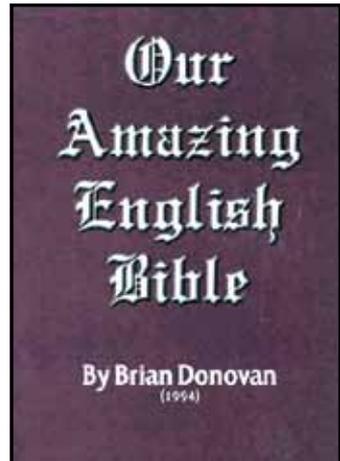
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# MANY A SLIP

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

Throughout the years I've kept a long list of what I call "student bloopers." These are errors on examination papers that have been turned in by college, high school, and middle school students. Being a writer myself (having written a "few" books in my time), I have had to study and pay attention to *words* all of my life. I have had to look up source after source to get references. In teaching students four nights a week, two to three hours a night, and in grading exam papers from my students, I have had to deal constantly with *errors in writing*. Between these and other sources I have collected sheaves full of these "bloopers." For "kicks" I thought you might enjoy some of these.

"We should view the past as the *behind* of the present." That is an interesting statement.

"Every year the Nile would flood and *irritate* the land." And again, "Eventually the Egyptians *drowned in the desert*." That is quite a thing if one can do it.

I like this one here: "Mesopotamia was snuggled in a valley near the *Eucalyptus* River." Let's see you find that body of water on a map. Another one read, "Babylon had *Samaritans* and *Canadians* in it, just to name a few." It did?! How about this one: "King *Nebo Dresser* lived in a hanging garden to please his *Utterite* wife."

Did you know that the Persians divided their land into *sand traps*? (That's supposed to be *satraps* in case you didn't know.) Another gem read, "Rome was founded by *Uncle Remus* and a wolf." "Caesar was

assassinated in the *Yikes* of March"; as he was dying, he cried, "Tee hee, Brutus."

Here is a beauty: "Jerusalem had one big God called Yahoo." Of course that isn't as funny as it may sound, if you want to go to "the Hebrew." Since the Tetragrammaton has no vowel markings in the "original," there are all kinds of ways one could pronounce it: "Yahwah, Yohwoh, Yehwah, Yihwih, Yehweh, Yohwooh, etc. Those birds who want to substitute the pronunciation (Yahw) given by a German rationalist (Gesenius) for a Canaanite storm god (oh yeah, man; there's a lot the teacher didn't tell you in Hebrew class) for the God-given *Jehovah* are just pulling your leg.

I like this one: "The prophets included Moses, *Amy*, and *Confucius*." I don't know who "Amy" might be, but we are told that Confucius believed in "*fiddle* piety."

I would love to see this one: "Martin Luther nailed 95 *theocrats* to a church door." That must have been some door, brother. "The pope's response was to declare Luther *hereditary*." Here's a good one for you Calvinists: "Calvin accepted all of Luther's ideas *except that of birth*." And if you are a hobblety-gobblety, fible-fable, hastalashontie-untieabowtie charismatic, here's one for you: "Phillip II annoyed the Dutch by speaking to them in Spanish, *a language he did not understand*."

Here are a couple of explanations of World War II: "When Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, they bombed the main U.S. base in *Southern California*." And, "Germany invaded

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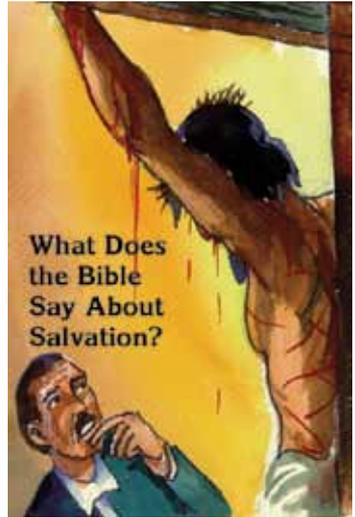
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Poland, *France invaded Belgium*, and *Russia invaded everybody*."

Do you want to see the collegiate mind at work? Well, here we go: "Did you know that Bach was the *most* famous composer in the world? *So was Handel*." The kid who wrote this obviously never passed basic arithmetic before discussing classical musicians: "The composer Handel was *half* English, *half* Italian, and *half* German."

Literature doesn't fare any better in the hands of these geniuses than math does. "William Tell shot an arrow through an apple *while standing on his son's head*." "Milton wrote *Paradise Lost*. *Then his wife died*, and he wrote *Paradise Regained*." "Shakespeare was born in 1564, *supposedly on his birthday*." Yes, that would be a good day on which to be born. "Shakespeare wrote tragedies, comedies, and *hysterectomies*." I bet you ladies didn't know that.

This is history "in the raw," and it couldn't get any "rawer." "The sun never set on the British Empire because the British Empire was in the East and the *sun sets in the West*." "Queen Victoria sat on a *thorn* for 63 years." That must have been painful. I like this definition of the British government: it's a "limited *mockery*." "Abraham Lincoln was born in a log cabin which *he built with his own hands*; he got shot in his seat watching a *moving picture show*. He was shot by *one of the actors in the movie*." "Columbus discovered America while *cursing* the Atlantic; he was sailing the Nina, the Pinta, and the *Santa Fe*."

This is some great stuff, man. This

stuff ought to be in all the high school and college textbooks. "The American Indian *squabs* carried *porpoises* on their backs." You have to admit, that is an interesting scenario. "Benjamin Franklin invented electricity *by rubbing two cats together*." Abraham Lincoln said, "A *horse* divided against itself cannot stand." No, I don't guess it can; that would be pretty difficult. Here's a real gem: "The British Navy went out and defeated the Spanish *Armadillo*."

"Socrates died from an overdose of *wedlock*." Too bad the Frisco-fruity-faggot didn't live in the twenty-first century; then he could have "married" one of his own kind. "In the Olympics, the Greeks ran, jumped, hurled the *biscuit*, and threw the *java*. The victor got a *coral wreath*." Here's a brilliant grasp of the obvious: "When the Greeks fought the Persians, the Greeks were outnumbered because the Persians *had more men*."

These are the products of the American public school system: "In English history, King Alfred conquered the *dames*." "The *Magna Carta* said that no man could be hanged *twice* for the same offense." Probably not. Then we have Louis Pasteur, "who discovered a cure for *rabbis*." And "Karl Marx was *one of the Marx brothers*." Sure, man, why wouldn't he be? You know: Chico, Harpo, Groucho, Zeppo, and "Karlo," I guess.

And for Ripley's "Believe It or Not," "Beethoven was so deaf that he wrote *loud* music." And, "World War I was caused by the assassination of an *archduck* by a *surf*." You read it

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right: an *archduck* and a *surf* with a "u." Who was that archduck—Donald or Daffy? And off what beach was the surf that killed him? And then there was Nero, who was such a cruel king that he "would torture his subjects by playing the fiddle to them." Was that anything like "Slick Willie" (Bill Clinton) playing the saxophone to American voters?

And then there are the science "bloopers": "A fossil is an extinct animal; *the odor is worse the more extinct it is.*" "To germinate means to become a *naturalized German.*" And here are some words of wisdom if you ever saw them: "To keep milk from turning sour, *keep it in the cow.*" And "magnets are what you find *crawling all over dead cats.*"

Here are the future doctors in medical college: "To remove dust from the eye, *pull the eye down over the nose.*" Hopefully the nose isn't too big. "For a dog bite, put the dog away for several days; *if he is not yet recovered, kill him.*" We have some real winners! "If you *smell* an *odorless* gas, it is probably carbon monoxide." " $H_2O$  is *hot water*;  $CO_2$  is *cold water.*" Is  $NO_2$  *no water*?

Here are some that don't really fit in anywhere else, but they're still funny, so here we go: "Among toy dogs are the French *Doodles* and the *Cockeyed Spaniards.*" "A myth is a *female moth.*" Excellent, excellent! I still can't get over some kids definition of the "Black Maria": it was "a *Negro's wife.*"

And I couldn't close out this recitation of gaffes without some examples from my own living. Here are some blunders from the papers of Christian school students. "Citizens of Egypt were called *mummies.* They lived in the *Sarah Desert*, and they traveled by *Camelot.*" "Jacob stole his brother's *birthmark.*" That would be an interesting operation to see. "When God put him on the spot, Cain said, 'Am I my brother's son?'" "Unleavened bread is made *without ingredients.*" "Isaac was sacrificed on *Mount Montezuma.*" "Moses brought down the Ten Commandments from *Mount Cyanide.*" And "Solomon had 700 wives and 300 *porcupines.*" *Like the Lymies say, "That's a sticky wicket."*

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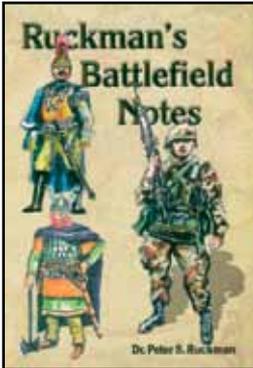
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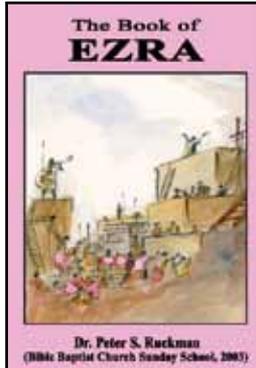
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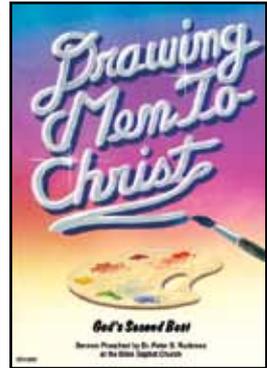
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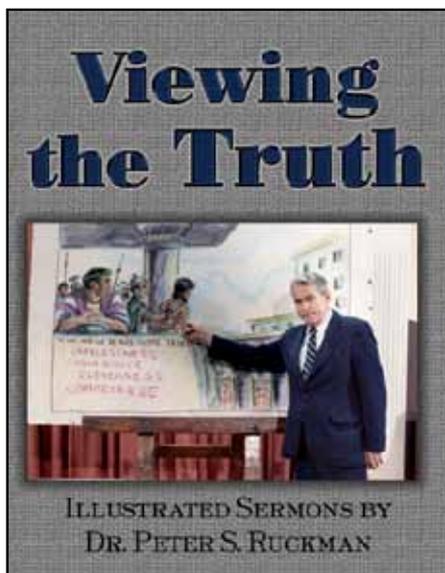
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By Robert Militello

**“After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight”** (Hos. 6:2).

Forty days after His resurrection, the risen Christ took leave of the apostles and left this earth in a cloud from the Mount of Olives. If a thousand years is but a day in God's sight (Psa. 90:4), unbelieving Israel would be without their Rock for a few days. Bad news for them, but very good news for Gentile dogs who fear God and don't mind attaching themselves to a Jewish Messiah.

When the Lord took a side trip to deal with a Samaritan woman about eternal life (John 4:1-44), He hung around a few days.

**“So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode there two days”** (John 4:40).

For every unwashed and defiled Gentile dog who turned to Jesus for salvation, his body became a temple of the living God. We are not told to go up to Jerusalem to worship. We worship **“in spirit and in truth”** (John 4:24). Jews who take their faith seriously are waiting for a physical messiah. Ten days after the physical body of Jesus went up to heaven in His own power, another member of the Trinity visited the Lord's disciples (Acts 2:1-3). He, the Holy Spirit, is not physical. We cannot handle him like Thomas demanding proof that the body of Jesus which the apostles saw was no mere apparition. We saints of God have a ghost attached to us—the Holy Ghost. Think on that a while. Meditating on the presence

of God within you, which the Jews could not do, ought to put a potent check on all your evil inclinations—does it?

So the Lord tarried a few days with the hated Samaritans. Self-righteousness and pride is what causes spiritual blindness. So the Jews fell from God's favor, although the promises made to their fathers are still in effect. They could have gotten the kingdom promised them had their leadership recognized Jesus as the Christ of God. Many, many miracles were done by the Lord proving He had the seal of God upon him. He should have been received as King of the Jews, but wasn't. What can I say—“Poor Jews, but happy me.” Ought any Christian to take comfort over the fall of the Jews? No, **“but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy”** (Rom. 11:11).

I have experienced that jealousy a few times while living in Brooklyn. A Jewish friend once told me that he wished he wasn't Jewish so he could enjoy Christmas free of guilt. I'm sure there were many like him, but one instance of jealousy that I'll always remember happened in the shop of a Jewish bookbinder. Borough Park, Brooklyn is an orthodox Jewish neighborhood. Everything is closed on Saturdays, and everything is opened on Sundays. There are a few old Jews left who are expert at the craft of rebinding and sewing old books. They are as skillful at that work as Italians are as shoemakers. So after years (not sure how many) of continued page turning, my leath-

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er-bound KJV was falling apart. I was reluctant to get a new one—too many notes in that Bible. Also, I wanted to save money. Consider this, when you are tight with a buck and a bona fide Christian, you are known as a good steward of God's money. If you happen to be Jewish and a bit frugal, you are thought of as a "cheap Jew." Such are the ways of so-called, fair-minded people. Brooklyn was a great place for seeing human nature for what it really is. You learn stuff there that no college course can match.

So I took my worn-out Bible to a shop on New Utrecht Avenue where an old man looked at the book and told me that a repair that would last for years would take a month and cost fifty dollars. I balked at the price: "Why so much?" He said that labor is expensive and I shouldn't be surprised. So I yielded, knowing **"the labourer is worthy of his hire"** (Luke 10:7), and this work was time consuming. As I was about to write down my name and number so he could call me when the work was done, I saw him thumbing through the pages with a look of amazement. He saw that I had notes and underlinings and marker highlights, and said that no Jew would expect a Gentile to be so familiar with a book that was all about Jews only. He was looking at some notes in Psalms. I told him how much a part of my life the book of Psalms had become. He was jealous and seeing those markings shook him up. Remember, Jews exalt studying, and a Gentile devoted to studying a Jewish book is an enigma to them. Thus, for two days, the Jews have been sitting in a classroom talking to each other. The teacher, God's Holy

Spirit, is not there. He was asked to leave almost 2,000 years ago. He'll come back but only when He hears, **"Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord"** (Matt. 23:39).

**"For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice"** (Hos. 3:4). Thirty-seven years after Jesus said that He would leave the house desolate (Matt. 23:38), the temple was utterly destroyed (A.D. 70).

**"Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days"** (Hos. 3:5). Could the Jews have known that the **"many days"** spoken of by the prophet Hosea would cover approximately twenty centuries? More than any one event in Jewish history, the Holocaust turned millions of Jews into atheists and agnostics. These Jews are waiting for nothing but death, and that's a sad thing to say. There are almost a half million old Jews in south Florida, Palm Beach, and Broward and Miami-Dade counties. I'm very familiar with the area as my mom lives there. It's pitiful to be without hope and without God in this world (Eph. 2:12).

**"How hath the Lord covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger, and cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Israel, and remembered not his footstool in the day of his anger!"** (Lam. 2:1).

There is a sorrow such as no born-again saint can ever know, thank God! I saw that sorrow once in a sub-

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way car coming home to Brooklyn from my office in Manhattan. Sitting across from me on the “F” train was an orthodox Jew. He was bent over “davenuing,” which is praying while gently rocking the body back and forth. The man was dressed in orthodox garb: a black felt, wide-brim hat, and a black frock coat. His face was sallow; he was no picture of health. He may have been in his mid-thirties, but looked twenty years older. When he raised his head, he looked at me briefly. Jews then were full of fear riding the subways. When Rudy Giuliani became mayor, things changed. The fear of God fell on the subway predators. Orthodox Jews voted for Rudy overwhelmingly, and that’s how Giuliani got in office in a city where Democrats outnumber Republicans ten to one.

Well, I had never seen eyes so sunken in their sockets as those of that praying Jew there that day. His face was like something you see in a gothic horror movie. Still, it was not a face to fear, but a face of sorrow and sadness. This man seemed to exude deep, emotional pain. I suppose there is nothing so tragic as a lost Jew desperately trying to connect with the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. How easy it is for the born-again child of God to take for granted the indwelling Holy Spirit. We have treasure in our earthen vessels that Jews do not even know exists. That prayer book the Jew was holding looked worn. Jews and books are inseparable, and that’s why Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 4:13, **“when thou comest, BRING WITH THEE . . . THE BOOKS, but especially the parchments.”**

Looking at that Jew, you could well understand the pain Paul felt.

**“That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh”** (Rom. 9:2–3).

I know Paul loved his people, but to be willing to go to hell to see them saved is a love too deep for me to understand. Would you be willing to burn forever in hell in order to see your family saved? **“Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God”** (Eccl. 5:2). Zeal is not by itself enough to gain salvation.

**“For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge”** (Rom. 10:2).

If Paul went about today mingling with the Jews in South Florida, he would be hard pressed to find any zeal for God. Synagogues there are nothing more than social centers where the members talk about their doctors, their medications, and their children and grandchildren who don’t visit them. It’s very sad, indeed.

There was a time, two days ago according to the way God reckons time, that Jews were looking for that prophet of Deuteronomy 18:15.

**“And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not”** (Luke 3:15).

Jews actually read the prophets then, besides the Torah. Most believed Moses:

**“The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto**

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**me; unto him ye shall hearken”** (Deut. 18:15).

John the Baptist got the people stirred up by declaring the day of that Prophet was at hand. But that was a long time ago in Judea where almost all Jews were poor and the whole nation lived in fear of the Romans. John's preaching lighted the fire of hope again among a people that hadn't heard from their God since Malachi prophesied more than 400 years earlier.

America today is a comfortable refuge for the children of Jacob. There's no occupation army to fear and no want of food on the tables of almost all Jews. Expectation for deliverance is something Jews prayed for years ago in the ghettos of Europe and Russia. Life here is good, too good. Sodom had this situation just before judgment came. **“Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her”** (Ezek. 16:49).

The last days of the Laodicean church has seen a noticeable decline in the number of believers living in earnest expectation of the Lord's coming for them. **“Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts. And saying, Where is the promise of his coming?”** (2 Pet. 3:3-4). Affections are set on this world, not the world to come—see Colossians 3:1-2. Why? **“Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing”** (Rev. 3:17). God has given the body of Christ in America a very soft bed to lie down

on, so who wants to get up and work for the Lord and scare people with talk of judgment? If our God is really making America great again, why leave it?

Today, Jews all over the world face a situation that terrifies them. Those who survived Hitler's Holocaust are just about all gone. The need to remember what was done to them by civilized Germany must be kept alive. Holocaust museums, memorials, and documentaries are expected to do just that, but they are not. Jews today are painfully aware that all the praying and crying of European Jews availed nothing for the twelve years that Hitler ruled.

**“Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I”** (Psa. 61:1-2).

All the promises to help and to deliver from trouble that are found in the Psalms—and there are dozens of them—fell on deaf ears. Jews think and reason that if the promised Deliverer, the prophet like unto Moses, failed to show, then will He ever show? So because they have been spiritually blinded, the idea of a bloodbath yet to come, as foretold by the prophets, is rejected out of hand. What a visit to a Holocaust museum is likely to produce among those whom God has blinded is a belief that the world will never allow such a horror to happen again. Just think positively and all will be well—amen?

**“Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken**

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**from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof"** (Matt. 21:43).

When the temple was destroyed less than forty years later, how many Jews still alive in Jerusalem remembered Jesus saying such a thing. Humanity's collective memory has been proven by history to be very short and spotty. World War II followed World War I by 21 years. The Gentile world of the Antichrist will not cancel its plan to kill all Jews because of some moral guilt over Hitler and the horror he unleashed. For now, we believers are marching toward Zion while Bible-rejecting Jews are marching toward mass graves while chanting, "Never Again"—meaning "we will not allow ourselves to go like sheep to the slaughter." Jesus saves, not slogans.

Some Jews are waiting for two messiahs. One is a suffering messiah, Mashiach ben Yosef. The other is a conquering messiah, Mashiach ben David. They understand that the Messiah has two roles to play but two comings with a 2,000-year gap is a truth they cannot grasp. You can only learn so much even with a brilliant intellect. Still, without the lamp of the Holy Spirit, reason gropes in a land of dark shadows. What the Jews lost, we Gentile dogs found without even looking. Salvation is a gift, and Jews who want to please God will keep relying on good works until the Lord opens their eyes. Whenever I had the opportunity to deal with a self-righteous and proud Jew, I looked for an opening to stab his/her heart with God's knife. **"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righ-**

**teousnesses are as filthy rags"** (Isa. 64:6). Anyone seeking to gain a place in heaven without the new birth goes into spiritual shock after reading those words.

In our time, a door was opened by God for the Jews to return to their ancestral home. They waited a long time for that. Again in June, 1967, the Lord allowed the Jews to take full control of their beloved Jerusalem. Orthodox Jews were now experiencing an intensifying expectation. This is what brought out the crowds to hear John the Baptist. Secular Jews today are not particularly impressed. Memories of the gas chambers and ovens make it hard to look to heaven. Besides, Israel is doing relatively well; and the armies of Egypt, Syria, and Jordan are not spoiling for a fight. So why cry out to God for a Deliverer? But the Lord knows how to play on the heartstrings of His people when He so chooses.

Unknown to most Gentiles are two things that clearly show the God of Israel preparing to say, "Hello, remember me?" to the lost sons and daughters of Jacob. First, it is now reliably reported that the birthrate among Israeli Jews will establish a reality that existed two days ago (A.D. 30). For the first time since Jesus walked this earth, there will be more Jews in Israel than in the Diaspora (outside the land). Probably by the end of this year, or early in the next, the rising birthrate among orthodox Jews will make this happen. Remember, the orthodox take Genesis literally: **"Be fruitful, and multiply"** (Gen. 1:22, 9:1). Also, note that most orthodox Jews are moving into new settlements

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in Judea and Samaria, which the Palestinians claim belongs to them. We are living in momentous times. Zeal for the Lord should be intensifying in these last days and not diminishing. Are churches teaching on what happens at the Judgment Seat of Christ, or helping you find your best life now? Your "best life now" involves denying yourself and putting the Lord before everything—even your own family. Today, we have a crossless Christianity—sad!

Another item of note proves the wind of the Holy Spirit is starting to affect secular Israelis. Permit applications to visit the Temple Mount have gone up steadily. Applications for 2019 were double what they were a year earlier. Why are more and more Jews experiencing this urge to be where their fathers once worshiped? Something is going on. Previously, it was the orthodox who pressed the Israeli government to ignore Moslem threats and allow more visitors. Now, secular Jews (still not in large numbers) are waking up in the morning with a strange longing to pray at the Wailing Wall. Years ago, when I was a boy, I remember my dad telling my mom that he wasn't interested in going to the movie theater. He would rather stay home and watch some sport event on TV. My mom would try to get him to go, but he said that he would always fall asleep before the movie ended.

**"Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober"** (1 Thess. 5:6).

Two days of grace are ending, and many can't stay awake.

Jews have a Passover tradition.

It is based on Malachi's prophecy in Malachi 4:5.

**"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD."**

On the night of the Seder, the Passover Dinner, they put an empty wine cup on their dining table. Also, they leave the door unlocked, or even open (not a wise thing to do in Brooklyn). They pray Elijah will come. Orthodox Jews believe that God has a prepared messiah in every generation ready to show himself if the Jews have proved themselves worthy. Meaning, they would have to be blameless before the law to merit such a visitation.

The Lord's disciples were well aware of the predicted visit of the prophet. **"And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come and restore all things. But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed"** (Matt. 17:10–12). John the Baptist was that Elias in spirit (Matt. 17:13). He was no shrinking violet when it came to speaking truth to power. Ahab got a dose of Elijah's smooth speech in 1 Kings 18:18, and Herod got a dose from John. **"It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife"** (Mark 6:18). Will Elijah come again? Yes, according to those who see Moses and Elijah as the two witnesses of Revelation 11. After waiting all these centuries, it is now possible that

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young Jews in Israel will see Elijah before they pass from this world. God keeps His word.

It hurts to wait and wait and wait for someone or an event that you had looked forward to for so long. Years ago in Brooklyn after the Dodgers lost another World Series to the hated Yankees, we would say, "WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR!" Hope dies hard when you search for a reason to go

on. We have the "blessed hope" of Titus 2:13. If another spring with Passover and Pentecost passes and the Lord stays in heaven, many will be disappointed. Brooklyn baseball fanatics finally had their day of rejoicing when the Dodgers beat the Yankees 2-0 in the seventh game of the 1955 World Series. I was the happiest nine year old alive. In the Charles Schultz TV classic, "It's the Great

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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.

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Pumpkin, Charlie Brown," disappointment breaks Linus' heart, but not his spirit. He fell asleep in a pumpkin patch after fighting to stay awake. His sister finds him and brings him home to bed. He wakes up looking forward to next year. How can a Christian familiar with the promises of God and having experienced many times the Lord's faithfulness throw in the towel and quit?

It can happen. **"For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world"** (2 Tim. 4:10). I suppose Demas got tired waiting for the

new world Paul spoke about in connection with the Lord's coming. So many make a good start in the Christian life, but they finish in shame. Don't underestimate the power of the enemy to push you out of the way. The flesh is an implacable foe.

**"But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway"** (1 Cor. 9:27).

Stay alert.

**"Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come"** (Matt. 24:42).

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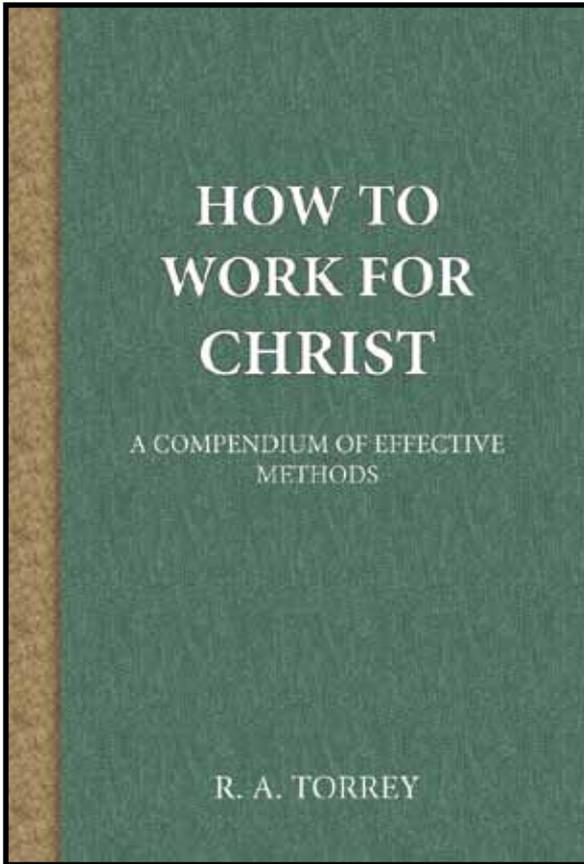
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