



THE VOICE of ELIJAH

Restoring the hearts of the fathers to the children

An Idiot Won't Listen, but He Certainly Will Talk

1. I KNOW that some will attempt to say that, even according to the declarations of our own Scriptures, God is a body, because in the writings of Moses they find it said, that "our God is a consuming fire;" and in the Gospel according to John, that "God is a Spirit, and they who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." Fire and spirit, according to them, are to be regarded as nothing else than a body. Now, I should like to ask these persons what they have to say respecting that passage where it is declared that God is light; as John writes in his Epistle, "God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all."

Truly He is that light which illuminates the whole understanding of those who are capable of receiving truth, as is said in the thirty-sixth Psalm, "In Thy light we shall see light." For what other light of God can be named, "in which any one sees light," save an influence of God, by which a man, being enlightened, either thoroughly sees the truth of all things, or comes to know God Himself, who is called the truth? Such is the meaning of the expression, "In Thy light we shall see light;" i.e., in Thy word and wisdom, which is Thy Son, in Himself we shall see Thee the Father. Because He is called light, shall He be supposed to have any resemblance to the light of the sun? Or how should there be the slightest ground for imagining, that from that corporeal light any one could derive the cause of knowledge, and come to the understanding of the truth?

2. If, then, they acquiesce in our assertion, which reason itself has demonstrated, regarding the nature of light, and acknowledge that God cannot be understood to be a body in the sense that light is, similar reasoning will hold true of the expression "a consuming fire." For what will God consume in respect of His being fire? Shall He be thought to consume material substance, as wood, or hay, or stubble? And what in this view can be called worthy of the glory of God, if He be a fire, consuming materials of that kind? But let us reflect that God does indeed consume and utterly destroy; that He consumes evil

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A Note From the Editor

Have you ever stopped to think about what God expects of True Believers? The pages of *The Voice of Elijah*® and *The Voice of Elijah*® Update contain a lot of information with regard to what God demands of the True True Believer—all things I would expect a True Believer would want to make sure they knew. Here are some excerpts from the things Larry Harper has written through the years that touch on this very subject. Let's start with these two:

Let me tell you a secret. When God says something, He expects to be heard. He expects people to listen.
The Way, The Truth, The Life, p. 142

*The essential thing required of Believers for **inheritance of what was promised** is belief in The Teaching. However, through belief in the Truth, True Believers will find it possible to obey, and God expects them to obey. You can see therefore, that the Believer's battle against Satan's lies is the all-important determining factor in his walk with God. Under those circumstances, is it any wonder that Satan has lied to us?*
The Way, The Truth, The Life, p. 200, fn. 7

Alright, now listen to these expectations, requirements, demands, and responsibilities:

I warn you in advance that if the things you hear from me make sense to you, God expects you to dedicate yourself to mastering them—to prove yourself a true disciple of Jesus Christ, the Living Word of God. The challenge I face is to provide you the means to do that as quickly as possible, knowing full well that time is of the essence.
The Voice of Elijah® Update, August 1992, p. 4

What you believe makes a whale of a difference in what you do. That's what James is talking about here [James 1:21]. He's referring to people who have heard "the word" and have then "deluded themselves" into believing they can get by with giving God less than He requires. James knew what a lot of "Christians" today refuse to believe: God demands holiness—perfect holiness.
The Voice of Elijah®, July 1993, p. 5

God's only interest is knowledge for the sake of righteousness and holiness. In other words, where one has knowledge of the Truth, God expects action. He expects us to live in accordance with our knowledge.
The Voice of Elijah® Update, May 1994, p. 5

The responsibility of the True Believer is to live a life pleasing to God.
The Voice of Elijah® Update, May 1994, pp. 16–17

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“The Lord’s Day”? Really?—Part 3

This issue of *The Voice of Elijah*[®] is the first in my thirty-fifth year of writing articles for it. Over the past thirty-four years, I have gradually, in bits and pieces, revealed my understanding of my calling, the message of the Scriptures, and/or the white-hot hatred the *Living* God harbors for those who *choose* to reject, twist, and/or distort the Truth that Jesus Christ *handed down* to His disciples as *The Apostolic Teaching*. Over that span of time, I have not been shy about telling you not only *that* God called me to do what I am doing but also *why* He called me to do it. Along the way, I have explained various and sundry parts of the seven sealed messages I can “see” the Prophets hid in the text of the Hebrew Scriptures; but I have done it in such a way as to make it difficult for anyone but the most dedicated to use my explanation to put even one of those seven messages together into a coherent whole. That was intentional on my part.

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In this issue of *The Voice of Elijah*[®] newsletter, after almost sixty years of following God’s call on my life, I told you the time had finally arrived for me to put a few of the things I have written over the past thirty-four years together so that you True Believers can “see” the seven “threads” in the tapestry God’s Prophets wove into the fabric of the Old Testament. I told you that, by the time I have shown you all seven, you should be able to see just how stupid the unbelievers who contributed to the corruption and loss of *The Apostolic Teaching* really are. I said Satan’s minions have always been nothing but obstinate, obstructionist, and obsequiously observant of their own abjectly idiotic perversion of the Truth. But I also told you it won’t be long before the things that the

Apostle Peter describes in 2 Peter 3 come to pass; and just as he said:

In the last days mockers will come with mockery—those who are

(i) walking in accordance with their own selfish desires ⁴and

*(ii) saying: “Where is **the promise** of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell fast asleep—since the beginning of creation—everything continues to be the same.”*

⁵(2) *For wanting this to be {true}, it has escaped their notice that*

(a) {the} heavens were from long ago and

(b) {the} Earth stood up together with {them}

(i) out of water and

(ii) through water

(iii) by the word of the {living} God, ⁶by which the world at that time, which was flooded by water, was done away with.

⁷(3) *So now the heavens and the Earth, which have been stored up by the same word, are being kept for a fire on {the} day of {the} sentencing and eternal damnation of depraved men.*

(2 Peter 3:3b–7) —HSSB

After I showed you 2 Peter 3, I pointed out three verses in that chapter, the *significance* of which you may have overlooked:

So now the heavens and the Earth, which have been stored up by the same word, are being kept for a fire **on {the} day of {the} sentencing and eternal damnation of depraved men.**

(2 Peter 3:7) —HSSB

¹⁰(5) So **{the} day of His Majesty will come like a thief, on which {day}**

(a) *the heavens will pass away—whistling—and then*

(b) *elementary things, which are going to be incinerated, will be undone, and*

(c) *{the} Earth and the works {done} on her will be found to be {what they are}.*

¹¹(1) *Since all these things are going to be undone like this, what sort of {person} should you be in holy behavior and godliness, ¹²while expecting and hurrying the arrival of **the day of the {living} God, because of which {day}***

(a) *{the} heavens will be undone by being burned, and*

(b) *elementary things is going to be melted by being incinerated?*

(2 Peter 3:10–12) —HSSB

*The glory {is} His, both now and **in {the} day of {the} age to come. Without doubt!***

(2 Peter 3:18b) —HSSB

After I showed you that, I told you I am well aware of the arguments that those who have been duped by Satan use to “prove” the seven “days” of Creation are *literal* twenty-four hour days. I said that insipid stupidity evolved out of John Darby’s dumb Dispensational doctrine in which he claimed the Old Testament designation “Israel” can only refer *literally* to the Jews. I said his vapid beliefs in that regard are based on his total ignorance of the *significance* of the Hebrew idiom “cut off from,” which I explain in the book *Not All Israel Is Israel*.

I reminded you I have also shown how Satan’s Dispensational lie has come to be the dominant belief in our time in a booklet titled *Wanna Hear a Whopper?* I said I have no interest in once again refuting “the lie” inherent in those things, and I told you my only interest is in showing you what you need to know about “the day of His Majesty” (a.k.a. “the day of the Lord”), which Peter

knew was an *æon* (Age) that will begin when this current *æon* (Age) has ended:

*The glory {is} His, both now and **in {the} day of {the} age to come. Without doubt!***

(2 Peter 3:18b) —HSSB

After I swatted aside the idiotic notion that the seven *literal* “days” (Ages) of Creation are seven *literal* twenty-four hour days, I went on to show you why Satan has fought so vociferously over the past two centuries to keep his minions mindlessly believing idiotic concepts that are securely ensconced in the mind of unsuspecting dupes who have no idea that the myopic mental midget who dominates them has them riding his express train straight into the Pits of Hell. But I told you that dimwitted serial killer has been spreading “the lie” about the seven “days” of Creation to cover up an even bigger lie regarding a Truth stated in the first chapter of the first book of the Bible. I reminded you I have already put his lie to rest in the booklet titled *In the Image and Likeness of God*; so you may want to read, or reread, what I explain there to fill in the gaps in what I say here.

In that booklet, I refute the ridiculous notion that the “Adam” mentioned in Genesis 1:26–27 is our forefather. I also pointed out the fact that what the Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:45–46 about the two “Adams” demonstrates he knew Jesus Christ is the “Second Adam,” the “Adam” that Moses describes in the first chapter of Genesis, and the only “Adam” that God has ever created in His Own image and likeness.

After I made you responsible for *what you believe* with regard to the things I have explained over the years since I began writing, I gave you a bit more for which you will ultimately be held responsible:

1. *In Genesis 1:26–27, Moses tells us God planned to create Jesus Christ in His image and likeness on the sixth “day” of Creation.*

2. *In that same passage, Moses has also told us God said He would create “male and female” Believers in His image and likeness on the sixth “day” of Creation. I told you that is what the Apostle John had in mind when he wrote 1 John 3:2.*

3. *Since True Believers have not yet been created in the image and likeness of God, the only logical conclusion is,*

the seventh “day” of Creation has not yet begun; and we are still living in the sixth “day.” Therefore, those who seek to qualify still have an opportunity to be transformed into God’s image before the seventh “day” begins, which is precisely what Paul is explaining in Hebrews 3:1–4:11, where he is speaking in terms of (1) God “building a house” for Himself at the End of this Age, and (2) this current Age as the sixth “day”—that is, “Today.”

I told you the beliefs that stand behind what Paul says in Hebrews 3:1–4:11 are the same beliefs the other Apostles believed. That is, their beliefs are these:

1. Genesis 1:26–27 tells us God made a **promise** that He would supernaturally transform those who are able to prove they **believe His promise** into His very Own image and likeness on the sixth “day” of Creation—when He **fulfills the promise**.
2. The transformation of True Believers into the image and likeness of God will occur on the sixth “day” of Creation, at the Resurrection of the Righteous—which is **the fulfillment of the promise**.
3. Since the Resurrection of the Righteous has not yet occurred, we know the sixth “day” of Creation has not yet ended, and the seventh “day”—the Age in which God will rest—has not yet begun.
4. We are still living in the sixth “day” of Creation, so we still have hope of resting with God after the Resurrection of the Righteous, when the seventh “day” begins.
5. The seventh “day” of Creation will begin immediately after God has **fulfilled the promise** by resurrecting the Righteous in His Own image and likeness.

After I laid all that out for you to give the mockers that Peter mentions in 2 Peter 3:3–4 ample opportunity to deny the Truth regarding the seventh “day” of Creation, I went on to show you what the Prophets have said about the circumstances that will come into play when that seventh “day” of rest finally arrives. But I first showed you how the Book of Revelation describes it. I told you that, if that doesn’t terrify you, it is only because you don’t believe the consummation of the sixth “day” is right around the corner.

I said it might help you to envision the absolute horror that is facing the eight and a half billion unsuspecting believers in Satan’s ridiculous lies if you make a mental overlay of how John the Revelator describes it and place that horrific imagery right smack dab on top of what Peter says about the inferno that will usher in the seventh “day.” I told you that if that combination doesn’t help, just wait; what the Prophets say about “the Lord’s Day” should absolutely scare the pants off anyone with even half a lick of common sense. Then I showed you my translation of Revelation 17–18, where John the Revelator describes the circumstances that will exist here on the Great *Harlot*—Mother Earth—after the seventh “day” gets underway.

I warned you that, in spite of what the majority will choose to believe, the author of the Book of Revelation is describing circumstances leading up to a nuclear holocaust that announces the beginning of the seventh “day” of Creation (the Lord’s “day”) and the absolute horror that will face the few radiation-poisoned survivors who must deal with the aftermath as they slowly die an agonizing death. I told you to mock me if you will, but the Prophets do not hold back on this one, and they tell it like it will be, not the way fools want it to be. But I warned you that you need to pay close attention to Revelation 18:6–7 because it is referring back to something the Prophet Isaiah said that will tie everything together all neat and tidy for those who have eyes to see.

Then I reminded you that, in the very first issue of *The Voice of Elijah*® newsletter, I told you Isaiah is using the *parabolic image* of “Babylon” in Isaiah 14, where he describes the appearance of the Antichrist as one who is *parabolically* LIKE the king of “Babylon.” And I told you Isaiah *parabolically* describes the salvation of “*The Remnant*” of God’s People as well as the destiny of *The Harlot*—Planet Earth—in Isaiah 13, where he makes it clear that those who refuse to “keep Sabbath” on the sixth “day” will be forced to do so on the seventh—when that final “day” of Creation begins with the dazzling white light of all those nuclear warheads going off, one after the other, making the sun, moon, and stars pale in comparison.

Then I showed you my interim translation of Isaiah 13, so you could see for yourself what Isaiah had in mind. I asked you if you noticed how, after describing the devastation of Planet Earth, Isaiah obliquely refers to it as “Babylon” in verse 19. I told you to make a note of that and reminded you that you had already seen that

parabolic imagery in Revelation 17–18. Then I gave you a heads-up by telling you that you are going to see it again later on.

I next gave you my interim translation of Isaiah 14, where Isaiah is describing the perspective of the members of "The Remnant" who enter the rest of God on the seventh "day" of Creation after being resurrected in the image and likeness of God. I told you Isaiah depicts them as looking back at the reign of the Antichrist and the predicament that he and those who followed him in trying to create a stupid *Utopia* here on Earth will face at that time, when they will be *parabolically* forced to "keep Sabbath" on the seventh "day" of Creation.

After showing you what the Master Prophet Isaiah says about the Lord's Redeemed resting on "the Lord's Day," immediately after the destruction of Mystery Babylon, I went on to show you the incredible insight that some of the other Prophets contribute to our understanding of what is yet to come as fools work feverishly to craft a *Utopia* here on Planet Earth.

I told you the secret ingredient that all the master chefs of the perfect are overlooking is the one God Himself slipped into their mixing bowl: WAR! That's the one that is going to bring their stupid desire to hide from the angry, jealous God of Israel to a screeching halt. And when war does the dirty work God intended, they won't be able to say He didn't give them sufficient warning. He did, but they stupidly believe it's all just a myth. So I warned you that, if you have a brain, God expects you to use it. Examine the evidence. I told you there is much more to the Truth than what I presented at that time.

I began looking at the evidence by giving you my interim translation of Obadiah, who prophesied more than a century before Isaiah came along. I told you he got the ball rolling on the basis of what he could see Moses had already explained in *The Teaching of Moses* about the seventh "day" of Creation. I also told you that, to understand what Obadiah says concerning "Edom," you need to know the people called "Edom" were the descendants of Esau.

As you may remember, Esau was the jugheaded brother of Jacob who stupidly sold his right to *inherit the promise*, thereby leaving his descendants out in the cold while the descendants of Jacob shared the right to *inherit what was promised*. But the key to understanding what Obadiah says in his brief treatise resides in the curious combination of verse 15 and verse 18. In verse 15, he tells

the descendants of Esau they will get what they deserve, not because of what Esau did in rejecting *the promise*, but because they did the same through their own actions. In verse 18, he tells them they will be locked out forever when members of the "houses" of Jacob and Joseph are made in the very image and likeness of the eternally burning Person that God is. That will occur on the eve of the fire that erupts without warning on the morning of the seventh "day."

I told you the next Prophet after Obadiah to speak concerning the nuclear fire that will announce the beginning of God's Sabbath "day" of rest is the Prophet Joel. I explained that his entire prophecy is a parable and told you that you should pay attention to what he says about the *parabolic* "locusts" who bring about the *parabolic* "famine" of Truth that will be ended by "The Teacher" who comes along right before the seventh "day" begins. I reminded you that I have, in the August 2016 issue of *The Voice of Elijah*® *Update*, already explained how the *parabolic* "locusts" that Joel describes provide a much-needed connection to the same *parabolic imagery* in Chapter 9 of the Book of Revelation.

Then I gave you my interim translation of the first chapter of the Book of Joel and told you that what the Prophet says there is inextricably linked to the things Isaiah tells us about the seventh "day" of Creation in Isaiah 13–14. I told you that is because Isaiah quotes Joel 1:15 almost verbatim in Isaiah 13:6. I challenged you to take a look, keeping in mind the fact that Isaiah was prophesying more than a century after Joel.

After giving you my interim translation of Joel 2, I warned you not to take any of Joel's statements *literally*, but especially those concerning edible items that "sprout" out of the "ground." I said my suggestion would be to think *parabolically* in terms of what all those *parabolic* "locusts" might be and what they might want to "consume," and then go and learn the *meaning* of what Moses says in Deuteronomy 8:1–3.

After that, I gave you my interim translation of Joel 3 and reminded you that the point of Joel's entire parable is to explain what the circumstances will be *LIKE* right before the seventh "day" begins. I also told you that if you have a good cross-reference, you will be able to see where the same *parabolic imagery* is used in the Book of Revelation.

After giving you my interim translation of Amos 5, I told you the ostensible purpose of the things Amos tells us about the seventh "day" is to link it to the

restoration of “The House” of Israel to Corporate Israel after they have been “cut off from” that Corporate Body. I said he shares that mission with the Prophet Hosea, but I pointed out that Isaiah saw an opportunity in the things Amos says in Amos 5 and uses it to explain a bit more about the role “The Teacher” that Joel mentions in Joel 2:23 will play in the days leading up to the nuclear holocaust that initiates the seventh “day” of Creation. I told you he explains that *parabolic imagery* more fully in Isaiah 29–35; but I said my only interest in what I was explaining was to show you how Isaiah, in Isaiah 29, expands on the *parabolic* “darkness” Amos mentions in Amos 5:18, which is also the “nether gloom” he mentions in verse 20.

After telling you all that, I gave you my interim translation of Isaiah 29; and I told you Isaiah’s point in that chapter is, most folks are going to have a late wake-up call when the seventh “day” “dawns” on them. As a result, when that time arrives, those poor dupes are going to wake up with a start to find that a few—those who have been “awake” for quite a while by that time—are already all dressed up and ready for the “day.” I told you that is why I showed you what he says about “darkness” and “nether gloom.”

Then I went on to show you what the Prophets have to say about the Lord’s “day.” I gave you my interim translation of the entire Book of Zephaniah, who came along nearly a century after Isaiah, because he has a laser-focus on it. I said it should be obvious to anyone who is paying attention that Zephaniah is speaking *parabolically* to the inhabitants of Planet Earth as though they are living in a city. I said a key takeaway from what he says is the identification of the city, which can be determined by starting with what Zephaniah says in Zephaniah 2:15a.

I told you that if you know your Bible, you already know Zephaniah is giving his reader a hint that they should go back and read what Isaiah said about the *parabolic harlot* “Babylon” in Isaiah 47. As a reminder, I gave you my interim translation of that chapter and told you that, after reading it, all the pieces should fall into place for you so that you can understand why John the Revelator calls Planet Earth a “prostitute” and “Mystery Babylon” in Revelation 17–18. But I told you that if you needed a reminder, you should take a look at what Isaiah says about “The Woman” who “reigns” over all the midget-minded morons who currently rule the nations.

I warned you that, if the information I had given you up to that point was neatly packed away in your “carry-on,” you should be able to “see” Revelation 17–18 is describing events here on Earth that will occur during the run-up to, and aftermath of, the sixth “day” of Creation coming to an end. I challenged you to look at the text and told you John the Revelator is obviously pointing back to Isaiah 47:7–8 in Revelation 18:7. For that reason you should be able to “see” what he is *talking about*—if you want to.

I told you that, at that point, all you needed to know to round out the information I had provided is why Isaiah calls Planet Earth “Babylon.” And I said if you know what happened at the Tower of Babel, where God set a limit that imbecilic *Utopians* and their stupid “Artificial Intelligence” will never be able to cross, it should all make perfect sense. We are at the brink, looking down over the precipice, knowing full well the *Living God* is still in control with plans to catch the unsuspecting totally off-guard. But I told you that you also need to factor in what Malachi says about “The Teacher” whose activities are going to introduce the circumstances Isaiah describes in Isaiah 29–35. Malachi spells that out fairly clearly (provided you have enough intelligence to accept it) in Malachi 4.

After I showed you what the Prophets of Israel, from as far back as 845 B.C. and all the way down to 460 B.C., were saying about the beginning of the final “day” of Creation, I told you that, without exception, they all knew that “day” of a blazing inferno was yet to come. Then I went on to show you the Apostles believed that very same thing. I said you need to be aware of that if you have any interest at all in knowing the Truth. For that reason I told you I would explain it for you; otherwise, you might make a very big misstep and have me to blame.

After I transitioned to what the Apostles wrote about the seventh “day” of Creation, I reminded you that I had already shown you 2 Peter 3, where Peter clearly reveals he knew all about the conflagration that will come at the beginning of “the Lord’s Day.” I also pointed out that he also confirms the Apostles were still waiting for that seventh “day” to begin when he spoke on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1–21) and quoted what Joel had written about that “day” in Joel 2:28–32.

Then I showed you what the Apostle Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11, where he reveals the seventh “day” of Creation (“the Lord’s Day”) was at the very

forefront of his mind. He makes it clear in that passage that those who believe *The Apostolic Teaching* will know when the seventh "day" is about to begin. I told you that should convince you—and will convince anyone who is still "awake"—that the Church today has lost all but a wee bit of the Truth that Jesus Christ *handed down* to His Apostles.

But I showed you where, in his other letter to the local church in Thessalonica, Paul reveals something even more astounding as to why the agents of Satan have worked so hard over the last two centuries to distort the Truth about the nuclear holocaust that is going to occur at the very beginning of the seventh "day" of Creation. In 2 Thessalonians 2, where he describes Satan appearing in the person of the Antichrist, Paul issues a dire warning to anyone who believes the seventh "day" of Creation has already come. I pointed out that he is warning True Believers against believing one specific lie—which he calls "the lie" in verse 11. I also told you that is "the lie" I have put to rest in the minds of True Believers by what I wrote. For that reason his warning does not bode well for anyone who wants to *stubbornly* cling to the mistaken notion that the Church has not already gone through "the apostasy" he mentions in verse 3.

Then I told you it will not be obvious to those who cannot read the original Greek text, but there are, at the very least, three other places where Paul refers to the seventh "day" of Creation and indicates it is still to come. We can be sure that is the case because he uses exactly the same phrase in those three passages as he uses in 2 Thessalonians 2:2. He calls it "the Day of the Lord"—which I normally translate as either "the Day of His Majesty" or "the Day of our Master," depending on whether or not it occurs in conjunction with the possessive pronoun.

The first instance in which Paul uses that phrase is 1 Corinthians 5:5. But in a couple of other places, he links the phrase "Day of the Lord" to the end of the sixth "day" by referring to it as a "*consummation*" (Greek: *telos*) of the current Age. The first occurrence is in 1 Corinthians 1:8; the second is in 2 Corinthians 1:13. Then in 1 Corinthians 10:11, Paul refers to "the Lord's Day" as a "*consummation* of the past ages," which reveals he was well aware of the fact that the seven "days" of Creation are, in fact, "Ages."

After I showed you Paul refers to the seventh "day" of Creation as the "consummation" of the things

God has already done on the first six "days" of Creation, I showed you 1 Corinthians 15:20–24, where he tells us the "consummation" of this "Age" follows the Second Coming. Then I concluded by showing you what Paul said in Hebrews 3:1–4:11, where he warns his readers to be careful to make sure they do not believe "the lie" that tells us the seventh "day" has already begun.

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In this issue of *The Voice of Elijah*® newsletter, I told you my objective in showing you everything I had shown you up to that point was to demonstrate just how effective the Liar Satan has been in convincing the vast majority of people that total stupidity is the absolute Truth. I also told you that, if you are one of the very few who are able to see the Truth in what I have presented over the past three decades, you should consider yourself extremely fortunate. Not many will be able to see the logic in the Truth I have been called to *restore* simply because Satan has finally accomplished what the author of the Book of Revelation understood he would:

⁷(4) *Then there was war in Heaven—Michael and his messengers waging war with the sea serpent. And*

(a) *the sea serpent and his messengers waged war,*
⁸*and*

(i) *they did not have the ability {to win};*

(ii) *neither was a place found for them in Heaven any longer.*

⁹(b) *So the sea serpent—*

(i) *the great one,*

(ii) *the snake,*

(iii) *the ancient one,*

(iv) *the one that is called*

(a) *"False Accuser" and*

(b) *"Satan,"*

(v) *the one who is going to lead the entire civilized world astray—was thrown down.*

(Revelation 12:7–9a) —HSSB

I told you Satan knew from the outset that, if he were ever going to accomplish his ultimate objective, he had to convince everyone the following three lies are completely non-negotiable:

1. Genesis 1:26–27 is describing the creation of Adam and Eve in the image and likeness of God.
2. The first chapter of the Book of Genesis is a description of things that have already happened; therefore, we are living in the seventh “day” of Creation.
3. John 3:16 means God loves everybody so much that He would never send them into the fires of Hell because they are His Children, created in His very Own image and likeness.

I pointed out that, if you take a look around, a quick survey of what is going on in the Church today should convince you there is nothing much left for God to do except turn off the lights and start all over, which is precisely what He has planned for His latest and greatest Creation—that is, for the “male and female” Believers He is going to create in His Own image and likeness at the end of this Age. If you are not fortunate enough to be one of those, you have no clue as to what He has planned for the Redeemed. I told you I didn’t say that, the Apostle Paul did; and I showed you he did it in 1 Corinthians 2.

I explained that, in that passage, Paul is *talking about* the fact that only True Believers can understand the Truth in regard to the message of the Hebrew Scriptures because they alone have chosen to believe the Truth. Therefore, they alone know that God plans to create them in His Own image and likeness—of which Truth I am only now beginning to realize the magnitude. For that reason I encourage you who have already experienced the incredible change that occurs when the Spirit of Christ takes up residence in you to not neglect the obligation you accepted when that event occurred. I showed you 2 Corinthians 1:15–24, where the Apostle Paul describes the decisiveness you exhibited when you made the commitment God requires.

I explained that those who have truly been born again—instead of lying to themselves as most will—are already well aware of their obligation to protect the

Holy Spirit they *received* when they made an open and honest apology to God. But I also included the HSSB translation of Ephesians 4:17–30, where Paul *talks about* the obligation of True Believers to protect the Truth they have been given the ability to understand. And I explained Paul’s point is, as a True Believer you must focus completely on the Truth you can “see” in the Hebrew Scriptures. If you do that, the Holy Spirit Who resides within you will transform you, just as Paul indicates in Romans 12:1–3.

I told you that, if you act in accordance with what the Lord expects of you, you will be “transformed” into the “glory” of the image and likeness of God, just as the Apostle Paul explains in 2 Corinthians 3. And I said the point of that entire chapter is fairly easy to understand if you know what Paul is *talking about*. The key resides in the term translated “glory.” As I have told you repeatedly over the years, the Prophets and Apostles sometimes use that term to refer to “*The Light*” of *The Teaching of Moses*, as Paul does in Romans 1:13–23, where he is describing how numbskulls gave up the Truth at the Tower of Babel. I also sarcastically told you that, if you have an intelligence quotient even slightly above the baseline of a snail, you will pay very close attention to what Paul says in verse 18, which is what I went on to explain.

I told you that, before I wrote the first article in this series, I had already demonstrated there is a total lack of logic in believing that:

1. our forefather Adam was created in the image and likeness of God and
2. the seventh “day” of Creation has already begun.

After I said that, I began a deep-dive into one of the reasons why you might want to reconsider your belief in the nonsensical notion that the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob loves everyone. I told you Satan has been peddling that particular lie for a very long time, but only recently has it taken hold and grown into what some consider to be “conventional wisdom,” which is just another way of saying “lowest common denominator.” So, to put that lie to rest once and for all, I gave the HSSB translation of all the passages in the New Testament where you can find evidence that the *Living* God is still the same angry, jealous God He always has been:

Matthew 3:7
 Luke 3:7
 Luke 21:23
 John 3:36
 Romans 1:18
 Romans 2:5–8
 Romans 3:5
 Romans 4:14–15
 Romans 5:9
 Romans 9:22
 Romans 12:19
 Romans 13:3–5
 Ephesians 2:3
 Ephesians 5:6
 Colossians 3:5–7
 1 Thessalonians 1:9–10
 1 Thessalonians 2:14–16
 1 Thessalonians 5:8–10
 Revelation 6:14–17

After I gave you that list, I also gave you a list of the passages in the Book of Revelation that describe the time when the *anger* of the *Living* God has reached the level of an intense *rage*. I don't think anyone would actually want to be on God's bad side, but one never knows. Some people are so stubborn and contentious they just can't help themselves, even with the following list readily available:

Revelation 14:8–11a
 Revelation 14:19–15:1
 Revelation 15:7
 Revelation 16:1
 Revelation 16:19
 Revelation 18:1–3
 Revelation 19:11–15

I told you that you can take everything I have explained and do with it as you will. I also said what you do with the things I have been called to explain is not my concern, I'm just laying the Truth out for you so that I am not responsible for you not having the opportunity to believe it. I pointed out that's just another way of saying what I have been saying all along: *You can believe it if you care to, disbelieve it if you dare to.* When you boil it all down to the basics, I don't have a dog in this fight; my only concern is that I have explained everything God called me to explain before His anger

reaches the absolute fury of a rage directed at the stupid *utopian* delusion of folks who cannot accept the fact that we would have nothing at all if not for Him. Therefore, I told you I am going to show you how the Prophets refer to the sad-sack circumstances leading up to the fiery beginning of the seventh "day" of Creation. And I began with what Malachi tells us about that "day" in Malachi 4.

I sarcastically said I trusted you had taken note of Malachi's reference to True Believers treading on some unsuspecting folks as though they were "grapes"; and I told you that you should have, because the same *parabolic image* is used in Revelation 14:6–20. Then I told you that, in those two passages, the Prophet Malachi and John the Revelator are using the *parabolic image* of "wine" that the Prophets used to refer to a rancid concoction that God has already "mixed" in preparation for our "day." I warned you, you don't want to be one of those "sipping" the "wine" of Satan's delusion from the "cup" of God's wrath when the awesome fires of Hell announce the rising of the sun on the seventh "day" of Creation. Then I showed you my interim translation of Isaiah 51:17–23, where Isaiah describes the circumstances leading up to that incredible event.

Then I told you the Prophet who wrote Psalm 75 has a bit of fun playing with the Hebrew term *qeren* which *means* "horn," using it as a double entendre in which it is both part of the Hebrew idiom "raise up a horn"—which *means* the same as "build a house"—and also a physical horn that was used as a cup in a cultic ritual—you know, the *zonah* ritual.

Then, for the benefit of those True Believers who have ears to hear—and eyes to see—the Truth hidden in the Hebrew Scriptures, I said the "contents" of the "cup" the Lord has "mixed" for this generation is a deception that will completely entrance the fools who cannot understand and accept the simple Truth you can already see in the Scriptures. I told you that, if you are one of those who can see what I have explained over the past three decades, you should be extremely grateful you have been given insight into something those who refuse to believe will eventually be forced to concede is true. Then I showed you 2 Thessalonians 2, where the Apostle Paul describes the situation extant in the days, weeks, months, and years leading up to the seventh "day" of Creation. You know, "the Day of the Lord."

I told you Paul's point in that chapter is, those who are taken by surprise when the Antichrist ushers

in the seventh “day” of Creation are going to be absolutely convinced by “the lie” that tells them the seventh “day” has already begun, which goofiness they have taken to *mean* they need not fear anything God may or may not do because He is already resting on that “day.” The Truth is, the *Living* Word of God is still downright busy—in the “day” that the writer of the Book of Hebrews could see the psalmist calls “today”—creating Children in His very Own image and likeness—which image and likeness the Prophets concealed in the Truth they hid in the Hebrew Scriptures. I warned you that, since that is the case, if you intend to be one of those who will forever bear the image and likeness of God, you had best get busy mastering that Truth.

I said just so you know: The horrendous reality depicted by the *parabolic pantomime* that Jeremiah describes in Jeremiah 25 is already well underway, and you really don’t want to be one of those who refuse to listen like every other boneheaded, brain-dead, balmy buffoon before. Pay attention to what he says about the “cup” and the fact that the prophecy is directed at all the Gentiles. While you are at it, you might also want to note how verse 10 sounds a whole lot like what John says in Revelation 18:22–23. No surprise there, they are both describing the same thing.

I told you that, in the article in this series that I am now writing, I planned to show you what the Prophets have said about the burning rage of God’s anger; but this time I was going to focus on the “contents” of the “cup” of “wine” the Almighty God has “mixed” for the leaders of every nation on the face of the Earth. Believe me, you don’t want to be among the fools “drinking” the “wine” from the “cup” of “*The Woman*” when the “Day of the Lord” arrives; but there was nothing I could do to convince you *what you should believe*. I said you, and only you, could do that—even when you try to off-load responsibility by trundling off down to the church house to ask some pompous, pious, pinheaded pulpit parrot *what he thinks you should believe*. That is what every other cretinous cult member is doing. Just know this first of all: God gave us all a brain, so you might want to start using yours before He takes it back—with interest. But I said that sarcasm would suffice, and I got on with it.

I showed you my translation of Jeremiah 51 so that you could see “*The Way*” the Prophet describes the disastrous end that is rapidly descending on “the great

city” “Babylon”—*The Harlot* that John the Revelator describes in the Book of Revelation. I said a person would have to have rocks for brains to not be able to see Jeremiah is speaking *parabolically* in terms of specific *parabolic imagery* in which the city of Babylon is *parabolically* LIKE something else. The Truth is, in the same way that Obadiah uses the *parabolic image* of “Edom” to speak *parabolically* regarding the catastrophe that Esau’s rejection of *the promise* caused for his descendants, Jeremiah is using “Babylon” as a *parabolic image* in the same way that Isaiah used it a century or so earlier. That is, Jeremiah is referring his reader back to what happened at the Tower of Babel when the “one people” at that time “pulled an Esau” and gave up *The Teaching* in favor of Satan’s nonsense. I told you that should be obvious from the *parabolic pantomime* involving the stone and the scroll in Jeremiah 51:61–64a.

Then I told you that is not Jeremiah’s only mention of the fact that the “Babylon” to which he was referring would one day sink into “water.” And I showed you Jeremiah 51:13 so you could see the *parabolic imagery* he had in mind. I pointed out that Jeremiah refers to the same *parabolic imagery* again in verse 42, but I told you the reader will miss the point if he or she does not know the Hebrew term ordinarily *transliterated* as *Sheol* in the Old Testament should actually be *translated* as “Sea of El,” which “Sea” the Canaanites considered to be equivalent to the Realm of the Dead. I said Jeremiah is referring to that “Sea” when he mentions “waves” in that verse, and I told you he mentions those same “waves” in Jeremiah 51:54–55.

After that, I showed you what John the Revelator said about “Mystery Babylon” in Revelation 17:1–5, which is the same “Babylon” Jeremiah describes. That is, it is “the great city” that resides “on many waters.” I told you the point of what John says in that passage is this: Mystery Babylon is a *parabolic* depiction of the human civilization on Planet Earth, which was, as Moses tells us in Genesis 1, initially an ocean out of which dry land arose. But I told you that what John says in Revelation 18:21 should convince any reasonable person that Jeremiah and John are *talking about* precisely the same “Babylon.” But then I told you there are even more correspondences between what John tells us about “*The Woman*” who is a prostitute and what Jeremiah says about “Babylon” than what I had pointed out to that point.

I then showed you what he says in Jeremiah 51 (vv. 7, 39–40, 57) about “the wine” that God has “mixed” for all those who have no idea Who He really is. And I told you by that I *mean*, everyone who does not know God is an angry, jealous God Who has no use for those who do not love the Truth. I said that, if you can’t see Jeremiah is *talking about* the same “cup” that John describes in Revelation 17:2, I seriously doubt anything would ever convince you, because it’s obvious you do not want to see the Truth. So then, for the benefit of those who do, I pointed out what Jeremiah writes about those who don’t in verse 33.

Then I pointed out we had arrived back at the *parabolic imagery* of the “harvest” and reminded you that was why I showed you what Jeremiah says in Jeremiah 51. And I said Malachi mentions “stubble” in Malachi 4:1–3 because he is telling us God’s wheat “harvest” has ended and burning the “stubble” after the grape “harvest” is all that remains to be done. So I showed you what John the Revelator says in Revelation 14:14–20 about the “reaping” of God’s grape “harvest” and told you the events John describes *parabolically* in that passage are what Jeremiah describes in Jeremiah 51:19–20. I also said John the Revelator provides a *parabolic* description of that same thing in Revelation 19:11–15.

I told you that, in contrast to most of the *parabolic statements* Jeremiah makes in Jeremiah 51, his mention of the Trumpet (v. 27a) is fairly easy to understand, provided you are aware he is referring to the Last Trumpet—the one blown right before all Hell breaks out here on Planet Earth simply because “the {*living*} God has put {it} in their hearts to act in accordance with His opinion” (Rev. 17:17a). I said the Gentiles he mentions are those who heed the warning in verses 6 and 9a, and I showed you John the Revelator issues the very same warning in Revelation 18:4–6. Then I concluded by quoting Jeremiah 51:49–50 again.

In Summary: God Decreed It

I am going to conclude this three-part series of articles by giving you my translation of the salient passages in the Hebrew Scriptures where the fire of the Almighty God is mentioned. I cannot say for certain that in each and every case a passage is *talking about* the nuclear holocaust that will announce the End of this current Age. That is because the Prophets were

extremely adept at speaking cryptically in terms of a specific *parabolic image* that I am not yet certain I understand. I can tell you with absolute certainty that the End of the Age is in view if they mention Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, or Gentiles in the same context as the *anger, rage, wrath, and/or fire* of God. I’ll let Moses get it started:

¹⁸[You will fail to remember] [the] Rock]

[Who engendered You],

[And You will forget] [the] God]

[Who went through labor {with} You].

¹⁹[Then [His Majesty] will see], [and He will treat {You} with contempt]

[Because of The Exasperating Activity] [of His Sons] [and His Daughters].

²⁰[Then He will say]: [I will hide] [My Face] [from them];

[I will see] [what] [their Outcome] {will be},

[Because] [they] {are} [a Generation]

[of perverse {ones}]—

[Sons] [in whom] {there is} [nothing] [That Is True].

²¹[They] [will make Me jealous] [by {what is} not] [God]; [They will exasperate Me] [with their Delusions].

[So I] [will make them jealous] [by {what is} not] [a People]—

[I will exasperate them] [with a [senseless] Gentile],

²²[Because] [a Fire] [will be kindled] [by My Anger],

[And it will keep burning], [as far as] [The Lowest Parts] [of The Sea of El].

[And it will consume] [the] Earth] [and her Produce]

[And set afire] [the] Foundations of] [Mountains].

²³[I will sweep [Bad Things] up] [on them];

[I will finish off] [My Arrows] [on them].

²⁴[Against those] [emaciated*] [by] Famine]

[and consumed] [by] Flaming Arrow],

[I will send] [both a [bitter*] Stinging Rain]

[and the] Teeth] [of Behemoth],

[Along with] [the] Rage] [of things that slink back into] [the] Dust].

²⁵[A Sword] [will cause bereavement] [on the outside];

[But on the insides], [Absolute Terror]—

[Both] [Chosen Son] [and] [Virgin],

[One] who is nursing] [along with]

[gray-haired] [Man].

²⁶[I will say], “[I will cut them into pieces];

[I will make [their Memory] keep Sabbath]— [away from Mortal Man].”

²⁷[If it were not for] [the] Exasperating Activity] [of an Enemy], [I would reside temporarily {with them}], [So that [His Adversaries] could not] [pretend]; [So that they could not] [say], “[Our Hand] [is raised up], [That [His Majesty] did [not] put [all] [this] together,””
²⁸[Because] [their] [Plans] {are those of} [a Gentile] [going to Hell], [And there is not any] [Understanding] [in them].
²⁹[If only] [they were wise], [they would gain insight into] [this {song}]; [They would understand] [their Outcome].”
 (Deuteronomy 32:18–29) —my interim translation

Keeping in mind what Moses says in that passage about the lack of understanding in the final generation of this Age, let’s fast forward to what Daniel says about a supernatural experience in which the circumstances pertaining to the End of the Age were explained to him:

¹³[Then I heard] [One] [Holy One] [speaking], [and [another] [Holy One] said] [to the [So-and-So] who was speaking]: “[How long will [The Vision] be]? [The one about The Continuous Ritual] [and The Transgression] [of one who [causes] devastation] [and a Holy One] [and an Army] {that is} [What Is Trampled]?”

¹⁴[And he told] [me], “[As long as] [two thousand three hundred] [Evenings] [and] [Mornings]; [then [a Holy One] will be declared not guilty].”

¹⁵[And it happened] [when I—[I am] [Daniel]—saw] [The Vision] [that I sought] [Understanding], [and guess what! There was] [someone standing] [right in front of me] [with an Appearance like] [a **Gibbor**].

¹⁶[Then I heard] [the] [Voice] [of a Descendant of Adam] [between {me and}] [Ulai]; [and He called out] [and said], “[Gabriel], [provide an understanding of] [What he Saw] [to This Individual].”

¹⁷[So he came] [next to] [Where I Was Standing]; [but when he came], [I was suddenly gripped with fear] [and fell] [on] [my Face]. [But he said] [to me], “[Son] [of Adam], [You must understand] [that] [The Vision] [is] [about {the} Time] [of {the} End].”

¹⁸[But while he was speaking] [with me], [I fell fast asleep] [with] [my Face] [to {the} Earth]; [so he touched] [me] [and made me stand up] [Where I Had Been

Standing]. ¹⁹[Then he said]: “[Guess what! I am] [going to let You know] [what] [will happen] [at {the} Outcome of] [The Fury] [when] {it is time} [for The Appointed Time] [of {the} End].”
 (Daniel 8:13–19) —my interim translation

Daniel describes a couple of other supernatural experiences in which he was provided with even more detail about the End of the Age. It is not possible to understand what he says from just an excerpt, but explaining what he says is not my intention here, so I’ll just give you enough of the text to get my point across. He tells us the following about the “abomination of desolation” that Jesus said would signal the End of the Age. That is enough to tell anyone with insight into the Truth the Prophets conceal in the Hebrew Scriptures that he is describing the activities of the Antichrist at the End of the Age:

²⁹[At The Appointed Time] [he will return] [and come] [into The Negev], [but it will [not] be] [like {the} First Time] [but like {the} last {time}]. ³⁰[Then [Ocean-going Vessels] will come] [against him] [from] The Mediterranean Islands], [and he will be despondent] [and turn back]. [And he will be furious] [on account of] [a [holy] Legal Agreement] [but deal with {it}]; [when he returns] [he will understand] [those who abandon] [the] [holy] Legal Agreement]. ³¹[Then [some of his] Arms] [will stand up] [and pollute] [The Sanctuary] [of The Place of Refuge] [and remove] [The Continuous Ritual]. [Then they will put in place] [The Disgusting Thing] [that is going to devastate]. ³²[And [with Smooth Talk*] [he will contaminate] those who have been declared guilty by] [the] Legal Agreement], [but a People] [who know] [his God] [will be resolute] [and deal with {it}]. ³³[Then those [of a People] who have gained insight] [will provide understanding] [to {the} Many], [but they will be caused to stumble] [for] Days] [by Sword] [and by Flame], [by Captivity] [and by Spoils]. ³⁴[And when they stumble] [they will be helped] [with just a little] [Help], [but many] [will be joined] [to them] [by those who are slippery]. ³⁵[So some of] [those who have insight] [will be caused to stumble], [to refine], [and to purify] [and to make [them] white] [up to] [the] End] [Time], [because] {it is} [yet {a while}] [to The Appointed Time]. ³⁶[Then [The King] will act] [in accordance with his Will] [and become haughty] [and magnify himself] [over] [every] [God], [but [he will speak] [Incomprehensible Things] about] [the]

God] [of Gods] [and be successful] [until] [the] Fury] [is finished] [because] [What Has Been Decreed] [will be done]."

(Daniel 11:29–36) —my interim translation

If your ears did not perk up when you read "what has been decreed" in that last sentence, they should have. This is the decree to which he is referring:

⁵[When [His Majesty] saw] [that] [the] Bad Behavior of] [The Descendants of Adam] {was} [more than enough] [on the] Earth] [and every] [Thing Formed in] [The Thoughts of] [his Heart] {was} [nothing but] [bad] [The [entire] Day], ⁶[His Majesty] [was sorry] [that] [He had made] [The Adam] [on the] Earth] [and was grieved] [to] [His Heart]. ⁷[Then [His Majesty] said], "[I will wipe [The Descendants of Adam] [that] [I created] off] [of] [the] Surface of] [The Ground]—[from the] Descendants of Adam] [to] [Beast], [to] [Crawling Thing], [and to] [the] Flyer] [of] [The Sea of Waters]—[because] [I am sorry] [that] [I made them]."

(Genesis 6:5–7) —my interim translation

Satan has everybody believing God goes back on His Word. Don't believe it; He doesn't. He said it then, and He *meant* what He said. The Flood was just a diversion to keep ignorant folks from understanding things God never intended them to understand. The rainbow? Better check that one. God said He would never use water again; He didn't say anything at all about fire. The Prophet Zephaniah certainly does, and what he says is a precise description of how God intends to carry out His decree:

²"[I will [most definitely] bring [everything] [Above] [the] Surface of] [The Ground] to an end],"

[Declares] [His Majesty].

³"[I will bring [the] Descendants of Adam] [and the] Beast] to an end];

[I will bring [the] Flyer] [of The Sea of Waters] to an end]

[As well as The Fish of] [The Sea],

[Even The Stumbling-Blocks] [along with]

[Those Who Are Guilty];

[And I will cut off] [The Descendants of Adam]

[Above] [the] Surface of] [The Ground],"

[Declares] [His Majesty].

(Zephaniah 1:2–3) —my interim translation

In the following passage, Zephaniah calls God's decree a "statute" just to make sure his reader knows he is referring to what God said in Genesis 6 and it is non-negotiable—that is, it is going to happen:

¹[Gather yourselves together] [and be gathered together]!

[The Nation] [must [not] be yearning for [anything]]!

²[When] [the] Statute] [engenders], [The] Day] [will pass away] [like Chaff]!

[When] [The [burning] Anger] [of His Majesty] [has [not yet] come] [upon you]—

[When] [the] Day] [of His Majesty's] [Anger] [has [not yet] come] [upon you]—

³[All] [you Humble of] [The Earth]

[Who] [have put together] [His Decision Based on the Truth]

[Must seek] [His Majesty],

[Must seek] [a Declaration of Not Guilty],

[Must seek] [Humility]!

[Perhaps] [you will be hidden]

[On the] Day] [of His Majesty's] [Anger].

(Zephaniah 2:1–3) —my interim translation

Zephaniah has just stated the obvious: When the seventh "day" of Creation begins, the sixth "day" of Creation will disappear like chaff in the flames of the nuclear holocaust that usher in that holy "day." For the benefit of those who have insight into the Truth, the Prophet Daniel, in Daniel 12, adds a bit more detail to what he says in the previous chapters:

¹"[At [that] Time], [Michael], [The [great] Commanding Officer] [who stands] [over] [the] Sons of] [Your People], [will stand up]; [and there will be] [a Time] [of Distress] [that] [has [not] been] [since there was] [a Nation] [until] [that] [Time]. [And at [that] Time], [Your People]—[everyone] [who is found] [written] [in the] Scroll]—[will escape]. ²[Then many] [of those who are sleeping] [on the] [dusty] Ground] [will wake up]. [These]? [To an [eternally burning] Life]! [But these]? [To the] Disgrace] [of an [eternally burning] Repulsion]. ³[And those who have insight] [will—[like the] Brightness] [of

The Expanse—enlighten {others}, [and those who declare *[The Many] not guilty*—[like {the} Stars]—[for a Burning Eternity] [and Forever]. ⁴[But You], [Daniel], [must plug up] [The Words] [and seal up] [The Scroll] [until] [an [End] Time]. [Many] [will go out looking {for the Truth}], [so [The Knowledge {of the Truth}] will increase].”

⁵[Then I], [Daniel], looked; [and guess what!] [Two] [others] [were standing]: [One] [here] [on {this} Bank] [of The Nile], [and another] [there], [on {that} Bank] [of The Nile].

⁶[And He said] [to {the} Man] [clothed with] [The Linen] ([who] {was} [above] [{the} Waters of] [The Nile]), “[How [long] until] [{the} End] [of The Incomprehensible Things]?”

⁷[Then I heard] [The Man] [clothed with] [The Linen {garment}] ([who] {was} [above] [{the} Waters of] [The Nile]). [And he raised] [his Right Hand] [and his Left Hand] [to] [The Sea of Waters], [and He swore [by {the} Life of] [the eternally burning {One}] that] {it would be} “[for an Appointed Time], [{two} Appointed Times], [and Half {an Appointed Time}]. [And when he has finished] [pulverizing] [{the} Hand] [{of the} holy] [People], [all of] [These Things] [will be finished].”

⁸[Now I] [had heard], [but I could [not] understand]. [So I said], “[My Master]! [What {will be}] [{the} Outcome of] [These Things]?”

⁹[But he said]: “[Go on], [Daniel]! [Because] [The Words] [have been plugged up] [and sealed up] [until] [an [End] Time]. ¹⁰[Many] [will be purified] [and made white] [and refined]. [They will declare] [Those Who Are Guilty], guilty; [and [all] [Who Are Guilty] will [not] understand]. [But Those Who Gain Insight] [will understand]. ¹¹[And from {the} Time] [The Continuous Ritual] [has been removed] [even to {the} time of] letting] [a Disgusting Thing] [devastate {the Earth}] {there will be} [a Thousand] [{two} Hundred] [and ninety] [Days]. ¹²[The One Who Attains the Resurrection] {will be} [the one who waits for], [and reaches], [a Thousand] [three] [Hundred] [thirty] [and five] [Days]! ¹³[But You] [must go on] [to {the} End] [and rest]; [then You will stand up] [{at} The Right Hand {of God}] [for Your Allotment] [at {the} End].”
(Daniel 12:1–13) —my interim translation

I will let the following passages of Scripture speak for themselves. Hopefully, you are one of those who “gain insight” and “understand” we are at the very

End of the Age that is the sixth “day” of Creation. If not, that’s on you; I just did what God called me to do:

⁸[Your Hand] [will find] [all] [Your Enemies]; [Your Right Hand] [will find] [those who hate You].

⁹[You will designate them for {something}] [like a [fiery] Oven] [at {the} Time] [of Your Presence]; [His Majesty] [will swallow them] [in His Anger], [But [a Fire] will consume them].

¹⁰[You will abolish [their Fruit] [from {the} Earth]; [And their] Seed], [from {the} Sons of] [Adam].
(Psalm 21:8–10) —my interim translation

⁴⁶[How long], [Your Majesty]?
[Will You be hidden] [in perpetuity]?
[Will [Your Rage] burn] [like] [Fire]?

⁴⁷[Let [me] remember]

[What] [Duration] {is} [beyond] [what] [Deception] {is}:
[You created] [all] [{the} Sons of] [Adam]!

⁴⁸[Who is] [{the} Gibbor] [Who will live]
[and not] [see] [Mot]!

[His Soul] [will escape] [from {the} Hand]
[of The Sea of El]! [Think about it]!
(Psalm 89:46–48) —my interim translation

¹⁰[Because of] [Your Fury] [and Your Wrath].
[Because] [You picked me up] [and threw me away],
¹¹[My Days] {are} [like a [stretched out] Shadow];
[And I] [will dry up] [like Vegetation].

¹²[But You], [Your Majesty], [will stay]
[for a Burning Eternity];
[And Your Male Child],
[for Generation] [after Generation].

¹³[You] [will rise up]; [You will have compassion on]
[Zion]:

[When] {it is} [Time] [to show favor on Her];
[When] [{the} Appointed Time] [has come].
(Psalm 102:10–13) —my interim translation

⁴{The} Sound] [{of} a Multitude]
{is} [on {the} Mountains],

{The} Likeness] [{of} more than enough] [People]—
{The} Sound] [{of} a Clamor] [{of} Kingdoms]!
[Gentiles] [are being rounded up]!

[His [Supreme] Majesty] [is levying]
[An Army] [{for} War]!

⁵[His Majesty] [and {the} Containers of] [His Fury]
[Are coming in] [from a [distant] Land]—

[From {the} End] [{of} The Sea of Waters]—
[To contaminate] [The {entire} Earth].
6[Wail], [because] [{the} Day] [{of} His Majesty]
{is} [near]!

[A Violent Act] [will come] [from Shaddai].
(Isaiah 13:4–6) —my interim translation

20[Go!] [My People!] [Go in] [to Your Inner Rooms],
[And shut] [Your Door] [behind You].
[Hide out] [{for} just] [a Moment],
[Until] [{the} Fury] [has passed over].

21[Because] [Guess what!] [His Majesty]
[is going to come out] [from His Place]
[To levy] [{the} Reprehensible Activity] [{of} the]
Inhabitant] [of The Earth] [against him].
[Then [The Earth] will reveal] [her Bloodshed],
[And she will [no] [longer] conceal]
[those she had who were killed].
(Isaiah 26:20–21) —my interim translation

27[Look!] [The Name] [{of} His Majesty]
[Is going to come] [from a Distant Place].
[His Anger] [is burning], [and [What He Carries*]
{is} heavy]!

[His Lips] [are filled with] [Fury],
[And His Tongue] {is} [like a [consuming] Fire]!
28[His Spirit] {is} [like an [overflowing] Gully]!
[It will divide {a person}] [up to] [{the} Back of the Neck],
[To move [Gentiles] side to side] [in a Sieve of] [Deception].
[And a Bridle] [that makes {them} wander around]
{Will be} [on] [The Jaws] [{of} the] Peoples]!

29[You] [will have] [The Song]
[When {the} Night] [has made [{the} Feast] holy],
[And Joy of] [Heart], [like one who is walking]
[in {cadence with} a Flute],
[In order to go] [into [His Majesty’s] Mountain],
[Into] [{the} Rock] [{of} Israel]!
(Isaiah 30:27–29) —my interim translation

15[Because] [guess what!] [His Majesty] [will come]
[in a Fire]—
[And His Chariots] [like a Medicane]—
[To bring [His Anger] back] [in a Rage],
[And His Rebuke] [in Flames of] [Fire],
16[Because] [His Majesty] [is going to judge] [all] [Flesh]
[With Fire] [and with His Sword]!
[And those pierced by] [His Majesty] [will be many].
(Isaiah 66:15–16) —my interim translation

6[Because there is no one] [like You], [Your Majesty];
[You {are}] [great], [and [Your Name] {is} great]
[in Valor].

7[Who] [would [not] fear You],
[{The} King] [{of} The Gentiles],
[When] [it is fitting] [for You]?
[Because], [among all] [{the} Wise Men of] [The Gentiles],
[And in all] [their Kingdoms],
[Because there is no one] [like You]!

8[They are [altogether] animalistic] [and imbecilic].
[Admonishment] [{of} Delusions]? [It {is}] [a Tree]!

9[Silver] [that has been stamped out] [is brought]
[from Tarshish],
[And Gold] [from Uphaz]—
[What [a Craftsman] [and {the} Hands of] [a Refiner]
Have Made].

[Their Garments] {are} [Blue] [and Purple]—
[All of them] [What [Wise Men] Have Made]!
10[But His Majesty] {is} [{the} God] [{of} Truth],
[He {is}] [a [Living] God]
[and an [eternally burning] King].

[The Earth] [will quake] [because of His Wrath],
[And Gentiles] [can [not] endure] [His Fury].
(Jeremiah 10:6–10) —my interim translation

5[Princes] [will be in torment]
[{On the} Day] [{of} the} Rage of] [our King];
[His Hand] [will pull back] [those who scoff]
[because of {the} Wine].

6[When] [they come close] [with their Ambush],
[Their Heart] {is} [like an Oven];
[What they are baking] [is going to sleep] [all] [Night],
[It] [is going to burn] [like a [flaming] Fire]
[in {the} Morning].
(Hosea 7:5–6) —my interim translation

2[His Majesty] {is} [a [jealous] God],
[and One Who takes vengeance];
[His Majesty] {is} [One Who takes vengeance]—
[even a [raging] Baal].

[His Majesty] [is going to take vengeance]
[on His Adversaries],
[And [He] is going to bear a grudge]
[toward His Enemies].

3[His Majesty] {is} [slow] [to Anger] [but tremendously]
[powerful],
[And [His Majesty] will [certainly] [not] acquit]
{those who are guilty}].

[His Way] {is} [in a Medicane] [and Total Terror],
 [And a Cloud] {is} [a Dusty Powder] [at His Feet].
⁴[He is going to rebuke] [{the} Sea] [and dry him up],
 [And He will make [all] [The Rivers] dry].
 [Bashan] [and Carmel] [will deteriorate completely];
 [Even {the} Blossom] [of Lebanon]

[will deteriorate completely];
⁵[Mountains] [will quake] [because of Him],
 [And The Hills] [will be filled with terror];
 [But [The Earth] will carry on] [in His Presence],
 [Even The World] [and all] [who are dwelling] [in it].

⁶[Who] [could stand] [before] [His Fury]?
 [And who could stand up] [against {the} burning]
 [of His Anger]?

[His Rage] [will be poured out] [like Fire],
 [And The Rocks] [will be torn apart] [by Him].
 (Nahum 1:2–6) —my interim translation

¹⁴[{The} [great] Day] [of His Majesty] {is} [near],
 [Near], [and moving [very] quickly];
 [The Sound] [of {the} Day] [of His Majesty] {is} [bitter]!
 [A Gibbor] [will sound a war-cry] [there].

¹⁵[That] [Day] {is} [A Day] [of Unbounded Rage],
 [A Day] [of Distress] [and a Reason for Anxiety],
 [A Day] [of a Devastating Storm]
 [and Total Devastation],

[A Day] [of Darkness] [and Nether Gloom],
 [A Day] [of Cloud] [and Dense Fog],

¹⁶[A Day] [of Trumpet] [and Teruah]
 [Against] [The [enclosed] Cities]
 [And against] [The [high] Corners].

¹⁷[Then I will be hostile] [to {the}
 Descendants of Adam];
 [And they will walk] [like those who are blind],
 [Because] [they sinned] [against His Majesty];
 [So their Blood] [will be poured out] [like Dust]
 [And their Bowels] [like Dung].

¹⁸[Neither] [their Silver] [nor] [their Gold]
 [Will be able] [to snatch them away]
 [On {the} Day] [{of the} Unbounded Rage]
 [of His Majesty],
 [When [The [entire] Earth] [will be consumed]
 by {the} Fire] [of His Jealousy];
 [Because] [He will make] [a Complete End]—
 [One that is [definitely] frightening]—
 [Of all] [the Inhabitants of] [The Earth].
 (Zephaniah 1:14–18) —my interim translation

“[Therefore], [wait] [for Me],”
 [declares] [His Majesty],
 “[For {the} Day] [when I rise up] [as a Witness].
 [Because] [My Decision Based on the Truth] {is}
 [to round up] [Gentiles],
 [To gather] [Kingdoms],
 [To pour out] [My Fury] [on them]—
 [All] [My [burning] Anger];
 [Because] [all] [The Earth] [will be consumed]
 [In The Fire] [{of} My Jealousy].”
 (Zephaniah 3:8) —my interim translation

⁸(2) [Then] [another] [Messenger]—[a Second One]—
 [followed {him}], [saying]: “[She has fallen]! [Babylon]
 [The] [Great]—[the one who] [has made [all] [The]
 [Gentiles] drink [some] [of The] [Wine] [of His] [Rage]
 [about] [her] [Sexual Promiscuity]—[has fallen]!”
⁹(3) [Then] [another] [Messenger]—[a Third One]—
 [followed] [them], [saying] [in] [a [loud] Voice]:
 “[If] [anyone]

(a) [worships] [The] [Beast] [and] [his] [Image] [and]
 (b) [accepts] [{his} Mark]

(i) [on] [his] [Forehead] [or]
 (ii) [on] [his] [Hand],

¹⁰(a) [he] [will [also] drink] [some] [of The]
 [Wine] [of The] [Rage] [of The] [{Living}
 God] [that] [has been mixed] [undiluted] [in]
 [The] [Cup] [of] [His] [Anger]; [and]
 (b) [he will be tormented] [with] [Fire] [and]
 [Brimstone] [in the presence of] [holy]
 [Messengers] [and] [in the presence of] [The]
 [Little Lamb]. ¹¹[And]

(c) [The] [Smoke] [of] [their] [Torment] [is]
 going to go up] [in] [{the} Ages] [of Ages to
 Come].

(d) [And] [those who] [worship] [The] [Beast]
 [and] [his] [Image]—[even] [anyone], [if] [he]
 accepts] [The] [Mark] [of] [his] [Name]—[are
 [not] going to have] [Refreshment] [Day] [and]
 [Night]!” ¹²[Here] [is] [The] [Perseverance] [of]
 [The] [Holy Ones]—[those who] [keep watch
 over] [The] [Commandments] [of The]
 [{Living} God] [and] [their] [Belief in God’s
 Promise] [concerning Jesus].

(Revelation 14:8–12) —HSSB ■



The Voice of Elijah® publishes articles based on the findings of The Elijah Project, a private research group headed by Larry D. Harper. In this column we seek answers to general-interest questions concerning the findings, purpose, and philosophy of this project.

Editor: After visiting our website, a man sent us a few questions in hopes you can clarify some things for him to help him better understand the Truth that you teach. Here is what he asked:

You mentioned that your concepts/teachings are part of the Apostolic Teachings as well as the Early Church Fathers. Are you referring to the Pre-Nicene, Nicene and Post-Nicene Church Fathers?

When you say the church has become distorted by Christian Philosophers, are you referring to the Hellenistic influence in the early church?

You mentioned the church has lost the truth of the Apostolic teaching. How has this happened? When? How does this relate to the Roman Catholic belief in Apostolic Succession?

When discussing parables, you mentioned the importance of knowing the "meaning" of what was said and the "significance" of why it was said. How does understanding Scripture through a Hebraic mindset as opposed to a Greco-Roman mind-set affect the "meaning" and "significance"?

Is the church full of error because the church does not know ... lost ... the oral teachings of Moses? How do we find the oral teachings of Moses if they have not been passed on for generations?

Would you consider the Eastern Orthodox Church to be the "gate keeper" for the oral traditions? Roman

Catholic Church? I ask, because these two organizations claim to be the one true church, started by the Apostles and hold Tradition (oral teachings) equal with Scripture.

Is the reason for error in today's church because we have lost the Oral teaching of Moses or because we don't understand the Jewish roots of the Christian Faith?

How has pagan influences in Christianity influenced the beliefs of today's church?

To better understand parables in Scripture, where do I go to learn about Hebrew idioms? Your help is much appreciated.

Elijah: When you said, "a few questions," I was not expecting more than a dozen. But since you asked, I'll do my best to give an adequate response to all but one of them. Here's the first:

You mentioned that your concepts/teachings are part of the Apostolic Teachings as well as the Early Church Fathers. Are you referring to the Pre-Nicene, Nicene and Post-Nicene Church Fathers?

If the reader had done any significant research into what I have written over the years rather than expecting the "CliffsNotes" version, he would have already known that I don't categorize the "Church Fathers" in that way. That is because most of *The Apostolic Teaching* was already lost by the time Origen (A.D. 185–253) came on the scene propagating his ridiculous belief that some very intelligent thinker like himself could figure out the message of the Scriptures without learning it from someone to whom it had been **handed down** from the Apostles by an unbroken line of Teachers. Here is just another "way" of stating the Truth that Origen somehow overlooked:

¹(1) Simon Peter, a slave and Apostle of Jesus, the Anointed One,

(2) To those who have drawn the winning lot of honor equal to us—**belief in God's promise** through {the} declaration of not guilty of our God and Savior, Jesus, the Anointed One.

²(1) May favor and peace be increased for you

(a) through full knowledge of the truth concerning the {living} God and Jesus, our Master,

³(b) since all things concerning His divine supernatural power that pertain to

- (i) life and
 - (ii) godliness
- have been presented to us via our full knowledge of the truth concerning the One Who has invited us into His Own

- (a) glory and
- (b) virtuous characteristic.

⁴(2) Via which {things} He has been presented to us, as the {most} valuable and greatest things that were **promised**, so that via these things you could become partakers of {His} divine nature, after escaping from the perishable body that is in the world with {its} selfish desire.

⁵(3) So {for} this very reason then: after also applying all concern for others, abundantly provide:

- (a) your virtuous characteristic by your **belief in God's promise**, then
- (b) your **knowledge of the truth** by your virtuous characteristic, ⁶then
- (c) your self-control by your **knowledge of the truth**, then
- (d) your perseverance by your self-control, then
- (e) your godliness by your perseverance, ⁷then
- (f) your brotherly love by your godliness, then
- (g) your love by your brotherly love.

⁸(4) For when these things exist in you and are more than enough, He is not going to appoint {you} as

- (a) one who is lazy or
- (b) unproductive in your full **knowledge of the truth** concerning our Master, Jesus, the Anointed One.

⁹(5) For whoever does not have these things in {him} is

- (a) a blind man,
- (b) one who has become nearsighted,
- (c) one who has long since forgotten receiving the cleansing of His sins.

¹⁰(1) Wherefore, brothers, make every effort to make His invitation and choice of you even more confirmed:

- (a) for you who are doing these things will definitely not trip at any time;
- ¹¹(b) for in this way your entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Master and Savior, Jesus, the Anointed One, will be abundantly provided to you as wealth.

¹²(2) Wherefore, I am going to continually remind you about these things, even though {you}

- (a) are aware of {them} and
- (b) have been made resolute by the truth that is present {in you}.

¹³(3) But I deem {it} right, for as long as I am in this tabernacle, to wake you up through a reminder, ¹⁴aware that the setting aside of my tabernacle is imminent, just as our Master, Jesus, the Anointed One, has also made obvious to me.

¹⁵(4) But I will also at all times make every effort, so that, after my own exodus, you may have the memory of these things, to act in accordance with {them}.

¹⁶(a) For we—those who did not take off after those who have been made “wise” by myths, but were eye-witnesses of the magnificence of That Individual—made known to you the supernatural power and coming of our Master, Jesus, the Anointed One.

¹⁷(b) For {He was} receiving honor and glory from God, {our} Father, when a declaration like the following was brought to Him by the Magnificent Glory: “This Individual is My Son, My beloved One, with Whom I am delighted.”

¹⁸(c) We also heard this very declaration when {it} was brought to {us} out of Heaven while {we} were together with Him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹(i) So we have the prophetic word more confirmed, to which you are doing exceptionally well by paying close attention {to it} as to a lamp that is seen in a squalid place, until daytime has made it possible to see distinctly and {the} One Who brings light has risen in your hearts.

²⁰(ii) *Knowing this first of all, that there is not any prophecy of Scripture of one's own explanation.* ²¹*For prophecy has never at any time been brought to {us} by {the} will of a man, but men who were brought to {us} by a Holy Spirit spoke from God.*

(2 Peter 1:1–21) —HSSB

Peter explains the situation perfectly for those who know what *promise* he had in mind when he calls that *promise* “your knowledge of the truth.” The Truth is, the message of the Scriptures is not something that anyone could—at that time—retrieve by “doing their exegesis”; and it is certainly not something that can be retrieved in our time by digging up some new archaeological artifact that pertains to a single verse of Scripture that systematic theologians want to use as the underpinning for some imbecilic patchwork theory.

The extremely coherent message of the Scriptures can only be understood by reading from Genesis 1 all the way through to Revelation 22. If a person cannot accept that message after someone points out the “path” it follows through both Testaments, they are going to wake up to an extremely terrifying reality on Judgment Day because they failed to pay attention when attention was due. I didn’t say that; Isaiah did, in Isaiah 28. The Truth is right out in the open for anyone to see and believe, and it can be easily understood by anyone who is willing to come to the angry, jealous God of Israel on His terms. But most in our day will not even consider that option, which is why the wrath of the very angry and jealous God of Israel is rapidly descending on this generation. Next question:

When you say the church has become distorted by Christian Philosophers, are you referring to the Hellenistic influence in the early church?

I find it humorous when people phrase things so as to subconsciously avoid assigning responsibility for some nefarious act. The reader is more than willing to attribute to me the statement, “*the church has become distorted by Christian Philosophers,*” when the fact is, I would never say it that way. The phrase “*has become distorted*” is a lot like a cold-blooded killer saying, “*the gun just went off.*” That is not, and never has been, what happened. Idiots like Origen and his lamebrained teacher Clement of Alexandria came into the Church

and intentionally distorted the Truth that legitimate teachers like Irenæus and Hippolytus were still *handing down* within the orthodox Church.

So yes, “Christian philosophy” did begin with lamebrains emulating Greek philosophers rather than simply *handing down* the *oral tradition* of the Apostles as Jesus expected; but their incoherent nonsense has been *handed down* under the guise of *systematic theology*. That is, the seamless message of the Scriptures has been parted out and arranged into what appears to be logical categories of thought. The Truth is, the message of the Scriptures can only be accurately understood if one understands the *meaning* and *significance* of its individual passages, which is what the leaders of the Church were supposed to *hand down orally*. Next question:

When discussing parables, you mentioned the importance of knowing the “meaning” of what was said and the “significance” of why it was said. How does understanding Scripture through a Hebraic mindset as opposed to a Greco-Roman mind-set affect the “meaning” and “significance”?

I am going to answer this question to repel those who are convinced there is no Truth in the things God called me to explain. How about we use this verse:

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

Most who claim to be “Christian” will find it impossible to set aside the delusional beliefs *systematic theologians* have built around the phrase “for God so loved the world.” But even if they were willing to reconsider the lies Satan has instilled in the Church, they would still run right smack-dab up against the *biblical theology* that stands behind the enigmatic statement, “*that he gave his only begotten Son.*” What in the Hades is that supposed to *mean*? Beyond that, what possible *significance* could it hold? Nothing less than everything. But the unsuspecting dupes in the Church have nary a clue as to either its *meaning* or *significance* because they do not have an inkling as to the message that Moses and the Prophets carefully wove into the things they wrote. So I am going to do a “cut-and-paste” job to show you just a few of the passages where Hebrew idioms, *parabolic*

imagery, and ancient Hebrew mind-set impinge on not just the “Greco-Roman mind-set,” but also the current understanding of the biblical message:

¹[Then [after] [These] [Things], it happened that] [The {Living} God] [tested] [Abraham], [and said] [to him], “[Abraham]!”

[And he said], “[Here I am].”

²[Then He said], “[Please], [take] [Your Son]—[Your Only Child] [Isaac], [whom] [You love]—[and go] [by Yourself] [to] [the] Land [of Moriah], [and offer him up] [there] [as a Burnt Offering] [on] [One] [of The Mountains] [that] [I say] [to You].” ³[So [Abraham] got up early] [in {the} Morning] [and cinched up] [his Jackass], [and took] [two of] [his Youths] [and] [his Son] [Isaac] [with him]; [then he split] [Wood] [for] a **Burnt Offering**, [and got up] [and went] [to] [The Place] [that] [The {Living} God] [had said] [to him]. ⁴[On [the third] Day], [Abraham] [raised] [his Eyes] [and saw] [The Place] [from a long way away].

⁵[Then [Abraham] said] [to] [his Youths], “[Stay] [here] [by yourselves] [with] [The Jackass] [while I] [and The Youth] [walk] [up to] [That Point] [and worship]; [then we will come back] [to you].” ⁶[So [Abraham] took] [the] [Wood] [for] **The Burnt Offering** [and placed {it}] [on] [his Son] [Isaac]; [then he took] [The Fire] [and] [The Knife] [in his Hand], [and [both of them] walked on] [together].

⁷[Then [Isaac] spoke] [to] [his Father] [Abraham] [and said], “[My Father]!”

[And he said], “[Here I am], [my Son].”

[And he said], “[Here are] [The Fire] [and The Wood], [but where is] [The Lamb] [for {the} **Burnt Offering**]?”

⁸[And [Abraham] said], “[God] [will see] [to] [The Lamb] [for {the} **Burnt Offering**] [by Himself], [my Son].” [And [both of them] walked on] [together].

⁹[When they came] [to] [The Place] [that] [The {Living} God] [had said] [to him], [Abraham] [built] [The Altar] [there] [and arranged] [The Wood] [and tied up] [his Son] [Isaac] [and placed] [him] [on] [The Altar], [on top of] [the] Wood. ¹⁰[Then [Abraham] stretched out] [his Hand] [and took] [The Knife] [to slaughter] [his Son]. ¹¹[But [the] Messenger] [of His Majesty] [called out] [to him] [from] [The Sea of Waters] [and said], “[Abraham]! [Abraham]!”

[And he said], “[Here I am]!”

¹²[Then He said]: “[Do [not] stretch out] [Your Hand] [against] [The Youth]; [and do [not] do] [anything] [to him], [because] [now] [I know] [that] [You] [fear] [God].

[You did [not] hold back] [Your Son], [Your Only Child], [from Me].” ¹³[Then [Abraham] raised] [his Eyes] [and saw], [guess what!] [A Ram] [was caught] [by its Horns] [in a Thicket] [behind {him}]; [so [Abraham] went] [and took] [The Ram] [and offered it up] [as a **Burnt Offering**] [instead of] [his Son]. ¹⁴[Then [Abraham] called] [the] Name [of That] [Place] “[His Majesty] [will see {to it}],” [as] [it is said] [Today] [about {the} Mountain], “[His Majesty] [will see {to it}].”

¹⁵[Then [the] Messenger] [of His Majesty] [called out] [to] [Abraham] [from] [The Sea of Waters] [a Second Time] ¹⁶[and said]: “[I have sworn an oath] [by Myself], [declares] [His Majesty], [for the simple reason] [that] [You have done] [This] [Thing] [and did [not] hold back] [Your Son], [Your Only Child], ¹⁷[I will [most] [definitely] **bless** You], [and I will [definitely] make [Your Seed] as many] [as {the} Stars of] [The Sea of Waters] [and as {the} Sand] [that] {is} [on] [the] Shore of] [The Sea], [and Your Seed] [will take possession of] [the] [Gate] [of His Enemies]. ¹⁸[And [all] [the] Nations of] [The Earth] will **bless** themselves] [in Your Seed], [as a result of] [You listening] [to My Voice].”

(Genesis 22:1–18) —my interim translation

The best a *systematic theologian* can do when they try to fit that text into their *theological system* is talk about Isaac as a *type* of Christ. In a sense, that is true; he is. But there is a whole lot more to that text than meets the eye of those who have been deceived by the Liar, Satan; and it begins with the fact that God *gave* Isaac to Abraham as *the* designated *heir of the promise*. Knowing that, we now know we are dealing with a *parabolic pantomime* that is depicting the transfer of *the promise* down to *the* next *heir* who stands in line to *inherit the promise*. Those folks are identified in verse 18:

“[And [all] [the] Nations of] [The Earth] will **bless themselves**] [in Your Seed], [as a result of] [You listening] [to My Voice].”

(Genesis 22:18) —my interim translation

Leaving aside for the time being the things I have already explained about *the promise, the inheritance of the promise, the heir of the promise, the fulfillment of the promise, and the inheritance of what was promised* over the past three decades in the pages of this newsletter, those who understand the things I have explained about the *parabolic pantomimes* God orchestrated know

that every *parabolic pantomime* has at least one Hebrew idiom that contributes its attendant *parabolic imagery* so as to confirm the accurate *meaning* and *significance* of the pantomime. The *parabolic pantomime* of the sacrifice of Isaac is no different; it has several idioms and images one needs to understand before the full *meaning* and *significance* of the *parabolic pantomime* comes into view.

The first *parabolic image* one must keep in mind is that of the “burnt offering.” The following passage provides that imagery:

¹[Then [His Majesty] called] [to] [Moses] [and spoke] [to him] [from {the} Tent] [of {the} Appointed Time], [saying], ²“[Speak] [to] [{the} Sons of] [Israel] [and say] [to them]: ‘[Descendants of Adam], [when] [one of you] [presents] [an Offering] [to His Majesty], [you must present] [your Offering] [from] [The Beasts]—[from] [The Cattle] [and from] [The Flock].

³[If] [his Offering] {is} [a Burnt Offering] [from] [The Cattle], [he must present it] [as a Male] [without defect]; [he must present] [it] [at] [{the} Entrance of] [{the} Tent] [of {the} Appointed Time] [to {gain} Goodwill for him] [in front of] [His Majesty]. ⁴[Then he must lay] [his Hand] [on] [{the} Head] [of The Burnt Offering] [so that it makes amends] [for him]—[to make atonement] [for him]. ⁵[Then he must slaughter] [{the} Son] [of The Cattle] [in front of] [His Majesty]; [and] [{the} Sons of] [Aaron], [The Priests], [must present] [The Blood] [and toss] [The Blood] [round about] [on top of] [The Altar] [that] {is} [at the} Entrance] [of {the} Tent] [of {the} Appointed Time]. ⁶[Then he must strip] [The Burnt Offering] [and cut] [it] [into its Pieces].

⁷[Then] [{the} Sons of] [Aaron], [The Priest], [must put] [Fire] [on] [The Altar] [and arrange] [Wood] [on] [The Fire]. ⁸[Then] [{the} Sons of] [Aaron], [The Priests], [must arrange] [The Pieces]—[The Head] [and] [The Suet]—[on] [The Wood] [that] {is} [on] [The Fire] [that] {is} [on] [The Altar]; ⁹[but] [he must wash] [its Entrails] [and its Legs] [with Water]. [Then] [The Priest] must burn [The Whole Thing] [on The Altar] as incense; [a Burnt Offering] {is} [a Fire Offering], [a [soothing] Aroma] [to His Majesty].

¹⁰[But if] [his Offering] [for a Burnt Offering] {is} [one of] [The Flock]—[one of] [The Sheep] [or] [one of] [The Goats]—[he must present it] [as a Male] [without defect]. ¹¹[Then he must slaughter] [it] [on] [{the} [north] Side of] [The Altar] [in front of] [His Majesty]; [and] [{the} Sons of] [Aaron], [The Priests], [must toss] [its Blood] [around

[on top of] [The Altar]. ¹²[Then he must cut] [it] [into its pieces]—[and] [its Head] [and] [its Suet]—[and] [The Priest] must arrange] [them] [on] [The Wood] [that] {is} [on] [The Fire] [that] {is} [on] [The Altar], ¹³[but] [he must wash] [The Entrails] [and The Legs] [with Water]. [Then] [The Priest] must present {it} [and burn] [The Whole Thing] [on The Altar] as incense; [a Burnt Offering] [is] [a Fire Offering], [a [soothing] Aroma] [to His Majesty].

¹⁴[But if] [his Offering] {is} [one of] [The Flyers] [as a Burnt Offering] [to His Majesty], [he must present] [one of] [The Turtledoves] [or] [one of] [The [young] Doves] [as his Offering]. ¹⁵[Then] [The Priest] must present it [at] [The Altar], [and he must wring off] [its Head] [and burn {it} as incense] [on The Altar], [but] [its Blood] must be drained out [on] [{the} Vertical Surface] [of The Altar]. ¹⁶[But he must remove] [its Crop*] [with its Plumage] [and throw] [it] [down] [next to] [The Altar], [to the East], [at] [{the} Place] [of The Grease]. ¹⁷[Then he must split] [it] [apart] [by its Wings]; [he must] [not] separate {it}. [Then] [The Priest] must burn [it] [on The Altar] as incense, [on] [The Wood] [that] {is} [on] [The Fire]; [a Burnt Offering] [is] [a Fire Offering], [a [soothing] Aroma] [to His Majesty].”
(Leviticus 1:1–17) —my interim translation

From what Moses states in that passage, we can be absolutely certain a “burnt offering” provided atonement for sin (v. 4). We also know it was both a “fire offering” and an incense offering; but unlike the other incense offerings, it was offered up on the sacrificial altar at the entrance to the Tabernacle rather than the incense altar inside the Tabernacle. Those things are important to know, but the most important takeaway from the passage resides in the fact that a “burnt offering” was a “fire offering” that provided atonement for sins committed. Remember that, your accurate understanding of how the Prophets used the *parabolic imagery* related to the sacrifices and offerings in the sacrificial cult of the Hebrew/Canaanite culture depends on it.

Moving on from *parabolic imagery* to Hebrew idioms, the first Hebrew idiom you need to know is “give a seed.” The following passage not only defines the *meaning* of that idiom, it also provides the attendant *parabolic image*:

¹[And it happened] [at] [That] Time], [that] [Judah] went down] [away from] [his Brothers] [and stayed] [with]

[an [Adullamite] Man], [and his Name] {was} [Hirah].²[And [Judah] saw] [there] [the] Daughter [of a [Canaanite] Man], [and his Name] {was} [Shua]; [so he took her] [and went in] [to her].³[Then she got pregnant] [and engendered] [a Son], [and he called] [His Name] [Er].⁴[Then she got pregnant] [again] [and engendered] [a Son], [and she called] [his Name] [Onan].⁵[Then she continued to add [still] more] [and engendered] [a Son], [and she called] [his Name] [Shelah], [and he was] [in Chezib] [when she engendered] [him].

⁶[Then [Judah] took] [a Woman] [for Er], [his Firstborn]; [and her Name] {was} [Tamar].⁷[But [Er], [Judah's] [Firstborn], was] [bad] [in the Sight of] [His Majesty]; [so [His Majesty] put him to death].⁸[Then [Judah] said] [to Onan], "[Go in] [to] [Your Brother's] [Woman], [so that You give [her] progeny] [and raise up] [a Seed] [for Your Brother]." ⁹[But [Onan] knew] [that] [The Seed] [would [not] be] [his]; [so it was], [if] [he went in] [to] [his Brother's] [Woman], [he destroyed] [it] [on] [the] Earth] [in order not] [to give] [a Seed] [to his Brother].¹⁰[But [what] [he did] was bad] [in the Sight of] [His Majesty]; [so He [also] put [him] to death]. (Genesis 38:1-10) —my interim translation

Got it? If one man "gave a seed" to another, "the seed would not be his." Remember that, it explains why Jesus was "the Son of David" when He died on the cross. That was the case because God "gave a Seed" to David through the Virgin Mary, but that is only the first of the two instances where God "gave a Seed" to someone, and Jesus had both of them in mind when He made this statement:

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

Since I have, over the years, explained the *parabolic imagery* standing behind the things the Prophets say about God "giving a Seed" to David, let me show you the source of the *parabolic imagery* that stands behind the instance where He "gave a Seed" to Himself on the morning of the Resurrection:

¹[Then [His Majesty] spoke] [to] [Moses] [saying],
²"[So [You must say] to] [The Sons of] [Israel]: '[Any] [Man] [from] [the] Sons of] [Israel]—[or from] [The

Temporary Resident], [the] {one} who resides temporarily] [in Israel]—[who] [gives] [any of his Seed] [to] {the} King], [must [certainly] be put to death]. [The People] [of The Land] [must stone him] [with Stones].³[And I] [will set] [My Face] [against] [that] Man] [and I will cut [him] off] [from] {the} Midst] [of his People], [because] [he gave] [some of his Seed] [to] {the} King] [so that] [he made] [My Sanctuary] unclean] [and polluted] [My holy] [Name].⁴[But if] [the] People] [of The Land] [intentionally] [hide] [their Eyes] [from] [That] [Man] [when he gives] [some of his Seed] [to] {the} King], [so as not to] [put [him] to death],⁵[then I [Myself] will set] [My Face] [against] [that] Man] [and against his Family]. [And I will cut off] [from] {the} Midst] [of their People] [him] [and] [all] [those who participate in the zonah rituals] [following him]—[by participating in the zonah rituals] [following] [The King]."

(Leviticus 20:1-5) —my interim translation

I am well aware of the fact that other translations find repeated mention of a fictitious god they call "Molech" in that passage. Don't believe it; they have mistakenly taken the Hebrew word for king (*melek*) as a proper name. I have explained why that is in one of the many articles I have written for the one hundred thirty-seven issues of this newsletter published to this point. If you have any interest in the Truth in that regard, you will take the time to find the article in which I discussed it; if not, you won't. Your choice.

Two basic *parabolic images* are standing behind the passage immediately above, and both of them pertain to the *parabolic pantomime* of the sacrifice of Isaac. The first is the image of levirate marriage that I showed you in Genesis 38; the second can be found in Ezekiel 16. Since we've seen Genesis 38, let's take a look at what Ezekiel says about the civilization on Planet Earth using the *parabolic image* of ancient Jerusalem as "the great city" God is about to destroy in our own time:

¹[Then [The Word] [of His Majesty] came] [to me], [saying]:²"[Son] [of Adam], [make [her Abominations] known to] [Jerusalem]³[and say]: '[This is what] [my Master], [His Majesty], [has said] [to Jerusalem]: "[Your Origin] [and Your Kinfolk] {are} [from] {the} Land] [of The Canaanite]; [Your Father], [The Amorite], [and Your Mother], [a Hittite].⁴[As for Your Kinfolk], [on] {the} Day] [You] [were engendered] [he did [not] cut] [Your Umbilical Cord], [and] [You were [not] washed] in

Water] [for Decontamination]. [You were [definitely] [not] seasoned with salt], [and You were [certainly] [not] wrapped up]. ⁵[No] [Eye] [was concerned {enough}] [about You] [to do] [one] [of These Things] [to take pity] [on You], [so You were thrown out] [onto] [the] Surface of] [The Open Field] [when [Your Soul] was detested] [on {the} Day] [You] [were engendered].

⁶[When I passed] [by You] [and saw You] [wriggling] [in Your Blood], [I said] [to You] [in Your Blood], ‘[Live]!’ [Again I said] [to You] [in Your Blood], ‘[Live]!’ ⁷[I made You] [Ten Thousand], [like a Sprout] [of The Field]. [Then You became many] [and grew up]. [When You came {to the age}] [for Ornaments], [Breasts] [were prepared] [and Your Hair] [sprouted]. [But You were] [naked] [and bare].

⁸[Then I passed] [by You] [and saw You], [and guess what!] [Your Time] {was} [the] Time [for] Sexual Intercourse! [So I spread] [My Skirt] [over You], [and I completely covered] [Your Private Parts]. [Then I swore an oath] [to You] [and I entered] [into a Legal Agreement] [with You],” [declares] [my Master], [His Majesty], “[and You became] [Mine]. ⁹[Then I bathed You] [with Water], [and rinsed] [Your Blood] [off of You] [and applied [Oil] to You]. ¹⁰[And I clothed You with] [a Fabric of Various Beautiful Colors] [and secured Your sandals with [Dolphin Skin] straps], [and I cinched You up] [in Fine Linen] [and covered You with] [Silk]. ¹¹[Then I adorned You with] [an Ornament], [and I put] [Bracelets] [on] [Your Wrists] [and an Ornamental Chain] [on] [Your Throat]. ¹²[I also put] [a Ring] [in] [Your Nose] [and Earrings] [in] [Your Ears] [and a [beautiful] Crown] [on Your Head]. ¹³[So You were adorned with] [Gold] [and Silver]; [and Your Garment] {was} [Fine Linen], [Silk], [and Fabric of Various Beautiful Colors]. [You ate] [Finely Ground Flour] [and Honey] [and Oil], [and You were [tremendously] attractive] [and successful] [at Kingship]. ¹⁴[Then [the] Name] [You had] went out] [among {the} Gentiles] [because of Your Attractiveness], [because] [My Splendor] [is] [the] Whole Burnt Offering] [that] [I placed] [on You].

¹⁵[But You trusted] [in Your Attractiveness] [and participated in the zonah ritual] [against] [Your Name], [and You poured out] [Your Offers to Participate in the Zonah Ritual] [on] [everyone] [who passed by]—[to whomever] [it might be]. ¹⁶[Then You took] [off Your Clothes] [and made] [for Yourself] [High Places] [made of a patchwork] [which were [never] {intended} to come to pass], [and You participated in the zonah ritual] [on them], [and that was [never]

{intended} to happen]. ¹⁷[You also took] [Your beautiful] [Things] [of Gold] [and of Silver] [that] [I gave] [You] [and made] [Images of] [a Male] [for Yourself] [to participate in the zonah ritual] [with them]. ¹⁸[You also took] [Your [Clothing {made} of] a Fabric of Various Beautiful Colors] [and covered them], [and You put] [My Oil] [and My Incense] [in front of them]. ¹⁹[And [I fed You] My Bread] [of {the} Finely Ground Flour]; [and Oil] [and Honey] [that] [I gave] [You], [You also put it] [in front of them] [for a [soothing] Aroma],” [declares] [My Master], [His Majesty]. ²⁰[When You took] [Your Sons] [and] [Your Daughters] [that] [You engendered] [for Me] [and sacrificed them as a communal sacrifice]—[for them] [to be eaten]—[was [Your Offer to Participate in the Zonah Ritual] insignificant]? ²¹[So You slaughtered] [My Sons] [and gave them up] [by making [them] cross over] [to them]. ²²[And along with] [all] [Your Abominations] [and Offers to Participate in the Zonah Ritual] [You did [not] remember] [the] Days of] [Your Youth], [when You were] [naked] [and bare]? [You were] [wriggling] [in Your Blood]!

²³[Then it happened], [after] [all] [Your Bad Behavior]—‘[Woe!] [Woe] [to You]!’ [declares] [My Master], [His Majesty]—²⁴[that You built] [a Height] [for Yourself] [and made] [a High Spot] [for Yourself] [in every] [Plaza]. ²⁵[You built] [Your High Spot] [at] [every] [Top] [of a Way] [and did abominable things] [with] [Your Attractiveness], [and You spread [Your Legs] wide apart] [for everyone] [who passed by] [and increased] [Your Offers to Participate in the Zonah Ritual]. ²⁶[Then You participated in the zonah ritual] [with] [the] Sons of] [Egypt]—[Your Residents] [who were raising] [Flesh]—[and increased] [Your Offers to Participate in the Zonah Ritual] [to exasperate Me]. ²⁷[So guess what!] [I stretched out] [My Hand] [against You] [and took away] [Your Limit]. [Then I turned You over] [to {the} Soul] [of those who hate You]—[the] Daughters of] [the] Philistines] [who were humiliated] [because of Your [perverted] Way]. ²⁸[Then You participated in the zonah ritual] [with] [the] Sons of] [Assyria] [because {you were} without any] [Satisfaction], [but You participated in the zonah ritual with them], [and after {that}] [You were [not] satisfied]. ²⁹[And [Your Offer [to] [the] Land] [of Canaan] to Participate in the Zonah Ritual] You increased] [to {the} Chaldeans], [but [You were [not] satisfied] even] [with this].

³⁰[How] [could [Your Heart] have deteriorated completely],” [declares] [my Master], [His Majesty], “[by You

doing] [all] [These] [Things That [a [domineering] Woman] [who participates in the zonah ritual] Does]? ³¹[When You built] [Your Height] [at {the} Top] [of every] [Way] [and You made] [Your High Spot] [in every] [Plaza], [You were] [not] [like one who participates in the zonah ritual] [by poking fun at] [Payment for Sex with one who participates in the zonah ritual]. ³²[The Woman] [who commits adultery], [You take] [Strangers] [instead of] [her Man]! ³³[They give] [a Large Fee*] [to every] [one who participates in the zonah ritual], [but You] [give] [Generous Donations*] [to all] [of those who love You], [and You offer [them] a bribe] [to come] [to You] [from all around] [with Your Offers to Participate in the Zonah Ritual]. ³⁴[So [with Your Offers to Participate in the Zonah Ritual] it is] [turned around] [with You] [more than] [Those Women], [and [nobody] following You] [is participating in the zonah ritual]. [So when You give] [a Payment For Sex] [and [no] Payment For Sex] [is given] [to You], [You have {it}] [turned around].”

³⁵[Therefore], [You who participate in the zonah ritual], [listen to] [the] [Word] [of His Majesty]. ³⁶[This is what] [my Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: “[Simply because] [Your Brazenness] [was poured out] [and [Your Private Parts] were revealed] [during Your Offer to Participate in the Zonah Ritual] [with] [those who love You] [and with] [all] [the] [Idols of] [Your Abominable Things], [and because of {the} Shed Blood of] [Your Sons] [whom] [You gave] [to them]. ³⁷[Therefore], [guess what! I am] [going to gather] [all] [of those who love You]—[those to] [whom] [You were pleasing]—[even] [everyone] [that] [You loved] [along with] [everyone] [that] [You hated]. [And I will gather] [them] [against You] [from {the} Area Around], [and I will reveal] [Your Private Parts] [to them] [so that they may see] [all] [of Your Private Parts]. ³⁸[And I will judge You] [with the] [Judgments of] [those who commit adultery] [and those who shed] [Blood]. [Then I will bestow on You] [the] [Blood] [of a Rage] [and Jealousy]. ³⁹[Then I will turn [You] over] [into their Hands], [so that they will break down] [Your Height] [and tear down] [Your High Spots] [and strip [Your Clothing] off] [of You] [and take away] [Your beautiful] [Things] [and make You rest] [naked] [and bare]. ⁴⁰[Then they will bring] [a Congregation] up] [against You], [and they will stone] [You] [with Stones] [and slice You into pieces] [with their Swords]. ⁴¹[Then they will burn down] [Your Houses] [with Fire] [and make] [Decisions Based on the Truth] [against You] [in The Sight of] [many] [Women], [and I will make You keep Sabbath] [away from anyone who

participates in the zonah ritual]. [And then] [You will] [never] [again] give {anyone} [a Payment For Sex]. ⁴²[I will give rest to] [My Rage] [on You] [and [My Jealousy] will turn away] [from You]; [then I will be calm], [and I will] [never] be exasperated] [again]. ⁴³[For the simple reason that] [You did [not] remember] [the] [Days of] [Your Youth] [and were disturbing] [to Me] [in all] [These Things], [so also], [look!] [I] [will put] [Your Way] [on {Your} Head],” [declares] [my Master], [His Majesty], “[so that You do [not] do] [The Perverted Thing] [along with] [any] [of Your {other} Abominable Things].

⁴⁴[Guess what!] [everyone] [who makes a comparison] [concerning You] [will make a comparison], [saying], ‘[Her Daughter] {is} [like {the} Mother].’ ⁴⁵[You are] [the] [Daughter of] [Your Mother]—[one who detested] [her Man] [and her Sons]. [And [You are] {the} Sister of] [Your Sisters], [who] [detested] [their Men] [and their Sons]. [Your Mother] {was} [a Hittite], [and Your Father] {was} [an Amorite]. ⁴⁶[Now Your [older] Sister] [is] [Samaria] [and her Daughters], [who dwell] [on] [Your Left Hand]; [and Your Sister] [who is younger] [than You], [who dwells] [at Your Right Hand] {is} [Sodom] [and her Daughters]. ⁴⁷[But You did [not] walk] [in their Ways] [and [act in accordance] with their Abominable Things]; [as though {that were} [too] insignificant], [You were more corrupt] [than they] [in all] [Your Ways]. ⁴⁸[I swear on My life],” [declares] [my Master], [His Majesty], “[Your Sister], [Sodom], [and her Daughters] [have [definitely not] done] [just what] [You] [and Your Daughters] [have done]. ⁴⁹[Guess what!] [This] [was] [the] [Reprehensible Activity] [of [Your Sister] Sodom]: [She] [and her Daughters] [had] [Pride], [the] [Satisfaction of] [Bread], [and {the} Self-satisfaction of] [The Calmness]; [but [she did [not] take hold of] {the} Hand] [of One Who Is Humble] [and One Who Is Needy]. ⁵⁰[So they were exalted] [and did] [Something Abominable] [in My presence], [and I removed] [them] [when] [I saw {it}]. ⁵¹[And Samaria] [did [not] commit sin] [equal to half of] [Your Sinful Activities], [but You increased] [Your Abominable Things] [more than they]. [And You have declared] [Your Sisters] [not guilty] [by all] [Your Abominable Things] [that] [You have done]. ⁵²[You] [must [also] bear] [Your Humiliation]; [because] [You prayed] [for Your Sisters] [by Your Sinful Activities] [when] [You did things more abominable] [than they], [they will be declared more not guilty] [than You]. [So [You] must [also] be ashamed] [and bear] [Your Humiliation] [in declaring] [Your Sisters] [not guilty].

⁵³[So I will turn back] [their Captivity]—[the Captivity of] [Sodom] [and her Daughters], [and] [the Captivity of] [Samaria] [and her Daughters], [and the Captivity of] [Your Captives] [in their Midst] ⁵⁴[so that] [You bear] [Your Humiliation] [and are humiliated] [because of all {the things}] [that] [You did] [when You feel sorry for] [them]. ⁵⁵[Your Sisters], [Sodom] [and her Daughters] [will return] [to their Place of Origin] [and Samaria] [and her Daughters] [will return] [to their Place of Origin]; [and You] [and Your Daughters] [will return] [to your Place of Origin]. ⁵⁶[But [Your Sister] [Sodom] has [not] been] [a Message] [in Your Mouth] [since {the} Day] [of Your Pride]. ⁵⁷[Before] [Your Bad Behavior] [was revealed] [at] [the Time of] [the Disgrace of] [the Daughters of] [Aram] [and all] [Who Are Round About her]—[the Daughters of] [the Philistines], [those] [from the Area Around] who treat You with scorn, ⁵⁸[You] [carried on {with}] [Your Perversion] [and Your Abominable Things],” [declares] [His Majesty]. ⁵⁹[So] [this is what] [my Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: “[So I will deal] [with You] [just as] [You did] [when] [You despised] [an Oath] [to make a Legal Agreement] null and void.

⁶⁰[But I will remember] [My Legal Agreement] [with You] [in {the} Days of] [Your Youth], [and I will confirm] [an [eternally burning] Legal Agreement] [for You]. ⁶¹[Then You will remember] [Your Ways] [and You will feel humiliated] [when You take] [Your Sisters]—[the one who is older] [than You] [along with] [the one who is younger] [than You]—[and I give] [them] [to You] [as Daughters], [but not] [because of Your Legal Agreement]. ⁶²[And [I] will confirm] [My Legal Agreement] [with You]; [and You know] [that] [I am] [His Majesty], ⁶³[so that] [You remember] [and are ashamed] [and [You] never] [again] [have] [an Opening] [of {the} Mouth] [because of] [Your Humiliation] [when I make atonement] [for You] [for all] [that] [You have done],” [declares] [my Master], [His Majesty].

(Ezekiel 16:1–63) —my interim translation

The Apostle Paul is alluding to the *parabolic image* of Jerusalem as “the great city” that the Prophets *talk about* when he says this:

²¹(3) *You who want to be subject to law tell me: Do you not hear the law?*

²²(a) *For it has been written that Abraham had two sons—*

(i) *one from the slave girl and*
(ii) *one from the free woman.* ²³*But:*

(a) *one was engendered from the slave girl, in accordance with flesh;*

(b) *the other from the free woman, via a **promise**, ²⁴which is what is being implied figuratively; for these individuals are two testaments:*

(i) *one {is}, in fact, from Mount Sinai, which is Hagar, who is engendering children into slavery. ²⁵Now, Hagar is Sinai, a mountain in Arabia; but she lines up with the present Jerusalem, for she is a slave along with her children.*

²⁶(ii) *But the Jerusalem above—who is our mother—is a free woman.*

²⁷(b) *For it has been written:*

“YOU, BARREN WOMAN—THE ONE WHO IS NOT GIVING BIRTH—MUST CELEBRATE!
YOU—THE ONE WHO IS NOT IN LABOR—
MUST LET IT RIP AND CRY OUT,
BECAUSE THE CHILDREN OF THE ONE
WHO WAS DESERTED
{Are} MANY MORE THAN {the children}
OF THE ONE WHO HAS THE MAN.”

(Galatians 4:21–27) —HSSB

My point is, in Ezekiel 16, Ezekiel is speaking cryptically about what God has planned for “the great city” Mystery Babylon at the End of the Age; but he is using *parabolic imagery* related to the Canaanite practice of sacred prostitution to draw a comparison between what was going on then and what will be at the End. So we can learn from what he says about those things to gain insight into the ancient mind-set needed to understand what Abraham was thinking when he tied his son Isaac to a pile of wood and prepared to slit his throat and roast him. You need to know what folks were doing back then before you can understand the white-hot hatred that God has focused on the final generation of this Age, so get ready. Ezekiel says this:

²⁰“[When You took] [Your Sons] [and] [Your Daughters] [that] [You engendered] [for Me] [and **sacrificed them as**

a communal sacrifice—[for them] [to be eaten]—[was [Your Offer to Participate in the **Zonah** Ritual] insignificant]? ²¹[So You slaughtered] [My Sons] [and gave them up] [by making [them] cross over] [to them].”
(Ezekiel 16:20–21) —my interim translation

Two totally different sacrifices are implied by the verbs used in those two verses. The first was a “burnt offering” like the one for Isaac; the other was a communal sacrifice like the Passover lamb, which was butchered to be eaten. Yes, the dirty little secret is, those folks were into ritualistic cannibalism, but you have no insight at all into the stupid beliefs that stood behind that part of the *zonah* ritual until you know the meaning of the Hebrew idiom “cross over to/for the king.” Providing insight into the connection between the two parts of the *zonah* ritual appears to be why the following verse was included in the Scriptures; it links the idiom “cross over to the king” to the idiom “give a seed,” whose meaning and significance I have explained over the past three decades:

“[Also, [You must [not] give] any of Your Seed] [to make {it} cross over] [for {the} King], [and You must [not] pollute] [{the} Name] [of Your God]. [I am] [His Majesty].”
(Leviticus 18:21) —my interim translation

Now that you know those things, you also need to know what folks back then were doing to make children “cross over to/for the king.” You can find it described in the following passage:

¹[So [The King] sent {someone}], [and they rounded up] [all] [{the} Elders of] [Judah] [and Jerusalem] [to him].
²[Then [The King]—[and every] [Man] [of Judah] [and all] [{the} Inhabitants of] [Jerusalem] [and The Priests] [and The Prophets] [and all] [The People], [from youngest] [to oldest] [with him]—went up to] [{the} House of] [His Majesty]; [and he read] [in their Hearing] [all] [{the} Words of] [{the} Scroll] [of The Legal Agreement] [that had been found] [in {the} House] [of His Majesty].
³[Then [The King] stood] [beside] [The Pillar] [and cut] [The Legal Agreement] [before] [His Majesty] [to walk] [behind] [His Majesty] [and to observe] [His Commandments] [and] [His Testimonies] [and] [His Statutes] [with all] [Heart] [and] [with all] [Soul], [to confirm] [{the} Words of] [This] [Legal Agreement] [that were written] [on] [This] [Scroll];

[and [all] [The People] stood {with him}] [in {the} Legal Agreement].
⁴[Then [The King] commanded] [Hilkiah], [The [high] Priest], [and] [{the} Priests of] [the second {rank}] [and] [those who were standing watch] [at The Threshold] [to bring [all] [The Things] [that were made] [for {the} Baal] [and for {the} **Asherah**] [and for all] [{the} Army] [of The Sea of Waters] out] [of {the} Temple] [of His Majesty]; [and he burned them thoroughly] [on The Outside] [of Jerusalem] [in {the} Cultivated Fields of] [Kidron], [and carried] [their Dust] [to Bethel].
⁵[And he made [The Idolatrous Priests] keep Sabbath]—[those whom] [{the} Kings of] [Judah] [put {in place}] [and burned incense] [in {the} High Places] [in {the} Cities of] [Judah] [and {the} Area Surrounding] [Jerusalem], [and] [those who burned incense] [for {the} Baal], [for {the} Sun], [and for {the} Moon], [and for {the} Constellations of the Zodiac*], [and for all] [{the} Army] [of The Sea of Waters].
⁶[Then he brought [The **Asherah**] out] [of {the} House] [of His Majesty] [to The Outside] [of Jerusalem] [to] [{the} [Kidron] Ravine] [and burned [it] thoroughly] [in {the} [Kidron] Ravine], [and he pulverized {it}] [to dust] [and threw] [its Dust] [over] [{the} Tomb] [of {the} Sons of] [The People].
⁷[And he tore down] [{the} Houses of] [The Holy Ones] [that were] [in {the} House] [of His Majesty] [where] [The Women] [were weaving] [Houses] [for **Asherah**].
⁸[And he brought] [all] [The Priests] [out of {the} Cities of] [Judah] [and declared [The High Places] [where] [The Priests] [had burned incense]—[from Geba] [as far as] [Beersheba]—unclean; [and he tore down] [{the} High Places at] [The Gates] [that were] [at {the} Entrance] [of {the} Gate] [of Joshua], [the] [Commanding Officer] [of The City]—[those that were] [on] [one’s] [Left] [in {the} Gate] [of The City].
⁹[However], [{the} Priests of] [The High Places] [could [not] go up] [to] [{the} Altar] [of His Majesty] [in Jerusalem], [although] [they did eat] [Unleavened Bread] [in the Midst of] [their Brothers].
¹⁰[Then he declared [The Topheth] (*which is* [in {the} Hollow of] [{the} Sons of] [Hinnom]) unclean] [so that no] [one would make [his Son] [or] [his Daughter] cross over] [in {the} Fire] [for {the} King].
(2 Kings 23:1–10) —my interim translation

The Truth is, Satan had duped the Canaanites into sacrificing children to make them immortal—that is, to “give” them to the Canaanite god El so the child they engendered would be a god. There is much more to the story than that; but to understand it, you need to know the “fire offering” (i.e., burnt offering) which was

part of every sacrifice, was what provided atonement. That is what Micah is referring to when he says this:

¹[Please] [listen to] [what] [His Majesty] [says]:

“[Get up]! [Argue] [with The Mountains]
[So that [The Hills] hear] [Your Voice].

²[Mountains]! [And the permanent] [Foundations of]
[Earth]!

[Listen to] [His Majesty’s] [Argument]
[Because] [His Majesty has] [an Argument]
[with] [His People],

[And [He will debate {it}] with] [Israel].

³[My People]! [What] [did I do] [to You]?

[And how] [did I give You a hard time]?

[Respond] [to Me]!

⁴[When] [I brought You up] [from {the} Land] [of Egypt]

[And [ransomed You] from a House] [of Slaves],

[I sent] [Moses], [Aaron], [and Miriam] [before You].

⁵[My People]! [Please] [remember]

[What] [Balak], [King] [of Moab], [planned]

[And how] [Balaam], [Son] [of Beor], [responded to] [him]

[From] [Shittim] [to] [Gilgal],

[In order to] [know] [His Majesty’s]

[Declarations of Not Guilty].”

⁶[With what] [should I come before] [His Majesty]?

[Should I bow down] [to {the} God] [on high]?

[Should I come before Him] [with Burnt Offerings]?

[With [Year]-[old] Calves]?

⁷[Does [His Majesty] take great pleasure]

[in Thousands of] [Rams]?

[In Ten Thousand] [Gullies of] [Oil]?

[Should I give] [my Firstborn] [for my Transgression]?

**[{The} Fruit] [of my Belly] [for {the} Sinful Activity
of] [my Soul]?**

⁸[He has told] [You], [Descendant of Adam],

[what is] [good];

[So what is] [His Majesty] [diligently seeking] [from You]

[Except] [making] [a Decision Based on the Truth]

[And loving] [Loving-kindness],

[And respectfully] [walking] [with] [Your God]?

(Micah 6:1–8) —my interim translation

I assume you saw the verb *give* in verse 7 and understood the *significance* of the associated *parabolic imagery* of the burnt offering. If not, go back and take a look. Micah is referring to the Canaanite practice of

offering children as burnt offerings to their god El, and he has also defined the very reason for which they engaged in that abominable practice.

Now that you have a bit more insight into the mind-set of the Canaanite culture, you should be able to understand why Abraham did not find it strange that his God, like the Canaanite god El, would demand the sacrifice of his firstborn—which, by the way, God had “given” to him—as a burnt offering; so let me give you this freebie: The *parabolic imagery* in which a Canaanite “gave a seed (child) to/for the king”—that is, as a burnt offering that was *meant* to ensure not only the resurrection of the Canaanite Baal but also their own resurrection—explains the Shroud of Turin and the empty tomb; but the meal provided by a human sacrificed as communal sacrifice is the *parabolic imagery* that Jesus had in mind when He made the following sarcastic remarks to folks who had long since forgotten their stupid forefathers discarded *The Teaching of Moses* and went whole hog for the repulsive practices of the Canaanites:

⁴⁴“Nobody can come to Me if the Father Who sent Me does not drag him in, so I can raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets: ‘AND EVERYONE WILL BE TAUGHT OF GOD.’ Anyone who has heard and learned from the Father is going to come to Me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the One Who is from the {living} God. This individual has seen the Father.

⁴⁷Without doubt! Without doubt I tell you, the one who **believes God’s promise** has eternal life. ⁴⁸I AM the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna and died in the desert. ⁵⁰This Individual is the bread that is going to come down out of Heaven so that anyone may eat some of Him and not die. ⁵¹I AM the bread that is living, the One that came down out of Heaven. If anyone eats some of this bread, he will come to life in the age to come. But My flesh is also the bread that I will give for the life of the world.”

⁵²Therefore, the Jews were quarreling with one another, saying, “How can This Individual give us His flesh to eat?”

⁵³Therefore, Jesus told them: “Without doubt! Without doubt I tell you, **if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of The Man and drink His blood, you are not going to have life in yourselves.** ⁵⁴The one who chows down on My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For My flesh is a real meal, and My blood is a real drink. ⁵⁶The

one who chows down on My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me, and I in him. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent Me, and I am living because of the Father, the one who chows down on Me—even that individual—will also live because of Me. ⁵⁸This Individual is the bread that came down out of Heaven; not at all like the fathers ate and died. The one who chows down on this bread will live into the age to come.”
(John 6:44–58) —HSSB

Jesus said those things to mock Pharisaic folks who failed to give credence to a single word He said because they thought they already knew the Truth, but He said basically the same thing to men to whom He had explained the *parabolic imagery* of *The Teaching of Moses*:

²⁶And then, while they were eating, Jesus, after taking a loaf of bread and **blessing** {it}, broke {it}; and—after giving {it} to His disciples—said: “**Take {it}! Eat {it}! This is My body.**”

²⁷And after taking a cup and giving thanks, He gave {it} to them, saying: “**You must all drink some of it.**” ²⁸For this is the blood of My testament, which is going to be poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. ²⁹But I tell you, I will definitely not drink any of this produce of the vine from this point on until that day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of My Father.”
(Matthew 26:26–29) —HSSB

If the things I have presented here do not provide enough evidence to convince you that one must understand the mind-set of the culture in which something is stated before one can understand the *meaning* and *significance* of what was stated, nothing ever will. That is why I have not been called to convince anyone; all I am doing is presenting the evidence the angry, jealous God of Israel has against them. Next question:

Is the church full of error because the church does not know ... lost ... the oral teachings of Moses? How do we find the oral teachings of Moses if they have not been passed on for generations?

Yes, the Church is completely filled with nonsense today because Early Church leaders managed to lose most of *The Apostolic Teaching (The Teaching of Moses)* within a century and a half after the last of the Apostles died; but the Church has, in the past seventy

years, finally lost its last remaining insight into the Truth of the Gospel message. That is, in fact, the reason why God will send (has sent?) the “Elijah” who is to come. His calling is to *restore* the mind-set (heart) “*The Remnant*” of True Believers in the Church need to understand *The Teaching* that fools who have infiltrated the Church will reject outright:

⁴“[You must remember] [The Teaching of] [My Slave] [Moses]—[the] Statutes [and Decisions Based on the Truth] [for] [all] [Israel] [that] [I commanded] [him] [in Horeb].

⁵[Guess what!] [I] [am going to send] [The Prophet] [Elijah] [to you] [before] [The [great] [and fearsome] Day] [of His Majesty] [comes]. ⁶[And he will restore] [the] Heart [of Fathers] [to] [Sons] [and the] Heart [of Sons] [to] [their Fathers], [so that I do [not] come] [and viciously attack] [The Earth] [as] Someone Under the Ban.”
(Malachi 4:4–6) —my interim translation

God is going to do it, the only question that remains to be answered is: When? And Moses himself provides the answer to the question as to how a person will be able to recognize “Elijah” when he comes:

“[His Majesty], [Your God], [will raise up] [for You] [a Prophet] [from among You]—[one of Your Brothers] [like me]. [You will listen] [to Him].”
(Deuteronomy 18:15) —my interim translation

“[So You] [will come back] [and listen] [to the] Voice [of His Majesty], [and You will act in accordance] [with] [all of] [His Commandments]—[the ones that] [I] [am commanding You] [Today].”
(Deuteronomy 30:8) —my interim translation

My point is, those who listen to and believe the “Elijah” God sends will be part of “*The Remnant*”; those who don’t, won’t. But everyone will decide for themselves whether they are a part of that *remnant*. Next question:

Would you consider the Eastern Orthodox Church to be the “gate keeper” for the oral traditions? Roman Catholic Church? I ask, because these two organizations claim to be the one true church, started by the Apostles and hold Tradition (oral teachings) equal with Scripture.

There is no ecclesiastical body today with even the slightest bit of insight into the message of the Scriptures. I can tell you that without a shred of doubt simply because none of them know we are living in the sixth “day” of Creation and the seventh “day” is yet to come. God would not have called me to *restore* that Truth if there was even a shred of it left in the Church. Paul reveals he knew what would eventually happen when he mentions “the apostasy” of the Church and “the lie” that has convinced everyone today that we are living in the seventh “day” of Creation:

¹(1) [So], [Brothers], [we are asking [you] {to do the following}]

(a) [for the sake of]

(i) [The] [Coming] [of] [our] [Master], [Jesus], [The Anointed One], [and]

(ii) [our] [Assembling] [to] [Him],

²(b) [so] [that] [you]:

(i) [would [not] be [quickly] shaken] [out] [of your] [Mind], [or]

(ii) [be alarmed]—

(a) [neither] [by] [a Spirit]

(b) [nor] [by] [a Word]

(c) [nor] [by] [a Letter]

(i) [as if it were] {written} [by] [us]—

(ii) [as] [though] [it is currently] [The] [Day] [of] [His Majesty].

³(2) [Do [not] let [anyone] dupe] [you] [in] [any] [Way] at all], [that] [it may [not] be that]:

(a) [The] [Apostasy] [must come] [first].

(2 Thessalonians 2:1–3a) —HSSB

Jesus *parabolically* described the current condition of the Church in terms of True Believers as “wheat” seeds/plants and Pretenders as “tare” seeds/plants when He told the Parable of the Tares:

²⁴[He set [another] [Comparison] before] [them], [saying]: “[The] [Kingdom] [of The] [Heavens] [is like] [a

Man] [who sowed] [exceptionally good] [Seed] [in] [his] [Field]. ²⁵[But] [while] [His] [Men] [were sleeping], [his] [Enemy] [came] [and] [oversowed*] [Tares] [in] [The Midst] [of The] [Wheat] [and] [went away]. ²⁶[So] [then], [when] [The] [Grass] [sprouted] [and] [produced] [Fruit], [The] [Tares] [also] [appeared]. ²⁷[So], [when] [The] [Slaves] [of The] [Owner of the House] approached], [they said] [to him]: ‘[Master], [did You [not] sow] [exceptionally good] [Seed] [in] [Your] [Field]? [Therefore], [where did {the} Tares] [it has] come from?’

²⁸[So] [he] [declared] [to them], ‘[An Enemy]—[a Man]—[has done] [This]!’

[So] [his] [Slaves] [say] [to him], ‘[Therefore], [do You want] [us to [go] cull [them] out]?’

²⁹[But] [He] [declares]: ‘[No], [lest perhaps], [while culling] [The] [Tares] out], [you might, [at the same time], uproot] [The] [Wheat] [with them]. ³⁰[Let] [both of them] [grow together*] [until] [The] [Harvest]; [and] [at] [Harvest] [Time] [I will tell] [The] [Reapers], “[First], [cull out] [The] [Tares] [and] [bind] [them] [into] [Bundles*] [in order] [to] [burn [them] up]; [but] [gather] [The] [Wheat] [into] [My] [Storehouse].”’

(Matthew 13:24–30) —HSSB

Just in case some contentious individual reads this and seeks to satisfy his specific mental issues by disagreeing with my understanding of that parable, I’ll include the explanation Jesus provided:

³⁶[At that time], [after leaving] [The] [Crowds], [He came] [into] [The] [House]. [And] [His] [Disciples] [approached] [Him], [saying], “[Explain [The] [Comparison] [of The] [Tares] [of The] [Field] in detail] [for us].”

³⁷[So], [in response], [He] [said]: “[The One Who] [sows] [The] [exceptionally good] [Seed] [is] [The] [Son] [of The] [Man], ³⁸[but] [The] [Field] [is] [The] [World]. [And then] [The] [exceptionally good] [Seed]? [These Individuals] [are] [The] [Sons] [of The] [Kingdom]. [And then] [The] [Tares]? [They are] [The] [Sons] [of The] [One Who Is Nasty]. ³⁹[And then] [The] [Enemy], [the one who] [sowed] [them]? [He is] [The] [False Accuser]. [And then] [The] [Harvest]? [It is] [the] [Consummation] [of] [the] [Current Age]. [And then] [The] [Reapers]? [They are] [Messengers].

⁴⁰[Therefore], [indeed, just as] [The] [Tares] [are culled out] [and] [burned up] [in a Fire], [it will be] [like this] [at] [The] [Consummation] [of The] [Current Age]. ⁴¹[The]

[Son] [of The] [Man] [will send] [His] [Messengers], [and] [they will cull] [all] [The] [Deadfall Traps] [and] [those who] [commit] [The] [Lawless Deed] [out] [of] [His] [Kingdom],⁴²[and] [they will throw] [them] [into] [The] [Furnace] [of] [The] [Fire]. [Weeping] [and] [Gritting] [of] [Teeth] [will be] [there].⁴³[At that time], [THOSE] [WHO ARE BLAMELESS] [WILL SHINE FORTH*] [LIKE] [THE] [SUN] [in] [The] [Kingdom] [of] [their] [Father]. [Let [the one who] [has] [Ears] hear].”
(Matthew 13:36–43) —HSSB

My point is, the Church is controlled by the spiritual descendants of those the Apostle Paul calls “false apostles” in 2 Corinthians 11:13. If that sort of person was working for Satan in the Apostolic Church, you can be certain he is still up to the same activity today. Unfortunately (for them), the limitation they face is the fire that Jesus told us will occur at the End of the Age. You should already know what fire that is, provided you have read the three articles in the series I began in the July 2024 issue of this newsletter. Next question:

Is the reason for error in today’s church because we have lost the Oral teaching of Moses or because we don’t understand the Jewish roots of the Christian Faith?

The reason why lies and outright deception abound in the Church today is because the Pretenders who came into positions of power in the Early Church had no interest in *handing down* the oral tradition that Jesus had *handed down* to His disciples with orders to *hand it down* to the next generation. Instead, Satan’s mindless minions craved recognition for what they believed were their own erudite abilities. So men like Justin Martyr, Clement of Alexandria, and Origen mixed the speculative practices of Greek philosophers with the oral tradition that men like Irenæus and Hippolytus understood they were to *hand down* without changing. The result of Pretenders meddling in Church business was the foundation for a *systematic theology* that Church leaders are still in the process of changing and refining. Next question:

How has pagan influences in Christianity influenced the beliefs of today’s church?

Pagan influences have been, from the very beginning, the reason why those who should have known

better didn’t hold on to the Truth of *the promise* that they understood. But God has always had his *remnant*, and that will be true even here at the End of the Age. The first time around it was Lamech at one extreme, and Enoch at the other:

²³[Then [**Lamech**] said] [to his Women]:

“[Adah] [and Zillah],
[Listen to] [my Voice].
[Lamech’s] [Women],
[Give ear to] [my Statements],
[Because] [I killed] [a Man] [for my Injury],
[And a Boy] [for my Wound];

²⁴[Since] [Cain] [will have vengeance taken] [Seven Times],
[Then Lamech], [Seventy] [and Seven].”
(Genesis 4:23–24) —my interim translation

²¹[When [**Enoch**] had lived] [sixty]-[five] [Years], [he engendered] [Methuselah]. ²²[Then [Enoch] walked] [with] [God] [three] [hundred] [Years] [after] [he engendered] [Methuselah], [and he engendered] [{other} Sons] [and Daughters]. ²³[And [all of] [Enoch’s] [Days] were] [three] [hundred] [and sixty]-[five] [Years]. ²⁴[And [**Enoch**] continually walked] [with] [God]; [and he was not], [because] [God] [took him].
(Genesis 5:21–24) —my interim translation

Unfortunately, Lamech’s stupidity won the day, and the Flood was the result, just as the stupidity of “pagans” has always stood in “The Way” of God’s plan. But here at the End, it is going to play right into the “hand” God is holding; and the wise among us are going to know what is happening and prepare. And that’s all I’m going to say about that. Next question:

To better understand parables in Scripture, where do I go to learn about Hebrew idioms?

You could use Google to find websites that dabble in ancient Hebrew idioms, but you won’t find many—if any—that define the important ones, especially the big three: “build a house,” “raise up a seed,” and “make a name.” Most of those folks don’t have a clue; I know, because I checked. So that leaves me to define them for you, provided you actually want to know what the Hebrew Scriptures are *talking about*. ■

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If His "Name" has been written on your "heart," He expects you to be able to recognize a lie for what it is.
The Voice of Elijah® Update, December 1994, p. 7

The point is, Jesus Christ has every right to demand your absolute obedience—an obedience equal to that of a slave—because of what He has done for you. If you are not willing to make that commitment, you cannot, and will not, be born again.

The Voice of Elijah® Update, September 1995, p. 31

The Truth is, we all have a tendency to believe that whatever we want to believe is true—without actually taking the time to certify that it is true. God expects far more than that of His Children. He expects you to rationally look at all the evidence you have available and make sure that what you believe is true. Then He demands that you preserve and protect the Truth you have "seen."

The Voice of Elijah® Update, May 2008, p. 15

God requires belief in a specific content.

The Voice of Elijah®, April 2011, p. 28

The Truth is, if you have been born again by believing the Gospel and apologizing, He expects you to keep the evil "winds"—that is, the lies of Satan—out of your mind. God called me to provide you the tools you need to make sure you do what God demands.

The Voice of Elijah®, October 2020, p. 13

If you are a True Believer, you have already come to an incipient knowledge of the Truth. That happened when you believed the Gospel and were born again. You knew the Gospel was true when you believed it, and as a result of your belief, the Living Word of God resides within you. That Living Word is holy; therefore, God expects you to guard your mind so that Satan's lies do not triumph over the Truth of the Scriptures that you believed when you were born again.

The Voice of Elijah®, October 2020, p. 13

There is a vicious spiritual battle going on all around you, and whether you like it or not, you are

expected to fight. The "winds" will either triumph over you and you will lose your soul, or you will triumph over them and save it; there is no middle ground.

The Voice of Elijah®, July 2021, p. 5

Every test you encounter contains a lesson you need to learn, and the Lord expects you to learn something from it. That is why, if you don't pass a particular test the first time, you can rest assured that same test is going to come around again and again, until you finally wake up and triumph over whatever "wind" has convinced you a lie is the Truth. The "winds" will even try to tell you what lesson you need to learn, but that is just another test. You already know what you need to learn because the Holy Spirit has been convicting you in that regard and you haven't been willing to listen.

The Voice of Elijah®, July 2021, p. 9

{But if you are a True Believer,} what He expects of you is {that you be willing} to "walk" in a narrowly defined path, which is "The Way" of Moses, The Teaching of Moses, and the path that the Church left some eighteen hundred years ago.

The Way, The Truth, The Life, Larry Dee Harper, pp. 139–140

If you are trying to live an overcoming Christian life, you can expect God to demand similar things of you. He will, in fact, insist that you relinquish the very thing you find most difficult to let go.

The Way, The Truth, The Life, Larry Dee Harper, p. 193, fn. 2

There are plenty more of these in the things Larry has written. If you are willing to listen and learn, he has laid it all out for us. Perhaps I'll share more of these in the next issue.

In Him,

Marcia Harper

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thoughts, wicked actions, and sinful desires, when they find their way into the minds of believers; and that, inhabiting along with His Son those souls which are rendered capable of receiving His word and wisdom, according to His own declaration, "I and the Father shall come, and We shall make our abode with him?" He makes them, after all their vices and passions have been consumed, a holy temple, worthy of Himself. Those, moreover, who, on account of the expression "God is a Spirit," think that He is a body, are to be answered, I think, in the following manner.

It is the custom of sacred Scripture, when it wishes to designate anything opposed to this gross and solid body, to call it spirit, as in the expression, "The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life," where there can be no doubt that by "letter" are meant bodily things, and by "spirit" intellectual things, which we also term "spiritual." The apostle, moreover, says, "Even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart: nevertheless, when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

For so long as any one is not converted to a spiritual understanding, a veil is placed over his heart, with which veil, i.e., a gross understanding, Scripture itself is said or thought to be covered: and this is the meaning of the statement that a veil was placed over the countenance of Moses when he spoke to the people, i.e., when the law was publicly read aloud. But if we turn to the Lord, where also is the word of God, and where the Holy Spirit reveals spiritual knowledge, then the veil is taken away, and with unveiled face we shall behold the glory of the Lord in the holy Scriptures.

3. And since many saints participate in the Holy Spirit, He cannot therefore be understood to be a body, which being divided into corporeal parts, is partaken of by each one of the saints; but He is manifestly a sanctifying power.

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