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Satan was clearly aware of that timing because, through his Occult operatives, he introduced three (3) new winds of doctrine. Those doctrines are wildly popular within today's mainstream visible church.

April, 1830 was a truly "magic" time
on both sides of the Atlantic, in
upstate New York and in
the British Isles.

What you don't know about 1830 can hurt you!



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Soon, you'll get acquainted with "The Magic Twins."



Chapter 1 —Why 1830?

Several of our long-time followers have asked why the information you are about to discover isn't already common knowledge...and why it isn't being shared "in church." We are pretty sure we know why and that you will think you know why, too, shortly.

At least four (4) new winds of doctrine were launched during the early Springtime of 1830. Three (3) of them have become enormously popular in visible mainstream christian churches, worldwide. Coincidence? Not on your life. Stay tuned for the full scoop on that.

Here, we'll disclose much of what we've learned about two of the three **Weapons of Mass Deception** on which we've been able to gain a respectable collection of critical knowledge and understanding. To discover the essence of what you'll want to know about the other one, see our FlipBook, **Getting Saved!** We'll share what we think you'll need to know—to inspire and to hopefully facilitate **your** own aggressive research. (You should not invest in us or in anyone else the measure of *Faith Equity*_{SM} that God has invested in you!)

You like History? I didn't. Not in high school. Not even in college. Boring. Names and dates and places to memorize and then forget? Forget it! My History teachers and professors might have gained my passionate interest if they had only disclosed that History is actually **HisStory**! I think they must

have thought Secular History and Church History are two different entities. They're not. Inseparable!

Frankly, though, what has long been called Church History is actually chronicles of the apostate church. Christ's Church (the one against which the gates of Hell will not prevail) is – and, for centuries, has been – largely invisible. God will always have His remnant. That Church is and will continue to be alive and quite well!

To effectively communicate a credible Bible answer to the “Why 1830?” question, we must invite you on a fascinating journey through the highlights of Church History. First, though, we must travel together into some of the little-known but extremely interesting highlights of Hebrew History.

In three verses of Ezekiel 26, God vowed a seven times punishment of the tribes of Ephraim-Israel for its sins. A prophetic “time” is 360 years. Satan had done the math—360 years times seven equals 2,520 years from the end of Ephraim-Israel's Babylonian captivity. He knew that Springtime, 1830, was primetime for building a really strong foundation to ensure the success of his upcoming, very successful masquerade as Jesus Christ. You may recall having read about that. If not, you may want to grab a Bible and read it. You can find it at 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4.

Verse 3 speaks of a “falling away.” That'll be the time when millions of good people – sincere church people and their preachers – will be convinced that Satan **is** Jesus. Why those folk? Unbelievers cannot “fall away.” It's likely that most of the Believers who'll “fall away” have already fallen for at least two or three of Satan's **Weapons of Mass Deception_{SM}**. We think you'll fully comprehend how and why, soon.



Those WMDs have slithered into the typical Sunday morning sermon and Wednesday night Bible study of our mainstream churches. **They sound and feel a lot more *religious* than sound doctrine.** (See 2nd Timothy 4:3-5.)

As God's most intelligent and nearly-perfect created being, Satan is one clever dude. Per Mark 13:22, he and his cadre of super preachers would even be successful in deceiving "the elect" if their time were not to be shortened. Many readers will be totally surprised to learn the true identity of Satan's primary target audience. Most of those people have no idea who they are.

Let's explore some fascinating, but little-known Old Testament things.

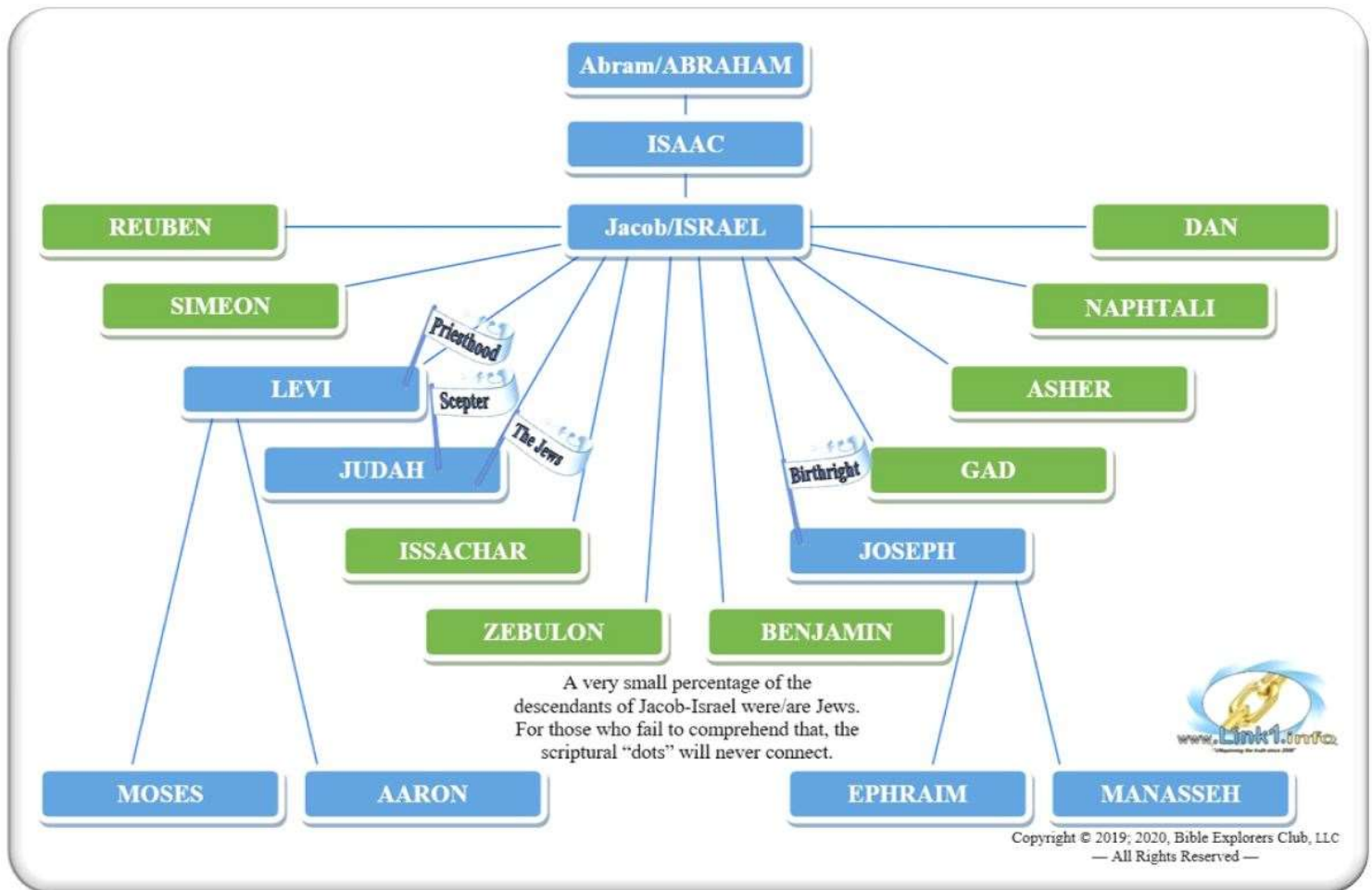
I used to find reading the Old Testament really, really boring. You? More names, dates and places to memorize and quickly forget. Not for me. And those names the Old Testament folk gave to their poor babies! I still can't pronounce some of them right. And all those *begats* and such!

Was I ever proven wrong! I eventually discovered that after a person graduates from all those pleasant Bible stories that we learned in kids' church there's some especially juicy stuff to be savored! Lots of it. If you're looking for some R-rated (maybe even X-rated) stuff, we disclose a lot of that in the FlipBook, **Dirty Laundry!** You won't get all this "in church," so stay tuned!

Jews are Hebrews-Israelites but a very small percentage of Hebrews-Israelites are Jews. To qualify as a Jew, a Hebrew person must be the genetic descendant of Jacob/Israel's son, Judah. True in Old Testament times and also today.

- ✓ Exception #1: You may recall that Saul of Tarsus (who became the apostle, Paul) was a Benjamite Jew; i.e.: genetic descendant of Judah's brother, Benjamin. The tiny tribe of Benjamin was the only one of the twelve that did not secede from the Kingdom of Judah, to form the Northern Kingdom of Israel at Samaria in 922 B.C.

- ✓ Exception #2: A few of the tribe of Levi who returned to the Southern kingdom of Judah after having moved to Samaria with the Northern kingdom of Israel. (More on that coming up...)
- ✓ Exception #3 is a lot more complicated. We've chosen not to burden you with lots of unnecessary complexity or with theological terms and such. Keeping it reader-friendly, you know...



Why that kingdom split? Solomon's successor, his son, Rehoboam, was not a wise fellow. When he became king of all Israel, he sought the counsel of his childhood buddies. The short version of what they told him was "The first thing you've gotta do is to show'em who's boss!" Should he have been at least smart enough to know better?

"How should I show'em I'm the boss?"

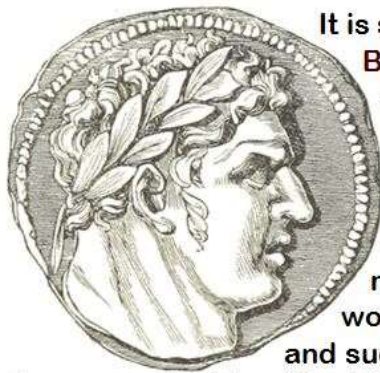
"Raise their taxes!"


The people rebelled and 10 of the tribes recruited a strong young guy named Jeroboam to be their king. They took the kingdom name, Israel, too. They established their capital city at Samaria, a few day's walk to the North. The Kingdom of Judah kept its capital city at Jerusalem. Both the Old and New Testament scriptures treat those kingdoms and the genetic descendants of each of them very differently. Never in the Bible are the Northern kingdom Israelites referred to as “Jews.” They aren't treated as Jews by the prophets, either. There is Ephraim-Israel and there is Judah:

- ✓ “There are numerous prophecies regarding Israel which differ so entirely from Jewish history that they cannot be applied to Jews of the past or present.” —One Man's Destiny (1942), by C. R. Dickey

Jeroboam developed an understandable concern when he realized that his subjects were making the trek South to Jerusalem for each of the feasts and holy days. Would they eventually repatriate to the Kingdom of Judah? Here's how he solved that problem:

He convinced his people that they should worship the former no-belly-button guy, Baal's, image instead of God. He sent the Levite priests back to Judah and promoted some societal dregs to his kingdom's priesthood of Baal.



It is said that this is a fairly accurate image of that no-belly-button guy, **Baal** (a.k.a. Ba'al). He and his sister, **Anath** (a.k.a. Astarte), were part of an invasion of “the sons of God” after Noah's flood. As with all those like them, they were eventually captured, bound in chains and thrown into prison to await the Judgment. People across the globe worshiped them as gods while they were here. That well documented fact leads many credible scholars to conclude that Greek (and much other) mythology just does not meet “myth” criteria at all. After their respective captures, people who had worshiped them created sculptures of them...called graven images and idols and such in the Bible. The people of many Middle Eastern areas – especially at Canaan – worshiped Baal. He was the god of the Northern Kingdom of Israel, too, after it seceded from the Kingdom of Judah, 921-721 B.C. Some knowledgeable scholars are fully convinced that “the sons of God” (a.k.a. the Nethilim) bred with the Nethinim and the Kenites, too. Find MUCH more on this topic in Lessons 10 and 11 of our 2018 Online Study series...
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God became *increasingly angry with that Northern kingdom. It fell in 721 B.C.* That's what prompted Ephraim-Israel's “seven times” punishment.

For the next 2,520 years, they were officially “The Lost Tribes of Israel.” The historical records of their continued existence were difficult to find prior to the 19th Century. Those people are now known to have migrated North, to the British Isles and other parts of Europe. That was a prophesied migration.

Until the Sixth Century or later, the Hebrew alphabet had no vowels. The term, “Isaac’s Sons,” was written “SXNS.” It was pronounced “SAXONS” throughout the British Isles and in history.

Because most of them had travelled through the **CAUCASIAN PASS**, between the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea, on their prophesied migrations they were also called **CAUCASIANS**.

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—History of England (1926), by G. Macaulay Trevelyan

After their captivity came to an end, several waves of the people of the former Northern Kingdom of Israel migrated North into the British Isles and other parts of Europe. Later, after the end of the 70 years of captivity for the people of the former Southern Kingdom of Judah, several waves of Jews followed similar paths of migration into the same regions. The country of Denmark got its name from the Northern Kingdom tribe of Dan.

The original Danes (of **DANmark**) were the seafaring tribe of the Northern Kingdom of Israel. As prophesied, they left their snake-like mark throughout the region; e.g.: the **DANube** River.

Historians often called the Jews (people of the Southern Kingdom of Judah) “Jutes.” As an example, on the North of Denmark is the Jutland Peninsula.

The Iberian (Hebrew) Peninsula is at the Southern tip of Spain.

— a little known fact —

Jews are Hebrews,
but a very small
% of Hebrews
are Jews.



The prophesied “seven times” punishment of Ephraim-Israel ended in the early Nineteenth Century. The formerly lost tribes of Israel have been found.



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It didn’t take long for them to become the dominant race in each of those lands. Initially, they knew who they were. They called themselves “Isaac’s sons.” The Hebrew alphabet had vowels until sometime around the Sixth Century A.D. so, when asked, they wrote “SXNS” in Old English script. In the British Isles, they were called “Saxons.” Many others of them called themselves Iberians (i.e.: sons of Eber—from which the racial designation “Hebrew” was also derived). on the southern tip of Spain is the Iberian Peninsula. Few folk know that they were also called Caucasians, because

their prophesied migrations had taken them through the *pass* of that name between the Black and Caspian Seas.

— Originally pronounced “Isaac’s Sons” in English —

שׁוֹנִשׁ < SXNS < Saxons

Hebrew < Old English sans vowels < ...with vowels

—Note: The Hebrew characters, here, may or may not be accurate.

Roughly 135 years later, there were multiple migrations of Jews to those same areas. Historians often called them “Jutes.” The Jutland Peninsula is at the North of Denmark [>DANmark]. The Danes were descended from Dan, the seafaring tribe of Ephraim-Israel, They left a serpent-like mark throughout the British Isles (See Genesis 49:17); e.g.: the *Danube* River. Were they the Vikings? Nobody knows for sure.

- ✓ “Some Iberian [i.e.: Hebrew] blood probably flows in the veins of every modern Englishman, more in the average Scot, most in the Welsh and Irish.” —History of England (1926), G. Macaulay Trevelyan

Satan knew that and it is why he launched those new winds of doctrine in April, 1830. Three have become wildly popular within the mainstream visible church. A fourth one resulted in a new *christian* church. That one is enjoying a large, rapidly growing body of adherents. It has also gained substantial political influence, especially within the United States.



Two of the three primary new winds of doctrine we'll focus on here, we call "The Magic Twins_{SM}." Each of them has gained gargantuan popularity within the mainstream visible church. They have successfully duped millions of sincere, but naive churchgoers, their preachers and others who believe in Christ Jesus all over the planet. They were cojoined at birth, but...well, stay tuned to learn how, when and why they got separated. Here's the scoop on one of those *twins*—

There were three young girls in the British Isles who became captivated by things spiritual. They are known to have practiced automatic writing (the predecessor of the Ouija Board game), physical levitation and tongue-talking. They began attracting followers in the areas that surrounded the maritime town where they lived. Many of those followers were local church folk who had heard about the New Testament Day of Pentecost events. For that reason, the tongues phenomenon interested them.

The two older brothers of one of the three girls were among those who thought the tongue-talking was surely God's way of using them to herald a wonderful new revival. They hosted frequent prayer meetings in their home.

A Scots preacher who was pastoring a church in London got wind of those prayer meetings and was fascinated with the notion that the 1st-Century tongues phenomena just might have been revived there. He sent a delegation of his church ladies to investigate and report back to him. Upon their return, those ladies began demonstrating what they had observed in the Scots prayer meetings. In that London church almost every service included events of tongue-talking. Interpreted messages-in-tongues from God to the church and to people within the church were abundant.

Then came word that one of those three Scots lassies had uttered and then written out a remarkable prophesy in one of those prayer meetings. Among other "revelations" in that 16-year-old Scots lassie's handwritten transcripts of her prophecy was one that named the leading Socialist of that era, Robert

Owen (1771-1858), as the Anti-Christ. The historical record confirms that she wrote two – perhaps three or more – of those transcripts.

One of those went to that London preacher. Five months later, in his September, 1830, newsletter, he published the essence of it. The 2nd hand-written transcript went to a well-known preacher in Scotland. Having heard about the Scots lassie's primary prophecy, he became a frequent visitor to the home where she lived with her two older brothers. He responded differently than the London pastor had responded, though: He concluded that all that tongue-talking was "of the devil." Curiously, though, he latched tightly onto the exciting primary prophesy. It was that preacher who successfully separated those cojoined twins. What could possibly have been his rationale for that? We're pretty sure we know, but we may be wise to leave that for you to figure out for yourself...for now.

He began *behaving* as if he had gotten that primary prophecy directly from the Holy Spirit. His loyal followers still insist that he was the first to write about it. That claim has now been fully debunked, with remarkable credibility. His followers say that he certainly wouldn't have stolen it from that poor little Scotts lassie in whose home he had been a frequent visitor, as confirmed by the historical record. They even deny that she gave him one of her handwritten transcripts! One of those is even in the public record. Several years ago I read parts of her transcript online. It reads kind'a-sort'a like something a delirious 16-year-old girl might have written. Yes, she was 16. She had been bedridden with TB for months...and she was an Occult practitioner.

These three points may help you understand why we characterize these two new winds of doctrine as *twins*—

- ❶ They were *conceived* by Satan and female Occult practitioners.
- ❷ They were *born* and nurtured in the same house and in the same timeframe.
- ❸ Very few churchgoers or their preachers are aware that they were initially *cojoined* and then separated by a wolf in sheep's clothing.

It is at least curious that neither of those ambitious preachers gave any credit at all to that little girl. That couldn't be because they both knew she was an Occult practitioner...well, could it? To what extent might that surprise you? The London preacher and his people were substantially discredited within a few months.

Also in the British Isles during that same time, there were overzealous preachers who were salesmen a heart. They perceived the need for a couple of tools with which to "close the sale." From the 1st Century until the early 19th Century, nobody ever "got 'saved'." The tools they invented for "closing the sale" were **altar calls, the sinner's prayer and that whole "getting 'saved'" thing**. We've documented the folly of that in our FlipBook, **Getting Saved!** You can find a link to it at <https://www.Link1.info/flipbooks>.

There was a fellow on the opposite side of the Atlantic who had also acquired a consuming passion for things spiritual. In April, 1830, he announced his meetings with an angel from Heaven in a wooded area of upstate New York. The religious organization he founded based on that angel's new revelation of Jesus Christ took a few decades to gain what marketers call critical mass¹, but it did. Today, it enjoys a substantial role in U.S. politics and commerce. If we were to name names, our U.S. readers would quickly recognize them.

¹ In this context, "critical mass" is defined as the minimum number of adherents and resources needed to yield sustained growth and the eventual permanence of a religious, social or political ideology. By way of example, in late 2013 and early 2014, proponents of the new U.S. "Affordable Care Act" were struggling to gain critical mass for that ideopolitical pursuit.

Many folk with whom I am acquainted are inclined to make fun of or to otherwise criticize those who are aligned with that organization. I'm inclined to caution them based on this logic: We are obliged (because we care) to call the attention of those adherents to the strong warning at Galatians 1:8. Why? Because they may simply not be aware of it. How? Diplomatically and "in

love.” *But though we, or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.*

Here’s a critical caveat—

Someone recently quipped, “Moslems can’t be very smart.” Another responded, “Oh? So you think maybe Christians are smarter?”

Consider this: An estimated 97% of Moslems are Moslem for the same precise reason that you are Catholic or Mormon or Atheist or Nazarene or Baptist or Methodist or Pentecostal or Jehovah’s Witness or Secular Humanist or Occultist or Hindu or Lutheran or Episcopalian or Agnostic or...well, you know: Almost everyone they know, including their parents and other family members and their childhood friends and such are/were Moslem.

- ✓ “In religion and politics, people’s beliefs and convictions are in almost every case gotten at second hand, and without examination.”

Sounds to us like maybe life is the ultimate IQ test. And did you notice that each of those groups named above is a religion? Is there even one of them that is more aggressive in its evangelism than the Secular Humanist and Atheist religions? Who else is so brash as to FORCE compliance with its beliefs through legislatures and courts?

So now you know that it was Satan who orchestrated the dastardly deeds of the early Springtime of 1830. Why? For starters, he has clearly read Paul’s reference to Psalm 14:7 and Isaiah 27:9 at Romans 11:26,27—

- ✓ “And so all Is’ra-el shall be saved: as it is written, THERE SHALL COME OUT OF SI’ON THE DELIVERER, AND SHALL TURN AWAY UNGODLINESS FROM JA’COB: **Psalm 14:7** FOR THIS [IS] MY COVENANT UNTO THEM, WHEN I SHALL TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS. **Isaiah 27:9**”

Hebrews 8:8-12 echoes this great news, especially for all of us who may be included—

- ✓ "...Behold the days come, sayeth the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the HOUSE of Is'ra-el and with the HOUSE of Ju'dah: Not according to the covenant I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of E'gypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, sayeth the Lord. For this [is] the covenant that I will make with the HOUSE of Is'ra-el after those days, sayeth the Lord. I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God and they shall be to me a people...For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more." (See also Romans 11:25-32.)

Now, why would any intelligent person think that Satan would sit back and allow that to happen without at least trying his best to do something about it? What he has done has been extremely successful. He has succeeded in duping some of the finest, most sincere people on the planet! How? These two New Testament verses should yield some critical insight for you—

- ✓ "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." —1 Timothy 4:1
- ✓ "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits, whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." —1 John 4:1

The only tool given us to "try the spirits" is the written word of God. But we live in a time when millions of believers are trying to "get messages from the Spirit," you know. This mindset abounds, too: "It can't be wrong when it feels so right!"

- ✓ "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away [their] ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflict-

tions, do the work of an evangelist, **make full proof of thy ministry.**”
—2 Timothy 4:3-5



So! the hot pursuit of *the warm fuzzies* is culprit #2. Those seducing spirits cited at 1 Timothy 4:1 and 1 John 4:1 specialize in mimicking the “feelings” that many sincere folk mistake for the presence of The Holy Spirit. God has made it abundantly clear that the important thing is the aggressive pursuit of knowledge—not feelings:

- ✓ “My people are destroyed for lack of [sincerity?] [prayer?] [faith?] [worship?] [holiness?] [regular church attendance?] [getting “truly ‘saved’?”] [hyperspirituality?] [believing “what ‘we’ believe?”] [righteousness?] knowledge. Because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee...” —Hosea 4:6

Culprit #3 is the “heaping of teachers.” Another path to *the warm fuzzies* is via the 21st-Century crop of well-paid end-times prophecy preachers.

Culprit #4 is the pervasive presumption that professional christians are our superiors within God’s kingdom. They’re not. The few among them who

are genuinely called to and chosen for such an assignment simply have jobs to do that are different from the one God has assigned to you and to me. Nobody is “special” within God’s kingdom. The playing field is level!

You and I are neither the superiors of nor the subordinates of other followers of Christ. Many of the millions of churchgoers who presume their preachers to be “special” are also given to the dangerously naive mindset that they’re paying those guys to do their studying and critical thinking **for** them. For most, that may be subconscious. Your very first assignment is to study to show **yourself** approved unto God. What primary job has God assigned to you? Christ’s yoke is not for a fashion statement, you know.



“Come unto me, all [ye] that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke [is] easy, and my burden is light.”

—Jesus, at Matthew 11:28-30

If you grew up around farm animals you may already know that a yoke is placed on the necks of two animals for the purpose of getting some work done. What, then, do you suppose might be the purpose of Christ’s yoke?


The wildly popular notion that Christianity is A SPECTATOR SPORT will come back to haunt millions of sincere believers on Judgment Day. We must each learn our assignments and get onto the practice fields and then onto the playing fields. If you still haven’t learned what your assignment is, you may want to consider doing something similar to what I did to discover mine...

My late mom really, really wanted me to be a preacher. I’m so glad I resisted that. I wish lots of other guys would resist that, too. If they did, I think we would be able to observe much less “emptiness” in our pulpits.

While pursuing back-to-back secular careers, I was always looking for good things that needed doing and did them, especially things that I could do pretty well. Most of those were little things, but in doing them, I honed some important skills. Then, after I finally retired, I learned that my secular careers were God's way of preparing me for more important things: I had gained some critical skills that I could never have gotten any other way.

Too, if there are some Iberian genes in your personal makeup, there are some serious implications. Some of them can be good. With others, caution is in order, e.g.:

- ✓ That new covenant is to be with the HOUSE of Israel and the HOUSE of Judah. We who are numbered among those who're within those houses must keep our ends of the covenant, too! Jesus' Matthew 7:14 warning will continue to be valid. "...strait [is] the gate, and narrow [is] the way, which leadeth unto life, and **FEW** there be that find it."



Cleanse Me

J. Edwin Orr Traditional Maori Melody

Among my most-requested trombone solo renditions in churches was this timeless hymn. Because it is clearly not as lively as many of the others, I think those who requested it were feeling moved to repentance. I shared that sentiment. I often repeat some of the lyrics in prayer, today.

I retired that slide trombone a few years ago. That was after my hearing deficiency began to escalate. Hated to do it. Took it apart and put it behind some stuff in a closet. Miss it something awful. That trombone was really good to me. Here are just a few examples—

- Although I chose another path, altogether, it won me a full music scholarship to UGA.
- It facilitated the regular enhancement of my musical skills...performed with and learned from some superb musicians in lots of venues, including night clubs. Everything from "Blood, Sweat & Tears" music and "big band" stuff to progressive jazz. (Church and such came later.)
- Kept me out of Viet Nam! Even got my official "shipping-out" orders, but I had auditioned with the U.S. Army Band. Got my orders changed to "stateside" and served out my 2-year term as an E-6 Trombone Player, 02E20. Whew!
- Got me the purdiest, sweetest, bestest gal ever to be my wife! (If you've been around her, at all, you know.)
- A myriad of other fond, fond memories...

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Chorus:

Search me, O God, and know my heart to-day;
 I praise Thee, Lord, for cleans-ing me from sin;
 Lord, take my life, and make it whol-ly Thine;
 O Ho-ly Ghost, re-viv-al comes from Thee;

Verse 1:

Try me, O Sav-ior, know my thoughts, I pray.
 Ful-fill Thy Word and make me pure with-in.
 Fill my poor heart with Thy great love di-vine.
 Send a re-viv-al, start the work in me.

Verse 2:

See if there be some wick-ed way in me;
 Fill me with fire, where once I burned with shame;
 Take all my will, my pas-sion, self and pride;
 Thy Word de-claims Thou wilt sup-ply our need;

Verse 3:

Cleanse me from ev-ry sin, and set me free.
 Grant my de-sire to mag-ni-fy Thy name.
 I now sur-ren-der, Lord, in me a-bide.
 For bless-ing now, O Lord, I hum-bly plead.

Chapter 2 —How We Know That Ephraim-Israel is No Longer “The Lost Tribes of Israel”



Credible historical evidence of Israel’s true identity started surfacing early in the 19th Century. The evidence continues to escalate. There remains little question in the minds of many Bible scholars that ISRAEL is comprised, primarily, of the citizenry of Earth’s “Christian nations.”

“Many contend that the church is the kingdom of Christ which becomes a great mountain and fills the whole earth. Yet how can it be? Daniel saw the God of heaven setting up an empire that would break in pieces ruthless, aggressive nations and scatter them like chaff. That is not the work of churches and ministers of the sacred altars; it is the work of nations, statesmen and military strategists under divine guidance...The time of their expansion should coincide too with the ending of the ‘seven times’ punishment, 2520 years after the captivities of Israel and Judah...Reckoning the fall of Samaria to have occurred in 722 B.C., the 2520 years would end for that portion of Israel around 1798 A.D.² That brings us to the end of the eighteenth century which is also the time of papal Rome’s decline. And what do we find taking place as this time approached? We see Anglo-Saxon Israel begin the most gigantic territorial expansion in the world’s history...

² Mr. Dickey started his calculations at 740 B.C., when Israel’s captivity began. Our math is the same, except that we started with 710 B.C., the approximate date of the end of that captivity when the greater migrations began.

The Math is pretty simple: Adding the current year, 2021, to 710 B.C. equals 2731. Subtract the 2520 years of “‘seven times’ punishment” from that number and you’ll get 211 years. Subtract 211 from 2021 to yield the approximate time of the prophesied end of that punishment, 1810—just 20 years before the Occult operatives and those overzealous preachers in the British Isles yielded themselves to Satan, to launch his dastardly attacks. We call the attacks that we write about here and in our **Getting Saved!** FlipBook the **Weapons of Mass Deception_{SM}**.

His primary target? That'd be the citizenry of Earth's Christian nations, many of whom are genetic Hebrews, but still not aware of it.

“Anglo-Saxon expansion took place in the exact order stated to Jacob: westward first from Palestine, across Europe to the British Isles; then on west in the seventeenth century to America; in the same century India was acquired in the east; Canada, the northernmost section of the British Empire, was taken from the French in the eighteenth century; then in the nineteenth century Britain colonized Australia, New Zealand and South Africa...In the meantime dramatic chapters were being added to United States history as pioneers blazed famous trails westward to the Pacific Ocean...to the West they went – across the Appalachian Highlands, the central plains, the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains. One of the most important events in American history was the Louisiana Purchase in which Thomas Jefferson bought from Napoleon a vast territory extending from the Gulf of Mexico to Canada. The transaction took place in 1803 and marked a new era of expansion for the United States. In the same century brilliant heroes of Texas history freed that vast territory from the domination of Spain and Mexico. In 1867 the great northwestern peninsula of Alaska was purchased from Russia.

“Today islands scattered in all the oceans and seas look to the navies of Britain and the United States for protection. Truly the Spirit said of Jacob-Israel, ‘His seed shall be in many waters.’” —One Man's Destiny (1942), by C. R. Dickey



Chapter 3 —The Nurturing and Growth of the More Popular *Twin*



Originally cojoined, but separated while still in their infancy, The Magic Twins_{SM} followed similar, but separate paths to enormous success within the mainstream visible church, worldwide. They are also wildly popular among fringe groups. What follows is about the more popular of those *twins*.

On an otherwise uneventful Sunday morning in March, 1830, a young Scots gal named Mary Campbell caused quite a stir in a Presbyterian church near Port Glasgow, Scotland. She stood and spoke loudly in a language that nobody could understand. That never happened again in that church but the historical record confirms that it had become common in a home, nearby.

The pastor, along with all of the church's lay leadership and all but one of the church staff condemned the event as having clearly been inspired by the forces of evil. The staffer hold-out was a young man by the name of A. J. Scott, a pastoral assistant. Scott was friends with a pastor in London who had been telling him that the church should be experiencing some of the 1st-Century phenomena that characterized those exhibited on the marvelous Day of Pentecost. Scott soon left his assignment at the church in Scotland and then moved to London to serve as a pastoral assistant, there.

The Campbell sisters, Mary and Isabella, were either the first or among the very first people in eighteen Centuries to have practiced the utterance of excited guttural sounds of indecipherable words and phrases during their frequently observed displays of spiritual ecstasy. They were known Occult practitioners in the area of Port Glasgow.

The dominant sister, Mary, is said to have been much more “gifted” in the Occult arts than Isabella. Andrew Drummond wrote this under the name of Andrew Lansdale, his pseudonym—

- ✓ “Mary Campbell practiced automatic writing and she was a young woman of intense psychical power...Had she lived at the end of the 19th Century instead of at the beginning, her energies would probably have found expression as a medium.” —Edward Irving and His Circle, (1937), pp. 141-2

Mary Campbell’s BFF was a 16-year-old Port Glasgow lassie, Margaret Macdonald. Perhaps you’ve heard of her, but then maybe not. She lived with her older brothers, James and George, who ran a shipping business in that maritime city. It was in their home that those hyperspiritual prayer meetings had become common.

Bedridden at least 18 months with tuberculosis, little Margaret always looked forward to Mary Campbell’s frequent visits. It was her chance to learn more about the Occult and its compatibility with Christianity. Mary’s sister, Isabella, often came along, too. Whether those three girls were part of a larger group of Occult practitioners in that area or not we have not discovered. But we have gained some good additional insight from the chronicles of Robert Norton—

- ✓ “I have seen both her [i.e.: Mary Campbell] and Miss Margaret Macdonald stand like statues scarcely touching the ground, evidently supernaturally.”³ —The Restoration of Apostles, (1861), p. 25

³ Note: Many, today, who teach the Occult practice of levitation often seek to entice naive Christians with this: “Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.” —James 4:10

It was lassie Macdonald who uttered and then handwrote at least two (likely three or more) transcripts of that fascinating prophecy we wrote about in Chapter 1. The London preacher who got one of those transcripts was Edward Irving, A. J. Scott's friend.

Originally from Scotland, Irving was an ordained Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) preacher. In 1822, his superiors asked him to pastor a church in London. That church exhibited all the classic signs of dying. The fifty-or-so parishioners who remained were struggling to keep the church alive. Irving's flamboyant style paid off: Within a few months, the membership had climbed to over a thousand. After a short five years, there remained no choice but to find larger quarters. They purchased a building at Regent Square.



At some point in 1827, based on his studies in the book of Acts, Irving embarked on the pursuit of two brand new passions—

1. That the 19th-Century church should enjoy the same spiritual gifts that the 1st-Century church enjoyed.
2. That there would soon be a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit and then Jesus would return in 1864, shortly after the Jews would return to Jerusalem. He challenged his members to start seeking the Holy Spirit. He was convinced that if they would do that there would be inevitable manifestations of the 1st-Century gifts.

He published the essence of little Margaret's handwritten transcript in his September, 1830, newsletter, *The Morning Watch*, but he didn't credit Margaret. The essence of it was that there would very soon be a secret rapture of all the real Christians who would join Our Lord at The Marriage Supper

of the Lamb. That party would last for seven years, after which they would return to reign with Christ for 1,000 years.

We have uncovered no evidence to indicate that Irving ever talked in tongues, but he encouraged the frequent spontaneous, ecstatic utterances of indecipherable sounds and phrases by several women and at least one very strange man (Robert Baxter) in his church.

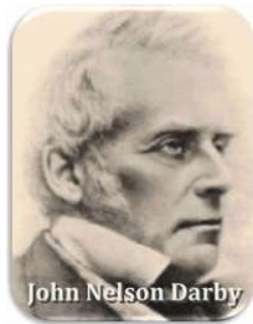
- ✓ “...Scottish Presbyterian pastor Edward Irving and members of his congregation practiced speaking in tongues and prophesying. Irvingite prophets often contradicted each other, their prophecies failed to come to pass, and their meetings were characterized by wild excesses. The movement was further discredited when some of their prophets admitted to falsifying their prophecies and others even attributed their ‘giftedness’ to evil spirits. This group...became the Catholic Apostolic Church, which taught many false doctrines, embracing several Roman Catholic doctrines and creating...apostolic offices.”

—Charismatic Chaos (1991), John F. MacArthur, p. 234

Edward Irving, sometimes called the father of Modern Pentecost, adopted BOTH of “The Magic Twins_{SM}.” His congregation and he were discredited, but those new winds of doctrine thrive on in the hearts and minds of sincere adherents to the various global factions of modern and postmodern pentecost.

The second preacher to whom little Margaret gave a copy of her rapture prophecy transcript reacted very differently. Perhaps he read the handwriting on the wall! History confirms that he was a frequent visitor in the Macdonald home during the pivotal time of the Occult events that we’ve shared with you. He quickly determined that the first of those cojoined “Twins” had been sired by Satan. There was clearly “something” about that second-born cojoined *twin*, though, that kept him coming back. What might that’ve been?

The memory of that preacher, John Nelson Darby, is treasured by non-pentecostal clerics everywhere. He was affiliated with The Plymouth Brethren.



Darby began behaving as if he had received that rapture prophecy from the Holy Spirit. No, he never even once vocalized that or wrote it, but his die-hard disciples continue to insist that he would never have stolen it from a poor little teenaged TB victim who, along with her BFFs, was an Occult practitioner. Their claim that Darby published an article about a pre-Trib rapture long before 1830 has been credibly debunked.

So! By rejecting the first cojoined *twin* in favor of the more attractive of the *twins*, he effectively launched them on separate paths into the mainstream visible church on both sides of the Atlantic.

Those aligned with modern pentecost typically think a person must “talk in ‘tongues’” to go up in the rapture. Getting “truly ‘saved’” is perceived by non-pentecostals as the primary requisite.

At no time since the early 1st Century had Premillennialism⁴ included anything that might be perceived as even remotely resembling “rapture.” About fifteen centuries before the 1830 “awakening,” the Premillennialism⁴ theory had fallen out of favor among theologians. Postmillennialism.⁵ was the new rage. Premillennialism⁴ had resurfaced from time to time, yes; but its support had fizzled every time—when the associated predictions of “the imminent return of Christ” had failed to materialize.

Along with the Darby New Testament (1867), Mr. Darby introduced his new, improved Premillennialism,⁴ calling it “Dispensationalism⁶.” Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892) was a staunch critic, but Cyrus Scofield (1843-1921) is widely credited with having popularized Darby’s theories.

- 4 **Premillennialism**—the belief that the world will continue to get worse until Christ returns to set up a visible, 1,000-year reign of righteousness.
- 5 **Postmillennialism**—the doctrine that Christ will return to Earth after that 1,000 years of righteous reign. It was the predominant theory of theologians for the eighteen centuries before Margaret Macdonald's April, 1830, *revelation*.
- 6 **Dispensationalism**—a dividing of history into seven distinct periods, the last of which is to be Christ's 1,000-year reign of righteousness; i.e.: "The Millennial Reign." Dispensationalism is among the primary culprits behind the error that is rampant among current end-time-prophecy super stars.

My maternal grandfather, cofounder of the world's largest pentecostal denomination, became well known for his really large chart and baton with which he preached Darby's Dispensationalism theory. I knew him quite well and even learned a lot from him, but am very disappointed that he wasn't a lot smarter than that...

From the library of my late father, I have a small book: 88 REASONS Why The Rapture Will Be In 1988. Its author, Edgar C. Whisenant, was a retired-from-NASA electrical engineer. Its sequel, 89 REASONS Why The Rapture Will Be In 1989, was not far behind it. The book's publisher, World Bible Society, distributed it to evangelical churches across the globe. There was a profusion of *confirmation* of Whisenant's prophecy. With pentecostals, that took the form of messages in tongues from God to the church... "*Thus sayeth the Lord, thy God...!*"

Dispensationalism was at the heart of it—intellectually and emotionally appealing. How else might one characterize Satan's seduction of Eve in the garden? If you find our wording of that question curious, perhaps this will help to explain it:

- 7 "But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived ^{G-1818} by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray...if you receive a different spirit...or a different gospel...you put up with it easily enough. But I do not think I am in the least inferior to those 'super apostles.' I may not be a trained speaker, but I do have knowledge..." —2 Corinthians 11:3-6_{NIV}

^{G-1818} The KJV word, here, is "beguiled." Per Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, the original Greek word means "wholly seduced."

Within the “expert” camp of all professions, the passion to be the FIRST to discover a new thing is even more extreme than for all the rest of us who are not “experts.” But all those folk are creatures of Human Nature (the Sin Nature), too! Satan – the most highly intelligent, ever, of created beings – is fully aware of that substantial weakness. He takes full advantage of it, too. That helps us to understand how and why lots of really smart guys like Edgar Whisenant and, yes, even John Nelson Darby and my maternal grandfather, are so easily and thoroughly seduced by the Father of Lies.

Satan further leverages that weakness by causing “experts” to buy-in to their own hype. The more they repeat that hype, the more they believe it. The more they believe it, the more convincing it becomes to others who admire them and have “itching ears.” Along with more praise and admiration emerges a firmly entrenched deception that sounds and feels a lot more “religious” than Truth.

- ✓ “Much of the social history of the Western world over the past three decades has involved replacing what worked with what sounded good.” —Thomas Sowell

Might that also be true in matters of faith and doctrines?

This may not be the single most common false premise of the current cadre of pre-Trib and mid-Trib Rapture experts, but it clearly reigns as one of them: It is the presumption that the founding of the current nation of Israel must play a pivotal role in calculating the season for Christ’s return to gather the saints unto Himself.


Matthew 24, Matthew 25, Mark 13 and Luke 21 record Jesus’ initial response to His closest friends’ question, “How can we know when you’ll come back?” He made sure they (and we) would understand that no man, nor any angel from Heaven, nor even He could know the precise day or hour for that glorious event. But He did disclose the seasons and the sequence of the

events that we must anticipate. Most of the experts appear not to know that He also gave us some truly marvelous and clear ILLUSTRATIONS of how things will be. The most significant of those are the ones He shared at Matthew 25.

All the sermons we have heard treat those Matthew 25 parables as if they are something less than ILLUSTRATIONS to help us understand His Matthew 24 narrative. We'll address that later. Stay tuned!

“And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.” — Luke 21:29-32

Those *experts* who will be proven wrong repeatedly, never mention the phrase, “and all the trees,” at Luke 21:29. Could it be Human (the Sin) Nature that prompts them to prefer the Matthew 24:32 & Mark 13: 28 texts, because they really, really want that **FIG TREE** to be the modern nation of Israel?



The emblem of the house of Judah (the scepter line) was a lion [Micah 5:8].

Per Deuteronomy 33:16-17, the emblem of the house of Ephraim/Israel (the birthright line) was a unicorn, wild ox or bull. The heraldry of The British Empire bears both of those symbols, as does some of its coinage. Many Bible scholars find it interesting that neither of them is associated with modern “Israel.” But the LION of Judah and the UNICORN of Joseph-Ephraim are clearly associated with Great Britain. Interesting, too, is that the ARROWS and the OLIVE BRANCH of Joseph-Manasseh are featured on the Great Seal of the United States. Is there any wonder, then, that many Bible and History scholars think Biblical Israel is comprised, primarily, of the citizenry of the English-speaking so-called Christian nations?

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The following is from Tamar Tephi: or The Maid of Destiny (1924)—

“No more remarkable manifestations of the exact fulfillment of the Divine Decrees, as promulgated in the Holy Scriptures, have ever been presented to mankind during the whole course of recorded history than those displayed in The Almighty’s Providential dealings with the peoples dwelling on these ‘Isles which are beyond the Sea’ (Jeremiah 25:22). In every phase of British History, and especially in the marvelous perpetuation of the Royal Line of our Sovereigns – all of whom, with but few exceptions, I am persuaded, have been and now are of ‘The House and Lineage of David,’ and consequently ‘Children of the Stock of Abraham’ (Luke 2:4; Acts 13:26) we can trace unmistakable evidences showing ‘The good Hand of our God upon us’ (Ezra 7:9), ordering and directing the National Affairs according to His Will and Pleasure, in pursuance of His vast designs concerning ‘The remnant of His people, the Outcasts of Israel and the dispersed of Judah in the Isles afar off... which shall declare His glory among the nations’ (Isaiah 11:11-12; 66:19). And ‘foolish, and slow of heart to believe’ must he or she be who cannot discern and gratefully acknowledge this gracious and beneficent supervision of Britain’s destinies, and look forward to the still greater glories promised to the ‘Lost sheep of the House of Israel’ (Luke 24: 25; Matthew 15:24).”

Adam Rutherford’s AngloSaxon Israel, or Israel-Britain (1939) may be a good read for you, too. It explains the origin, function and destiny of the Norse-Anglo-Celto-Saxon race in the British empire, U.S.A., Holland, Iceland and Scandinavia.

“The tragedy of Protestant Christianity today is that men can’t find the kingdom. It is still a mystery to them. They look for it in their hearts, in heaven, and everywhere in God’s universe except in the midst of their national existence.” —One Man’s Destiny, C. R. Dickey (1942)

— *and from the same book* —

“People who refuse to see a continuation of Israel in the English speaking nations are like a man who, after looking at the Rocky Mountains, demands proof that they are mountains.”

Is it possible that our rapture experts are so busy competing with one another for greater “itching ears” market shares that they just don’t get it?

“And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.” —Daniel 2:34,35,44

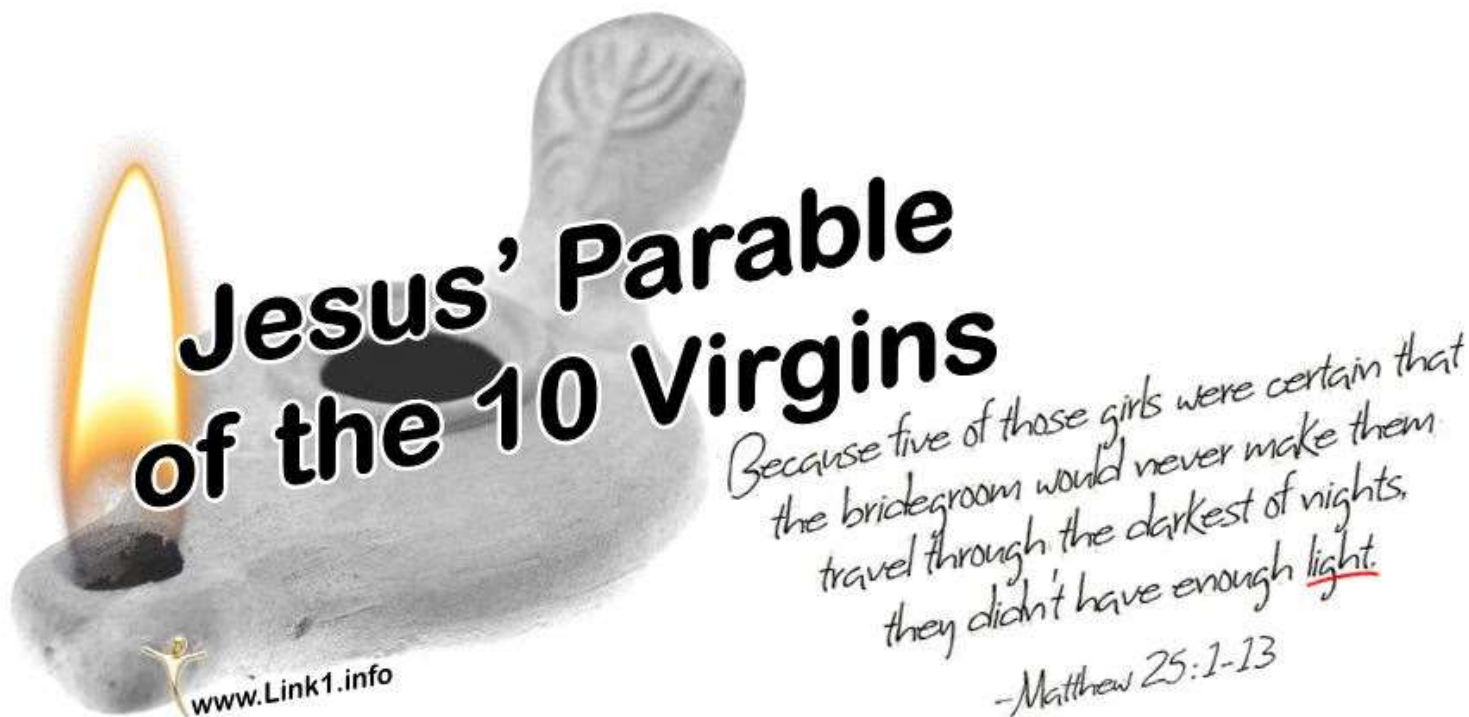
Should our rapture experts start doing some legitimate homework?

How long is a Biblical generation? The experts kept telling us it’s 40 years. Oops! That math didn’t pass muster! Some of the experts now claim that it is either 70 or 80 years. Psalm 90:10 appears to be the primary basis for that reasoning. Then shouldn’t we have witnessed some end-times magic in 2018? Oh well, maybe that’s on the 2028 agenda!

A few of those guys must have read the handwriting on the wall: They’re now saying a Biblical generation is 120 years. Whew! Maybe that’ll buy them some more time. Still other experts – in an apparent attempt to discredit their contemporaries – have developed a more *sophisticated* formula. They base it on the [supposed] 14 generations from Abraham to David, 14 from David to the Babylonian exile and 14 generations from that exile to Jesus’ birth. Their math uses just the 28 generations from the last two periods, because the first one may not be accurate.

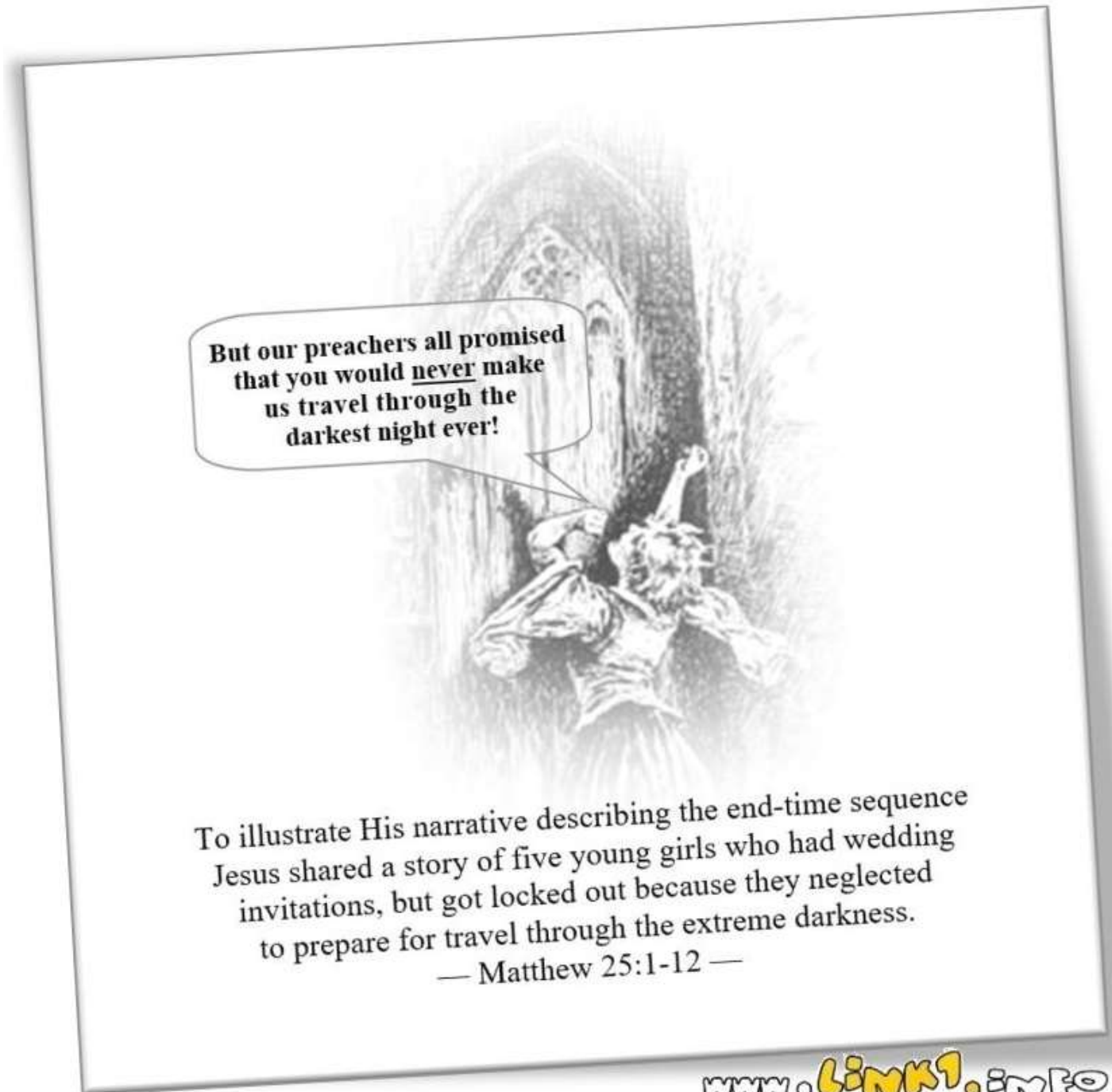
Subtracting Jesus’ birth in B.C. 4 from David’s birth in B.C. 1040, they get a difference of 1,036 years. They then divide 1,036 by 28 generations to yield an average generation of 37 years. We agree that their theory sounds more “sophisticated,” but that math won’t contribute to their pre-Tribulation rapture narrative, either, with a 1948 or a 1967 benchmark. And at Matthew 24:32, Mark 13:28 or Luke 21:29,30, Jesus didn’t say anything about when a fig tree (or any tree) gets **PLANTED**. You may want to read all three of those passages to understand the hilarious folly of that narrative.

At Matthew 24:3, Jesus' closest disciples asked "When are you coming back?" "How can we know?" and "What'll it be like?" Chapter 24 records His answers, then He enhanced those answers with three critical ILLUSTRATIONS at chapter 25—



- ❶ The Ten Virgins, v. 1-13. LIGHT symbolizes the KNOWLEDGE of the relative timing for His return within the context of the end-time events. Five of the girls were clearly expecting the bridegroom before dark. They knew him or they wouldn't have been on the guest list. They got locked out because they had not prepared for travel through a time of extreme darkness...not enough light!
- ❷ Talents/Money, v. 14-30. The master entrusted each servant with KNOWLEDGE of the relative timing for His return. One of them chose not to INVEST that knowledge in others. He got cast into outer darkness...deep space?...weeping and gnashing of teeth. He knew the master's return would be during extreme darkness but was, perhaps, too timid to invest that wildly unpopular notion with others. (Ashamed of the knowledge of Truth...It's not "what 'we' believe.")

- ③ Jesus' SHEEP v. GOATS illustration (v. 31-46), makes it quite clear that folk who masquerade as Disciples will be unmasked. The take-home message for that one is also articulated at Luke 14:27,33 and at James 2:19.



Here's something that may or may not have occurred to you: Academic communities, secular and religious, share the common passion to perpetuate the perception of their elitism. That is very likely subconscious for most of the good folk in those communities but it is, nevertheless, observable. They

just have a need to make sure that the rest of us acknowledge that they have earned their elite status via formal education. The following may be a worthy example of how that plays out in the interactions of highly educated end-times prophecy proponents—

Before his relatively youthful death, the pastor of a large church near us was quite proud of his “The Reverend Doctor” title. During a time when he was delivering a sermon series on The Rapture, a member of our Link1™ Bible Research Team asked him a question. The exchange went something like this: “The last trump in the book of Revelation is ‘the trumpet of the seventh angel.’ It sounds at the end of The Tribulation, just before The New Jerusalem descends to Earth. How do you reconcile that with what you’ve been saying about a ‘last trump’ before the Great Tribulation?”

The reverend doctor: “Oh, that’s a *different* ‘last trump’!” He rambled on for a while about the Old Testament Feast of Trumpets as if it might clearly override the trumpet sequence in Revelation. His rambling was beyond marginally complicated, so we will resist the urge to belabor it here—you’d be really bored with it.

The “flavor” of that response was to suggest that “Because I have spent years and a great deal of effort in acquiring my formal education, **you just need to have FAITH to believe that I know what I’m talking about. Besides, things like this are far too complicated for the average Christian.**” Our Link1™ member didn’t buy it. Said it had insulted his intelligence. He gazed in full amazement at the rest of that large congregation: Their faces reflected the classic deer-in-the-headlights look. **They all had FAITH...**

We did some subsequent research, but we’ll keep this simple, so as not to entangle you in the complexity of it unnecessarily. But because God has also given you a SOUND MIND, (2 Timothy 1:7) we hope that you will do some personal digging – with the Acts 17:11 Berean mindset. What follows is from one of the tools we use to leverage Bible Truth to expose Religious Fantasy—

The Old Testament Feast of Trumpets is actually called The Seventh Month Festival: “This festival is mentioned in Leviticus 23:24-25, 27-32 and

Numbers 29:1-40. It was introduced with the blowing of trumpets, the halt of labor, sacrifices, and a testing (Lev. 23: 24-32; Num. 29:1-40). The exact reason for its observance is not clear. Some scholars believe that it originated during the Babylonian Captivity to counteract the influence of the Babylonian New Year Festival...” —The Liberty Illustrated Bible Dictionary



The trumpet of the seventh (7th) angel at Revelation 11:15 is called “the last trump” at 1 Corinthians 15:52. It is called “the trump of God” at 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

Yes, there was a Feast of Trumpets in the Old Testament. The exact reason for its observance is not clear. Some scholars believe that it originated during the Babylonian Captivity—to counteract the influence of the Babylonian New Year Festival. Some *experts* will tell you that those trumpets are more important than the seven trumps of Revelation.

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Our informed take on it is this: The formally educated end-times-prophecy superstars scrape the bottom of the religious barrel when they resort to such curious rationale to support a pre-Trib or mid-Trib Rapture theory. They can always count on the itching ears of thousands of sincere folk who admire them because they perceive them to be God’s exclusive “called and chosen” ones. God knows them and has a Judgment Day plan for them among all the other workers of iniquity **G-93**.

G-93 From the N.T. Greek word transliterated, *adikia*. Per Strong’s, it is used to indicate “injustice, of a judge; unrighteousness of heart and life; a deed violating law and justice, act of unrighteousness.”

Per Thayer's Greek Lexicon, it is “injustice, of a judge; unrighteousness of heart and life; ...deceit which unrighteousness uses;...spec. unrighteousness by which others are deceived...”

Our primary mission is to help sincere believers avoid such deception. If you're numbered with that fine group, this is our current message of pertinence:

“The trumpet of the seventh angel” at Revelation 11:15 is
“the last trump” at 1 Corinthians 15:52. It's called
“the trump of God” at 1 Thessalonians 4:16.

This ball's in your court, now: Study and then draw your own informed conclusion.



Whenever difficult times come, some Bible “expert” announces, “Get ready! Jesus is coming soon!” With each new crisis at least one of them is convinced that it's either the beginning of The Great Tribulation or the time immediately before it. Here are some examples—

Adolf Hitler presided over the slaughter of ten million Christians and six million Jews. The USSR's Joseph Stalin killed almost 20 million people. Prime Minister Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge killed a full third of Cambodia's people from 1975-1979. Francisco Solano López Carrillo, president of Paraguay from 1862 until he died in 1870, presided over the killing of more than 90% of that country's male population and more than half of the total population, including members of his own family. Add to those the atrocities

of China's Mao TseTung, Belgium's King Leopold II, the USSR's Vladimir Lenin, China and Taiwan's Chiang Kaishek, Ho Chi Minh of Vietnam, Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il and Kim Jong Un of North Korea, Iraq's Saddam Hussein, Italy's Benito Mussolini, Yugoslavia President Tito and Uganda's Idi Amin. And have you read about the bloodcurdling human torture of Medieval times? 1,000s of people were stretched without mercy until they were separated from their arms and legs. Many were also impaled on long wooden stakes in the ground and left in the open to die slowly. And let's not forget the thousands of Christians in the Middle East and North Africa who're currently getting raped, burned alive, beaten, beheaded and drowned, etc.

Were the Christian victims of those atrocities fully convinced that each tyrant *du jour* was AntiChrist and they were in The Great Tribulation? Had their preachers assured them that they'd get raptured up to Heaven before anything really, really bad would start happening to them?

How might their survivors respond to the notion that we Christians in the U.S. Bible Belt region are special? "We're gonna get raptured!" Might there be a similar episode in the future of the U.S.A.? If so, what do you think might prompt God to respond differently?

You may agree that many of the victims of those evil tyrants were likely good people. Many Christians among them were possibly familiar with the words of 1 Corinthians 10:13, "...God [is] faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear [it]."

We are to take comfort in the knowledge that there'll be a way of escape and that we WILL be able to bear it. To bear it or not to bear it, then, becomes a personal choice. Perhaps you are very aware that our Lord has made it clear that some of us will escape via physical death. But **guess who'll reign with Christ for 1,000 years: It is not the people you've heard it will be—**

The religiously-correct crowd will tell you that those exceptional folk, the previously-raptured super Christians, will return to Earth to reign with Christ for a thousand years. If you're familiar with 21st-Century politics, you

know what it is to be *politically correct*. Religious correctness is even more evil. It is camouflaged cleverly, though, as something uniquely spiritual. It is, in fact spiritual—in the context of 1 Timothy 4:1 and 1 John 4:1. (You may want to stop now and read both of those short verses.)

Doubt that? Perhaps you haven't noticed that they attack rapture scoffers as viciously as members of the CLIMATE CHANGE crowd attack people with sensible questions about the flimsy rationale for their quasi-religious dogma. The scriptures speak of scoffers of Jesus' one and only second coming, but they say nothing about rapture scoffers or even about rapture – not even by implication.

In the U.S. Bible Belt region something like this is heard often: "It's sad that those people 'over there' have to get raped and burned alive in cages and drowned and beheaded and such. We must keep on praying for them. WE'RE GONNA GET RAPTURED before anything like that happens 'over here,' though."

So WHO will reign with Christ for a thousand years? Naive millions have been duped by the pied pipers of the rapture heresy. Those guys have done their homework and are fully aware that Revelation 20:2-7 very clearly exposes their vicious lie. What? You haven't read that? We think you'll want to stop now and read it. Prepare for a major surprise!

The Psalm 27:5 mindset is worthy—

- ✓ "For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion; in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me..."

And there's the familiar Psalm 23—

- ✓ "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou [art] with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

But...but...but He didn't remove Daniel from the lions' den. He didn't keep those three Hebrew boys out of that fiery furnace, either!

Might the rapture theorists have missed the significance of Jesus' prayer at John 17:15?

✓ "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil."

God's M.O. is firmly established: He does not remove His children from the horrors of tribulation; He sustains them in it.

If you have ever asked a preacher when Jesus is coming back, you may have heard something a lot like, "Well, dear sister, you know nobody knows the day or the hour when Jesus will come back. In fact, Jesus doesn't even know that: only God, the Father, knows."

This Is The Good News—

Jesus will come back to gather His just-spontaneously-CHANGED^{G-236} followers. While it's also true that He doesn't know the exact day or hour for that event, He clearly knows the precise timing within the final sequence of end-time events for it. He made that clear in His narrative at chapters 24 and 25 of Matthew and chapter 13 of Mark and chapter 21 of Luke.

Who'll Reign With Christ? Those well-meaning people whom I loved and respected always told me that those who are to rule with Christ through the Millennium will be the same special Christians who will have been raptured up to Heaven seven years earlier. Do you think maybe they hadn't read this?

"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and [I saw] **the souls of them that were BEHEADED for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received [his] mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and THEY lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years**. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand

years were finished. This [is] THE FIRST RESURRECTION. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but **THEY SHALL BE PRIESTS OF GOD AND OF CHRIST, AND SHALL REIGN WITH HIM A THOUSAND YEARS.** And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison.”
—Revelation 20:2-7

You’ll want to make two notes regarding that important scripture:

1. The people who’ll reign with Christ for 1,000 years are those who will have been **BEHEADED** and will not have worshipped the beast or his image or received his mark. They’re the ones who will have “**endured to the end**” of their natural lives during The Great Tribulation, per the words of Jesus at Matthew 24:13 and Mark 13:13.

Why, then, do you think the rapture theorists tell their followers that those who’ll reign with Christ will be the previously raptured saints who will have returned to Earth with Him after their seven-year party in Heaven???

2. The timing for the FIRST Resurrection is very clearly at the end of the Great Tribulation, at the last trump. The trumpet of the seventh angel is the last trump. The sound of THAT trumpet will be followed by Jesus’ appearance in the same cloud (singular) that led the Hebrews by day during their 40-year wilderness experience.

Because flesh and blood cannot enter the kingdom of heaven, a rapture at any time would require a resurrection! Do you suppose the Rapture “experts” expect us to believe there will be **two** First Resurrections?

Did Jesus get “raptured” on the third day after He had died on the cross? No. He didn’t “go” anywhere, either—stayed right here on Earth. He had just exchanged His flesh and blood body for an amazing other-dimensional body. He became the firstfruits of the Resurrection. Simply put, He is THE PROTOTYPE for our own future change ^{G-236}: in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the

trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be **CHANGED**^{G-236}. —1st Corinthians 15:52

^{G-236}Per Strong's, the New Testament Greek word *allassō* simply means “to change, to exchange one thing for another, to transform.” It is one thing to be CHANGED but quite another thing to FLY AWAY to *up yonder*.

Nobody taught either of the fly-away theories in the 1st Century. Nobody thought it. Nobody wrote anything to even imply it until preacher Edward Irving published the essence of little Miss Macdonald's Occult prophecy in his September, 1830, newsletter.

It's still a new wind of doctrine. The ongoing debate throughout those previous eighteen centuries was on whether the Resurrection would be before or after the Millennium.

Why will we exchange our flesh and blood bodies for other-dimensional bodies like the one Jesus got? That is likely because the earth and the heavens will melt in a great heat! Our flesh and blood bodies couldn't survive that.

Yes; we grew up singing “I'll Fly Away,” too, but Heaven will be here! Meditate on that.

At John 14:2,3 are these words of Jesus: “I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, [there] ye may be also.”

Revelation 21 describes the place He went to prepare for us— “And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God [is] with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, [and be] their God...And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me

that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God...And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal. And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred [and] forty [and] four cubits, [according to] the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.” —Revelation 21:2,3,9,10,16,17

Twelve thousand furlongs translates to roughly 1,400 miles or 2250 kilometers, using today’s measures. That’d be the distance from Havana, to Toronto or from Charlotte to Albuquerque. And the walls of that majestic city are about 216 feet (66 meters) thick!

There are at least two credible schools of thought concerning those measurements: Some scholars contend that each of the four sides of the city is 1,400 miles long. If they’re right, the city is also 1,400 miles tall. How tall would that be? Approximately 35% of Earth’s 3,949 mile (6,355 kilometer) radius. Its 12-layered foundation would be 1,960,000 square miles.

We’re aligned with the scholars who insist that the angel was measuring the circumference of the city. That would yield an approximate length of ~350 miles (~560 kilometers) for each side and a ~122,500 square mile (~197,225 square kilometer) foundational footprint. The height of that structure would reach ~350 miles (~560 kilometers).

How high is that? Mt. Everest is less than five miles high. Our troposphere is about seven miles thick and the stratosphere goes up to ~29 miles. Which school of thought is the right one? The second one makes more sense to us. We created the following illustration from it...

But what about the original Bible languages from which our English Bible versions are taken—Hebrew, Chaldean and Greek? How can we know that they’re translated correctly?

There are many folk who wish to give the impression that they’ve studied the original languages, when all they are doing is using Mr. Strong’s Concordance! Those reference numbers you see in our writings are all from

the Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible. Got one? Might want to get one...or we will be happy to help you learn how to access that critical tool and much more online, for free.



You may know that there are millions of believers who think they're paying professional Christians to do all (or most) of studying and critical thinking for them. That's like paying a professional athlete to go to the gym and work out for you three times a week, and expecting to gain the strength and stamina to run the Boston Marathon! Passivity might be okay for those whose mindset is to acquire a participation trophy. God rewards those who seek Him DILIGENTLY! At least that's what is written at Hebrews 11:6.

Among the critical lessons I've learned since I decided to start studying the scriptures for myself and not simply taking the word of Bible "experts" is

this: Many, many of those “experts” haven’t done even their basic homework. So how did they learn what they preach to the rest of us?

They got it from other “experts,” most of whom had learned it from other “experts,” many of whom hadn’t done their basic homework, either. If you’ve been paying attention (really paying attention), that is no surprise to you: Human nature is, in fact, the Sin nature. Formally educated folk are just as burdened by it as are you and I. It’s like water, always following the course of least resistance.

What does that have to do with the air and the clouds of 1 Thessalonians 4:17? “Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air.”



Is that the air where birds and planes and kites fly and where some really, really special Christians may fly? If it were, Paul would have written the Greek word that’s transliterated, *ouranos*^{G-3772}; e.g.: “...the fowls of the air^{G-3772}” at Matthew 6:26.

This is Strong’s definition of *aēr*, the original text word for the KJV word, “air,” at 1 Thessalonians 4:17: “the air, particularly the lower and denser air as distinguished from the higher and [thinner] air...[i.e.] the atmospheric region. From *aemi* (to breathe unconsciously, i.e. respire; by analogy, to blow).”

Our current informed conclusion is this—

What we’ll be caught up into won’t be our atmosphere, but “the breath of life!”

How about those clouds? Are they like those gorgeous white puffy clouds that young lovers enjoy watching from their picnic blankets in the afternoon skies? Well, no. Per Strong's, that KJV word "clouds" is from the transliterated Greek word *nephelē*^{G-3507}, which is singular: *Nephelē* is a cloud; e.g.: the cloud that moved in front of the Hebrews to guide them through their wilderness travels. "And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night. —Exodus 13:21 (See, also, Numbers 14:14 & Deuteronomy 31:15.)

That same mistranslated KJV word, "clouds"^{G-3507}," appears at Matthew 24:30 and 26:64, Mark 13:26 & 14:62, 2 Peter 2:17, Jude 12 and at Revelation 1:7, too. In each of those verses, the KJV word "clouds" should be "cloud."

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

I. a cloud

A. used of the cloud which led the Israelites in the wilderness

Strong's Definitions [?]

(Strong's Definitions Legend)

† νεφέλη *nephelē*, nef-el'-ay; from G3509; properly, cloudiness, i.e. (concretely) a cloud:—cloud.

Thayer's Greek Lexicon [?]

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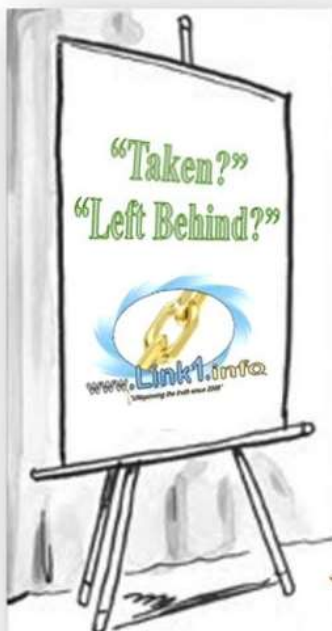
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νεφέλη, νεφέλης, ἡ (νέφος) (from Homer down), the Sept. especially for **אֲנָח**, but also for **בָּרָא** and **קִינָה**, a cloud: (νεφέλη φωτεινή, Matthew 17:5); Matthew 24:30; Matthew 26:64; Mark 9:7; Mark 13:26; Mark 14:62; Luke 9:34; Luke 12:54; Luke 21:27; Acts 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:17; 2 Peter 2:17 (Rec.); Jude 1:12; Revelation 1:7; Revelation 10:1; Revelation 11:12; Revelation 14:14ff; of that cloud in which Jehovah is said (Exodus 13:21f, etc.) to have gone before the Israelites on their march through the wilderness, and which Paul represents as spread over them (ὕπὸ τῇ νεφέλῃν ἥσαν, cf. Psalm 104:39 (Ps. 105:39); Wis. 10:17): 1 Corinthians 10:1f. (Synonym: see νέφος.)

Is that an indictment of the KJV? You may have noticed that almost all of our scripture quotes are from the KJV. So we do not intend to underestimate the value of the KJV: It is still the best English translation of the Bible that's available to us today. If you wish to confirm that, get yourself a copy of New Age Versions, by G. A. Riplinger: Library of Congress catalog card #9392561 ISBN #0963584502 There, you will find credible confirmation that many of the most popular versions of the Bible are not translations, at all. Some are paraphrases, some are heavily-biased sectarian commentaries and others show strong evidence of Occult interference in the “translation” process. It's a minefield, so be careful!

Will You Be “TAKEN” or “LEFT BEHIND?” In the wildly popular “Left Behind” series, all the good guys got taken and all the bad guys got left behind. That is the typical message in our evangelical churches, too, especially in the U.S. Bible Belt region: “Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two [women shall be] grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.” —Matthew 24:40,41

The context within which that is typically preached is, “If you are not Rapture-ready when Jesus splits the eastern skies, you'll get ‘left behind’ to endure The Great Tribulation!” But there's a scriptural surprise for those who have invested their *Faith Equity*_{SM} in that attractive heresy—



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In the infamous “Left Behind” series, the good guys got “taken” and the bad guys got “left behind.” Here's what Jesus had to say about that—

- ① *But as the days of Noe [were], so shall also the coming of the son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood, they were (pursuing their usual routines)...until **the flood came, and took them all away**; so shall also the coming of the son of man be. —Matthew 24:37-39*
- ② *Gather ye together **first the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.** —Matthew 13:30*

Are you sure you want to be among the “taken?”

Please save me a place with that very fortunate “left behind” group!

“Did I Miss The Rapture?”—

Nobody was home on a steamy hot Florida afternoon when I got off the school bus. That may not have concerned you, but it was a major cause of concern for me: Somebody was always home at our house!

I had been enduring many of the rites of passage that young boys still find necessary today. Yeah... well, maybe “enduring” isn’t the right word, there: I...*uhhh*...was enjoying those rites of passage.

Anyhow, when I realized there was nobody home, I thought I had missed the rapture! I had just knelt down to pray when I suddenly remembered that it would do me no good to pray if I had missed the rapture: God wouldn’t listen!

I was traumatized. Anything like that ever happen to you?

The words were thoroughly burned into my brain. I can still hear them: “Jesus is gonna split the eastern skies any day, now! Nobody knows when that will happen; Jesus doesn’t even know. If you’re not right with God when it happens you’ll miss the Rapture and you’ll have to stay here and go through The Great Tribulation! And don’t kid yourself: If you can’t live for God now, you certainly won’t be able to live for Him then!”

That trauma was with me into young adulthood. I moved from anger to repentance to more anger, frequently. At some pivotal point, I made a decision: I would no longer be angry and I wouldn’t repent any more, either! I’d be an adult!

For the better part of a dozen years, I was Agnostic. For those who don’t know what an Agnostic is, it’s an Atheist wannabe. Best I can figure, the only reason I never became an Atheist is that I resolved to never permit myself to even think on anything even remotely related to any of that again. I was dead serious! Didn’t shed even one tear in twelve years! (Oh! I almost forgot: I wasn’t able to muster enough faith to have become an Atheist.)

Only God could've tripped me up. And He did that! Whew! I came back!

Like most others who were raised in the mainstream church, I reasoned that the faith of my fathers should also be my faith: I joined the denomination that my maternal grandfather had co-founded. I schooled myself in the teachings of that church...from a new (for me) “adult” perspective. I collected their denominational literature and I was faithful to study the scriptures they cited to support those teachings. I was even an effective spokesman for our “What ‘We’ Believe” franchise.

While pursuing a rewarding secular career, I was also a Bible teacher. Large classes in church sanctuaries. Something kept nagging at me, though: Were our teachings perfectly aligned with the teachings of Jesus and the First-Century apostles?

Adding substance to that disturbing question is that I had diligently studied to confirm our church's doctrines, but I hadn't studied the scriptures as-if-no-one-had-ever-explained-what-they-mean. This is why that was to become critical for me years later—

Schools & churches should teach people HOW to study and HOW to think, not WHAT to study and WHAT to think! From my childhood years, the people I loved had taught me what to think about the Bible and what to think about Christianity. Is there any chance that the people they loved had taught them what to think, too? “We've always done it this way...”

It's embarrassing for me to admit this, but I must: It was near the time for me to retire from the corporate world that I was mature enough to begin changing all that. On March 4, 2006, I organized a large multidenominational Bible study group. Later, it was to become Bible Explorers Club, LLC. You can learn more about that at <https://www.link1.info/about-us>.

From the few good folk in that group who acquired our serious passion for separating what's true from what's new, we organized the Link1_{TM} Bible Research Team. Together, we were to learn that there's an awful lot of new time religion masquerading successfully as “old time religion.” We were

amazed to discover how much the Gospel message has *evolved* since the 1st Century.

Our <https://www.Link1.info> is dedicated to making it easy for you to learn what we've learned about that. Please use our resources to learn all you can about Satan's **Weapons of Mass Deception_{SM}** and why the millions of victims of them will be among the first to be fully convinced that Satan is Jesus Christ.

Yes, Satan's masquerade will be very successful. There's to be a great falling away. The take-home message is that only Believers in Christ can "fall away." Unbelievers cannot! Most of today's churchgoers have already been conned by at least two or three of those WMDs.

Study alone or with a small group, but please take advantage of our hard work. Blessings to you as you study to learn the original truth.

"This Little Light"—

My very brief mention of Jesus' Matthew 25:14-30 illustration of the talents/money, above, requires a revisit, now...

Every sermon I ever heard on it was out of context. You may want to take a minute to read it before continuing. After you've done that, let's reflect on the nostalgia of the second most popular children's church song ever...

This little Light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel—No!	Let it shine 'til Jesus comes.
I'm gonna let it shine.	I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.	Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Don't let Satan blow it out.	This little LIGHT of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,	I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

In His 10 Virgins illustration Jesus used **LIGHT** to symbolize the **KNOWLEDGE** of His *after*-the-extreme-darkness-of-The-Great-Tribulation

return to gather His followers unto Himself. Then, to make sure we'd "get it," He used **TALENTS/MONEY** to illustrate that same **KNOWLEDGE**.

- ✓ "Take therefore the talent from him, and give [it] unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."
—Matthew 25:28-30

Two Questions: ① What would make a believer unprofitable?

- ② Where is "outer darkness?" Isn't "weeping and gnashing of teeth" used to describe the eternal torment in the lake of fire and brimstone?

The Answers? ① You can find that in our companion FlipBook, **Getting Saved**.

- ② In our companion FlipPamphlet, "Outer Darkness," there is an unforgettable surprise about that.

Find them both at <https://www.Link1.info/flipbooks>.

What's the take-home message from Matthew 25:28-30? Sounds to us like if a person gains **LIGHT** about the relative timing of Christ's return and does not let it shine (i.e.: share it – invest it – with others) he'll be cast into outer darkness (deep space?) where there'll be weeping and gnashing of teeth. That sounds harsh, I know; but it may be the only sensible way to read it.

Was that tragic servant "truly 'saved'" or was his salvation contingent upon whether or not he invested the **LIGHT** his master had entrusted to him?

Warning: The answer is not "religiously correct." The strong incentive not to share that knowledge is the fear of being perceived as Religiously Incorrect! What's that? You know what "Politically Correct" is; right? It's called "PC." You may call this one "RC."



Perhaps you know **RC**'s evil stepsister, **PC**. She's inflicting debilitating havoc on Western Civilization. Her full name? Oh, it's **Political Correctness**. **RC**'s full name? Her last name is also **Correctness**. Her first name is **Religious**.

It's true! Those **Correctness** girls are evil parasites: Their plan is to destroy their own generous hosts!
Learn what you can to stop them.

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But why should you share that knowledge with others, anyhow? So they might also be equipped for successful travel through the darkest of dark times ever.”

But there's another critical reason for you to share it with your friends, family, fellow believers, neighbors, classmates and coworkers: To reduce the strong likelihood that they'll “request prayer for you”

What could be so bad about them requesting prayer for you? You can anticipate that there'll be “Rapture Readiness” Crusades in all major cities. Satan's gifted and very talented army of super preachers will conduct them. Those who'll attend will be so thoroughly convinced that Satan **is** Jesus that their concern that you are not convinced will be strong and *initially* genuine! At the end of each crusade meeting, altar workers will hand out slips of paper for folk to write their prayer requests on. You may then expect **visitors**...

- ✓ “And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.” —Matthew 24:10
- ✓ “Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against [their] parents, and shall cause them to be put to death.” —Mark 13:12

“And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and [some] of you shall they cause to be put to death.”

—Jesus, at Luke 21:16

But...but...but the “Religiously Correct” crowd will tell you that “the church” will be in Heaven, then!

You may recall that God called Himself “I AM.”

At John 8:58 Jesus said “Before Abraham was I AM.”

In 21st-Century English, what Jesus said at Luke 21:8 was

“Many will come saying ‘Jesus is Lord!’ (i.e.: *I AM*) and ‘The time is near!**’ Don’t follow them!”***



* A review of the Interlinear texts will confirm the credibility of this paraphrase. Also, few believers are aware that, in the KJV, whenever a word or phrase appears either in *italics* or in [square brackets], that is to indicate that the word or phrase does not appear in any of the original-language manuscripts.

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Satan’s initial deception is now almost complete. Most of those who’re expecting Jesus to come early will fall in love with – and thence be *espoused* to – the wrong “christ,” who will come for them early. He’ll even ride in on a symbolic white horse!⁴

⁴ The seals of Revelation 6 are not in chronological order, but the “he” at verse 2 is Satan. He goes forth to conquer on a white horse...a peaceful assault at first.

Why is being espoused to the wrong “christ” pertinent for the millions of naive church folk who’ll be harvested out of season? It is this: “For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: **for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present [you as] a chaste virgin to Christ.**” —Paul, at 2 Corinthians 11:2

When the millions who've already fallen for Satan's first big cons are finally exposed to all the new genuine supernatural phenomena they'll be quickly and completely convinced that the "christ" who has come first is Jesus, himself.

- ✓ "...that man of sin...that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." —2 Thessalonians 2:3,4

Temple Mount Satire—

— Taking a hypothetical ride on the first flight out —

The content, here, is purely hypothetical. It's an attempt to imagine how a similar event might unfold. No malice is intended toward either of the public figures that are named. Their names appear only because it is deemed inevitable that both the media and the Christian public would associate them with such an event.

This is not a work of prophecy, but one of satire.

Strange Phenomenon Attracts World's Brightest Scientists, Meteorologists, Religious Leaders & Media



WPI, 6:32 AM, Sunday // Jerusalem, Israel—

The above photo was taken at 3:00 o'clock yesterday afternoon from a vantage point West of the city of Jerusalem. Eyewitness reports are consistent: The pictured "formation" emerged swiftly but in complete silence from the city's Eastern sky on Saturday afternoon. They all say they would not have noticed it at all if it had appeared in the Western sky, because the sun

was there. Observers were astonished when it stopped over the Temple Mount. It hovers there, motionless, even today.

The bright light that appears at the top of the formation is at least as bright as our sun, but it is remarkably whiter. Meteorologists and scientists express confidence that they will discover a very sensible explanation for what they call an unusual, but certainly natural phenomenon. World leaders are arriving in Jerusalem daily, each with plans to gain critical information from the experts in each field.

Religious leaders are attracting as much media attention as world leaders—sometimes even more. WorldWire® photographers have captured images of Billy Graham, John Hagee, Benny Hinn, Rick Warren, Tim LaHaye, Joyce Meyer, T. D. Jakes, Joel Osteen, Creflo Dollar, Joseph Prince, Perry Stone and others as they have disembarked from their respective flights

at Jerusalem's international airport. We have not been able to confirm reports of some who claim to have seen someone who looks a lot like the late Jerry Falwell. Conspicuous by his absence, at least to date, is the Roman Pope.

Tomorrow, we expect to report on an in-depth interview with the United States' most popular religious leader. He is advising his followers, "Be not afraid..."

Leaders of several Arab nations, including Iran, have petitioned Israel's government for special permission to enter and observe the phenomenon firsthand. No word yet on how Israel's leadership will respond. Might this be the eve of world peace?

Few in Jerusalem and perhaps around the world, will get much sleep over the next several days.

—WorldWire® Press International [WPI]

That hypothetical newspaper article was released early last Sunday AM by WorldWire® Press International. For the last six days all the major TV and

Internet news outlets have been showing live pictures of the enormously beautiful but still unexplained “formation” that hovers motionlessly, directly over the temple mount at Jerusalem, Israel.

Today is Friday in Jerusalem. (Still Thursday along the U.S. Atlantic coastline.) There’ve been nonstop live interviews of eyewitnesses and their first reactions to “the formation” as it emerged, silently but swiftly, from Jerusalem’s Eastern sky on Saturday afternoon of last week. Today, news anchors talk about a very special announcement scheduled for tomorrow at 10:00 AM, Jerusalem, time. (Jerusalem’s time is seven hours ahead of us so that’ll be 5:00 PM, Eastern time, on Friday.)

[time lapse]

It’s 9:45 AM on Saturday in Jerusalem...4:45 PM Friday, U.S. Eastern Time—

Billions of viewers have tuned in early for that special live broadcast on all the networks and streaming live, also, on the Internet. You and your friends and family are among them. The prevailing news is that Jesus, himself, is to speak.

Precisely at ten o’clock you and all those with you are pleased to learn that Jesus looks a lot like those paintings the artists have given us over the years. On his either side and behind him, arm-in-arm and also apparently suspended within that white cloud formation, are several of the world’s most popular Christian leaders. U.S. preachers appear to dominate the gathering.

The soothing inflections of Jesus’ crisp and commanding baritone voice resonate with great warmth. You perceive enormous compassion in his transparent, almost fluid eyes as he begins to speak:

“You will notice that a few of my elect are standing here in the cloud with me. For those who have ears to hear and eyes to see, this miracle will confirm that the rest of what you are about to hear and see is true. I will remain within this cloud to fulfill the prophecy that my feet will not touch the ground

when I am come to rapture all those who believe in me, just prior to The Great Tribulation.

“The time has not yet come for me to establish my kingdom here. But I will walk on the earth with you later. That time for my *Glorious Appearing* will come after seven long years of extreme anguish and pain for those foolish ones who will follow the anti-Christ, accepting his mark in their hands or in their foreheads. All of you that are to be *Left Behind* will accept that mark. Otherwise, you and your children will starve to death. As it is written of that son of perdition, Judas Iscariot, ‘It would be better for you if you had never been born.’ My heart is broken, already, for you.

“Believe in me and you, too, will soon be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye. My Bride will include all those who will be caught up soon to meet me here, in the air. They have believed in me. They have loved me. They will be with me and my Father in Heaven for our long anticipated seven-year celebration of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. When we come back to Earth they will rule with me, here, for 1,000 years. Will you be among them? If you think maybe not, please reconsider. (A pulsating tear swells.) Don’t be among those who will be Left Behind. Please!”

His arms are outstretched now. Those nail scars in his wrists are briefly visible. The camera zooms in for a much-too-short close-up. “Will you come to me now, my beloved? My yoke is easy and my burden is light. I am not willing that any should perish. Because I love you my Father loves you, too.”

America’s favorite Christian preacher moves to Jesus’ right-hand side. They embrace. Lights flashing non-stop, all cameras zoom in on that preacher’s familiar face. He makes clear eye contact and begins to speak: “There is no need for you to be afraid, my friends. This is ‘the great hope’ that we have anticipated for many years.

“Those who accompany our Savior with me today will be appearing in major cities throughout the world over the next several weeks, in facilities that will seat thousands of you. At those ‘Rapture Readiness Revivals,’ we will be sharing much more about what is to come. At least one of those

critical gatherings will be in a city near you. If anyone is physically, mentally or spiritually sick bring them and they will be healed. Their sins will be forgiven and they will be included in the ‘catching away’ of the saints. They, too, will be changed...in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye.”

All cameras focus, again, on the face of Jesus: “I must remind you that I do not know the exact day and time of the catching away of the saints. Only my Father knows that. But I do know it will be very, very soon. You must be alert but patient and keep watching—for in an hour when you think not, one shall be Taken without warning and the other Left Behind.

“For years, the faithful have prayed that this flight would not be in winter. They have prayed for you ladies with infants on the breast, that you would be kept safe. It may also help you to know that my Father is not slow as some consider slowness. Watch and be ready. If not ready, get ready. Please don’t be Left Behind to suffer the terrible atrocities of anti-Christ and his evil host.”

The cameras pan as all those well-known Christian preachers kneel and then bend forward on their hands, heads up, facing Jesus. Large tears begin streaming from both of Jesus’ eyes as he raises his hands to pray, “Father, please forgive them, for they know not what they do. Cause them to learn the truth, for only truth can make them free. Make them one as you and I are one. Please, please don’t allow even one of them to perish. Nevertheless, not my will but thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Amen.” Again, while his hands are raised, the cameras zoom in for a lingering close-up view of those nail scars.

One in your group begins to sob uncontrollably. Another starts wringing her hands and praying frantically. Some people embrace while trembling and crying together. One faints. Another scoffs, “I hope you know that that guy is not really Jesus Christ! Why are you people so doggone gullible?” You are spellbound, not knowing exactly how to react or what to think.

Scenes like that play out in small groups all over the world. In larger gatherings of people, boisterous heckling is observed. Groups of believers wrestle some of the hecklers to the ground or pull them away, to silence them.

There are reports of numerous outbreaks of bloody mob violence in Middle Eastern and North African regions. Bitter quarreling is reported among Moslem clerics, worldwide. There are rumors of new wars. Two earthquakes rumble simultaneously, on opposite sides of the Pacific rim. Tsunami warnings are issued for all land areas that border the Pacific Ocean.

Network and live-streaming Internet cameras alternately zoom in and fade away from those remarkable scenes, lights flashing profusely. For weeks to come, all regular TV programming is preempted. The world has never witnessed a non-stop media frenzy like this one. With uncharacteristic enthusiasm, major network news anchors report thousands of “decisions for Christ” at the Rapture Readiness Revivals.

Network cameras focus occasionally, but always very briefly, on obscure (i.e.: not well known) preachers who debunk the entire scenario, saying it is nothing more than the clever deception of Satan, himself. They warn other preachers that they are leading their uninformed followers directly into Satan’s clutches. A well-known major network anchor was quick to cut one of those preachers short yesterday when he began crying out, “Satan has come first! He’s masquerading as Jesus, just like Paul said he would do at 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12! Jesus doesn’t come until the seventh trump—the last trump!” The cameras cut away quickly, too, and there were commercials.

What follows is a long series of interviews with “respected” members of the clergy, each assuring viewers that this is the real thing. According to them, the naysayers are Satan’s agents of confusion and deception.

A spirited choir sways in unison as it belts out the Rapture Readiness Revival theme song, “I’ll fly away, Oh! Glory! I’ll fly away, in the morning!” Almost all the choir members have tears streaming down their faces as they sing, hands uplifted in worship and adoration of the Savior. Some of them are seen contorting their bodies and others are heard talking loudly, in languages that you don’t understand. There are numerous video clips of tearful teenagers and adolescents requesting prayer for their parents and other family members and friends who still don’t believe all this is for real.

Is it for real? Will you sign on for the first flight out?

Where Are The Dead?—

Here's the essence of that fascinating dialog at John 11:11-14—

“Our friend, Lazarus, is asleep. I’m going over to Bethany to wake him up.”

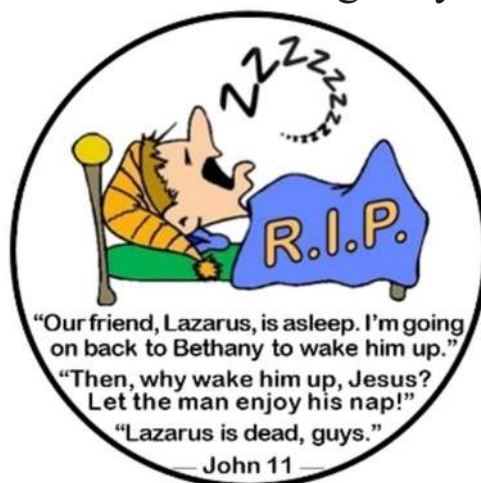
“Why wake him up, Lord? Let the man enjoy his nap!”

“Lazarus is dead, guys.” (You’ll want to read all of chapter 11.)

Why didn’t He just tell them Lazarus was dead? Is it possible that He knew that they had matured enough to start learning the truth about where good people really go when they die? There’s no evidence that Lazarus spent those four days “in Heaven,” you know. The Old Testament uses the phrase, “**...slept with his fathers**” to describe what we call death. That’s beyond fairly consistent from version-to-version of the Bible.

Jesus became the prototype of all who experience physical death from the 1st Century on, per 1 Corinthians 15:20. He also became the prototype for our future Resurrection, per verse 23 in that same chapter. Please make a note—

When Jesus “gave up the ghost,” He didn’t go to Heaven. Where did He go? Jesus answered that question, Himself, at Matthew 12:40. He didn’t go to Heaven upon His resurrection, either—not until 40 days later. The experiences of Our Lord are the prototypes for our own death and Resurrection. It is almost certain that you’ve always heard something very different.



Where did Jesus go after He died on Calvary?
Not to Heaven. Instead, He spent three
days and nights somewhere else.
He didn't take a trip to Heaven
on His resurrection, either.
He didn't go there until
forty full days later.



"Firstfruits" refers to the 1st example
of others who are to follow. Jesus is also
called *the firstborn from among the dead*.
You can find that at Colossians 1:18 and
Revelation 1:5. "Firstborn" is the KJV
word that came from the Greek word,
prōtokos. We get our word "prototype"
from it. Jesus is clearly the prototype for
our own future Resurrection. He is the
first to die and rise again, never to die
again.

We who serve Him can anticipate the
sequences that He experienced upon His
death and the same sequences as upon
His resurrection. Only because we are to
receive those other-dimensional bodies
upon our own twinkling-of-an-eye change
(1 Corinthians 15:52) will we be able to
survive the catastrophic events that will
yield the new heavens and the new earth.
Our current flesh-and-blood bodies would
not be able to withstand the heat!

"I AM."

Most churchgoers may know that "I AM" in the Old Testament is what God called Himself, but how many are fully aware of its significance in the New Testament? Many good people are genuinely surprised to learn that Jesus actually said, "Before Abraham was, I AM." That's at John 8:58. Here, our focus is on one of Jesus' remarkable "I AM" proclamations that almost every version of the Bible misquotes! Sadly, that includes my personal favorite, the KJV.

Please make a note...in indelible ink—

In the KJV, whenever a word or phrase appears within [square brackets] or in *italics*, that is to indicate that it doesn't appear in ANY of the older Greek or Hebrew manuscripts. We currently perceive no malice on the part of the

KJV translators. It's more likely that they were trying to enhance the value (to us) of their work. But even innocent error is still error.

The KJV word “Christ” at Luke 21:8 always appears either within [square brackets] or in *italics*, depending on the publisher. This is how that verse reads in my KJV Bible: “...for many shall come in my name, saying, I am [Christ]; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.” Remove the bracketed word to understand how He would likely have expressed that in 21st-Century English: “Many will come in my name saying that **I**, Jesus, **AM** and that the time draws near. Don't follow them!”



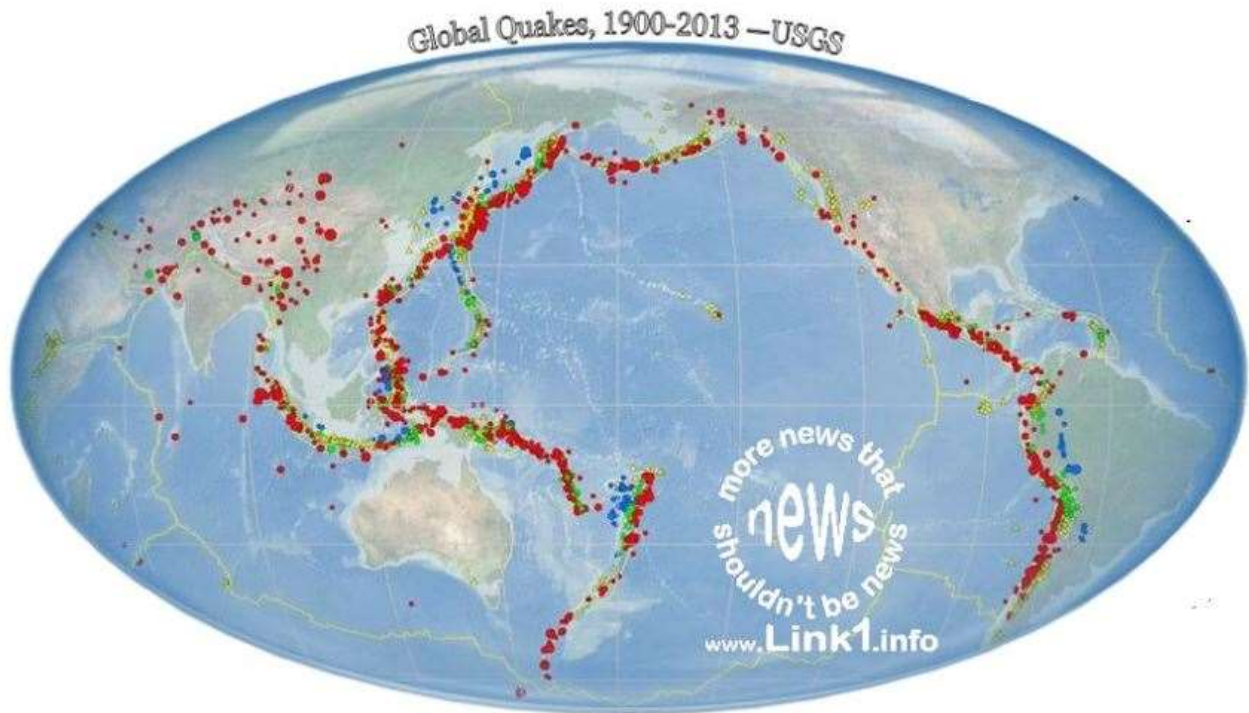
Wolves in **SHEEP'S** clothing” are with us in abundance today. They all carry “Jesus is Lord!” banners. Wolves in **SHEPHERD'S** clothing” will appear LATER. Each of those guys will proclaim himself to be Christ. Their signs and wonders will be genuine! Most believers and their preachers will fall for it.

- > “Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here [is] Christ, or there, believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it [were] possible, they shall deceive the very elect. —Matthew 24:23,24

What is the reasonable likelihood that any *maverick* false prophet could deceive many, today? Is it possible that those who're credentialed by today's mainstream denominations are uniquely positioned to deceive many? If there were to emerge a strong *maverick* prophet – false or faithful and true – would today's mainstream religious establishment not promptly crush him? The 1st-Century religious establishment did that.

Earthquakes & Wars

You've heard that wars and rumors of wars and earthquakes in diverse places and things like that are signs that Jesus will be coming soon. Have you ever really, really thought about that...after having diligently searched the pertinent scriptures? If so, you must've asked yourself this question: "When in the entire course of human history were those events not commonplace? Yet, Bible "experts" continue to hype that narrative like NWO Globalist puppets hype their hilarious "climate change" narrative.



Jesus mentioned those things in His responses to the original Disciples' question, "When are you coming back, what'll it be like and how can we know for sure when that'll be?" His initial response is recorded at Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21. So, what did He say about wars and rumors of wars and earthquakes in diverse places and such as that? Here's the essence of it—

- ✓ Those things that've been commonplace throughout human history will all continue, as always, "**but the end is not yet.**" You can find that at Matthew 24:6.

Yes; you've heard differently, I know. Me, too. Judgment Day will be traumatic for professional end-time-prophecy "experts." Until then, though, millions of naive believers with itching ears will keep on heaping teachers unto themselves...and giving them money. (See 2 Timothy 4:3.)

That Wonderful End-Time Revival—



A Great End-Time Revival

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We've all been hearing that there will be a great end-time revival. It's scriptural. It will be well attended by millions upon millions of good people across the globe. Sincere church folk and their preachers. There'll be *genuine*, medically confirmed miracles of healing. There'll be amazing supernatural phenomena of every variety you can imagine. Atheists, Agnostics and Secular Humanists will soon be seen in attendance by the thousands. There will be Moslems, Hindus and Buddhists, too. Those former skeptics will conclude that the Christian faith has finally gained some credibility. Read 2 Thessalonians 2:3,4 to learn who will be the headliner attraction.

"Jesus is coming soon!"—

Ever since 1830, Christians have been telling unbelievers that Jesus is coming soon. How has that affected those unbelievers? It's fair to say that it has substantially increased their skepticism. It has also added to the frustration of believers who've done their homework. Before 1830, that "coming soon" phrase wasn't even a small part of the Christian vocabulary—not a coincidence.



Revelation 3:11 [KJV] reads like this: “Behold, I come **quickly**^{G-5035}: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.” Thayer’s Greek Lexicon’s definition of Strong’s G-5035, *ταχύ* (neuter of the adjective *ταχύς*), an adverb transliterated “tachy,” is “**quickly, speedily.**” The confusion is partly because most of the New Age Bible versions mistranslate the original Greek word, *ταχύ*, as “soon.” The Interlinear texts confirm that the only correct English translation is “quickly.” We must be careful to protect the credibility of our message, so let’s stop telling people that Jesus is coming soon; okay?

Chapter 4 —The Nurturing and Growth of That Other *Twin*



“When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child,
I thought as a child: but when I became a man,
I put away childish things.”

—1 Corinthians 13:11

Milk-fed Baby Christians are in perpetual pursuit of *the warm fuzzies*. Maturing Christians seek and gain knowledge as if it were a treasure they MUST acquire before they die. They enjoy delicious and steady diets of rich scriptural meat. What is the relative likelihood that they can get that “in church?”

- ✓ “My people are destroyed for lack of [sincerity?] [prayer?] [believing “what ‘we’ believe?”] [worship?] [holiness?] [getting “truly ‘saved’?”] [regular church attendance?] [hyperspirituality?] [righteousness?] [faith?] knowledge. Because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee.” —Hosea 4:6

If you have ever driven a car without power steering or power brakes, you may find it easy to understand how The Holy Ghost works. With power, a person has to execute the exact same motions for a given task that he would

for that task without power. The difference? It becomes a lot easier...so that the person is less likely to become weary in well doing!



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We have encountered very few pentecostals who know the history (the fully-vetted history) of modern pentecost. It came as no surprise to us that few of those good folk have acquired an objective comprehension of the First-Century events on and after the Day of Pentecost. We pray that what follows will prove enormously helpful to lots and lots of sincere folk who diligently seek Truth. A good starting place may be Peter's introductory remarks to that marvelous sermon on the Day of Pentecost—

Acts 2:16-18 records what Peter said in his native tongue, Aramaic—

“But this is that which was spoken **BY** the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass IN THE LAST DAYS, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.”



Well known was the fact that Galileans were not well educated folk. With few exceptions, they only knew the Aramaic tongue. That is why those Jews were surprised to hear Galileans speaking in the multiple tongues of the countries where they or their families had emigrated.

They were in town for the Feast of Pentecost. They were a well-educated lot. Each was multilingual. They learned Hebrew and Aramaic as kids. Having emigrated to multiple other regions, they had become fluent in the tongues of society and commerce, where they lived.

What we think you'll find interesting is that they had read Joel 2 many, many times, but in the Hebrew tongue. **They had never heard the words of Joel 2 in the languages of the countries where they and their families had emigrated.**

Peter's only task, then, was to help them understand that the **"THIS"** that you've just heard in those multiple other languages **is "THAT" which you've heard and read many times, but in the Hebrew tongue!**

Joel 2:28,29—

"And it shall come to pass **AFTERWARD**⁷ [that] I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit."

⁷ After WHAT? Read Joel 2:1-27 for a major surprise!

So why was that introduction to Peter's sermon a major **"Aha!" moment** for those devout Jews? That'd be because each of them had been having to juggle three (3) very different languages—and at 9:00 o'clock in the morning! Here's how those "dots" connect—

- a) Each of them had just heard verbatim quotations of the text of Joel 2, supernaturally spoken in his own native tongue.

- b) They had frequently read the text of Joel 2, but in the original Hebrew tongue. [Hebrew was the primary original written language of the Old Testament.]
- c) They were listening to Peter speaking to them in the only language he knew—Aramaic. It's the language Jesus used with His twelve closest disciples, who were all Galilean, except for Judas.
- d) The primary function of Holy-Ghost-inspired introduction to Peter's sermon [Acts 2:14,15] was to help them connect the dots! Once they had done that, their ears to hear were proportionately piqued; i.e.: they felt like they had to get some additional information and insight—fast! It was at that specific point that they had acquired EARS TO HEAR! “אִיצַט מִיר פֿאַרשטײן” which, in English, is “**NOW we understand!**” It was the pivotal “Aha!” moment for those devout Jews.
- e) Because the fullness of time was now prime, the remaining words of Peter's sermon [recorded at Acts 2:16-41] yielded the pricking of their hearts unto repentance. For the record, they did NOT “get ‘saved’!” Instead, they repented UNTO Judgment-Day salvation The events on are our **ONLY** credible scriptural precedent.

The church at Corinth was apparently the only New Testament church that tried to duplicate the Day-of-Pentecost phenomena. Their failure was miserable – even blasphemous. Paul scolded them about that. The essence of 1 Corinthians 14:20 is this: “Stop thinking and acting like children, already!” Paul was not a happy camper when he was with those church folk at Corinth. E.g.: At 1st Corinthians 11:20-22, he rebuked some of them for getting drunk on the Communion Wine! (The Welch family hadn't invented their famous grape juice yet.)

The Campbell sisters, Mary & Isabella, Margaret Macdonald with her two brothers at Port Glasgow and Edward Irving at London were the “parents” of what was to become wildly popular as modern (and postmodern) pentecost.

It was the revival of Corinthian pentecost: It bears no resemblance to the Day-of-Pentecost phenomena.



You may want to read Joel 2 again, to confirm when we can anticipate a revival of the genuine phenomena of the Day of Pentecost.

While it is true that the Holy Ghost can speak supernatural interpretations through humble believers, those interpretations can, scripturally, serve only to CONFIRM what a given bilingual or multilingual unbeliever has already understood in his native language. That's precisely what happened at Acts 2. Given a perfect match, the heart of an unbeliever may only then be pricked to repentance unto salvation—as on the Day of Pentecost:

- ✓ “And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes, Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues **the wonderful works of God.**” —Acts 2:8-11

Those “wonderful works of God” that they heard in their own languages were the verbatim wonderful works of God that were written **BY** the prophet Joel. You may never have heard the straight scoop on this from any pulpit, but you can now take it to the bank! There is no intelligent debate.



If they had heard a *message* from God telling them to repent and be baptized, then we might credibly enjoy “‘messages’ in tongues” and “Thus sayeth the Lord, thy God...!” interpretations in our churches. But they didn’t and we can’t! Even if there *were* “‘messages’ in tongues” from God they’d never be to Believers...only to Unbelievers—

✓ “Wherefore tongues are **for a sign, NOT to them that believe, but to them that believe not...**” —1 Corinthians 14:22

But...but...but what about all those messages in *unknown* tongues from God to church people? There is **no scriptural precedent for “messages” in tongues, known or unknown**, and never is a Holy-Ghost-inspired tongue for the benefit of believers!

Our objective readers have likely concluded that there were no “unknown” tongues on the Day of Pentecost. Many will find that there is also another pill that’ll be hard to swallow: **There is NO instance of “unknown” tongues in the Bible.** The only Holy-Ghost-inspired tongues are languages that are known to bilingual or multilingual unbelievers who are present to hear them in their own village dialects and thence be motivated to repent unto Salvation...as on the Day of Pentecost. **There is NO scriptural exception.**

Yes, there are two verses in which the KJV translators included the phrase, “‘unknown’ tongues.” In each of those cases that word, unknown, is either in **italics** or square **[...]** brackets, depending on the publisher. That’s how the KJV

informs us that the translators added a given word or phrase—that neither it, nor any equivalent of it appears in any original manuscript.

If the Galileans of Acts 2:4 had spoken in the unintelligible gibberish that, later, characterized the hyperspiritual Corinthian episodes, there could have been no effective sign to the unbelievers that were present on that Day.

When people perceive the need to hyperspiritualize the tools of ministry that are purely practical and pragmatic by scriptural prescription, they invite the intrusion of those seducing spirits we're warned about at 1 Timothy 4:1 and 1 John 4:1. Seducing spirits cannot coexist with God's Holy Spirit.

You're not convinced? Acts 2:4 is one of just three (3) examples of Holy-Ghost-inspired tongues in the entire Bible. Any other scripture that some zealous sans-knowledge person may cite is nebulous, at best.

The scriptures give us not even one example of Holy-Ghost-inspired tongues at Corinth. Paul wrote of an abundance of evidence that the Corinthian "tongues" in no way resembled the Holy-Ghost-inspired tongues of Acts 2:4, 10:46 and 19:6.

Among charismatics and postmodern pentecostals, there is an effort to yield an air of increased sophistication to those messages in *unknown* tongues: "glossolalia."

We think Satan and his army of super preachers will inspire genuine tongues, genuine miracles and genuine interpretations when he successfully masquerades as Jesus. Who'll be the first group to fall for it? *Hmmm...* If you have read 2 Thessalonians 2 recently you will recall that there will be a falling away before Our Lord returns. We're convinced that those supernatural demonstrations will be the primary culprit. Who but hyperspiritual folk would fall for it first?

While you're chewing on that you may also be smart to remember this: Unbelievers cannot "fall away." You may also recall that to those who will refuse to believe the Truth, God will send a strong delusion so that they'll believe a lie and be damned.

All scriptural examples of interpreted Holy-Ghost-inspired tongues have three things in common—

- ❶ What is spoken is **either praises to God** (a.k.a. “prophesying” in the New Testament context) **or**, as at Acts 2, **proclaiming the wonderful works of God**.
- ❷ What is spoken is **ONLY for foreign-language-speaking unbelievers**; and **NEVER for the benefit of believers**—especially monolingual (i.e.: single-language) believers.
- ❸ **ONLY when a tongue is a perfect match for an unbeliever’s hometown dialect is it to be deemed a credible and, thence, an effective sign.**

After each “‘message’ in ‘tongues’” at a large pentecostal church near us, the longtime now-deceased pastor always growled into his microphone, “Who was that for?” Dozens of naive believers raised their hands. By what spirit...?

He held a doctorate degree in theology and he taught ministerial students at a well-known Bible university. Is it even possible that he was not familiar with the pertinent scriptures...and even the original languages...and the fully vetted history of modern and postmodern pentecost?

Might he have been purposefully withholding his full knowledge of truth, so as to sustain the momentum of his financial empire? Might denominational politics and allegiance to the bias of denominational doctrines also play roles in that? (Every denomination owns a “what ‘we’ believe” franchise.) Given any other profession, wouldn’t that be malpractice?

Was that *reverend doctor’s* motive conscious or subconscious? In either case, would **you** be willing to trade places with him on Judgment Day? In what specific ways might that scenario differ from Holy Ghost blasphemy?

Then, who'd be guilty of it?...pentecostal believers? ...pentecostal preachers?
Can Holy Ghost blasphemy be forgiven?

We must pray for millions of sincere, but misinformed believers who've invested considerably more of their *Faith Equity*_{SM} in their preachers than in God's written word:

✓ “Thus saith the LORD; Cursed [be] the man that trusteth in man...”
—Jeremiah 17:5

If an unbeliever's only language were English, in what possible way might the utterance of any “‘unknown’ tongue” inspire him to repent and to become a Christian?

How many foreign-language unbelievers have heard praises **TO** God or testimonies **OF** His wonderful works in their own native tongues and dialects at your pentecostal church? How many of them have been amazed again when a second speaker has interpreted, accurately, what had been spoken by the first speaker? How many of them have subsequently testified of such life-changing experiences? If none, then what discerning believer would want to trade places with **you** on Judgment Day?

The GIFT of Tongues

Just two (2) verses in the entire Bible address the gift of tongues. They are 1 Corinthians 12:10 and 1 Corinthians 12:28. In the first example, that gift is called “[divers]’ tongues.” In the second one, the KJV translators’ “‘diversities’ of tongues” is similar. Then, how is it that every tongue-talker we have heard since the late 1940s appears to have received a gift of just ONE tongue? Surely, you’ve observed that, too...

💣 Some tongue-talkers have polished their single tongue to a high gloss. (Might that justify the endeared term, glossolalia?) That tongue may sound quite dignified, too. But have you noticed that each speaker’s

accent and phrasing are always the same with each new “‘message’ from God?”

Why would the Holy Ghost grant the gift of “diversities” of tongues? Wouldn’t that be to make sure that, no matter what the native language and dialect of an unbeliever who might be present, there might always be a credible sign for him—as at Acts 2, our ONLY clear precedent?

✓ “He that speaketh in an [unknown] tongue **edifieth himself.**”
—1 Corinthians 14:4

If no one had ever told you what that verse means, how might YOU paraphrase it?

Paul wrote at 1 Corinthians 12:30 the rhetorical question, “Do all speak with tongues?” Given that, what is the scriptural justification for the often repeated exclamation, “If you haven’t spoken in tongues within the last year you need a refilling of the Holy Ghost!”? Isn’t it abundantly clear that the only folk who supernaturally speak in multiple languages (after the admittedly plausible, but impossible-to-substantiate-with-scripture) *initial* evidence of Holy Ghost baptism are the few who receive the very rare gift of multiple languages? And didn’t Paul make it clear that that is the least-desirable of all the gifts?

I’ve known thousands of pentecostals. Not much is more important in church to them than those “‘messages’ in tongues.” It is the practice by which they can gain reciprocal acceptance in their local pentecostal peer groups.

Tens of thousands who sit faithfully in pentecostal pews, having never experienced a personal “speaking-in-tongues” event, think there must surely be something wrong with them. I know: Several of them have come to me for counseling over the years. I offered them some terrible counsel, too...before I began studying to show myself approved unto God, a workman who has no need for shame. Wish I could take it all back!

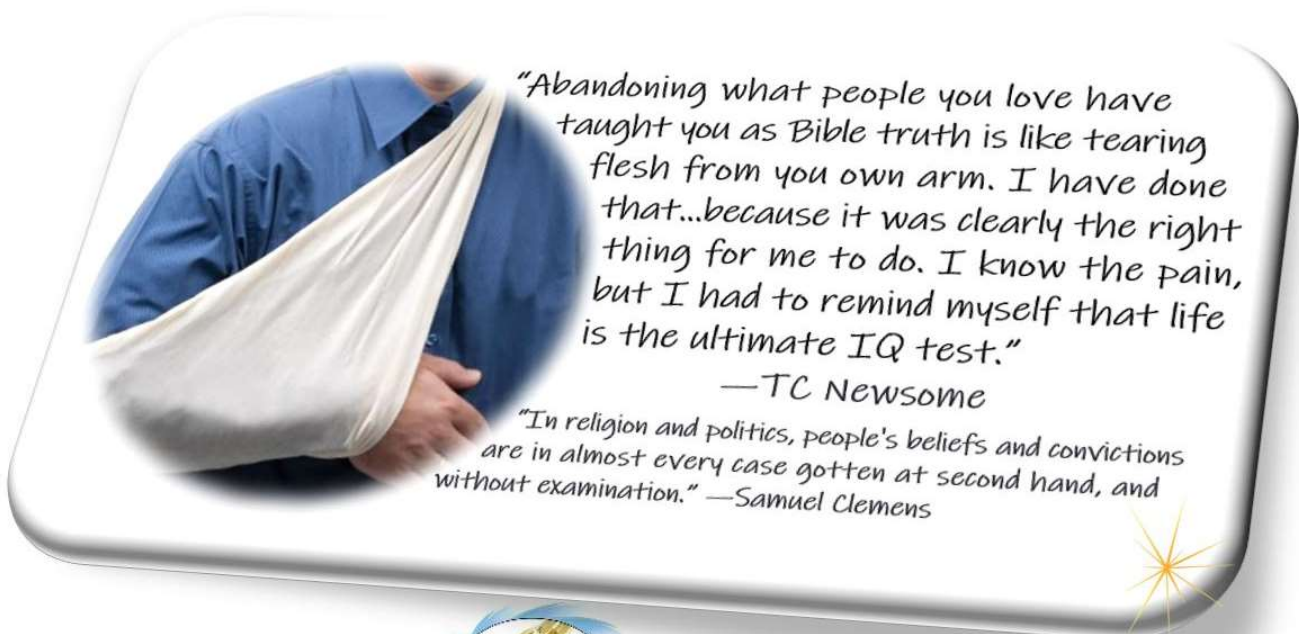
Clearly, someone they have fully trusted has told them, “Just keep on seeking for it, my dear sister: In matters like this we just have to have faith!”

Given Paul’s unmistakable position on the least-desirable of all the gifts, how do you think he might respond to the notion that one of Christ’s lambs must substantially invest her *Faith Equity*_{SM} in the pursuit of tongues?

The “dots” won’t “connect” when the scriptures are wrongly divided. Surely, you have at least wondered about that...and kept it to yourself for fear of being labeled a “Doubting Thomas.” (If the Acts 17:11 Bereans were more noble than the Thessalonians, was Thomas more noble than all Jesus’ other disciples?)

Given the reminder that, per 2 Timothy 1:7, God has given each of us the spirit of a sound mind I became extremely curious: How and why could people with sound minds ignore the clearly written words of scripture in favor of “what people I love and respect have always taught me” and/or “what ‘we’ believe,” especially when the contrasts are so stark?

It eventually became clear to me that church people trust their preachers and denominational experts far more than is biblically prescribed. There is strong evidence of that in this: “Thus sayeth the LORD; ‘Cursed be the man that trusteth in man.’” —Jeremiah 17:5



- ✓ “The illiterate of the 21st Century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn.” —Alvin Toffler, American futurist



Tongues of Angels

A former pastor, overflowing with righteous indignation, challenged me via email: “You’re dead wrong about tongues always having to be the known languages of men, sir! Paul said he spoke with the tongues of angels!”

- ✓ “Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have not charity, I am become [as] sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.”
—1 Corinthians 13:1

I wrote back, “As always, my friend, I appreciate scriptural feedback and rebuttal, but here are some things you may want to ponder on that topic:

“At 1 Corinthians 14:2, Paul wrote, ‘Wherefore tongues are for a sign not to them that believe, but to them that believe not.’ If there were Holy Ghost inspired utterances of angelic (i.e.: truly unknown) languages, how and why might they ever serve as a credible and effective sign to any unbeliever? How and why might an unbeliever’s heart be pricked to repentance unto salvation because of them, as was the case with the known tongues of the unbelievers who heard them at Acts 2?

“How might they serve any useful purpose except, perhaps, to inflate the egos of the tongue-talkers?

- ✓ ‘He that speaketh in an [unknown] tongue edifieth (i.e.: entertaineth) himself.’ —1 Corinthians 14:4

“And of what possible ministry value is speaking ‘into the air?’
—1 Corinthians 14:9

“Those Corinthian church folk were clearly out of control. Paul’s message to them was not of encouragement and edification; but of strong correction, chastisement and rebuke. His 13:1 is objectively characterized as hyperbole—an extravagant statement or figure of speech not intended to be taken literally.

“Unbelievers who witness the unintelligible utterances of pentecostals for the first time are typically scared to death! Please note that my ‘scared to death!’ phrase is hyperbole, too.

“The Holy Spirit gives utterance only to languages that, though unknown to a speaker, are necessarily heard and understood – with no supernatural assistance whatsoever – by at least one foreign-language-speaking unbeliever.

“‘Unknown’ tongues are uttered by the power of seducing spirits, as addressed at 1 John 4:1 and 1 Timothy 4:1. The jury is in: Again, that point is not intelligently debatable.”

That former pastor chose not to respond. Had he learned? If not, of what value is God’s clearly written word to him?

✓ “...thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.” —Revelation 3:1



Foundation of Our Faith

“Don’t bother us with what the Bible says; we know ‘what we believe’ about Pentecost!” Those weren’t the words, but it was the tone of a letter from the pastor of a small pentecostal church who had received one of our early pamphlets from a church member. He wrote, “By what authority do you attack the foundation of our Pentecostal faith?”

I wrote back, “I am happy to apologize for any such attack if you will be kind enough to direct me to the specifics of it, sir. That may be a difficult

task, though: While I have cited a credible collection of scriptures that appear to be a strong indictment against some of your doctrines and practices, my initial thought is that those scriptures (not I) have angered you. Our two-edged sword hurts when it cuts. I've learned that I can't grow without a few cuts.

"I am particularly burdened by something you have written, though: Does the foundation of your faith *really* rest on your practice of unknown tongues and their interpretations?"



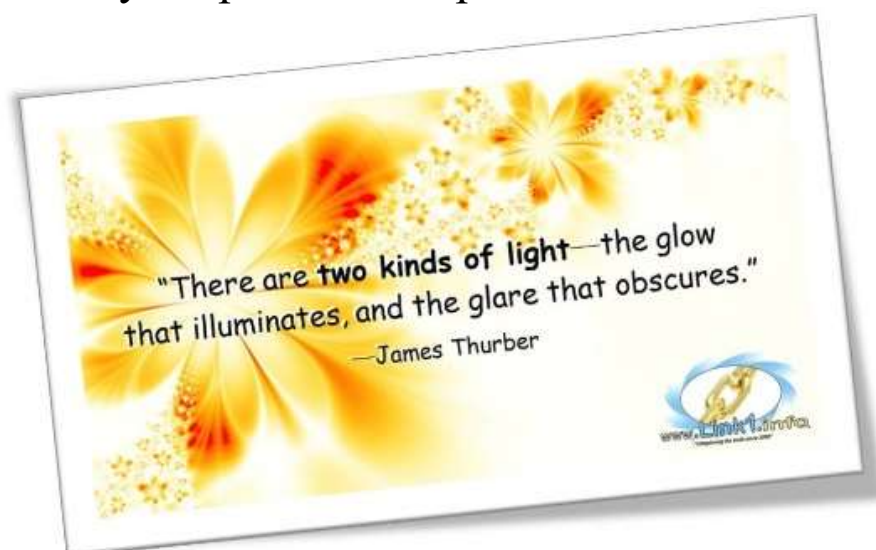
My Special Prayer Language

A saintly sister announced, "Praise the Lord, brother! I have a special prayer language that the devil can't understand!"

I wrote, "I'm sure that feels good, but could you send me a scripture that suggests that there are languages that the smartest being God ever created can't speak and understand fluently?"

Two weeks later she wrote, "Romans 8:26 says the Spirit intercedes for us with groanings that can't be uttered."

I guessed that her preacher had helped with that, so I wrote, "Do you think you might ask your pastor to help us out with that 'cannot be uttered' part?"





Stammering Lips And Other Tongues

A sincere church lady explained timidly: “I think you’re mistaken about tongues having to always be known languages. Didn’t Paul say that God spoke to the Corinthians with stammering lips and other tongues?”

I responded, “You may be thinking about 1 Corinthians 14:21. What is the significance of that passage to you?”

“God speaks to us with stammering lips and in tongues, too!”

“But are you aware that Paul never wrote anything about stammering lips? And did you know that he also made it really clear that God never speaks to *believers* ‘in tongues’?”

“Oh, really?” she blushed, “Then where did I get that?”

“You may have heard a preacher paraphrasing what Paul said. But let’s take a look at the actual scripture—first, in your Bible [NIV] and, then, in mine [KJV]. But let’s also read the verse that precedes it and the one that follows it to make sure we both understand the context; okay?” I listened as she read from her NIV...

- ✓ “Brothers, stop thinking like children. In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be adults. In the law it is written: **Through men of strange tongues and through the lips of foreigners** will I speak to this people, but even then they will not listen to me, says the Lord. **Tongues, then, are a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers.**”
—1 Corinthians 14:20-22a [NIV]

I reviewed with her the phrases that are in bold, there, before I read from the KJV:

- ✓ “Brethren, be not children in understanding, howbeit in malice ye be children, but in understanding be men. In the law it is written, with [men of] other tongues and other lips will I speak to this people; and yet for all that they will not hear me saith the Lord. Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not for them that believe, but to them that believe not...”
—1 Corinthians 14:20-22a [KJV]

“Wow! That has a totally different meaning from what I had thought! So...ummm...do you think my preacher made up that ‘stammering lips’ thing?”

“No, he didn’t make it up; but did you know that human nature is the Sin nature?”

“I’ve never heard that, but it does make sense.”

“Human nature often gets us to try to make the Bible say what we want it to say...to support our denominational beliefs and such. Your preacher probably got that from the Old Testament, at Isaiah 27. Shall we do what we did before?

“I’d like that.” She appeared to really appreciate the reciprocal nature of our exchange.

- ✓ “Very well then, with foreign lips and strange tongues God will speak to this people, to whom he said, ‘This is the resting place, let the weary rest;’ and ‘This is the place of repose’—but they would not listen.”
—Isaiah 28:11,12 [NIV]
- ✓ “For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This [is] the rest [wherewith] ye may cause the weary to rest; and this [is] the refreshing: yet they would not hear.”
— Isaiah 28:11,12 [KJV]

“Okay! so *that’s* where the ‘stammering lips’ thing is!”

“Pentecostal preachers often choose to use Isaiah’s KJV text instead of what Paul wrote...well, because it fits better with the denominational *tongues* narrative. It behooves us to always remember that Paul’s message to those

extremely immature believers at Corinth was not intended to edify them as you may've heard but to chastise, scold and even rebuke them. That's precisely why Paul cited Isaiah 27:11,12, because Isaiah's intent was also to chastise, scold and rebuke. Do you think your preacher knows that?"

"Well, we pay him to know stuff like that, so I hope he does!" she again blushed.

"Isaiah was warning Israel (not Judah) of their upcoming defeat and captivity by the Assyrians (people of a foreign language for whom stuttering and stammering were possibly a pervasive genetic characteristic.) But, you see, our pentecostal preachers are prone to embellish what Paul wrote by substituting selected parts of what Isaiah wrote."

"My goodness!" Why would they do that?"

"That's the kind of question pentecostal churchgoers should start asking their preachers. It's why we must study the scriptures for ourselves. It's also why we are repeatedly warned about the danger of trusting others (any others) to do our diligent studying and critical thinking for us."

"Oh! And you're not alone in thinking that God speaks to believers 'in tongues.' Most pentecostals believe that; it's what they've been taught. But the scriptures say that can NEVER happen."

- ✓ "For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God." —1 Corinthians 14:2a [NIV]
- ✓ "For he that speaketh in an [unknown] tongue speaketh not unto men but unto God." —1 Corinthians 14:2a [KJV]

And then I probed, "What does that say about all those 'interpretations' in your church that start out with something like, 'Thus sayeth the Lord thy God!'"?

"Oh! My goodness! Now I'm getting really nervous!" she admitted. I'm going to have to do some really hard praying tonight! You have given me some major cause for concern!"

She had sidestepped my question, but I understood that: “Actually, it is not I who have given you cause for concern,” I explained, “but the written word of God, Himself. We must be very thankful that God is smart enough to have left his word in writing for us, so that we don’t *have* to take anybody else’s word for it. He knew, in advance, that many of the blind would become leaders—career professional leaders of the blind – who preach for a living.”

“That is soooo true!” she sighed, eyes open wide with amazement.

“I am often compelled to recite this Mart DeHaan quote to myself: ‘Most of us have to admit that on occasion we have used the Bible the way a drunk uses a lamppost—for support rather than light.’”

She responded, “I’ve learned so much, today! I can’t wait to share all this with my Sunday School class and with my pastor!”

I cautioned her, “You may be very wise to reflect on something Upton Sinclair once said: ‘It is difficult to get a man to understand something when his job depends on not understanding it.’”

“Oh! I get it,” she smiled and blushed a third time, holding her Bible so tightly that her knuckles revealed a stark white contrast to her very red fingers.

Was she to survive the inevitable attacks? I prayed that night that she might be granted wisdom...

Did The Apostle, Paul, Talk In Tongues?

Zeal can be a good quality for a person to display. It can be good at home, at work, in sports, in politics and in religion. But there’s a caveat: The operative phrase is “can be.” Here’s a familiar observation from the apostle, Paul—

✓ “I bear them witness: They have a zeal for God but not according to knowledge.”

1 Corinthians 14:18 is a verse that many uninformed and misinformed pentecostals get really, really excited about—

✓ “I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all!”

Here are some critical facts that most pentecostal believers and preachers appear to have overlooked. On the other hand, maybe they just don’t know. Not knowing might be okay for a parishioner but there are no excuses for preachers, seminary professors and theologians.

The language at Corinth was Greek, but Greek was NOT Paul’s native tongue. The good news is that it was one of several languages he spoke and wrote fluently. Having studied at the feet of Gamaliel, Paul was one of the most highly educated folk on Earth at that time.

Then, as now, the study of foreign languages was considered an important part of higher learning. While we don’t have a record of all the languages he spoke, it is apparent that he was at least fluent in Greek, Hebrew, Aramaic, Latin and (possibly an early form of what later became) Castilian Spanish.

So, yes, Paul would have been thankful that he spoke in more languages than all of the church folk at Corinth. But, to be effective in that church, he chose to always speak and write in the Greek language, the only tongue most (likely all) of those Corinthians understood.

Given the perpetual immaturity of the Corinthian people (1 Corinthians 11:21,22), it is not surprising that their zeal was for unknown tongues and curious interpretations. Their practices were beyond juvenile, though: They were clearly blasphemous.

The scriptures offer nothing at all of such practices in any other New Testament church. Were the other 1st-Century Christians less spiritual? Might they have been more noble – as had been the Acts 17:11 Bereans?

Tongues = Languages of Men; known languages, always. Holy-Ghost-inspired tongues are no different from any other foreign language, except for the supernatural origin of their utterances, the precision of their timing and their EXCLUSIVE focus on unbelievers.

These 1 Corinthians 14:6-12,20 excerpts may be worthy of your reflection—

- ✓ “...except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air...seek that ye may excel in the edifying of the church (implied: anything but ‘tongues’)...”

We’re given no evidence that Paul ever spoke in any tongue that he hadn’t learned at home or in school and used in real life.

Corinthian Pentecost

Zealots insist that modern pentecost was the revival of First-Century Pentecost. By now, you should have more than enough evidence to confirm that it wasn’t and isn’t that at all: It was/is the sinister revival of Corinthian pentecost. Huge differences. Along with the formerly lost house of Israel, those zealots may “...have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge.”

Together, we have now toured historical and Biblical records to learn why, how and when The Magic Twins_{SM} came on the scene, but we have yet to explore the growing-up of this *twin* on the American Continent. That train is just about ready to leave the station. You?

The modern pentecostal movement in the U.S.A. was built, primarily, on the attraction of good, but economically challenged people who were typically not well educated. Don’t get angry with me, here; it’s a purely objective observation. Other religious groups continue to thrive among people like that. The list is a lot longer than this one, but the examples that come to mind include the Moslem, Hindu and Roman Catholic faiths.

Leaders of the movement perceived a need to break away from that stereotype. They marketed the use of “more sophisticated” terminology for some of their practices. An example is the word, glossolalia. It sounds more dignified than tongue-talking; doesn’t it?

The multi-denominational “Charismatic” movement sprang up during the 1960s. Proponents billed it as more sophisticated than classic pentecost. That was the needed lubrication for its infiltration into several mainstream denominations that would, otherwise, have quickly rejected it.

By the early 1970s, many people and organizations that were affiliated with classic pentecost began to identify as “Charismatics,” too. It sounded and felt...well, *special*.

That era from the middle 1970s through the 1980s (and perhaps into the 1990s in some regions) featured the calming down, dressing up and smoothing out of modern pentecostal stereotypes, to transition the movement into this postmodern era.

Pastors of some of the larger pentecostal churches quietly (i.e.: They’d never admit to it.) selected and carefully coached a few folk who’d be allowed to exhibit their highly-polished, single-tongued gift of glossolalia in church services.

Savvy pentecostal preachers and lay church leaders also began to adopt corporate “dress for success” guidelines—to replace the downtown stereotype with an uptown flair of dignity and respectability.

All that helped! Many of them gained the coveted peer-group acceptance. That enabled them to rub friendly shoulders with non-pentecostal professional christians and such. The Charismatics had unwittingly cleared the path for that success.

Then along came christian television with a fanfare. Wildly successful telethons and such helped to market the glitzy image of a “new and improved” pentecost. Viewers could easily get the impression that all evangelicals are pentecostal.

Christian TV showcased some of the finest examples of pentecost-styled music, too. That had been the most effective drawing card in the pentecostal arsenal for decades. Perhaps you are aware that Elvis Presley’s music was

heavily influenced by his pentecostal upbringing. Jerry Lee Lewis and several others are examples of it, too.

But that new forum brought problems: choreographed, Vaudeville-style demonstrations of *divine healing*, distastefully made-up female hosts and long parades of charlatan dog-n-pony shows. Who could forget all that mascara, especially the mortar-mix of it with crocodile tears. And there was big hair, regal clothing and gaudy jewelry. That aside, these two things are readily observable:

- ✓ TV marketing clearly helped postmodern pentecost gain critical mass before the end of the 20th Century.
- ✓ Entertainment sells! That upbeat pentecost-styled music can be quite addictive!

Many of the Baby Boomers who had abandoned the pentecostal churches of their parents found that they just couldn't resist the nostalgia when they heard that music...maybe while channel-surfing.

Some reasoned, "It looks like pentecostal people may've gotten a little more dignified. Maybe I'll visit the First Church, uptown, with my live-in boyfriend and just see how it feels. Besides, maybe I owe Mom and Dad that much at least. Lord knows they tried!"

While much of organized Christianity is not fairing well, postmodern pentecost is clearly a marketing success. Evidence of God's blessing? or...well, you know.

ATTENTION!

For the following narratives to make sense to you, you should be familiar with these names—

- ✓ Mary & Isabella Campbell
- ✓ Margaret Macdonald

- ✓ Edward Irving
- ✓ John Nelson Darby
- ✓ The Magic Twins_{SM}

You should know the role each of them played to bring about the rebirth of Corinthian pentecost and why it happened in the early Nineteenth Century. If you've read Chapter 1, "Why 1830?" for full comprehension, there may be no need to review it; but if it has been a while you may want to scan through it for a refresher or two. There's also some critical information and insight in Chapter 3, "The Nurturing and Growth of the More Popular *Twin*."

Everyone who has spent much time in the church pews of any Christian church knows something about the Day of Pentecost. A few can even tell you about the history of The Feast of Pentecost. But how many church folk do you know who can tell you about the real history of the modern pentecostal (and postmodern) movement?

My younger brothers and I were typical pentecostal PKs and none of us knew. Did our mom and dad know? Doubtful. Our pentecostal grandparents on both sides of the family? Doubtful, too. I don't even know whether my preacher friends and the professors at my parochial alma mater know the real history of the movement. Some of those fellows have risen to the highest level of leadership within that world's-largest pentecostal denomination. Did they know? Do they know? How about the long parade of pastors with whom I served for decades? Did they know? If they did, they did a really good job of keeping it a secret. I don't think they knew.

The answers to those questions may never come, but I wanted to know. Felt like I needed to know. And I think you need to know, too. Here, I hope to help you separate the facts from the myths about how the movement got its start in the U.S.A.

Although there are some other stories afoot, you may have heard that it all started with the Azusa Street Mission, in Los Angeles. It didn't.

Postmodern pentecost is a marketing success, but who were the pioneers of modern pentecost on the American Continent? Prepare for some surprises!



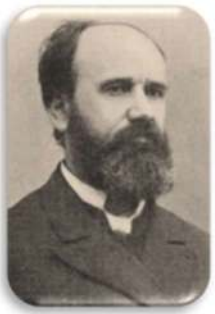
Frank Weston Sandford (1862–1948)

In August 1891, after claiming to have performed a successful exorcism, he established the closed commune, “Shiloh,” at Durham, Maine. A short time later, he renamed the commune “The Kingdom.” His signature initiative was “The Holy Ghost and Us Bible School.”

Where and from whom did he learn about *talking in tongues* and such? We have not been able to discover that. What we have learned is that after establishing “The Kingdom,” he acquired an oceangoing vessel that he also named “The Kingdom.” He was an experienced sailor and world traveler. That leads us to the conclusion that he was likely exposed to revived Corinthian pentecost in London from an Irvingite holdover. But maybe he had sailed to Port Glasgow to meet with relatives or friends of Mary and Isabella Campbell or the Macdonald brothers. (Lassie Margaret Macdonald died at an early age.)

Charles W. Nienkirchen wrote on pages 31-32 of A. B. Simpson and the Pentecostal Movement, that Simpson’s associate, Steven Merritt may have introduced Sandford to the neo-Corinthian pentecost phenomena. We have some really serious doubts about that, though: A. B. Simpson was the earliest, staunchest and most articulate critic of that theology and those practices.





Albert Benjamin Simpson (1843–1919)

Canadian preacher and theologian, A. B. Simpson wrote extensively about his scriptural objections to things associated with neo-Corinthian pentecost. Was he a pioneer of modern pentecost? He was, in fact, the première global critic of it. The first of his long series of globally-distributed publications about it is dated February 5, 1892.

We may publish a series of editorials about Simpson later. You'd be wise to do your own Internet searches, though, to gain some insight into the substance and nature of his critiques. You may also want to do your own research on the life and times of Frank Weston Sanford. Colorful characters, both!

The première ambassador of revived Corinthian pentecost in the U.S.A. was, in fact, the seafaring preacher, Sandford. Born in Bowdoinham, Maine, his *The Holy Ghost and Us Bible School* at Durham, Maine, was a literal hyperspiritual magnet to a parade of ambitious folk. They each learned what they could and many of them went on to find their own fame and fortunes.

An autocrat who demanded unquestioning loyalty, Sandford insisted that commune members pray (on their knees) for hours on end, fast regularly and live “by faith,” instead of seeking gainful employment. Malnourishment became a really serious problem. Sandford was convicted of manslaughter and cruelty to children in 1904, after 14-year-old Leander Bartlett died from it. Maine's Supreme Court reversed his convictions in 1905, though.

After that ruling, he sailed to Jerusalem several times. He traveled to Africa in 1910, on the *Kingdom* with more than 70 men, women, and children. In March, 1911, the *Kingdom* went aground and was destroyed off the coast of French West Africa.

He acquired another vessel soon after that and sailed in it to Greenland, to establish a mission station. Six members of his crew contracted scurvy and died. Authorities arrested him upon his docking at Portland, Maine. He was convicted and sentenced to seven years in the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary. Why? He had knowingly sailed without enough food or supplies. He got out early on “good behavior,” though.

Among the dignified folk who have, from time-to-time, been called the U.S. pioneer of Pentecost but got what they knew about it directly from Mr. Sandford was Charles Fox Parham.



Charles Fox Parham (1873–1929)

Preacher Parham first heard *tongue*-talking when some of Mr. Sandford’s students emerged from Shiloh’s Prayer Towers during his visit there in the summer of 1900.

After studying for at least six weeks at Shiloh, he and Sanford went on an evangelism tour of Canada. Shortly after that, he fashioned his Topeka, Kansas school for missionaries after “The Holy Ghost and Us Bible School.”

Both Parham and Sandford are on record as having insisted that all Holy-Ghost-inspired tongues are known languages. On page 453 of her book, Fair Clear and Terrible, Shirley Nelson wrote that six months before Parham visited Shiloh, Sandford had said it to a local newspaper reporter, who published it. That’s clearly in agreement with scripture, but Sanford and Parham were both in the habit of identifying the *tongues* they heard by the way they “sounded” to them, too.

We haven't learned when but, eventually (maybe decades later), some sensible person ascribed the “how hyperspiritual gibberish *sounds*” rationale to irrational, wishful thinking. We often wonder if that might've been A. B. Simpson...

Much of what is written about Mr. Parham suggests that he had never heard about any modern-day pentecostal phenomena. Yes; we are aware that the factual contradictions of that claim won't sit well with the pentecostal *religiously correct* crowd.

Parham taught his missionary students that there should be no need for them to study the foreign languages of the regions where they were to minister. He insisted that, according to the Bible, those foreign languages should spring forth automatically, for efficient and effective communication of the Gospel message to any group of foreign-language natives. They believed him. Their believing yielded embarrassing failures in those lands beyond the sea and left many of them financially destitute and fully disenchanting.

The heartbreaking news of that reached A. B. Simpson, making him extremely angry. He wrote extensively about the evil cruelty of it...the *nerve* of a person who masquerades as an agent of God who'd toy with the sincere trust of his followers!

Later, Parham co-founded the Assemblies of God, which claims not to be a denomination.⁸ It is registered as the World Assemblies of God Fellowship—a group of over 140 autonomous but loosely-associated national church groupings. Together, they are, in effect, the largest pentecostal *denomination* on the planet.

⁸ The largest officially-designated pentecostal denomination on Earth is The Church of God...the one with headquarters at Cleveland, Tennessee. Its primary founder and first General Overseer is known to have been connected with Frank Sandford, Shiloh, “The Kingdom” and “The Holy Ghost and Us Bible College.” More on that shortly.

But wait! There's more!

There is strong evidence to suggest that Parham's student, Agnes Ozman, had also known Maine cult leader, Frank Weston Sandford. She said that A. B. Simpson and his associate, Steven Merritt, were her two favorite spiritual teachers. We think her claim...well, *empty*. Why? Again, Mr. Simpson was a major critic of all the hyperspiritual goings-on that observers justly associated with that early period of modern pentecost, U.S.A.



Miss Agnes Ozman (1870–1937)

Most writers say that on January 1, 1901, Parham's student, Ozman, became the first U.S. resident ever documented to have spoken, supernaturally in a known tongue.

Some say that language was perfect German. At least one report insists that it was not German, but Chinese—that she spoke only in Chinese for three days and that she could only write with Chinese characters. Others are quite certain that Miss Ozman's tongue was unknown.

Preacher Parham was quite certain that it was German. How might he have arrived at that conclusion? Because we have yet to find evidence that any of the witnesses of that event could speak or understand any foreign language, we think it had just “sounded” like either German or Chinese or Corinthian-styled gibberish to them.

Whatever the truth about that, preacher Parham promptly embarked on a six-month tour of the Midwest and Southwest to market his **xenoglossolalia** doctrine. He preached that xenoglossolalia was soon to become widespread and the primary tool for world evangelism: “Just go to any country and open your mouth. God will take over from there!”

Many of his hearers got really excited about that, as you might imagine. But, still, there was no discernable evidence of the beginning of a Modern Pentecostal Movement. The xenoglossolalia revival fizzled almost as quickly as it had started. The Topeka school for missionaries closed its doors, too, in the Spring of 1901.

Enter William Seymour...



William J. Seymour (1870–1922)

The female pastor of a holiness church at Houston, Texas, introduced preacher Seymour to the subject of *tongues*. She had previously served as a governess at Parham's school for missionaries. There, she had learned about Parham's xenoglossolalia theory. For the reason that you will understand soon, it is unlikely that she had ever observed the phenomenon or spoken in *tongues*, herself.

Seymour enrolled as a student in a six-week Bible school that Parham agreed to bring to Houston in 1905, at the behest of his former governess. Parham insisted that Seymour sit in the hallway, though...his race, you know?

Seymour went on to found the **Azusa Street Mission** in a poverty-stricken neighborhood at Los Angeles, California. It was 1906. Excited about his early success, Seymour invited preacher Parham to visit his meeting. Parham came and immediately wanted to take charge of it. You can imagine, with us, what his motives might've been. When he didn't get his way, Parham left in a huff and started another pentecostal mission nearby. It quickly fizzled. Soon after that, he was arrested and charged with sexual molestation of several young boys. The charges against him were dropped, though: Some claim that the boys all refused to testify.

Charles Fox Parham was the enemy of Seymour and the Azusa Street Mission. In the monthly newsletter he published, he labeled it “a darkie camp meeting.”

The much lauded co-founder of the Assemblies of God, through which my late father was ordained, Parham was a KKK member. His surviving family members denied it.

Seymour quickly became disillusioned with white *tongue*-talkers. The white folk left. His mindset may be justly characterized by this question: “How can, and why would the Holy Ghost speak through people who hate other Christians? He doubted the validity of their pentecostal experiences. The Azusa Street mission and its fiery revival slowed to a nearly all-black simmer and then quickly faded with the setting of the sun.

Seems to us his doubting was fully justified. We cannot help but wonder, though, if he ever studied to learn what the Bible specifically says about tongues. You may also wonder if he ever read those warnings at 1 Timothy 4:1 and 1 John 4:1 about the seducing spirits that yield *the warm fuzzies* that most evangelical Christians associate with The Holy Spirit.

Open displays of Occult activity were documented—hypnotic trances, fleshly contortions and Spiritualistic manifestations. Some tried to conduct séances. Occult spirits are real.

Seymour seldom preached at Azusa Street. When he did, he typically read just one or two words at a time from a really small Bible. Then he would walk the room, challenging unbelievers face to face and shouting to those kneeling at the altars to “Let the tongues come forth!” and sometimes “Be empathetic!”

It’s true! The Azusa Street revival attracted an amazing gaggle of opportunistic charlatans. Magicians, Occult practitioners, spiritualists and, Oh! lots and lots of preachers! The preachers may’ve been looking for something new and exciting that they might use to attract followers and followers’ dollars. Reasoning that “This stuff is extremely marketable!” most of them jumped at the chance to start their own pentecostal churches.

Most of those churches failed, but least two of them had staying power. The Church of God In Christ and the mostly-white Assemblies of God are said to be the *legitimate* groups whose founders had abandoned the Azusa Street Mission.

But there must have been a few preachers who visited the Azusa Street revival who were naive, but sincere seekers of Truth. Just one man prompts us to draw that conclusion...



Gaston B. Cashwell (1860–1916)

Cashwell played a major role in the bringing of several Holiness groups into the modern pentecostal camp. A Methodist Episcopal Church minister at first, he joined the Holiness Church of North Carolina in 1903. In November, 1906, he traveled to Los Angeles to visit the Azusa Street revival. About a month later, he had an experience that he thought was baptism in The Holy Ghost—with *tongues*.

On December 31, 1906, he preached about it in the Holiness Church at Dunn, North Carolina. Interest was great. He rented a local tobacco warehouse and began a month-long crusade. A revival broke out.

Most of the Pentecostal Holiness Church, the Fire-Baptized Holiness Church and the Holiness Free Will Baptist Churches were swept into modern pentecost via that revival. Over the next six months, Cashwell's preaching throughout the Southern U.S. yielded many converts to pentecostalism. His zeal and influence in spreading the news of *an exciting new thing from God* earned him the title, "Apostle of Pentecost to the South."

On January 12, 1908, A. J. Tomlinson, a co-founder and the first general overseer of The Church of God at Cleveland, Tennessee fell to the floor after hearing a sermon by Cashwell. He claimed to have spoken in at least ten (10) foreign tongues. How might he have determined that? How many multilingual folk do **you** think there were in 1908 East Tennessee to confirm it? *Hmmm...*

And Then Cashwell Jumped Ship!

After having exacted such a strong impact, Gaston Cashwell vanished from the pentecostal scene to rejoin the Methodist church in 1909. That was but three short years after he started! He distanced himself from everything that even resembled pentecost. We think we know why, but that's conjecture: We'll leave it to your personal pondering...



Ambrose Jessup Tomlinson (1865–1943)

A Quaker and colporteur⁹ for the American Bible Society, Tomlinson was yet another well-known denominational leader who had connections with Frank Sandford's *Shiloh* church, *The Kingdom* and *The Holy Ghost and Us Bible School* at Durham, Maine.

⁹ a peddler of religious books

Along with R. G. Spurling and my maternal grandfather, M. S. Lemons, Tomlinson founded the Church of God at Cleveland, Tennessee. He was its first general overseer. Again, only because the Assemblies of God claims not to be a denomination, the Church of God is the world's largest pentecostal denomination.

For decades before my 2006 retirement, I was also a Bible teacher. By the measure that is currently acceptable within familiar Christian circles I was a very successful Bible teacher—large Sunday morning sanctuary classes, etc.

As with other Bible teachers and preachers, my primary study curriculum was prescribed, printed and distributed by our denomination. That literature always directed me to scriptures that would yield competence to deliver each prescribed message. I always studied those passages diligently and prayerfully in preparation for each lecture.

I became an effective spokesman for our “what ‘we’ believe” franchise. (Every denomination has one of those.) Fully literate and reasonably intelligent, I never learned the pleasure of limiting my study to God’s written word...until later. Frankly, I wouldn’t have known how to do that. Professional Christians had done and were doing that for me...well, weren’t they? Who was I, a mere layman, to question the superior knowledge and insight of God’s exclusively called, chosen and anointed ones?

Annually, our churches praise the good folk who’ve read the Bible, cover to cover. To understand the folly of that practice, ask any of the honorees to explain what they learned from their twelve-month experience.



You may already know that “reading” and “studying” aren’t even first cousins. But are you and I any better, by comparison? I say no – for several important reasons. You can discover each of those reasons by becoming a regular visitor of our www.Link1.info site. For now, though, I’ll share three of the more obvious reasons why we think you and I are likely not better off than those who dutifully read the Bible through each year...in hot pursuit of participation trophies...and the accompanying *warm fuzzies*:

- ❶ “Life happens.” Arguably, it is almost impossible to find or even make time for a serious and reasonably productive study of God’s Written Word while working a job, pursuing a career or even being a stay-at-home parent. There is no reason to feel guilty about that; it’s just the way things are. But we might be wise to come to agreement on a definition of a serious, reasonably productive study of God’s Word. Here’s a working definition—
 - a. An organized, ongoing series of topic-specific personal Bible study projects that include comparisons of English-language versions¹⁰ of the Bible.
 - ¹⁰ Multiple versions of the Bible are little more than paraphrases or biased commentaries. Others are from questionable manuscripts.
To learn what you’ll want to know about that, be sure to find and read G. A. Riplinger’s, New Age Versions. The first printing was in 1993. I have a copy of the eleventh printing, 2000. ISBN #0-9635845-0-2. Library of Congress catalog card #93-92561.
 - b. Enhanced by regular reference to Abbingdon’s Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible (for the original meanings of Hebrew & Greek words and phrases) and one or two Interlinear Hebrew/Greek-to-English literal translations. We can direct you to online access to both of those extremely valuable resources:
www.Link1.info/contact-us.
 - c. The intermittent study of World History & Church History. I am continually delighted to discover that the two are inseparable! Together, they are “**HisStory!**” If my high school History teachers

and my college History professors had disclosed that, I would've been a great student. They didn't and I wasn't. Am now, though. Whew!

- d. Reading, studying and analyzing each scripture, always, as-if-no-one-had-ever-explained-what-it-means.
- ② Our churches do not teach us HOW to study God's word. They teach us WHAT to study—to confirm “what ‘we’ believe.” Diligent folk become fully versed, thence, in “what ‘we’ believe.”
- ③ Consistently, our preachers work to gain and maintain our trust. For the most part, that trust is misplaced. See Jeremiah 17:5 to confirm it.
 - a. Prior to the 20th Century, literacy was the exception. Parishioners had no choice but to trust their preachers to dispense truth. Why do literate folk continue in that no-longer-necessary-or-acceptable dependency?
 - b. Should you trust any member of the Bible Explorers Club, LLC, for truth? No. Our primary objective is to expose the stark contrasts in Bible truth and the attractive fables that've cunningly slithered into the mainstream of Christian teaching. We pray that when you have comprehended each of those contrasts, you will use your own mind to begin the rewarding process of separating what's true from what's new.

*Much of what is still new
masquerades today as
“old time religion.”*

The Occult practitioners at Azusa Street apparently felt right at home. A few may have known that euphoric *tongue*-talking pre-dates the Christian era—in pagan worship:

After his presumed *baptism in the Holy Ghost*, the late Dr. Marcus Bach became fascinated with the notion that other faiths might also manifest *tongues*: “...I learned some startling things. For example, it had never been pointed out to me until I prowled through historical commentaries that glossolalia had pre-Christian antecedents and that the phenomenon was by no means uncommon in ancient rituals where pagan gods were worshiped.” —p.72 of The Inner Ecstasy, by Dr. Bach

“When the exuberance of the worshipers reached rapturous heights, the incredible, sometimes musical utterances, began. They were like sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. The speakers became the center of attraction. Initiates listened enthralled and often they, too, became overpowered and burst into a babble of sounds. Something we did not have in Pentecostalism.

“These Greek festivals flourished during the Golden Age, the prehistoric period ruled by Cronus, god of the harvest. In these extravaganzas, held in spring and fall at planting and reaping time, devotees not only spoke in tongues but were also baptized in rivers. They sang and clapped their hands just as we did when we felt the Spirit.” —pp.72,73

“...the path of glossolalia led from the festivals of Eleusis to Delphi where the oracle sat in the sulphurous mist, her throne the tripod of Apollo, whose messenger she was...Here she prophesied and often when the ecstasy came upon her, her voice was taken over by Apollo and her words would be unknown even to herself. Men said she was intoxicated with the presence of the god, but a city grew up around Delphi because of her. Delphi—where men drank of the sacred stream and stood at the water’s edge and spoke in tongues.” —p.75

You can find the late Dr. Bach’s book for sale on the Internet or you can read it online (and even download it) from BYU’s Harold B. Lee Digital Library: <https://contentdm.lib.byu.edu/digital/collection/Bach2/id/8112>

We are convinced that God would not have left us His Written Word in a form that could be “interpreted” in many different ways by so many “experts” and organizations. Yet, each denomination claims a monopoly on truth.

- ✓ “All of us approach truth with our fists tightly clinched to our haggard bag of things we want to be true, desperately hope are true and notions we’re hell bent on pretending are true, regardless of what evidence [says] otherwise. This reality is as true for middle-aged white men with bad suits and obvious comb-overs as it is for tattooed hipster Christians who are heavier on cynicism than orthodoxy.” —Rick Henderson¹¹

¹¹ Preacher Henderson has demonstrated that for us in recent years. Subconscious?

Millions of believers study to confirm Doctrine. Few study to gain Truth. Per Matthew 7:13-14, God clearly prefers the few.

We sincerely hope and pray that you will embark on your own aggressive study of God’s written word to gain Truth—as opposed to studying to confirm Doctrine. We’re convinced that you will discover that it is much easier to do that than you might think.

You may even want to encourage a few close friends and/or family members to study with you.



I organized a group of people like that even before I retired. Multi-denominational, we quickly learned that we had each been studying to confirm “what ‘we’ believe.” Why? Because that’s what our preachers had taught us

to do! The more you study for Truth, the more you will learn about how and why your preachers have done that.

Maliciously? No; they're victims, too. The visible church has missed the mark of its high calling. The Church will arise from its ashes. Will you be counted with those who'll rise up with it? The Church (the one against which Jesus said the gates of Hell will not prevail) is alive and well, but it is has almost always been for the most part invisible. Might it include you?

SURVEY

re: Acts 1:8 POWER

♦ Power for What?

♦ What can Pentecostals do that non-Pentecostals can't (and don't) do with equal effectiveness?



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