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

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## Jacob the Jew

By Brian Donovan

Though the Jewish race traces their lineage back to Abraham as their literal, physical father in the flesh (Rom. 4:1), as well as their spiritual father through the promise (Rom. 9:8), it is Jacob who is the stereotypical Jew and the true picture of the race. In everyday life, Jacob is the Jew, and the Jew is Jacob. As the apostle Paul shows, not all of the seed of “father” Abraham are counted as Jews (Rom. 9:7) since Ishmael, as well as Isaac, came from his loins. The Arab peoples can count themselves of Abraham’s seed, but they are most certainly not **“children of the promise”**, and of the Jewish race. The Jew is only counted from Abraham through Isaac, and then only through Jacob. Esau, though a child of Isaac in the flesh (Gen. 25), was also not a child of the promise (Rom. 9:8), and therefore not counted for the seed. Ishmael married an Egyptian wife (Gen. 21:21), and Esau intermarried with Ishmael’s daughters (Gen. 28:9), to produce a **“mingled people that dwell in**

**the desert”** (Jer. 25:24), and in today’s world, they are known by different names across the Arabian peninsula and the Middle Eastern Muslim countries.

Jacob is the man whose seed produces the twelve tribes of Israel (Gen. 29-30), and it is of that seed that the Jewish race is formed. In the scripture, it is Jacob who became the typical Jew and type of that race that exists even to this day. Jacob, the crafty (Gen. 27:20), scheming (Gen. 31:20), intelligent (Gen. 30:37), money-making businessman (Gen. 30:32), is presented in the scripture as the Jew. The modern Jew can be accurately described with those same adjectives. Jacob leaves home with nothing, sleeping with stones for his pillow (Gen. 28:11), and returns after years of exile, a rich man with droves of camels, sheep, goats, and cattle (Gen. 32:13-16).

Intelligence quotient testing continues to bear out the fact that the highest scores on average are scored by the Jewish race. Now we realize that the modern reader has a hard time with such discriminatory remarks, but that is not only because he does not understand the meaning of the word “discrimination” (the act

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# The Sixth Commandment

By Dr. Peter S. Ruckman

“**Thou shalt not kill**” (Exod. 20:13).

According to the World Health Organization (2002), someone in the world commits suicide every forty seconds, a person is murdered every minute, and every 100 seconds someone dies in armed conflict. Killers and sex perverts love America because they can get away with their wickedness better here than nearly any other country on earth. In 2014 there were 15,872 homicides in the United States. Over a billion people have died in wars since Cain knocked Abel's brains out.

Killing is a perennial pastime for mankind. It's glamorized on television and in the movies. Americans love violence. Every year Detroit, Michigan and Las Vegas, Nevada have over 200 murders each. But when it comes to the number of murders “per capita”—that is, per every 1,000 people—the crime capital of the United States is East St. Louis, Illinois with 1.13 people killed for every thousand people living there. That is over 21 times higher than any other city in the United States. I read a news report one time of a man in Germany who had been arrested for killing people and eating them. He insists that he has never killed and eaten anyone that didn't want it. He has letters he has received over the internet of hundreds of people who want to be eaten. Apparently in Germany (at least at the time this fellow was on trial), cannibalism is not a crime, but of course, killing someone is, even if you are going to eat the person.

First of all, I want to call your at-

tention to some *killers who go free*. At the top of the list these days are *abortionists*. I don't teach that abortion is murder (although I do teach it is *wrong morally*), but a lot of the brethren do. If it is, then according to the Book, the murderer (in this case the abortionist) is to be killed himself. There was a Presbyterian minister here in Pensacola who believed abortion was murder. He was a man of his convictions: he thought abortion was murder, so he killed an abortionist to stop him from killing more babies. He ended up being executed for murder in that case. That guy was willing to die for his convictions. But let's just face it, shall we, if abortion is murder, then here in the United States, the abortionists get off scot free for murder. I don't know many of these “pro-life” people who advocate capital punishment for abortionists.

A lot of *Mafia killers* have gotten off free. There are many hitmen in the Mafia who have killed ten to twenty people who have never spent more than two weeks in jail, much less go on to prison for murder. The witnesses get threatened and won't testify or the accused get off on some technicality if there's not enough evidence to convict, etc. When Tony Accardo retired after eighty years in the Chicago Gang, he bragged that the Feds “never laid a glove” on him. He was probably responsible for the deaths of at least ninety people.

The Roman Catholic IRA got away with killing civilians for about 77 years (1921–1978). The PLO got away with killing folk, and its leader, Yasser Ara-

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fat, never did any prison time. He was responsible for hundreds of deaths and ended up dying of old age, after getting Israel to turn over part of its land to him for "peace." Israel hasn't had any "peace" with the "Palestinians"; they continue to this day to kill Israelis with rockets, with knives, and with suicide bombers. For every Israeli captive released in a prisoner exchange, ten "Palestinian" Moslem terrorists are released to go out and kill again.

*Character* can be assassinated with impunity. That may not be actual murder, but it is indicative of what one would do if he could get away with it (see 1 John 3:15).

"When some fellow yields to temptation

and breaks a conventional law,  
We look for no good in his make-up,  
but God!

How we look for a flaw!

No one will ask, 'How tempted?'

Nor allow for the battle he's fought,

His name becomes food for the jackals;

For us who have never been caught.

"'He has sinned!' we shout from the house-tops,

We forget the good he has done,

We center on one last battle,

And forget the times he has won.

'Come gaze on the sinner!' we thunder,

'And by his example be taught

that his footsteps lead to destruction,'

Cry we who have never been caught.

"I'm a sinner, O Lord, and I know it,  
I'm weak, I blunder, I fail.

I'm tossed on life's stormy ocean,  
Like ships embroiled in a gale.

I'm willing to trust in thy mercy;

to keep the commandments  
thou'st taught,

But deliver me, Lord, from the  
judgment

of saints who have never been  
caught!"

("Attitudes, Saints and Sinner" by  
Changu Chilwesa)

That's the first thing I tell the inmates in the prisons when I get up to preach: "The only difference between me and you is that I never got caught."

*Drunken drivers* are often killers who go free. Oh, they may get some jail time or even some prison time, but they never get the biblical punishment for murder—execution.

*Christ rejectors* don't get what they deserve for their part in the death of God's Son. Catholics like to call Christ-rejecting Jews "Christ killers" for their part in the crucifixion. To be sure, the generation that lived back then bore a blood guilt for the death of Jesus Christ (Matt. 22:7; Acts 7:52), but it was *Romans* who nailed Him to the cross and thrust the spear in His side, not Jews. A Roman Catholic calling a Jew a Christ killer is like the pot calling the kettle black.

But for that matter, *every sinner* bears the blood guilt for the murder of Jesus Christ. I can't tell you how many times I have witnessed to someone and when it came to the part about the person being guilty

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before God for his sins, I have been told, "Well, I never *killed* anybody." It's funny how that comes up. It's like the person has a bad conscience about killing someone but is trying to alibi his way out. I'll tell you about whose murder he is feeling guilty:

**"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit"** (1 Pet. 3:18).

If Jesus Christ became sin for you (and He did!—2 Cor. 5:21), then you had a part in His death. But *right now*, you are being given a break: you don't suffer the consequences of that murder right now in order to give you a chance to come to Him in faith, admitting you're guilty, and receiving His death as the atonement for your sin.

Now there are some killers God protects. He protects *animals*. God doesn't demand the death of an animal for killing another animal. Animals kill each other all the time: they swallow each other, break each other's necks with their powerful jaws, strangle one another, etc. The Lord doesn't punish them for that; that's the law of the jungle.

Of course, if you believe Darwin, then human beings ought to be able to kill one another and not suffer any punishment. After all, according to Darwin, humans are just a higher form of animal anyway. If you wouldn't kill an elk for killing another elk (as they do sometimes), why would you punish a man for killing another man—same difference. Animals have no morals. So in the public schools, you aren't allowed to

teach the kids morals from the Ten Commandments, but you are able to teach them that they are animals, and "ethics" are based on "situations" and "values" need to be "clarified." So when you can't teach the kiddies "**Thou shalt not kill**" as an absolute moral standard to be obeyed, do you now what happens? *They kill each other*. Sure, man, couldn't you see that coming?

Also, God protects *those who butcher animals for food*. The Lord doesn't demand capital punishment for wringing a chicken's neck or for slaughtering a cow or sheep for the meat. A man's not a murderer for catching and frying up mullet and perch and red snapper and bluefish, etc. This modern bunch of "animal rights" protesters who cry, "Murderer!" just because you eat a hamburger are out of their minds. How do you know that? Because they don't cry, "Murderer!" whenever a cat kills a mouse or a lion kills a zebra or a bear kills a salmon.

God protects the one guilty of *manslaughter*. What is forbidden under the law is *premeditated murder* (Num. 35:20–21; Matt. 19:18). But if a man kills someone accidentally, without any premeditation or malice aforethought, then the fellow is not guilty of murder. He's guilty of manslaughter, and manslaughter is provided for under the law so that the one who did it doesn't have to die. The manslaughterer was provided a city of refuge within a day's journey where he could go and be protected as long as he stayed there during the life of the high priest. When the high priest died, he was allowed to return to his

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own home with no consequences. He was protected from **“the revenger of blood”** because the killing was an accident (Num. 35:25).

God protects someone who kills in *self-defense*. It's a tragedy when someone is killed in self-defense, but self-defense is necessary, and the Lord allows for it. England is in terrible trouble right now: it has more mosques than Anglican churches. The Moslems think nothing of coming up to someone on the street and slitting his throat with a knife. But the “bobbies” over in England aren't arresting the Moslems carrying knives; they're arresting the average British citizen who carries anything that he can use as a weapon to defend himself. That's a good way to get folks killed.

The police can no longer fire their weapon at a fleeing criminal; they can't even fire at him if he attacks them with a knife. It's considered a “disproportionate” use of force. I read of a case where a policeman shot a man who stabbed him twice, and the police officer got sued by the man who stabbed him.

Another type of killing that is not punishable by death is *killing under military order*. Saul was commanded by God to kill all the Amalekites for what they had done to Israel in the wilderness (1 Sam. 15:1-3). It was a *military order* because the Lord said He would **“have war with Amalek from generation to generation”** (Exod. 17:16).

That's why Mohammed invented Islam: so he could have a religious alibi for killing people. All Islam is, is a religious justification for every

debased desire of a sinner. Do you want to fornicate? Then join Islam and mess around with four women, any number of slave girls, and any “temporary” wives you want (i.e., *prostitutes*). Do you want to steal? Then join Islam and take whatever you want from the infidels because they're “dhimmi” (second-class citizens subject to the whims of the Moslem population). Do you want to kill people? Then join Islam and become a jihadi: then you can kill as many people as you want in the name of “Allah.” Mohammed was a *military leader*; he sure wasn't a prophet.

You are told in Romans 13:1 to **“be subject unto the higher powers”** because **“the powers that be are ordained of God.”** So if you are a soldier, marine, seaman, or airman in the service of your country, it is not a sin to obey a lawful order to kill someone.

Now I know there is such a thing as an “unlawful” order. I'm not talking about that. But you have American servicemen being brought up on charges now for doing what they were trained to do: kill the enemy. What are you going to do when a bunch of “gooks” or “ragheads” use the civilian population as “human shields”? In Vietnam, the women and children were sometimes herded ahead of the attacking force. The idea was the Viet Cong and the NVA knew Americans wouldn't kill innocent women and children. But when the women came up to you smiling and give you a bouquet of flowers with a hand grenade in them, or when children that are playing one minute suddenly begin firing at you with

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automatic machine guns the next, what are you going to do? Over in places like Israel, Iraq, and Afghanistan, those Moslem jihadis will use a school or an apartment building from which to fire rockets so that the Israelis or Americans won't fire back lest they kill innocent civilians.

Did you know that all those Moslem guerilla fighters have to do when they run out of ammo firing at our troops is drop their weapon, walk out of the building from where they had been firing, and under the "rules of engagement" set up by Obama, our boys can't kill them without committing a "war crime." That's why you won't win any war in the Middle East. Your boys will just die over there, a few here and a few there, until the president withdraws the troops after years of that, and as soon as the American forces are gone, things go back to the way they were—or worse. That's what's going on in Iraq now, and it's what will go on in Afghanistan in the future.

The Germans used to say, "*Be-fehl ist befehl*": an order is an order. At the Nuremberg Trials, Germans were tried for following orders to invade neutral countries. The Russians invaded Finland in 1939, and no Russian was tried for that. The Russians invaded Poland in 1939. Where were the Russians being tried at Nuremberg? They weren't there; only Germans were on the docket. Those Germans were being tried for following lawful military orders.

Do you know what Eisenhower did after the war? He turned *millions* of Russian prisoners and refugees that were in Germany at the end of

the war over to Stalin, who had them killed or jailed or raped. That was called "Operation Keelhaul." Why wasn't Eisenhower tried for that? Eichmann was tried for deporting the Jews to ghettos and concentration camps, where they were jailed, raped, and killed; Eichmann was hung for what he did. Nothing happened to Eisenhower at all for the same offense.

I'll tell you someone else God protects: *state executioners*. The guy who throws the switch on "old Sparky" (the electric chair) or pulls the lever for the trapdoor on the gallows or pushes the button for the lethal injection is not guilty of murder; he's just doing his job. The Bible says, "**he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil**" (Rom. 13:4). Capital punishment is *not murder*; it is what *God wants*.

God said: "**Moreover ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which is guilty of death: but he shall be surely put to death**" (Num. 35:31).

When Noah got off the ark, the Lord told him, "**Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man**" (Gen. 9:6).

So when a man has been legally tried and convicted of murder, it is not a sin to execute him, nor is the one who carries out the execution guilty of murder when he does.

Back in June 1979, there appeared in the *Pensacola News Journal* (as well as four other Florida newspapers) a full-page paid advertisement

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by Bishop Gracida, the Roman Catholic bishop of the Pensacola-Tallahassee diocese. It said if you believed in capital punishment, you weren't a Christian because it wasn't biblical, and that the Roman Catholic Church had never approved of capital punishment. About that time his archbishop in St. Augustine said that if anyone said the Roman Catholic Church doesn't believe in capital punishment, *it was a lie*. I guess it was, given the fact that the Roman Catholic Church had *fifty million* people killed in the Dark Ages.

Bishop Gracida got himself in one flat-footed mess there, boy. Not only was his own archbishop against him, some dirty, godless, depraved, hell-raising, church-splitting, trouble-making Bible teacher in Pensacola took a quarter-page ad out in the *Pensacola News Journal* and *proved* Bishop Gracida was a liar. It showed that if you didn't believe in capital punishment, you were antibiblical, anti-God, and anti-Christ. IF that didn't do the job! Out came an article in *Our Sunday Visitor*, the official magazine of the Roman Catholic Church, saying, "Pensacola Evangelist Fans the Flames of Bigotry," "Fundamentalist Rakes the Bishop over the Coals."

Aww, your father's moustache! I know who fans the flames and rakes the coals. Don't kid me. I know what church burned Tyndale and Huss at the stake.

Monsignor Solana said, "The remarks by Dr. Ruckman are slanderous and contrary to the facts of history and the spirit of Catholicism."

Aww, blow it out your nose, fella!

I know "the spirit of Catholicism." I've read Schaff's eight volumes of church history. I've read *Foxe's Book of Martyrs*. I've read the *Martyrs Mirror*. I've read the church histories by Armitage and Froom and Latourette. I've written two volumes of church history myself, citing over a hundred church histories, not counting about twice that number on the history of Christian doctrine. Don't kid me about "the spirit of Catholicism"; go kid your grandmother.

God commanded capital punishment before the law (Gen. 9:5–6), He commanded it under the law (Num. 35:30–33), and the greatest Christian who ever lived said that if he had "committed any thing worthy of death" the he refused "not to die" (Acts 25:11). He said one of the jobs of government was to bear the sword to execute judgment against evil doers (Rom. 13:4).

Now there are some killers God definitely condemns. They are *murderers*. The first murderer in your Bible is *Cain*. Because at that time there were no written law, the Lord doesn't have Cain killed, but He drives Cain out from His presence and makes him "a fugitive and a vagabond" (Gen. 4:12–16). God protected Cain from being killed physically, but Cain loses everything spiritually and has to resort to building a city because he can no longer grow crops from the ground. When God drowned out the civilization from before the flood, none of Cain's descendants made it aboard the ark; they were all drowned out and went to hell.

Here are some famous serial kill-

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ers:

1) Countess Elizabeth Bathory de Ecsed. She lived in Hungary. She thought she could stay young by bathing in the blood of virgins. So between 1585 and 1609, she killed over 650 young women and took baths in their blood.

2) Buhram Jemedar. He was known as the "King of Thugs" because he was one of the most notable killers in a Moslem-Indian gang called the "Thugee" (from where the word *thug* comes). He is reported to have strangled 931 people.

3) Bruno Lüdke. From 1928 to 1943, he killed 85 women.

4) Herman W. Mudgett, better known as H. H. Holmes. He killed 200 women during the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago. That guy would romance these women and then take them to an empty hotel he owned. Holmes would drug the women, take them to his laboratory just like in a horror movie where he would watch them scream as they died in a gas chamber, and then he would dump them down a chute to the basement where he would cut them up and cook them or put them in lime. When he was finally caught, he said he was glad to have a chance to explain himself because people had said so many terrible things about him.

5) "Black Jack" Tom Ketchum. "Black Jack" Ketchum was wanted for a series of murders and train robberies. In his last train robbery, he was shot in the right arm by the conductor and had to have it amputated. He was sentenced to hang. Before he went to the scaffold, Ketchum said, "Somebody play the fiddle while I go up

there and do the jig for you." That old boy was too tough for his own good. He ran up the steps, and his last words were: "I'll be in hell before you start breakfast, boys. Let 'er rip!" The men doing the execution had never done one before, and the weight of Ketchum's body was too heavy for the rope and the distance he was to fall. When the platform underneath him was opened, he fell down with such force that the rope took his head off. His body fell down, spurting blood with each pump of the heart; then the severed head fell down on top of the body. That guy knew how to go out with "gusto."

6) Peter Sutcliffe, known as the "Yorkshire Ripper." He killed thirteen women, most of them prostitutes, along with a couple of girls just out walking at night.

7) Gary Heidnik. He kidnapped six women, and tortured and raped them, killing two of them.

8) Henry Lee Lucas. He confessed to 213 murders.

9) Dean Corll. He was a faggot who killed 28 teenage boys and young men; at least that's all the bodies they found buried in plastic bags at a couple of beaches in Texas. The police never did catch him; he was shot to death by one of his accomplices—Elmer Henley.

That's not even a tenth of the list. Do you know what God says to do to people like that? He says, "Kill 'em!" He says, "**for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it**" (Num. 35:33).

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years like Charles Manson and give them air conditioning, three "squares" a day, and TV and movies to watch. *You kill them.* If a murderer is convicted by a jury, take him to a back room and shoot him so you don't have to waste the gas taking him back to jail. Amen, amen, amen! I mean why let him go to kill somebody else? Why charge the taxpayers to keep him alive year after year?

You believe in "justice," do you? All right, that Bible says, "**Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot**" (Exod. 21:24). That has nothing to do with *personal* vengeance, like the Moslems believe and practice. That is not an excuse for a "vendetta" like the Roman Catholics in the Mafia practice. That is a judicial ruling by a judge on someone convicted of purposefully doing something to injure another. If some twisted psychopath takes a twelve-year-old girl out into the woods and cuts off her arms with an axe—*which has been done*—why don't you cut off his arms instead of putting him in "population" for ten years just to let him out so he can do it again?

You say, "You're exaggerating, Ruckman." Not really. John Wayne Gacy was convicted of sodomizing two teenage boys. He was sentenced to ten years in prison and got out in eighteen months to go on and kidnap, rape, torture, and kill 33 more young men. Ted Bundy lured thirty women to his car where he killed them, desecrated their bodies, and then dismembered them. When he was finally captured, he spent ten years in prison before getting the "hot squat" (electric chair). "Justice" was so long in com-

ing with Bundy that when the state of Florida began arresting drivers for not wearing seat belts, some wit put out a bumpersticker that read: "I'll buckle up when Bundy does."

I have a case from San Pedro, California where a seven-year-old boy killed his nine-year-old brother and wounded his twelve-year-old sister over an argument about a television show. In Kirkwood, Missouri, a 23-year-old woman was stabbed five times by her fourteen-year-old brother over a TV program.

We had a saved attorney come through this school here years back. His name was David Rimmer. He ended up becoming a judge, but for years he was a prosecuting attorney for the state. He told me one time, "Dr. Ruckman, if you ever want justice, the last place you will find it in America is in a courtroom." He told me about a drawn-out trial where he was trying to convict two boys who had killed their daddy with a baseball bat and then set fire to their house. For a year the *Pensacola News Journal* tried to drum up sympathy for those boys: "Oh, the poor boys; oh, the abusive father." They were convicted but only spent eight years at a juvenile facility. They got out and live somewhere in Jacksonville, from the last report anyone heard. They're doing just fine. That's "justice" in the American court system. God says that kind of thing defiles the land; that's why you are to kill murderers like that.

Brethren, you are living in an age where no one knows what real justice is. A fellow of a particular race gets all hyped up on drugs and drives his car down the road at speeds of up to

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a hundred miles an hour with no regard for pedestrians or other drivers. When the police finally stop him, he resists arrest, and they have to use their billy clubs on him to subdue him. Someone films the cops beating the guy up, and the news media cries, "Racist!", although two other blacks in the car did *not* get beat up because they didn't resist arrest. So what happens? The police get arrested and tried, and the dope-head who was driving wrecklessly and fighting the cops gets four million dollars! You call that justice?

When the cops were acquitted by a jury—*because they had done nothing wrong*—people had been so stirred up by the news media that a race riot ensued. In that riot, a white truck driver was pulled out of his vehicle by four black men and was nearly beaten to death. The truck driver ended up in the hospital with medical bills *he* had to pay himself; he never was able to walk or talk normally ever again. Three of his four attackers got off with no prison time because they were part of an "oppressed minority" caught up in "mob mentality." The leader got ten years in prison but got out in five. He got arrested and convicted six years later for *murder*, and the taxpayers make sure he has air conditioning, color TV, and three square meals a day.

Here is the "politically correct version" of the ending of Little Red Riding Hood. In the original story, the woodcutter saves Little Red Riding Hood from being eaten by the wolf by cutting open the Wolf's belly with his axe to free Grandma, whom the wolf had already eaten. Well, afterwards

it was discovered that although the Wolf had made some obscene suggestions to Little Red Riding Hood, he had made no *racial slurs*. "Red" had panicked and called for help, but the Wolf had not been advised of his rights, nor had the Woodsman given him a warning before striking him with the axe. In a press conference, the ACLU stressed the fact that the Wolf was just "doing his own thing" when he ate Grandma, so he didn't deserve to die. The Wolf felt threatened by Grandma's traditional matriarchal status and was just defending himself while trying to make love and not war. So the Woodcutter was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon for which he had no license.

When the Woodcutter was acquitted of any wrongdoing, his cottage was burned to the ground, along with many other cottages, by a group of wolves involved in "forcefully expressing" their frustration over "societal injustices" in a display of "ethnic unity." The body of the Woodcutter was found hacked to death, and though many of the denizens of the forest thought a pack of wolves had done it, a grand jury determined that the Woodsman himself had committed suicide with his own axe, being overcome with feelings of guilt and remorse over his prejudice against wolves. A year later, Grandma's house was taken from her by "imminent domain" and turned into a shrine for the brave Wolf who had laid down his life for the civil rights of all wolves. The news media lobbied the forest council until the Wolf's birthday was made a national holiday. At the

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That's the modern attitude towards murderers. The "victim" is not the one who was murdered but the murderer himself. The problem is the police who try to stop the murderer.

Finally, God is against *self-murder—suicide*. Of course, there's nothing in the Bible that says God is going to take the life of a suicide because the suicide already took his own life. But the Bible does say this:

**"The just shall live by faith"** (Rom. 1:17).

**"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart"** (Prov. 3:5).

**"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you"** (1 Pet. 5:7).

Contrary to Catholic teaching, suicide is not an unpardonable sin. Of course, Judas was lost, and he committed suicide. But Samson was a saved man in the Old Testament sense, even though he committed suicide (Heb. 11:32–39).

But there is one thing for certain: if you reject Jesus Christ as your Saviour, you are committing *spiritual* suicide. You are killing your *soul* just the same as you would kill your body by slitting your throat from ear to ear.

Three times back there in the Old Testament God says to those Jews, **"Why will ye die . . . ?"** (Jer. 27:13; Ezek. 18:31, 33:11). Good question. Why die when you don't have to? **"The wages of sin"** may be **"death,"** but you don't *have* to go to Hell. Hell wasn't prepared for man; it was **"prepared for the devil and his angels"** (Matt. 25:41). If you go there, you will not only be out of place, you will be out of the will of God, because the Lord is **"not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance"** (2 Pet. 3:9).

Friend, if you die and find yourself before a holy, angry God who will not let you into His sinless Heaven, and who puts you into a fire so pure and so hot that you will never sin again, you will know exactly why you are there. You committed spiritual suicide just the same as if you hung yourself from the rafters in your attic.

**"But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death"** (Prov. 8:36).

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of distinguishing; the act of observing a difference), but spends all of his time apart from the scriptures and is filled with the ideas of a wicked media-dominated world. As a result, the average American Christian mind today believes that it is critically important that Trump gets re-elected, that the economy remains strong, that jobs are plentiful, and that gas prices stay down. The will of God and what He desires is way down the list, if it is even considered.

Jacob may have been savvy enough to “jew” Laban out of his cattle, but until he returns to Bethel, he is miserable. The same can be said for the Jew today. The Jew can move anywhere in the world, figure out an angle, and begin to make money. The Gentile hates the Jew for that because the Gentile loves money. Though the Jew is able to make money no matter where he wanders, until he gets back to the land of Israel, and restored to his rejected Messiah, he will remain miserable. Jacob the Jew is connected to the land that the Lord gave to his people (Psa. 135:12).

**“For the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure”** (Psa. 135:4). The Jews are a chosen people—period. The Gentile subconsciously knows that, and it bothers him. The Gentile world hates the Jew and is not even sure why. The whole world is against the Jew. Just as Jacob lived a good chunk of his life in exile apart from the Lord his God, so the Jew today lives in exile, apart from the Lord God Almighty, even while

making money.

The Lord put Laban into Jacob’s life to wrench the old man’s craftiness out of him, but that cunning goes deep into his being, and it does not come out in a day. Jacob peels rods and gains Laban’s cattle by crook in an attempt to get back at Laban for cheating him out of his wages ten different times (Gen. 31:7). The reason it did not solve his problem was because his problem was not with Laban, but with God. Netanyahu’s problem has never been Clinton, Obama, Hamas, or Hezbollah. As their Prime Minister, he must deal with all of those men, but the Jewish problem is with their God. When Netanyahu is done negotiating boundary lines with the Arabs and Syrians, he will have to return to Genesis 31:44-49 and set up a **“Mizpah”** and watch his back.

Once Jacob was finished dealing with Laban, he continued on **“his way”** (Gen. 32:1), and that led him right into the path of his brother Esau (verse 6). Being outnumbered and **“greatly afraid and distressed”** (verse 7), Jacob received the intelligence report from Mossad that Esau was on the way with his army of four hundred (verse 6). Though he connived and planned his Jacob way out, before it was all over, he was wrestling with God (Gen. 32:24-30). When modern Israel is finished with Hamas and the Palestinians, he will be walking right into the wrath of God in the coming tribulation called the **“time of Jacob’s trouble”** (Jer. 30:7). At the last, the Jew must wrestle with his God, and wrestle he

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most certainly will. He will have to hold on as the blood runs, and the thigh goes out of joint, and the pain is excruciating, and there will be no morphine or Jewish doctors to fix the problem. The Jew is going to have to hold on until his Jacob heart, his Jacob will, and his Jacob plans, all become God's.

Just as Jacob could not rise up until he had a new name and a new heart (Gen. 32:28), so the modern Jew will be placed into the same position, even as his brethren will be slaughtered all around him. The approximate population of almost 15 million Jews in the world will be reduced to a small "**remnant**" (Isa. 10:20-22; 11:11, Jer. 44:28; Ezek. 14:22), which means that the coming holocaust (led by a Jesuit antichrist and false prophet out of Rome) will be at least twice as bad as what took place between 1933-1945, which was led by a previous antichrist out of Rome, Pope Pius XII. The 5 million Jews living in the United States today will need to listen when two of their own prophets return to preach (Moshe and Eliyyahu—Revelation 11:1-8) if they wish to survive this awful time.

Right now, the Gentile dogs are parting Jewish land, and are beginning to gather together against God's people of Israel. Yet in the end, the Lord will stand up for the Jews, and plead with them there in the valley of Jehoshaphat (Joel 3:1-2). The Lord is beginning to set an alarm (Joel 3:12) to wake up the Gentile world to warfare as they assemble in their bitter hatred of Jacob (Joel

3:9). Right at the point when it appears that they will finally be rid of the Jews forever, the Lord will roar out of Zion and shake the heavens and the earth in defense of His heritage (Joel 3:14-16).

In the near future, there will be a remnant of Israel that will refuse to bow to the Roman false prophet and the Assyrian antichrist, but will instead run into the wilderness rocks of Selah Petra, where they will be supernaturally protected and fed by the God of Israel for the whole three-and-one-half years, or forty-two months of the tribulation (Rev. 12:6, Hosea 2:14). The Lord will once again break the heads of leviathan in pieces (Psa. 74:14), and the scales of his pride will be sundered, by none other than the sword of the Spirit (Job 41:15-17), and will shower down as manna, just as it did in the days when Israel was brought out of Egypt and into the wilderness (Mic. 7:14-15). Those who take heed to the warnings of Christ (Matt. 24:15-18) to flee Jerusalem when they see the abomination of desolation stand in the holy place, will find salvation in turning to wait for their Lord Jesus the Messiah, making sure that they endure to the end (Matt. 24:13) and then love "**not their lives unto the death**" (Rev. 12:11).

Thankfully, the old stubborn, conniving Jacob the Jew did rise up after the wrestling match, giving a picture and a hope that his counterpart, the remnant of modern Israel, will also rise from the self-righteous, stubborn, Christ-rejecting life that they have built. As his body became

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old and broken down, unable to raise himself from the bed, this man's spirit soared to a spiritual vision that allowed him to see millennia into the future. Now, changed from being the "supplanter" (Jacob) to "**a prince with God**" (Israel), he was able to prophesy clear out to the second coming of Christ, telling the Jewish tribes what their destiny included.

Reuben would be "**unstable as water**" (Gen. 49:3-4), never able to excel at anything, especially in the leadership role that was supposed to be his by birthright, which he lost (I Chron. 5:1-2). Simeon and Levi would be scattered throughout the land due to their cruelty (verses 5-7). This is fulfilled in the book of Joshua as Levi is not given any land grant, but instead is given cities within each of the tribes, while Simeon's land would fall within Judah's boundaries. Zebulon would dwell in the north by the sea, next to the seafaring Phoenicians (verse 13). Issachar (verses 14-15) would be strong and quiet as a "**servant**" and remain almost nonexistent in Israel's long storied history. Dan (verses 16-17) would have a bad connection to Satan (the serpent), and he fulfills it by getting mixed up with idol worship, led by a false priest that the tribe purchased for themselves (Judg. 17-18). Gad (verse 19) would become a good soldier (I Chron. 5:18-22), and Joseph (verse 22) would be the fruitful bough that would become the greatest type of Christ in the scriptures.

From his exalted perch on his deathbed, Jacob saw both comings of the Messiah (verse 24), first as

the "**shepherd**" as seen in John 10, then as the smiting "**stone**" of Daniel 2 when he will one day strike down all the world kingdoms at once. Benjamin (verse 27) would devour the prey and end up fighting against all eleven of the other tribes (Judg. 20).

But perhaps the most important part of Jacob's vision regarded the future of Judah (verses 8-12). Through Judah would come the Lion (Rev. 5:5), the Lord Jesus Christ who will one day bring Israel's long sought after peace. This man is "**Shiloh**" (verse 10), the bringer of peace, and without Him, there is no Middle East "peace plan" that can work. The "**times of refreshing**" (Acts 3:19) that Peter would preach about years later, will be brought about only with the return of the Lord Jesus Christ. With arms open to the Jews today, Jesus Christ asks them to "**Come unto me...and I will give you rest**" (Matt. 11:28). As long as Israel refuses to acknowledge her Messiah, she is teetering on the edge of seeing that same Messiah return instead to stomp His enemies as grapes, staining His clothes with blood (Gen. 49:11, Isa. 63:1-5).

The old man Jacob knew that he was dying. While his soul would be "**gathered unto my people**" (Gen. 49:29), he gave a demand that his body be buried, not in the Egyptian marbled halls, nor in their hieroglyphic chambered temples, nor in the four hundred foot high Great Pyramid, but in "**the cave**" (verse 30). The cave was back in the homeland, where Abraham and

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Sarah and Isaac and Rebekah were all laid to rest (verse 31). In a final gasp of the death of the old Jacob, he remembered, **“there I buried Leah”** (verse 31). This is the same poor young girl who was caught as a pawn between two shysters (Jacob and Laban), the same girl who he once **“hated”** (Gen. 29:31) when compared to his beautiful Rachel, and the same desperate girl who tried to buy her husband’s love (Gen. 30:14-15). Though hated by her sister and unloved by her husband, Leah brought forth of her womb the line to the Messiah through her son named Judah.

When the immobilized body of Jacob quit breathing, his spirit soared to finally see God’s will, God’s people, and God’s purposes. Jacob the Jew, finally broke down and died God’s way. That truth is the same today. The Cohens, the Baraneks, the Ginsburgs, the Spielbergs, the Zuckermans, the Netanyahus, the

Bernankes, and the Adelsons, must all break down and either acknowledge Jesus Christ as their Messiah and Saviour, or die without God and without hope. Though not until his deathbed, Jacob the Jew looked ahead with spiritual eyes and saw the Messiah. Before Moses and the prophets would ever put their pens to the pages and write of the Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth (John 1:41,45), Jacob the Jew prophesied of this man Shiloh (Gen. 49:10), the bringer of peace to the Jewish people. Now that this Jewish Saviour has come and shed His blood for their sins, there remains no more cloak for either their ignorance or their rejection of Him (John 15:22).

The modern Jew has no business being ignorant of the writings of their Tanakh, while being completely familiar with the insignificant comments of their rabbis found in the Talmud. If any Jew would read the Prophet Isaiah (Isa. 53:1-12), the Prophet Zechariah (Zech. 11:12-13), and the Prophet David (Psa. 22:1-18; Psa. 34:20), he would be able to see that in history, these were all fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ. But the rabbis continue to refuse to read and believe the plain words of God, and as Rabbi Kimchi, continually correct those pure words with their own opinions.

Jeremiah prophesied that the Lord would send fishers and hunters out to bring His people Israel back to Himself (Jer. 16:16). In 33 A.D., the Lord began to send out the **“fishers”** of men to preach to the Jews (Acts 2 through 28). Though many thou-

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sands of Jews believed and were saved, unfortunately, as a nation, they rejected those **"fishers"**. In November 1938, the Lord began to send out the **"hunters"** and world Jewry was given a grave warning on a night that the Nazis called **"Kristallnacht"**. Ignoring the warnings, the Jews were slaughtered (in Holland alone, 102,000 of 107,000 Jews would die), and even when they received help from some Gentiles, the end result mattered little.

The Frank family in Amsterdam remained hidden in a Gentile home for two years (1942-1944), but were caught and all went to concentration camps. Mrs. Frank died first, then Anne's sister Margot died in February 1945, then Anne in March 1945, only one month before the British finally liberated the Bergen-Belsen camp.

Up the road from the Amsterdam Secret Annex where Anne Frank and her family were hidden, the Ten Booms in Haarlem, Holland, saved the lives of some Jews by giving them a hiding place from the **"hunters"**. Yet even as the alarm system worked, and four Jews were hidden behind a false wall for two days while the German soldiers sought them, they were not ever brought to their Jewish Messiah. One of the four would later be caught and die in a concentration camp, one lived on to become a cantor in a synagogue, and the remaining two also died without Christ.

For the Christian, these stories are almost too hard to bear. When you consider the horrors that the

Jews had to go through, only to die and enter eternity without Christ, it brings tears. Then to think of the holocaust ahead that the scripture calls the tribulation, and the millions of these same Jews who will be sacrificed at the altar of God's pure holiness, only to enter a Christless hell forever.

Perhaps it has never been said better than by the British Colonel Richard Meinertzhagen, who saw the need for a state of Israel as early as 1910. After dealing with both Jews and Arabs in the Middle East during the 1920's-1930's, he wrote, "It annoys me that Weissman (who later became Israel's first President in 1948) should be a Jew, it annoys me that he should be so far ahead of Christians (he did not mean born-again Christians, but the nominal Anglicans and Catholics he knew) in intelligence...it annoys me that such a continent of knowledge should be combating Christians for principles which are Christian...the Arab with his wild savage nature, his lack of intelligence, his backward state and his connection to the desert will always appeal to the British in preference to the hard-headed, hard thinking, practical Jew...determined to get what is rightfully his..."

The Colonel was rightfully discriminatory between the two races of people and recognized the strengths and weaknesses of both. Meinertzhagen prophesied some twenty years before 1948 that the nation of Israel was going to rise up, and he correctly stated that it would only come about through war-

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fare. Here was a lost British soldier who understood that Jacob's return to his homeland was a "Christian principle".

Now that Jacob is back in his land, the Lord is the One that he must deal with. Even though Jacob must sit at a table with his Arab and Syrian enemies, his problem is still with his God. Even though he must sign papers with murderous liars and split the nation in two, his problem remains with his God. Even though

for a while, it will appear that he has arrived at a solution and peace, the Jew must face off with his Messiah, God manifest in the flesh, the Lord Jesus Christ. It will take the return of that same Messiah, before modern Jacob breaks down to relinquish his craftiness and scheming and money-making intelligence, and finally receive his prophesied Lamb (Gen. 22), God's provision for both Himself, and His people.

Jacob is the Jew, and the Jew is Jacob.

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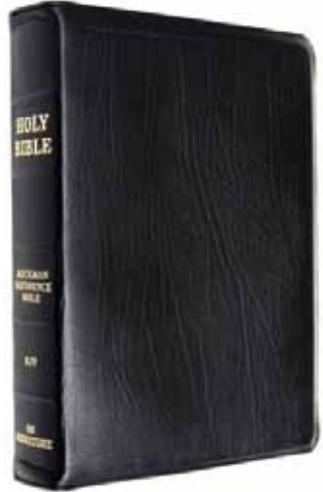
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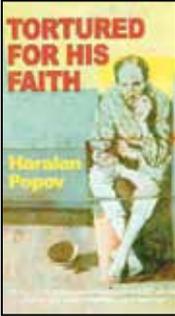
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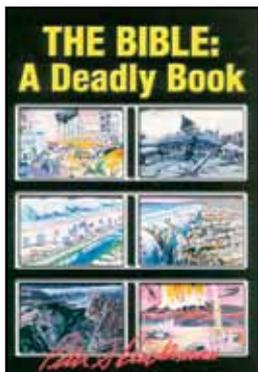
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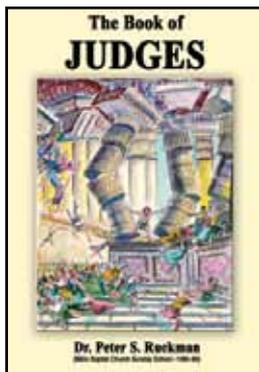
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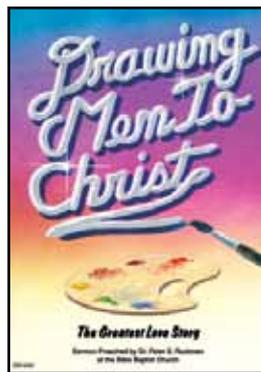
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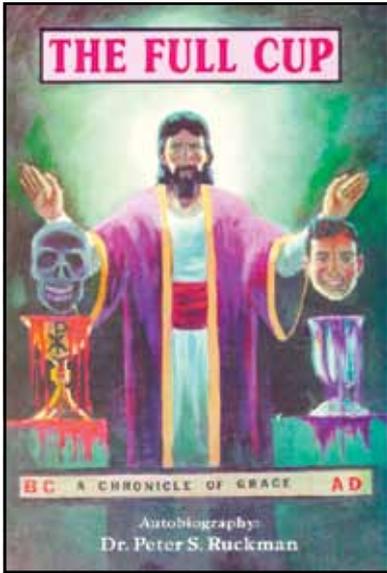


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# Hometown Judgment

**By Robert Militello**

There are many words in our King James Bible that show up time and time again. They are old friends in a way. The word “judgment” and its plural appear some 420 times in Strong’s Concordance. In Genesis 18:19, the first time judgment shows up, the Holy Spirit couples the word with justice. That’s important to remember. Our Lord is just. We don’t hear much of that today from pulpits that never seem to tire of saying, “God is love.” Amen, thank God for that, but is He not also holy and just? **“For true and righteous are his judgments . . .”** (Rev. 19:2).

When the great whore of Revelation 17 is judged, that action is so dramatic and total that the Holy Spirit has to remind the reader that judgment is a pure, righteous expression of God’s wrath. We are told to rejoice over the whore’s destruction in Revelation 18:20. Why? Because she justly earned the reward of her unrepentant wickedness. The Lord keeps perfect books. Jewish bookkeepers are passionate about “balancing the books”. Judgments do just that. Keep in mind that believers are headed to a judgment. That ought to keep you looking at your ledger account. Fear God; you’ll sleep a lot better, Amen?

New York City has taken a particularly hard blow from the coronavirus. Thank God, I no longer live there, but did until my 54th birthday. That great city is spiritually

blind. It learned nothing from the destruction of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. The Big Apple was humbled for a while, but recovered quickly and put back on its coat of arrogance and pride. It will do the same once this new virus is brought under control.

New Yorkers like to think of themselves as fearless, but what has happened there in the last few months has exposed them as frightened children. There’s a price to pay when you ignore God’s word. This is an expensive lesson for a city that bills itself as “The city that never sleeps”.

Someone from my past asked me why God allowed this to happen. When a door from the Lord opens like that, scripture alone has answers—man doesn’t. I asked him to look up Lamentations 3:39 in a King James Bible and to purchase one if he didn’t have one. “Read this carefully and think,” I said.

**“Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins?”** What a question! It has a stinger attached to it like a manta ray. Only God’s word can bring to ruin the world of delusion in which most folks choose to live.

Judgment is a word to be avoided at all costs, especially by those who think they are living their lives without heavenly eyes upon them. You know the ostrich was not online when God gave wisdom to His creatures.

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That bird hides his eyes in a hole and thinks his body is not visible to a predator. Men without light from God's word live as fools, and with education and science, they become dangerous fools.

So who is behind this virus that has terrified the world? Is it China? Did it come from bats sold in Wuhan, China? Perhaps it escaped from a lab accidentally. Here's the answer, but our society must never point to it because God loves everyone—right?

**“I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and CREATE EVIL: I THE LORD DO ALL THESE THINGS”** (Isa. 45:7). If you need more convincing, try Deuteronomy 32:39. **“See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive, I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.”**

Our society has become so jaded by the “power of positive thinking” that to refer to verses such as I have quoted, labels me as a purveyor of hate speech. You don't “love” humanity if you talk of judgment. But what saith the scripture? **“The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and HIS TONGUE TALKETH OF JUDGMENT”** (Psa. 37:30). That same Psalm says, **“For the LORD loveth judgment . . .”** (Psa. 37:28).

New York City is a place where money is god, and anyone who has lived there a while knows that. If it falls under a selective judgment of God, is the Almighty not just in all His acts? What we are seeing

today just before the body of Christ leaves is something like a tune-up. Musicians in a symphonic orchestra often tune their instruments before the curtain goes up, and the concert commences.

Years ago, when I went to movie theaters, snips of films soon to come were shown. These were the “coming attractions”. What we are being shown now are coming attractions. John on Patmos saw the whole movie before anyone else when he wrote the book of Revelation. The contents of that book ought to freeze anyone with fear. Our adversary, the devil, hates that book. It shows him his end. Perhaps that's the reason there is a special blessing attached to the reading of it.

In Jesuit school, the priest who taught the New Testament said that the events of Revelation were in the past. The judgments and horrors that John saw were what was to come upon imperial Rome for killing Christians. Jesuit priests have a special skill when it comes to perverting the scriptures. They are the real authors of those statements put out by churches and Bible schools professing to believe that only the original manuscripts were error-free. God only knows how many simple saints have fallen for that lie.

There will be good that will come out of this virus pandemic. **“The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth. . .”** (Psa. 9:16). Many who have not spoken to the Lord for a long time will be moved enough by fear to pick up the phone and apologize for being silent as the years went by. Fear does

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lots of things for minds that have relaxed in the multitude of America's treasure chest of material comforts. Of all people, New Yorkers will have a very hard time maintaining "social distancing". The subways and buses cannot be shut down because those who are still working must get to work. Cars are almost useless, as parking when you get to where you were going is a gamble more often lost than won. Rates for all-day parking in Manhattan garages are affordable for the upper, upper middle class, and the rich.

For believers living in New York, I would suggest memorizing Psalm 91. Those outside of Christ need to come to the Lord immediately. Going to a New York City municipal hospital (there are eleven) if you have virus symptoms is like playing Russian Roulette. Every day you are there may bring death closer. I know some of those hospitals. They are death traps.

Solomon wrote, "**A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance**" (Eccl. 3:4). New Yorkers are drinking from the Lord's cup of woe. There's not much laughing and dancing going on. Folks living in multiple dwelling units can take all the precautions they want, but their chances of getting sick will not diminish. Front doors to these buildings are touched by hundreds of hands all day, and the buttons on the elevators don't get a rest. Many have fled New York. My sister and her family rented a condo in South Florida. The landlord cut the price in half and was grateful to get a tenant. Much of America's business

has gone into storage. What has the Lord done to America? Those who preach the gospel of prosperity and material well being have not been seen much lately. President Trump has sadly surrounded himself with a few of these quacks. How to explain a drastic hit on your pocketbook is not something these preachers thought they would have to deal with. But now, it has come upon us. So what will the Christian celebrities now peddle to the simple-minded? I'm sure they'll suggest sacrificial giving—a seed faith offering to allow God to "bless" you once again.

Without a doubt, the fear that now permeates our nation is a great opportunity to step up witnessing for our Savior. This opportunity was evident in New York after September 11, 2001. Folks were open to hearing the truth, at least for a while. Who but the Lord knows whether the thousands of tracts that were handed out were able to help many trust Christ. The Lord we are blessed to serve knows how to open doors to the darkest of places. The circumstances He confronts us with can become golden opportunities to see clearly the truth.

Solomon stated about this world: "**all is vanity**". See Luke 16:1–12 for an excellent account of how to handle dire situations. It remains to be seen how our nation gets back on its feet—if it completely can. This unexpected judgment from God has put in motion powerful globalist initiatives designed to gain near-total control over every person on this earth. No one who studies the word of God should be surprised. Yes,

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the Lord has tarried and may still tarry briefly, but He has given us an expectancy of His nearness that we didn't have a while ago.

For those saints who have been lukewarm in their service for their Savior, this wake up call is a particular mercy. IF this opportunity to quit fooling around and get serious is not acted upon, the urge will soon vanish. God help you at the Judgment Seat of Christ. Tell your Jewish boss why you once again called in sick just when his business had an opportunity to expand. Lost souls are everywhere, so what will you say when you stand before Him?

**“Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth”** (Prov. 27:1). Will there be a resurgence of this virus when summer ends? Will another virus more deadly appear, and if so, who will want to remain in New York City? The role Wall Street plays in our financial foundation is huge. Can we be sinking into a great depression? Will the saints of God continue to support foreign missions if jobs disappear?

In Revelation 3:18, the Holy Spirit gave the last days church a way to get out of their miserable spiritual condition described in verse 17. He said, **“I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire . . . ”**. What's that all about? See 1 Peter 1:7.

America's Christians may soon find themselves in a situation where their faith is going to be pulled at as never before. What if a severe flu season arrives in October? Will churches have to close their doors? Has not government—national,

statewide, and local—gotten more inclined to suppress individual rights since the fear of getting sick has made our population much more willing to obey all kinds of directives? Watch out. Our elected officials will believe whatever the health professionals decide, and science will be god unchallenged by all except for a few crazy, Bible believers scattered about.

We have a light to carry into the darkness that lies ahead. **“Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith”** (Heb. 12:2). If some serious trouble is going to come our way, look for government to take a non-alarmist view initially. That's in the playbook of every elected official. I worked for government. When the twin towers were hit, the first notifications given to all those in the buildings painted a false picture of the damage done, and the danger occupants were then facing. Many escaped by stairway because their instincts told them to flee, not the emergency officials. In certain cases, the Holy Spirit can override the admonitions and advice of the powers that be. Salvation has benefits and blessings attached to it that we have never dreamed of.

Everything government will tell you to do will be sold this way—this is necessary for your safety and well being. If it weren't for our Constitution, most in government today would have moved long ago to take away everyone's guns. That would be for your safety, right? **“It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man”** (Psa. 118:8).

What has shaken millions around

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the world since the onset of the virus is the realization that mankind comes up short when the Almighty flexes His arm. Modern science, with all its advances in technology and medicine, cannot keep Heaven from pouring its wrath upon the earth. Men strive to build a safer and more secure world, and the Lord laughs.

The U.S. economy under President Trump was moving forward like a steam locomotive until a little bug seen only with a microscope brought things to a crashing halt. Right now, the damage is incalculable. Multiple millions of jobs have been lost, and many may never come back. God rearranged the furniture in our nation, and He didn't ask anyone's permission to do so. The world economy will have to reset itself. Will cash money be around much longer considering the filthiness and the unseen bacteria that are spread when paper money is passed from hand to hand?

We are being methodically prepared for the coming kingdom of the antichrist. Nations will be looking hard for a man with a genius for solving problems. He will be the hope of all who "pray for world peace" and wish to live without fear of their fellow man. Soon, he'll come out of the shadows, and the church will know who it is, like the exposure of Judas to the apostle John.

Our ministry today is clearly that of Noah's. We are obligated to warn the wicked to flee the wrath to come. Point the fearful to Jesus Christ. He's the genuine ark of safety. Science pretends to be, but it will fail miserably once the vials of God's

wrath come down from Heaven. Pity those who will be left here once we leave this present evil world.

No one is comfortable when living in fear. All men have a choice, fear God, or suffer the consequences. **"I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh"** (Prov. 1:26). Would a "God loves you" preacher dare preach about a God who reacts to your fear with cruel mocking? Americans are almost all strangers to the God of the Bible. What kind of God they think exists is some kind of Disneyworld character in charge of organizing playtime activities for children.

America has gotten a slap in the face from the God of the Bible. It should lead millions to pause and consider how they were living their lives. We have had more virus deaths than any other nation—why? Haven't we received more light from Heaven than all nations combined? Yes, we have, and we are responsible before God for the grace He has generously given to Americans. We've lost our way long ago. We forgot that righteousness exalteth a nation—not science, a strong economy, or a first-rate military.

A nation that has little regard for Bible-believing preachers has been humbled. If we pretend that God has nothing to do with evil, we may yet see governors, mayors, and health professions cry again for respirators, hospital beds, volunteers, and more taxpayer bailouts. Another flu season will come, and then what? Fear is a very healthy thing when it leads you to look at yourself the way God sees you and not the way you see

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yourself.

How does a believer respond to what is happening in our land? First, you go to the word of God to deal with whatever fear you are feeling. I find the book of Psalms most appropriate for the present situation. We know who is to be feared. We have a Book that deals plainly with how we can best handle the storms that periodically blow through our lives. Nothing catches the Lord by surprise. He sees what's coming long before we do, and He is the Master of long-range planning for His children.

Next, be thankful. **"In every thing give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you"** (1 Thess. 5:18). Our nation has greatly offended a holy God, and it deserves to be slapped down. Some five years ago, the gay crowd and their admirers were dancing in the streets when the Supreme Court changed God's definition of marriage. Judgment had to come sooner or later, and it is not close to being over unless there is nationwide repentance. Don't hold your breath.

Everyone alive on this earth is under judgment because of sin. Death hovers over all of us. Sometimes we know that it is near and sometimes it comes by surprise. This is a most suitable time for "Christian" TV and radio preachers to boldly declare, **"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God"** (Heb. 10:31). That's what America and the world need to hear right now and not "God loves you." Because anyone who has not come to Calvary as a lost sinner knows nothing about the

love of God. "Repent" is not a happy word.

When coupled with the word "judgment", it brings fear, and that's good. The church ought to repent. It has allowed the mindset of this present world to spread like the coronavirus among its members. Hard, plain, Bible preaching is the vaccine that God has ordained to kill the virus of worldliness. America doesn't get that on Sunday mornings. They get a baby aspirin for a sermon and are told to hope for the best.

**"For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?"** (1 Pet. 4:17).

Who wants to think about a verse like this when all the news seems so foreboding? Should a holy God comfort those who will not quit their devilment? **"And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity"** (2 Tim. 2:19). Disobey that command, and look for judgment.

We who belong to Christ have good news for the millions who turn on their televisions only to hear lots more stuff to fret about. Jesus Christ is the answer to all our problems. He's the elephant in the room that everyone likes to pretend is not really there. He won't go away. He invites all to come to Him. He is merciful beyond our comprehension. He may allow a vaccine to be developed that will bring relief. Will our medical researchers thank God and give Him the glory, or will science take the credit? What do you think? If

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a vaccine should be perfected, I wouldn't be surprised if Israel gets it first. No mystery if you know the Jews.

Let us pray for those who have the rule over us. **"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour"** (1 Tim. 2:3). Men and women, elected or appointed, who hold the public trust ought to be crying out to God for wisdom. By God's grace,

we may soon recover from this present pandemic, but if our leadership fails to see God's hand in all this, then brace yourself. Trial and tribulation such as our present generation has never experienced before will hit America like a tsunami (huge tidal wave). Will then our nation be more willing to abandon the gods of money and pleasure? **"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish"** (Luke 13:5). Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

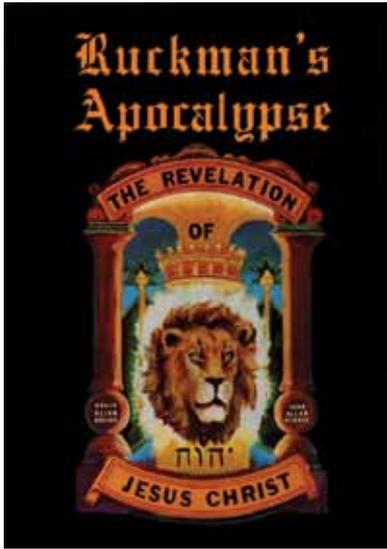
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1. There is **no final authority** but God.
2. Since God is a Spirit, there is **no final authority** that can be seen, heard, read, felt, or handled.
3. Since all books are material, there is **no book on this earth that is the final and absolute 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.**

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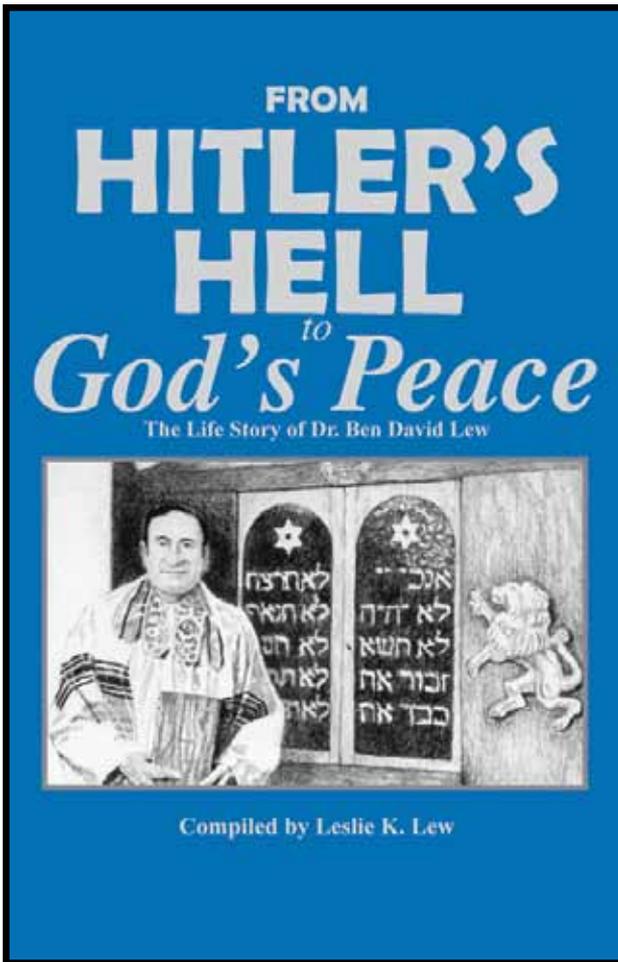
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