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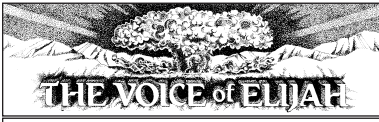
Since man has free will, a law has been defined for his guidance by the Deity, not without answering a good purpose. For if man did not possess the power to will and not to will, why should a law be established? For a law will not be laid down for an animal devoid of reason, but a bridle and a whip; whereas to man has been given a precept and penalty to perform, or for not carrying into execution what has been enjoined. For man thus constituted has a law been enacted by just men in primitive ages. Nearer our own day was there established a law, full of gravity and justice, by Moses, to whom allusion has been already made, a devout man, and one beloved of God.

Now the Logos of God controls all these; the first begotten Child of the Father, the voice of the Dawn antecedent to the Morning Star. Afterwards just men were born, friends of God; and these have been styled prophets, on account of their foreshowing future events. And the word of prophecy was committed unto them, not for one age *only*; but also the utterances of events predicted throughout all generations, were vouchsafed in perfect clearness.

And this, too, not at the time merely when *seers* furnished a reply to those present; but also events that would happen throughout all ages, have been manifested beforehand; because, in speaking of incidents gone by, *the prophets* brought them back to the recollection of humanity; whereas, in showing forth present occurrences, they endeavoured to persuade men not to be remiss; while, by foretelling future events, they have rendered each one of us terrified on beholding events that had been predicted long before, and on expecting likewise those events *predicted as still future*.

Such is our faith, O all ye men,—ours, *I say*, who are not persuaded by empty expressions, nor caught away by sudden impulses of the heart, nor beguiled by the plausibility of eloquent discourses, yet who do not refuse to obey words that have been uttered by divine power. And these injunctions has

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A Note From the Editor

In the July 2010 "A Note From the Editor" article, I wrote this about the new facet to Voice of Elijah's Free Offer program:

We began a new method of outreach last month and are hoping it will pay big "dividends" down the road. In addition to the individual booklets that we have been mailing out each week to fill online and phone requests, we began shipping whole boxes full of The AntiChrist booklets to ministries and organizations who distribute Christian materials domestically and overseas.

For the first time, our outreach has reached well beyond the borders of the United States. Here is a glimpse of some of the ministries and organizations that are now assisting us in distributing our Free Offer booklets both domestically and overseas, as of this writing:

... A nonprofit book distribution ministry placing Christian books in prisons throughout the United States. Their research indicates that each book placed in chapel libraries and book carts at a confinement facility will reach an average of thirty people. This organization's mission is to introduce prisoners to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ and help them build a firm foundation of faith, whether or not they remain in prison.

The organization I referred to above received a shipment of 15,000 copies of *The AntiChrist* in July 2010. Ever since that time, we have received a steady stream of correspondence from people in prison, who have found *The AntiChrist* booklet in their prison library or free literature cart, and have written in with their thanks and/or a request for additional literature. Every prisoner who requests literature after reading *The AntiChrist*, receives a copy of *7 Simple Steps to Salvation*. This letter arrived recently, from a man in prison who has written to VOE a handful of times over the last year requesting various materials be sent to him:

"One year ago. The last facility I was at. One day I go into the Religious Library there like I usually did... I saw a small booklet on the free literature cart. The title, 'The AntiChrist.' I thought, 'Yeah, whatever! Some more psycho-babble!' I saw the author's name, 'Larry D. Harper.' The name grabbed my attention. 'Who is this guy?' I thought... embarrassed that I was reaching for a Christian book. I flipped thru it, seeing extensive references to Irenaeus. 'I've never seen anyone writing on the end times that quoted an Early Church Father that extensively'... thinking, thinking...

I have a copy of 'The Mystery of Scripture, Volume 1' and '7 Simple Steps to Salvation.' I quit at page 25 where I saw the sub-heading: 'So Where From Here?' And put that down... then I'd pick it up a week later and reread what I read here and there... walk away. Scared. ...

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I had to begin reading '7 Simple Steps' over at the beginning. I just (in my opinion) feel that there's a certain 'finality' to reading it to its conclusion. A responsibility on my part. I'm just scared to, in the environment in which I live, mostly. A responsibility to follow the Lord. Part of a verse, I think from Hebrews, keeps echoing in the back of my mind all day. Even now. Something like— 'Today, if you hear His voice, harden not your heart.'

I literally feel like I'm at war. Please, seriously, pray for me! I will read the booklet slowly and thoroughly over the next few days so I don't miss a thing. Thank you for doing what you are all doing!!!"

I'd like to make a few points about the things this prisoner expressed in his letter.

Point 1: He hit the nail on the head as to why hard copies of *The AntiChrist* are the major focus of Voice of Elijah's outreach. Through the years, as technology has advanced, we've repeatedly been criticized for continuing to mail hard copies of *The AntiChrist* to those who request a copy rather than just providing one online. The reason we provide hard copies is because a hard copy has a tangible presence that does not disappear when an internet browser is closed. That is, it continues to present the recipient with a decision that must be made one way or another. As this prisoner put it, it creates "a responsibility on my part." The booklet can either be: (1) read and believed, (2) read and disbelieved, or (3) not read at all. And if the original recipient drops the booklet off at a half-price bookshop, it also has the potential to land in someone else's hands; so they, too, are faced with the same decision.

Point 2: "I literally feel like I'm at war." That's because he is; we all are. Here's Paul's description of the "war" Larry has been encouraging us to fight:

[Because] [The Struggle] in [us] [is] [not] against [Flesh] and [Blood], [but] against [The Beginnings], against [The Authorities], against [The World-Rulers] of [This Darkness], against [the [spiritual] {aspects}]*

of [The Evil Intention] among [the [heavenly] {beings}].

(Ephesians 6:12)—Larry Harper's interim translation

Point 3: I don't know where this individual stands with the Lord today or even if he followed through and finished reading *7 Simple Steps to Salvation*. I pray that he has, and that he believed the Truth, repented, and was born again. I do know that his opportunity for salvation would be slim to none without: (1) Larry Harper's calling to restore The Apostolic Teaching and provide the Gospel message found in *7 Simple Steps to Salvation* and *The Inheritance of the Believer, Volume 1*, (2) VOE's Free Offer outreach made possible by your contributions, (3) the organizations who are distributing VOE's materials in places far beyond our reach, and (4) the work of the Holy Spirit convicting of sin.

In God's plan of salvation, the Living Word of God works in the minds of men to persuade them that He is true. When a sinner hears the Truth of the Gospel message, the One Who is the Truth of that message has the power not only to convince the sinner that He is true but also to convict him of sin and produce the new birth within him through an honest repentance and belief in the Truth. That presumes however, that one has actually heard the Truth of the Hebrew Scriptures explained.

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Point 4: "Thank you for what you are all doing." His words express my gratitude as well. Your contributions are working to reach people with the Truth every day, and they are providing the Holy Spirit the opportunity to do His work in the unregenerate as well as in True Believers.

Please join me in praying for this prisoner and all others who come in contact with the outreach materials your contributions are funding. We should all thank the Lord for Larry's calling so that the Truth of the Hebrew Scriptures can now be explained. And above all, we should continually thank the Lord for what He is doing and will do in days to come.

In Him, *Marcia Woody*

It Takes Two to “Tango”

At various times over the past two decades, some of the individuals who were helping me at the time indicated they thought I should always make sure my articles were completed “on time” so the newsletter would go out when *they thought* it should. It was clearly easy for them to be an “arm-chair quarterback” in that regard, but they probably would not have had that same perspective if they had been sitting where I sat. I remember all too well the many times the time for me to submit an article had long since passed; and I sat with a half-finished article, racking my brain, desperately trying to understand something in *The Teaching* that didn’t quite make sense to me. Whenever that happened, there was no way I could finish the article until some final bit of understanding came, so I was at the mercy of my own inability to understand. Such has been the case with this article.

Quite often, as I sat trying to understand some final bit of information that didn’t quite “fit in” with what I already understood, I would be overcome by the most awful feeling that I must have misunderstood something I thought I already had down pat (that’s an idiom). Right behind that depressing thought would come the one that told me I would have to go back and correct something I had already written or recorded. My most vivid memory of that sort of thing happening is when I was trying to explain a bit of mind-boggling information to the participants in The Next Step program. I remember it as though it happened just last week, but it is not a pleasant recollection.

Sometime around January 20, 1995, I was working at the printing press late one night, completely engrossed in the at-that-time cumbersome process of printing the newsletters, when it suddenly dawned on

me like a bolt out of the blue that this Creation is not finished. That is, I suddenly realized Genesis 1:26–27 is not *talking about* the creation of our forefather Adam in the image and likeness of God. It is instead *talking about* the Resurrection of Jesus Christ—and all those who remain “in Christ”—in the image and likeness of God.

As a result of that sudden startling bit of insight, I eventually wrote the article “Transformed Into the Image and Likeness of God” for the April 2003 issue of *The Voice of Elijah*® newsletter. (See also the booklet *In the Image and Likeness of God*.) But by the time I wrote that article over eight years later, I had long since explained the Truth regarding God’s creation of “The Man” Jesus Christ in the image and likeness of God to the participants in The Next Step program; and all those folks had signed a Non-disclosure Agreement that they would not *talk about* the things I explained to them privately until after I explained them publicly.

A short time after I understood the Truth in regard to Genesis 1:26–27, I was right in the middle of trying to record an explanation of those things for the participants in The Next Step program and, as was the norm at that time, things weren’t going all that well. I had already seen how Moses and all the other Prophets of Israel used the Hebrew term ‘*adam*’ to conceal and reveal the Truth concerning Christ as “The Man” God created in His Own image and likeness, so I was absolutely convinced that what I understood about Genesis 1:26–27 was true. But while I was preparing for that particular recording session, I ran smack dab into Genesis 5:1–3. That’s when the cunning of Moses, in hiding the Truth regarding what he had written, threw me for a loop. (That’s another idiom.)

To say that I was completely bewildered by what Moses had written in Genesis 5:1–3 would be a gigantic

understatement. As I struggled to understand what he meant by what he had written, I had every lie that Satan has ever told about the plan of God staring me right in the face, telling me that what I had already understood about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in the image and likeness of the *Living Word of God* could not possibly be true. Then I suddenly realized Moses had not written what I *thought* he had written.

Just to make sure we are all on the same page (that's another idiom), let's take a look at what Moses says about the Resurrection of "*The Man*" Jesus Christ:

Then [God] [said], "[Let [Us] make] [an Adam] in [The Image] [We have], according to [The Likeness] [We have], so that [they may exercise authority] over [The Fish] of [The Sea], and over [The Flyer] of [The Sea of Waters], and over [The Beast], and over [all] [The Earth] and over [all] [The Crawling Thing]—[the {one} that crawls] on [The Earth]." And [God] [will create] [The Adam] in [The Image] [He has]. In [The Image] of [God] [He will create] [Him]; [Male] and [Female] [He will create] [them]. Then [God] [will bless] [them]; and [God] [will say] to [them], "[Bear fruit] and [become many], and [fill] [The Earth], and subdue [her]; and [exercise authority] over [The Fish] of [The Sea], and over [The Flyer] of [The Sea of Waters], and over [every] living thing—[the {one} that crawls] on [The Earth]."

(Genesis 1:26–28) —my interim translation

I have already explained how Moses used the Hebrew Prophetic Perfect in that passage to hide the fact that he was *talking about* the future rather than the past, so I won't cover that ground again. My point is, in January of 1995, I realized that passage is describing the creation—that is, the Resurrection—of Jesus Christ, and the members of the Body of Jesus Christ—Corporate Israel—in the image and likeness of God. Later, when I was trying to explain the Truth to the participants in The Next Step program, I ran right up against the remarkable technique that Moses used to hide the Truth in the following passage. Here is a fairly good depiction of what I *thought* he said:

This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them Man in the day when they were created. When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty

years, he became the father of {a son} in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.
(Genesis 5:1–3) —NASB

That translation certainly makes it sound like Moses is only *talking about* our forefather Adam, doesn't it? That's because that is what the translator *thought*. But the problem with that *supposition* resides in the fact that the "Adam" described in Genesis 1:26–27 cannot be the same "Adam" that is described in Genesis 2:5–7. Not unless you want to totally suspend logic and *stupidly* accept the lie that Satan has everybody believing today. The text of Genesis 1 plainly states God created that "Adam" in His image and likeness *after* He created the animals. The text of Genesis 2 just as plainly states God created the Adam who engendered Seth in his image and likeness *before* He created the animals. Therefore, simple logic will tell anyone with half a brain and one eye open that the two men called "Adam" in Genesis 5:1–3 cannot be one and the same. But simple logic will do absolutely nothing to sway those who want to go on believing Satan's lie. They have a vested interest in hiding from the Truth of the *Living Word of God*.

I have to be honest; I panicked when I tried to reconcile the New American Standard Bible translation of the passage with my understanding that Genesis 1:26–27 is describing the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and those "male and female" Believers who remain "in Christ." So I immediately went to the original text of Genesis 5 and tried to discern what Moses was up to (that's another idiom) when he wrote it. I am going to show you what I discovered, but first I have to show you my translation of the passage:

[This] {is} [The Scroll] of [The Engenderings] of [an Adam]. In [The Day] when [God] [creates] [an Adam], [He will make] [Him] in [The Likeness] of [God]. [Male] and [Female], [He will create] [them], and [He will bless] [them], and [He will call] [The Name] [they have] "[Adam]" in [The Day] [He creates] [them]. When [Adam] [had lived] a [hundred] and [thirty] [Years], [he engendered] {a child} in [The Likeness] [he had], according to [The Image] [he had], and [he called] [The Name] [he had] "Seth."

(Genesis 5:1–3) —my interim translation

As you can see, my translation of that passage indicates Moses is still up to his old tricks of using the

Prophetic Perfect to conceal the fact that he is *talking about* events that were yet to come in his day. But he uses an even more subtle technique to let his reader know full well that he is *talking about* the creation of “The Man” Jesus Christ in the image and likeness of God in the first two verses, before he turns to *talking about* the man Adam in the third verse. However, it will be extremely easy for you to be taken in by Satan’s lie if you are not aware of what Moses did and why he did it, so I am going to show you what you need to know about those things.

There are two words in the Hebrew language that carry a *meaning* that is also denoted by the English term *generation*. The first is the Hebrew term *dor*, the second is the Hebrew term *toledoth*. From the following passages you can get a fairly good idea of how Moses used the term *dor* in the Book of Genesis. If you are not completely locked into defending Satan’s lie at all costs, you should be able to see he is pointing to *the span of time* occupied by one generation:

[These] {are} [The Engenderings] of Noah. Noah {was} [a [not guilty] Man]; [he was] [without defect] in [The Generations] [he had]. Noah [walked] with [God]. And Noah [engendered] [three] [Sons]—Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
(Genesis 6:9–10) —my interim translation

Then [His Majesty] [said] to Noah, “[You] and [all] [The House] [You have] [may go in] to [The Box] because [I have seen] that [You] {are} [not guilty] before [Me] in [This] [Generation].”
(Genesis 7:1) —my interim translation

Then [God] [said], “[This] is [The Sign] of [The Legal Agreement] that [I] [am giving] between [Me] and [you] and [every] [living] [Soul] with [you] for [The Generations] of [‘olam]: [I have given] [The Bow] [I have] in [The Cloud], and [it shall be] [The Sign] of [The Legal Agreement] between [Me] and [The Earth].”
(Genesis 9:12–13) —my interim translation

“But {after} [a [fourth] Generation] [they will return] [here], because [The Iniquity] of the Amorite [will [not] be complete] until [then].”
(Genesis 15:16) —my interim translation

“Then I will establish [The Legal Agreement] [I have] between [Me] and [You], and [The Seed] [You have] after

[You]—throughout [The Generations] [they have]—for [a Legal Agreement] of [‘olam]—to [be] [God] to [You] and [The Seed] [You have] after [You]. Then [I will give] to [You] and to [The Seed] [You have] after [You] [The Earth] of [The Places of Sojourning] [You have]—[all] [The Earth] of Canaan—for [The Property] of [‘olam], and [I will be] [God] to [them].” Then [God] [said] to Abraham: “But [You] [must guard] [The Legal Agreement] [I have]—[You] and [The Seed] [You have] after [You], throughout [The Generations] [they have]. [This] is [The Legal Agreement] [I have]—which [you must guard]—between [Me] and [you], and [The Seed] [You have] after [You]: [Every] [Male] [you have] [must be circumcised]. And [you must circumcise] [The Flesh] of [The Foreskin] [you have], and [it will be] [a Sign] of [a Legal Agreement] between [Me] and [you]. And [a Son] of [eight] [Days] [must be circumcised] by [you]—[every] [Male] throughout [The Generations] [you have]—[one] who is engendered {in} [The House] or [an Acquisition] with [Silver] from any foreigner, who is [not] from [The Seed] [You have].”
(Genesis 17:7–12) —my interim translation

The other Hebrew term that carries a *meaning* that is also denoted by the English term *generation* is the term *toledoth*. This Hebrew word is always plural, and it always points to *the individuals* who descend from a common ancestor. Having said that, I realize some dimwit know-it-all is going to challenge that assertion, so let me simply say here that there is a whole lot more going on in Genesis 2:4 than meets the eye of the uninformed. In that verse, Moses is once again making fools of those who arbitrarily *assume* they know *why* he wrote *what* he wrote.

The Hebrew noun *toledoth* comes from the same root as the Hebrew verb *yalad*, which I have standardized in my translation as “engender” simply because either a man or a woman can be the subject of that verb. What that *means* is this: The English *meaning* of the Hebrew verb *yalad* depends entirely on the gender of the parent who “engendered” the child. That is, just like the corresponding Greek verb *gennao* in the New Testament, the Hebrew verb *yalad* can refer to the “engendering” by a man that occurs at the time of conception or to the “engendering” by a woman that occurs at the time of birth. You can see that from the way it is normally translated. The King James Version translates it as “beget,” “bear,” and “bring forth.” Other translations translate it as “bear,” “give birth,” “deliver,” “bring forth,”

and "become the father of," among other things. In my translation, I translate *yalad* as "engender" and trust the reader to understand from the context whether the reference is to conception or to birth.

What I just told you about the Hebrew verb *yalad* and the Greek verb *gennaō* should be a warning to those sluggards who stupidly *assume* they have a lock on Heaven (that's an idiom) just because they know they have been *engendered* by the *Living Word* of God at some point in their life. They should probably take a closer look at the *parabolic statements* Paul makes regarding "The Woman" and the warnings to Believers that can be found throughout his epistles and the Book of Hebrews. My point is, you may very well have been "engendered" by "the *Seed*" of the *Living Word* of God "sowed" by those who were called or appointed to the task, but if "The Woman" does not "engender" you in the image and likeness of God at the End of the Age, you are not going to exist forever in the image and likeness of the *Living Word* of God. Just a word to the wise. Do with it what you will.

Since the Hebrew noun *toledoth* comes from the same root as the verb *yalad*—which I have already standardized as "to engender"—I have decided to standardize my translation of *toledoth* with the verbal noun *engenderings*. I realize that English term does not precisely fit the Hebrew *meaning*, but I am counting on the reader to understand that the "engenderings" to which that term refers are *the individuals* who have been "engendered." The following passages contain all but two of the instances in Genesis where Moses refers to "the engenderings" produced by this person or that:

[These] {are} [The Engenderings] of Noah. Noah {was} [a [not guilty] Man]; [he was] [without defect] in [The Generations] [he had]. Noah [walked] with [God]. And Noah [engendered] [three] [Sons]—Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
(Genesis 6:9–10) —my interim translation

[These] {are} [The Engenderings] of [The Sons] of Noah—Shem, Ham, and Japheth—when [Sons] [were engendered] for [them] after [The Flood]. [The Sons] of Japheth {were} Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, and Tiras. [The Sons] of Gomer {were} Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah. [The Sons] of Javan {were} Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.
(Genesis 10:1–4) —my interim translation

[These] {are} [The Sons] of Shem—to [The Families] [they had], to [The Tongues] [they had], by [The Earths] [they had], to [The Gentiles] [they had]. [These] {are} [The Families] of [The Sons] of Noah—to [The Engenderings] [they had], by [The Gentiles] [they had]. From [these] [The Gentiles] [were separated] on [The Earth] after [The Flood].
(Genesis 10:31–32) —my interim translation

[These] {are} [The Engenderings] of Shem. Shem {was} [a Son] of [a hundred] [year] when [he engendered] Arpachshad [two Years] after [The Flood]. Then after [he engendered] Arpachshad, Shem [lived] [five] [hundred] [year], and [he engendered] [Sons] and [Daughters].
(Genesis 11:10–11) —my interim translation

[These] {are} [The Engenderings] of Terah. Terah [engendered] Abram, Nahor, and Haran; and Haran [engendered] Lot.
(Genesis 11:27) —my interim translation

But [these] {are} [The Engenderings] of Ishmael, [The Son] of Abraham whom Hagar, [The Egyptian], Sarah's [Female Slave], [engendered] for Abraham. But [these] {are} [The Names] of [The Sons] of Ishmael by [The Names] [they have] to [The Generations] [they have].
(Genesis 25:12–13a) —my interim translation

But [these] {are} [The Engenderings] of Isaac, [The Son] of Abraham. Abraham [engendered] Isaac; and Isaac [was] [a Son] of [forty] [Year] when [he took] Rebekah, [The Daughter] of Bethuel [The Aramean] from Paddanaram, [The Sister] of Laban [The Aramean], to be [a Woman] for [himself].
(Genesis 25:19–20) —my interim translation

But [these] {are} [The Engenderings] of Esau. [That] {is}, Edom.
(Genesis 36:1) —my interim translation

But [these] {are} [The Engenderings] of Esau, [The Father] of Edom in Mt. Seir. [These] {are} [The Names] of [The Sons] of Esau: Eliphaz, [The Son] of Esau's [Woman] Adah, {and} Reuel, [The Son] of Esau's [Woman] Basemath.
(Genesis 36:9–10) —my interim translation

[These] {are} [The Engenderings] of Jacob. Joseph—as [a Son] of [seven] {and} [ten] [Year]—[was] [shepherd-ing] [The Flock] with [The Brothers] [he had]—but [he] {was} [a Lad]—with [The Sons] of Bilhah and [The Sons] of Zilpah, [The Women] of [The Father] [he had]. And Joseph [brought] [a [bad] Rumor] about [them] to [The Father] [they had].

(Genesis 37:2) —my interim translation

If you need any more evidence that *toledoth* refers to the individuals who have been “engendered,” take a look at how Moses used it in this passage:

Then [His Majesty] [spoke] to Moses in [The Wilderness] of Sinai—in [The Tent] of [an Appointed Time], on [The First] of [The [second] New Moon], in [The [second] Year] of [their] [going out] from [The Earth] of Egypt, [saying]: “[Carry] [The Head] of [all] [The Assembly] of [The Sons] of Israel, for [The Families] [they have], for [The House] of [The Fathers] [they have], by [Number] of [Names] of [every] [Male], to [The Skulls] [they have]. From [a Son] of [twenty] [Year] and [upward]—[every] [Army] in Israel [that is going out]—[You] and Aaron [must levy] [them] for [The Armies] [they have]. But [a Man]—[a Man] for [a Twig], [a Man] {who} [is] [a Head] of [The House] of [the Fathers] [he has]—[must be] with [you].

And [these] {are} [The Names] of [The Men] who [will stand] with [you]: For Reuben, Elizur [The Son] of Shedeur; for Simeon, Shelumiel [The Son] of Zurishaddai; for Judah, Nahshon [The Son] of Amminadab; for Issachar, Nethanel [The Son] of Zuar; for Zebulun, Eliab [The Son] of Helon; for [The Sons] of Joseph: for Ephraim, Elishama [The Son] of Ammihud; for Manasseh, Gamaliel [The Son] of Pedahzur; for Benjamin, Abidan [The Son] of Gideon; for Dan, Ahiezer [The Son] of Ammishaddai; for Asher, Pagiél [The Son] of Ochron; for Gad, Eliasaph [The Son] of Deuel; for Naphtali, Ahira [The Son] of Enan. [These] {are} [the {ones}] called by [The Assembly]—[The Carriers] of [The Twigs] of [The Fathers] [they had]. [They] {are} [The Heads] of [The Thousands] of Israel.”

Then Moses and Aaron [took] [These] [Men]—who had been designated by [Names]—and [they congregated] [all] [The Assembly] on [The First] of [The [second] New Moon]; and [they engendered themselves] over [The Families] [they had], for [The House] of [The Fathers] [they had], by [Number] of [Names], from [a Son] of [twenty] [Year] and [upward], for [The Skulls] [they had],

just as [His Majesty] [had commanded] Moses. Then [he levied] [them] in [The Wilderness] of Sinai.

And [The Sons] of Reuben, [The Firstborn] of Israel [The Engenderings] [they had] [were]—for [The Families] [they had], for [The House] of [The Fathers] [they had], by [Number] of [Names], for [The Skulls] [they had], [every] [Male] from [a Son] of [twenty] [Year] and [upward], [everyone] [going out] {as} [an Army], [the {ones}] [they had] that were levied] for [The Twig] of Reuben—[six] and [forty] [thousand] and [five] [hundreds].

For [The Sons] of Simeon, [The Engenderings] [they had] {were}—for [The Families] [they had], for [The House] of [The Fathers] [they had], [the {ones}] [he had] that were levied], by [Number] of [Names], for [The Skulls] [they had], [every] [Male] from [a Son] of [twenty] [Year] and [upward], [everyone] [going out] {as} [an Army], [the {ones}] [they had] that were levied] for [The Twig] of Simeon—[nine] and [fifty] [thousand] and [three] [hundreds].

For [The Sons] of Gad, [The Engenderings] [they had] {were}—for [The Families] [they had], for [The House] of [The Fathers] [they had], by [Number] of [Names], from [a Son] of [twenty] [Year] and [upward], [everyone] [going out] {as} [an Army], [the {ones}] [they had] that were levied] for [The Twig] of Gad—[five] and [forty] [thousand] and [six] [hundreds] and [fifty].

For [The Sons] of Judah, [The Engenderings] [they had] {were}—for [The Families] [they had], for [The House] of [The Fathers] [they had], by [Number] of [Names], from [a Son] of [twenty] [Year] and [upward], [everyone] [going out] {as} [an Army], [the {ones}] [they had] that were levied] for [The Twig] of Judah—[four] and [seventy] [thousand] and [six] [hundreds].

For [The Sons] of Issachar, [The Engenderings] [they had] {were}—for [The Families] [they had], for [The House] of [The Fathers] [they had], by [Number] of [Names], from [a Son] of [twenty] [Year] and [upward], [everyone] [going out] {as} [an Army], [the {ones}] [they had] that were levied] for [The Twig] of Issachar—[four] and [fifty] [thousand] and [four] [hundreds].

For [The Sons] of Zebulun, [The Engenderings] [they had] {were}—for [The Families] [they had], for [The House] of [The Fathers] [they had], by [Number] of [Names], from [a Son] of [twenty] [Year] and [upward], [everyone] [going out] {as} [an Army], [the {ones}] [they had] that were levied] for [The Twig] of Zebulun—[seven] and [fifty] [thousand] and [four] [hundreds].

For [The Sons] of Joseph: For [The Sons] of Ephraim, **[The Engenderings]** [they had] {were}—for [The Families] [they had], for [The House] of [The Fathers] [they had], by [Number] of [Names], from [a Son] of [twenty] [Year] and [upward], [everyone] [going out] {as} [an Army], [the {ones}] [they had] that were levied for [The Twig] of Ephraim—[forty] [thousand] and [five] [hundreds].

For [The Sons] of Manasseh, **[The Engenderings]** [they had] {were}—for [The Families] [they had], for [The House] of [The Fathers] [they had], by [Number] of [Names], from [a Son] of [twenty] [Year] and [upward], [everyone] [going out] {as} [an Army], [the {ones}] [they had] that were levied for [The Twig] of Manasseh—[two] and [thirty] [thousand] and [two hundred].

For [The Sons] of Benjamin, **[The Engenderings]** [they had] {were}—for [The Families] [they had], for [The House] of [The Fathers] [they had], by [Number] of [Names], from [a Son] of [twenty] [Year] and [upward], [everyone] [going out] {as} [an Army], [the {ones}] [they had] that were levied for [The Twig] of Benjamin—[five] and [thirty] [thousand] and [four] [hundreds].

For [The Sons] of Dan, **[The Engenderings]** [they had] {were}—for [The Families] [they had], for [The House] of [The Fathers] [they had], by [Number] of [Names], from [a Son] of [twenty] [Year] and [upward], [everyone] [going out] {as} [an Army], [the {ones}] [they had] that were levied for [The Twig] of Dan—[two] and [sixty] [thousand] and [seven] [hundreds].

For [The Sons] of Asher, **[The Engenderings]** [they had] {were}—for [The Families] [they had], for [The House] of [The Fathers] [they had], by [Number] of [Names], from [a Son] of [twenty] [Year] and [upward], [everyone] [going out] {as} [an Army], [the {ones}] [they had] that were levied for [The Twig] of Asher—[one] and [forty] [thousand] and [five] [hundreds].

For [The Sons] of Naphtali, **[The Engenderings]** [they had] {were}—for [The Families] [they had], for [The House] of [The Fathers] [they had], by [Number] of [Names], from [a Son] of [twenty] [Year] and [upward], [everyone] [going out] {as} [an Army], [the {ones}] [they had] that were levied for [The Twig] of Naphtali—[three] and [fifty] [thousand] and [four] [hundreds].

[These] {are} [the {ones}] who were levied, whom Moses and Aaron and [The Carriers] of Israel [levied]. [Twelve] {were} [a Man]; [they were] [one] [Man] for [The House] of [The Fathers] [he had]. And [all] [the {ones}] who were levied of [The Sons] of Israel [were] for

[The House] of [The Fathers] [they had], from [a Son] of [twenty] [Year] and [upward], [everyone] in Israel [going out] {as} [an Army]. And [all] [the {ones}] who were levied [were] [six] [hundreds] [thousand] and [three] [thousands] and [five] [hundreds] and [fifty]. But [The Levites] {were} for [The Twig] of [The Fathers] [they had]; [they did [not] levy themselves] in the midst of [them]. (Numbers 1:1–47) —my interim translation

That account of the “numbering” of Corporate Israel clearly shows that the Hebrew term *toledoth* points to the individuals who make up the “generations” “engendered” by other individuals. But it is also an account of a parabolic pantomime conducted at the direct behest of God. In that parabolic pantomime, the sons of Israel “engendered themselves” as the sons of God through the simple act of being counted. But as I explained in *Not All Israel Is Israel*, a ransom was also paid for every individual counted in that census. (See *Not All Israel Is Israel*, pp. 124 ff.) Interestingly enough, the Pharisees in the time of Christ were completely unaware of the meaning and significance of that parabolic pantomime. Nicodemus revealed that sad fact in a conversation he had with Jesus about the “engendering” experience that some folks call “the new birth”:

But [there was] [a Man] from [The Pharisees], Nicodemus {was} [his] [Name], [a Ruler] of [The Jews]. [This {one}] [came] to [Him] at [Night] and [said] to [Him], “[Rabbi], [we are aware] [that] [You have come] from [God] as [a Teacher], [because] [nobody] [would be able] [to do] [These Signs] [that] [You] [do], [if] [The {Living} God] [were] [not] with [Him].” Jesus [responded] and [said] to [him], “[Without doubt]! [Without doubt]! [I say] to [You]: [If] [someone] [has [not] been engendered] [from above], [he is [not] able] [to see] [The Kingdom] of [The {Living} God].” Nicodemus [says] to [Him]: “[How] [is [an [aged*] Man] able] [to be engendered]? [He is [not] able] to [go in] into [The Belly] of [The Mother] [he has] [a [second] {time}] and [be engendered]!” Jesus [responded], “[Without doubt]! [Without doubt]! [I say] to [You]: [If] [someone] [has [not] been engendered] from [Water] and [Spirit], [he is [not] able] [to go in] into [The Kingdom] of [The {Living} God]. [The {thing} that has been engendered] from [The Flesh] is [Flesh], and [the {thing} that has been engendered] from [The Spirit] is [Spirit]. [Do [not] be amazed] [because] [I said] to [You], [‘You]

[have to] [be engendered] [from above].’ [The Spirit] [blows] [where] [He wants], and [You hear] [The Voice] [He has], [but] [you are [not] aware of] [from where] [He comes] and [where] [He goes on]. [Everyone who] [has been engendered] from [The Spirit] [is] [like this].” Nicodemus [responded] and [said] to [Him], “[How] [are [these {things}]] able] to come into being?” Jesus [responded] and [said] to [him]: “[You] [are] [The Teacher] of Israel and [You do [not] know] [these {things}]]? [Without doubt]! [Without doubt]! [I say] to [You] [that] [We are speaking] [what] [We are aware of], and [We are providing testimony] to [what We have seen], and [You are [not] receiving] [The Testimony] [We have]. [If] [I said] [the [earthly] {things}] to [You] and [You do [not] believe], [how] [could you believe] [if] [I said] [the [heavenly] {things}] to [you]? And [nobody] [has ascended] into [The Heaven] [except] [the {One} Who descended] from [The Heaven]—[The Son] of [The Man]. And [just as] Moses [elevated] [The Snake] in [the [deserted] {area}], [The Son] of [The Man] [has to] [be elevated] [like this], [so that] [everyone who] [believes] [could have] [a [burning] Life] [in Him]. [For] [The {Living} God] [loved] [The World] [like this]. [So then] [He gave] [The Son] [He has]—[the [only engendered] {One}]—[so that] [everyone who] [believes] into [Him] [would [not] be done away with], [but] [would have] [a [burning] Life]. [For] [The {Living} God] [did [not] send] [The Son] into [The World] [so that] [He could judge] [The World] [but] [so that] [The World] [could be saved] through [Him]. [The {one} who believes] into [Him] [is [not] judged]; but [the {one} who does [not] believe] into [Him] [has been judged] [already], [because] [he has [not] believed] into [The Name] of [The [only engendered] Son] of [The {Living} God].”

(John 3:1–18)—my interim translation

John’s point in regard to what Jesus says about the “engendering” experience in that passage is precisely the same as what he says in the following passage, where he is talking about what folks must “do” to be “saved”—that is, to be “engendered again.” He tells us they can only be “engendered” by receiving “The Light” of the Truth of the Living Word of God:

In [a Beginning], [The Word] [was]; and [The Word] [was] with [The {Living} God], and [The Word] [was] [God]. [This {One}] [was] in [a Beginning] with [The {Living} God]. [All {things}] came into being through [Him], and

[without] [Him] [not even] [what] came into being would have come into being. [Life] [was] in [Him], and [The Life] [was] [The Light] of [The Men]. And [The Light] [is appearing] in [The Darkness], and [The Darkness] [has [not] grasped] [it]. [A Man] [who had been sent] by [God] [came]. [His] [Name] {was} John. [This {one}] [came] for [a Testimony], [so that] [he could provide testimony] concerning [The Light], [so that] [everyone] [might] [believe] through [Him]. [That {one}] [was] [not] [The Light], [but] {he came} [so that] [he could provide testimony] concerning [The Light]. [The [real] Light] [was] [the {One} Who provides light] for [every] [Man] [who comes] into [The World]. [He was] in [The World], and [The World] came into being through [Him], and [The World] [did [not] know] [Him]. [He came] to [His Own], and [His Own] [did [not] take] [Him] to themselves. But [as many as] [received] [Him], to [them]—[to the {ones} who believe] into [The Name] [He has]—[He gave] [Authority] to come into being {as} God’s [Children], {those} [Who] [were [not] engendered] from [Blood], [nor] from [a Will] of [Flesh], [nor] from [a Will] of [a Male], but from [God]. And [The Word] became [Flesh], and [He camped out] among [us], and [we saw] [The Glory] [He has]—[a Glory] [like] [an [only engendered] {Son}] from [a Father], [full] of [a Favor] and [Truth]. John [provided testimony] concerning [Him] and [shouted], [saying], “[This {One}] [was] [Whom] [I said], [‘The {One} coming] [behind] [me] had come into being [in front] of [me], [because] [He was] [my] [first].” [Because] [we] [all] [received] from [The Fullness] [He has], and [a Favor] in place of [a Favor]. [Because] [The Law] [was given] through Moses. [The Favor] and [The Truth] came into being through Jesus [Anointed]. [Nobody] [has [ever] seen] [God]; [an [only engendered] God]—[the {One} Who is] in [The Lap] of [The Father]—[that {One}] [explained].

(John 1:1–18)—my interim translation

John is explaining “The Way” in which those who desire to be resurrected—that is, “engendered” by “The Woman” in the image and likeness of the Living Word of God at the End of the Age—are “engendered” by God the Father. What he describes is actually a very simple process. All that anyone has to do to be “engendered” by God the Father is receive the Truth of the Living Word of God.

Pay attention now! I said salvation was “a very simple process.” I never said it would be an easy process.

The first hurdle to be crossed on "The Way" to being "engendered" in the image and likeness of God is finding someone who can actually explain the Truth of the Gospel you must *receive* to be "born again." With all the hucksters, charlatans, and con artists trading on the Christian religion today, that is not all that *easy*. Consequently, I am intending to produce a recording of the Gospel sometime in the near future so that anyone who wants to hear the Truth can do so. I would not have to do that if the Evangelists that God called to the task of preaching the Gospel had fulfilled their calling. But they didn't, so I have finally decided the time has come for me to do it for them. The Truth of the Gospel should soon be available on CD and as streaming audio on the internet. Watch for it.

That's enough previewing coming attractions. I am hot on the trail (that's another idiom) of the link that exists between the Hebrew verb *yalad* ("to engender") and the equivalent Greek verb *gennaō* ("to engender"). So let's take another look at what Moses wrote about "The Engenderings" of Jesus Christ:

[This] {is} [The Scroll] of [The Engenderings] of [an Adam]. In [The Day] when [God] [creates] [an Adam], [He will make] [Him] in [The Likeness] of [God]. [Male] and [Female], [He will create] [them], and [He will bless] [them], and [He will call] [The Name] [they have] "[Adam]" in [The Day] [He creates] [them]. When [Adam] [had lived] a [hundred] and [thirty] [Years], [he engendered] {a child} in [The Likeness] [he had], according to [The Image] [he had], and [he called] [The Name] [he had] "Seth."

(Genesis 5:1-3) —my interim translation

Pay attention now! Moses—being the crafty Prophet that he was—did not say the same thing in that verse that he said in all the other instances that I showed you. Let's see if you can tell the difference:

[These] {are} [The Engenderings] of Noah.

(Genesis 6:9a) —my interim translation

[These] {are} [The Engenderings] of [The Sons] of Noah.

(Genesis 10:1a) —my interim translation

[These] {are} [The Engenderings] of Shem.

(Genesis 11:10a) —my interim translation

[These] {are} [The Engenderings] of Terah.

(Genesis 11:27a) —my interim translation

But [these] {are} [The Engenderings] of Ishmael.

(Genesis 25:12a) —my interim translation

But [these] {are} [The Engenderings] of Isaac.

(Genesis 25:19a) —my interim translation

But [these] {are} [The Engenderings] of Esau.

(Genesis 36:1a) —my interim translation

But [these] {are} [The Engenderings] of Esau.

(Genesis 36:9a) —my interim translation

[These] {are} [The Engenderings] of Jacob.

(Genesis 37:2a) —my interim translation

Immediately following every one of those statements, you will find an account of how the individual mentioned "engendered" a son or sons. Since I have already explained the fact that Moses is providing a history of *the heirs of the promise*, I assume you already know *why* he provided that information. (See *The Inheritance of the Believer, Volume 1*.) For the benefit (or detriment) of those who all too frequently fail to pay attention when attention is due, I will merely point out another fact of which you may not be aware. Moses is also providing a history that includes a few prime examples of those who were "cut off from" *the promise*. In case you were not already aware of it, I should warn you that the process in which the *Living Word of God* "cuts off" individuals "from" *Corporate Israel* did not end with the Jews being "cut off from" *Corporate Israel* in the time of Jesus Christ. It has continued down to this very day. A word to the wise

As you undoubtedly noticed, Moses did not say, "These are the engenderings of Adam" in Genesis 5:1. Instead, he says this:

[This] {is} [The Scroll] of [The Engenderings] of [an Adam].

(Genesis 5:1a) —my interim translation

There is a **BIG DIFFERENCE** between that statement and the one he used on the other occasions. The logical question that anyone who really wants to know the Truth would ask is this:

What "scroll" is Moses talking about?

Good question! I'm glad you asked. Moses is referring to the scroll he placed in the Tabernacle shortly before he died:

Then [His Majesty] [said] to Moses: "[Look!] [The Days] [You have] for [dying] [are near]. [Call] Joshua and take up positions in [The Tent] of [an Appointed Time] so that [I may give [him] a command]." So Moses and Joshua [walked] and took up positions in [The Tent] of [an Appointed Time]. Then [His Majesty] [was seen] in [The Tent] in [a Pillar] of [a Cloud], and [The Pillar] of [The Cloud] stood beside [The Entrance] of [The Tent]. Then [His Majesty] [said] to Moses: "[Look!] [You] [are going to lie down] with [The Fathers] [You have], and [This People] will rise up and [participate in the **zonah** rituals] after [The Gods] of [The Foreigner] of [The Earth] [within] which [He] [is going to go in] [there]. And [He will abandon] [Me], and [He will make null and void] [The Legal Agreement] [I have] with [Him]. Then [The Nose] [I have] [will become inflamed] against [Him] [on That Day], and [I will abandon] [them], and [I will hide] [The Face] [I have] from [them] so that [He will be] for [eating], and [many] [Bad Things] and [Tribulations] [will find] [Him]. Then [on That Day] [He will say], 'Is it [not] {that} [These Bad Things] [have found] [Me] [because] [The {Living} God] [I have] [is not] [within] [Me]?' But [I] [will definitely hide] [The Face] [I have] [on That Day] because of [all] [The Badness] that [He did] when [He turned] to [other] [Gods]. So [now] [write] [This Song] for [yourselves], and [make [The Sons of Israel] learn] [her]. Put [her] in [The Mouth] [they have] so that [This Song] will become [a Witness] for [Me] against [The Sons of Israel]. Because [I] [will bring [Him] in] to [The Ground] [flowing] with [Milk] and [Honey] that [I swore] to [The Fathers] [He has]. Then [He will eat], and [He will be satisfied], and He will get fat, and [He will turn] to [other] [Gods], and they will serve [them], and [they will treat [Me] with contempt], and [He will make [The Legal Agreement] [I have] null and void]. And it will be that when [many] [Bad Things] and [Tribulations] [find] [Him], then [This Song] [will respond] before [Him] as [a Witness], because [she will not] be forgotten] from [The Mouth] of [The Seed] [He has], because [I know] [The Formed Thing] [He has]—that [He] [is making] [today], before [I bring [Him] in] to [The Earth] that [I swore]." Then Moses

[wrote] [This Song] [on That Day], and [He made [The Sons of Israel] learn] [her]. Then [he gave a command to] Joshua, [Son] of Nun, and [He said], "[Be strong] and [be unyielding] because [You] [must bring [The Sons of Israel] in] to [The Earth] that [I swore] to [them], and [I] [will be] with [You]." Then, when Moses [had finished] [writing] [The Words] of [This Teaching] on [a Scroll] until [they were complete], Moses [commanded] [The Levites] [who were carrying] [The Ark] of [The Legal Agreement] of [His Majesty], [saying]: "[Take] [This Scroll] of [The Teaching] and set [him] beside [The Ark] of [The Legal Agreement] of [His Majesty], [The {Living} God] [you have], and [he will be] [a Witness] against [You] [there], because [I] [know] [The Rebellion] [You have] and [The [hard] Neck] [You have]. [Look!], while [I] {am} still [alive] with [you] [today] [you have been] [causing rebellion] against [His Majesty], [how much more] after [my] [Death]? [Congregate] to [me] [all] [The Elders] of [The Branches] [you have] so that [I may speak] [These Words] in [The Ears] [they have] and [call [The Sea of Waters] [and] [The Earth] to testify] against [them]. Because [I know] that after [my] [Death] [you will be destroyed], and [you will turn aside] from [The Way] that [I commanded] [you]; and [The Badness] [will meet] [you] [in The Last Days], because [you did] [the [bad] {thing}] in [The Eyes] of [His Majesty] to [exasperate] [Him] by [The Thing Made] {by} [The Hands] [you have]." Then Moses [spoke] [The Words] of [This Song] in [The Ears] of [all] [The Congregation] of Israel until [they were complete]. (Deuteronomy 31:14–30) —my interim translation

You might want to pay close attention to the phrase "make the sons of Israel learn her." The Hebrew language has a verb that means "teach," so Moses could have easily used that verb. He didn't, and the reason he didn't is because the verb he used has an intensive sense that is lacking in the verb that means "to teach." It carries the added nuance of "to make sure the person actually understands what is taught." The point is, the sons of Israel were supposed to make sure their children understood the meaning of the song. It is extremely important that you understand that fact. It is just as important that you know what the angry God of Israel meant when He said the song "will not be forgotten from the mouth of the seed He has." The Truth is, nobody has ever been "saved" without a basic understanding of the meaning of "The Song" that Moses wrote on "this scroll of The Teaching" that day.

"The scroll" on which Moses wrote that song before telling the Levites to place it in the Tabernacle alongside the Ark of the Covenant is "the scroll" on which he had already written the Pentateuch. The song that he included in "this scroll of *The Teaching*" can be found in Deuteronomy 32, which is the next to last chapter that Moses actually wrote. Deuteronomy 34 was obviously written by someone else, probably Joshua. But, having said that, I can easily envision some dogmatic dimwit making the claim that Moses came back from the dead to write his own epitaph.

For reasons that will be patently obvious to some, I will give you the New American Standard Bible translation of that song rather than my own:

*Then Moses spoke in the hearing of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song, until they were complete:
 "Give ear, O heavens, and let me speak;
 And let the earth hear the words of my mouth.
 Let my teaching drop as the rain,
 My speech distill as the dew,
 As the droplets on the fresh grass
 And as the showers on the herb.
 For I proclaim the name of the LORD;
 Ascribe greatness to our God!
 The Rock! His work is perfect,
 For all His ways are just;
 A God of faithfulness and without injustice,
 Righteous and upright is He.
 They have acted corruptly toward Him,
 {They are} not His children, because of their defect;
 {But are} a perverse and crooked generation.
 Do you thus repay the LORD,
 O foolish and unwise people?
 Is not He your Father who has bought you?
 He has made you and established you.
 Remember the days of old,
 Consider the years of all generations.
 Ask your father, and he will inform you,
 Your elders, and they will tell you.
 When the Most High gave the nations their **inheritance**,
 When He separated the sons of man,
 He set the boundaries of the peoples
 According to the number of the sons of Israel.
 For the LORD'S portion is His people;
 Jacob is the allotment of His **inheritance**.
 He found him in a desert land,
 And in the howling waste of a wilderness;*

*He encircled him, He cared for him,
 He guarded him as the pupil of His eye.
 Like an eagle that stirs up its nest,
 That hovers over its young,
 He spread His wings and caught them,
 He carried them on His pinions.
 The LORD alone guided him,
 And there was no foreign god with him.
 He made him ride on the high places of the earth,
 And he ate the produce of the field;
 And He made him suck honey from the rock,
 And oil from the flinty rock,
 Curds of cows, and milk of the flock,
 With fat of lambs,
 And rams, the breed of Bashan, and goats,
 With the finest of the wheat—
 And of the blood of grapes you drank wine.
 But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked—
 You are grown fat, thick, and sleek—
 Then he forsook God who made him,
 And scorned the Rock of his salvation.
 They made Him jealous with strange {gods};
 With abominations they provoked Him to anger.
 They sacrificed to demons who were not God,
 To gods whom they have not known,
 New {gods} who came lately,
 Whom your fathers did not dread.
 You neglected the Rock who begot you,
 And forgot the God who gave you birth.
 And the LORD saw {this,} and spurned {them}
 Because of the provocation of His sons and daughters.
 Then He said, 'I will hide My face from them,
 I will see what their end {shall be};
 For they are a perverse generation,
 Sons in whom is no faithfulness.
 They have made Me jealous with {what} is not God;
 They have provoked Me to anger with their idols.
 So I will make them jealous with
 {those who} are not a people;
 I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation,
 For a fire is kindled in My anger,
 And burns to the lowest part of Sheol,
 And consumes the earth with its yield,
 And sets on fire the foundations of the mountains.
 I will heap misfortunes on them;
 I will use My arrows on them.
 {They shall be} wasted by famine, and consumed
 by plague*

And bitter destruction;
 And the teeth of beasts I will send upon them,
 With the venom of crawling things of the dust.
 Outside the sword shall bereave,
 And inside terror—
 Both young man and virgin,
 The nursling with the man of gray hair.
 I would have said, "I will cut them to pieces,
 I will remove the memory of them from men,"
 Had I not feared the provocation by the enemy,
 Lest their adversaries should misjudge,
 Lest they should say, "Our hand is triumphant,
 And the LORD has not done all this."
 For they are a nation lacking in counsel,
 And there is no understanding in them.
 Would that they were wise, that they understood this,
 That they would discern their future!
 How could one chase a thousand,
 And two put ten thousand to flight,
 Unless their Rock had sold them,
 And the LORD had given them up?
 Indeed their rock is not like our Rock,
 Even our enemies themselves judge this.
 For their vine is from the vine of Sodom,
 And from the fields of Gomorrah;
 Their grapes are grapes of poison,
 Their clusters, bitter.
 Their wine is the venom of serpents,
 And the deadly poison of cobras.
 'Is it not laid up in store with Me,
 Sealed up in My treasuries?
 Vengeance is Mine, and retribution,
 In due time their foot will slip;
 For the day of their calamity is near,
 And the impending things are hastening upon them.'
 For the LORD will vindicate His people,
 And will have compassion on His servants;
 When He sees that {their} strength is gone,
 And there is none {remaining,} bond or free.
 And He will say, 'Where are their gods,
 The rock in which they sought refuge?
 Who ate the fat of their sacrifices,
 {And} drank the wine of their libation?
 Let them rise up and help you,
 Let them be your hiding place!
 See now that I, I am He,
 And there is no god besides Me;
 It is I who put to death and give life.

I have wounded, and it is I who heal;
 And there is no one who can deliver from My hand.
 Indeed, I lift up My hand to heaven,
 And say, as I live forever,
 If I sharpen My flashing sword,
 And My hand takes hold on justice,
 I will render vengeance on My adversaries,
 And I will repay those who hate Me.
 I will make My arrows drunk with blood,
 And My sword shall devour flesh,
 With the blood of the slain and the captives,
 From the long-haired leaders of the enemy.'
 Rejoice, O nations, {with} His people;
 For He will avenge the blood of His servants,
 And will render vengeance on His adversaries,
 And will atone for His land {and} His people."
 (Deuteronomy 31:30–32:43)

Moses included that song on the first of the many scrolls that eventually became the Scriptures. It is commonly known as "The Song of Moses." It is, in fact, the song that the Redeemed of the Lord will be singing in days to come—with complete comprehension—while everyone else here on Planet Earth is being battered by a steady stream of disasters beyond all comprehension. Take a look at what John tells us about "The Song of Moses" in this passage:

And [I saw]—and [Look!]
 [The Lamb] [standing] on [The Mountain] of Zion, and with [Him] [a [hundred] [forty]-[four] thousands] [who have] [The Name] [He has], and [The Name] of [The Father] [He has], [written] on [The Foreheads] [they have]. And [I heard] [a Voice] from [The Heaven] [like] [a Voice] of [many] [Waters] and [like] [a Voice] of [a [great] Rolling Thunder]. And [The Voice] [that] [I heard] {was} [like] [Harpists] [playing on the harp]—on [The Harps] [they had]. And [they are singing] [a [new] Song] [before] [The Throne], and [before] [The [four] Living Creatures] and [The Elders]. And [nobody] [was able] [to learn] [The Song] [except] [the [hundred] [forty]-[four] thousands]—[the {ones} who had been bought] from [The Earth].

[These] [are] [the {ones} who have not been soiled] with [Women], [for] [they are] [Virgins]. [These] {are} [the {ones} who are following] [The Lamb] [wherever] [He goes on]. [These] [have been bought] from [The Men] as [First Fruits] to [The {Living} God] and [The Lamb]. And [a Lie] [was

[not] found] in [The Mouths] [they had]. [They are] [unblemished]! And [I saw] [another] [Messenger] [who is flying] in [Midheaven], [who has] [a [burning] Gospel] [to preach as the gospel] to [the {ones} sitting] on [The Earth] and to [every] [Gentile], [Tribe], [Tongue], and [People], [saying] in [a [great] Voice]: "[Be afraid] of [The {Living} God] and [give] [Him] [Glory], [because] [The Hour] of [The Sentencing] [He has] [has come]! [Bow down] to [the {One} Who made] [The Heaven] and [The Earth], and [a Sea] and [Springs] of [Waters]!"

And [another] [Messenger]—[a [second] {one}]—[followed], [saying]: "[She fell]! Babylon, [the [great] {one}], [fell]—[the {one} who has given a drink] to [all] [The Gentiles] from [The Wine] of [The Rage] of [The Sexual Promiscuity] [she has]!" And [another] [Messenger]—[a third {one}]—[followed] [them], [saying] in [a [great] Voice]: "[If] [anyone] [bows down to] [The Beast] and [The Image] [he has], and [receives] [a Mark] on [The Forehead] [he has] or on [The Hand] [he has], [he will also] drink] from [The Wine] of [The Rage] of [The {Living} God]—[the {one} that has been mixed] [undiluted*] in [The Cup] of [The Anger] [He has], and [he will be tormented] in [Fire] and [Sulfur] [before] [holy] [Messengers] and [before] [The Lamb]. And [The Smoke] of [The Torment] [they have] [ascends] into [Ages] of [Ages], and [they do [not] have] [Rest] [Day] and [Night]—[the {ones} who bow down to] [The Beast] and [The Image] [he has], and [anyone], [if] [he receives] [The Mark] of [The Name] [he has]!"

[Here] [is] [The Perseverance] of [the [holy] {ones}]—[the {ones} who keep] [The Commandments] of [The {Living} God] and [The Belief] of Jesus. And [I heard] [a Voice] from [The Heaven] [saying], "[Write]: '[Fortunate] {are} [the [dead] {ones}]—[the {ones} who die] in [His Majesty] [from now on]!" "[Yes]," [The Spirit] [says], "[so that] [they may be refreshed] from [The Labors] [they have], [for] [The Works] [they have] [follow] with [them]."

And [I saw]—[Look!]—[a [white] Cloud]! And {One} [like] [a Son] of [a Man] [is sitting] on [The Cloud], [having] [a Crown] [made of gold] on [The Head] [He has], and [a [keen] Sickle] in [The Hand] [He had]! And [another] [Messenger] [came out] from [The Sanctuary], [shouting] in [a [great] Voice] to [the {One} Who is sitting] on [The Cloud], "[Send] [The Sickle] [You have] and [reap], [because] [The Hour] [to reap] [has come], [because] [The Harvest] of [The Earth] [has been dried up]!" So [the {One} Who is sitting] on [The Cloud]

[threw] [The Sickle] [he had] on [The Earth], and [The Earth] [was reaped]!

And [another] [Messenger] [who also has] [a [keen] Sickle] [came out] from [The Sanctuary]—[the {one}] in [The Heaven]. And [another] [Messenger]—[the {one} who has] [Authority] over [The Fire]—[came out] from [The Sacrificial Altar] and [called out] in [a [great] Voice] to [the {one} who has] [The [keen] Sickle], [saying], "[Send] [The Sickle]—[the [keen] {one}] [you have]—and [pick] [The Clusters of Grapes*] of [The Vine] of [The Earth], [because] [The Bunches of Grapes] [she has] [are ripe*]!" So [The Messenger] [threw] [The Sickle] [he had] into [The Earth], and [he picked] [The Vine] of [The Earth] and [threw] into [The Wine Press]—[the [great] {one}]—of [The Rage] of [The {Living} God]. And [The Wine Press] [was trampled] [on the outside] of [The City], and [Blood] [came out] from [The Wine Press] [up to] [The Bits] of [The Horses] from [a [thousand] [six hundred] 200 Meters].

And [I saw] [another] [great] and [amazing] [Sign] in [The Heaven]—[seven] [Messengers] [who have] [seven] [Beatings]—[the [last] {Beatings}] [because] in [them] [The Rage] of [The {Living} God] [has been completed]. And [I saw] {something} [like] [a [glass] Sea] [that had been mingled] by [Fire]; and [the {ones} who triumphed over] [The Beast], and [The Image] [he has] and [The Number] of [The Name] [he has]—[those who have] [Harps] of [The {Living} God]—{were} [standing] on [The [glass] Sea]. And [they are singing] [The Song] of Moses, [The Slave] of [The {Living} God], and [The Song] of [The Lamb], [saying]: "[The Works] [You have] {are} [great] and [amazing], [Your Majesty], [The {Living} God], [The Almighty]! [The Ways] [You have] {are} [just] and [real], [The King] of [The Gentiles]! [Who] [would [definitely not] be afraid] of [You], [Your Majesty], and [glorify] [The Name] [You have]? [Because] [only] {You are} [devout]! Because [ALL] [THE GENTILES] [WILL COME]! [THEY WILL BOW DOWN] [BEFORE] [YOU], [BECAUSE] [THE JUDICIAL DECISIONS] [YOU HAVE], [HAVE BEEN MADE APPARENT]!"

And after [I saw] [these {things}], [The Sanctuary] of [The Tent] of [The Testimony] in [The Heaven] [was opened], and [The [seven] Messengers]—[the {ones} who have] [The [seven] Beatings]—[came out] from [The Sanctuary], [being dressed] in [clean], [splendid] [Linen], and [being girded about] [The Chests] [they had] with [Belts] [made of gold]. And [one] of [The [four] Living Creatures] [gave] [The [seven] Messengers]

[seven] [Bowls] [made of gold] [that are full] of [The Rage] of [The {Living} God]—[the {One} Who lives] into [The Ages] of [The Ages]. And [The Sanctuary] [was filled up] with [Smoke] from [The Glory] of [The {Living} God] and from [The Power] [He has], and [nobody] [was able] [to go in] into [The Sanctuary] [up to the time] {when} [The [seven] Beatings] of [The [seven] Messengers] [were completed].
(Revelation 14:1–15:8) —my interim translation

Before I point out specific statements that John makes in that passage, there is one thing you need to be aware of and make sure you remember—if you have been “engendered again.” “The virgins” that John mentions in that passage are the same individuals that Jesus *parabolically* represents as “sensible virgins” in this passage:

“[At that time], [The Kingdom] of [The Heavens] [will be like] [ten] [Virgins] [who], [having taken] [The Lamps] [they had], [went out] for [a Coming to Meet] [The Bridegroom]. But [five] of [them] [were] [stupid] and [five] [sensible]; [for] [the [stupid] {ones}] [who took] [The Lamps] [they had] [did [not] take] [Olive Oil] with [them]. But [the [sensible] {ones}] [took] [Olive Oil] in [The Containers] with [The Lamps] [they had]. But [the {when} [The Bridegroom] took His time], [all] [became drowsy] and [were sleeping]. But [the {in} the midst] of [a Night], there was [Yelling]: [‘Look!] [The Bridegroom]! [Come out] for [His] [Meeting]!’ [At that time], [all] [The Virgins] [arose] and [put together] [The Lamps] [they had]. But [the [stupid] {ones}] [said] to [the [sensible] {ones}], [‘Give] [us] some of [The Olive Oil] [you have], [because] [The Lamps] [we have] [are being extinguished]!’ But [the [sensible] {ones}] [responded], [saying], [‘So that not once] [there will [definitely not] be enough] for [us] and [you], [go] [more] to [the {ones} who are selling], and [buy] for [yourselves]!’ But [the {while} [they] were going away] [to buy], [The Bridegroom] [came]; and [the [ready] {ones}] [went in] with [Him] into [The Wedding Feast], and [The Door] [was shut]. But [afterwards], [The [remaining] Virgins] also [come], [saying], [‘Your Majesty]! [Your Majesty]! [Open] for [us]!’ But [the {One} Who responded] [said], [‘Without doubt], [I say] to [you]! [I am [not] aware of] [you]!’ [Therefore], [stay awake], [because] [you are [not] aware of] [The Day] [nor] [The Hour]!’
(Matthew 25:1–13) —my interim translation

Matthew says Jesus used two slightly different nouns to refer to the “virgins” going out to meet the Lord. Both nouns are derived from verbs that are based on the Greek verb *antao*, which means “to meet face to face.” The difference in the *nuance of meaning* carried by each one resides in the fact that the first verb—the verb *hupantao*—means “to come to meet,” while the second verb—the verb *apantao*—means “to meet.” That is, the verb *hupantao* describes an *intention* to meet someone, while the verb *apantao* describes the *reality* of actually meeting them. Keep that in mind. Ten “virgins” went out *intending* to meet the Lord at the Second Coming, but only five actually did. That should be a warning to you, if you consider yourself to be one of the “sensible virgins.” “The Meeting” that Jesus had in mind when He told that parable is precisely the same “Meeting” that Paul mentions in this passage:

But [we do [not] want] [you] [to not understand], [Brothers], concerning [the {ones} who have fallen asleep], [so that] [you are [not] in anguish] also [just as] [the [remaining] {ones}]—[the {ones} who do [not] have] [Hope]. [For] [if] [we believe] [that] Jesus [died] and [arose], [so also] [The {Living} God] [will lead] with [Him] [the {ones} who have fallen asleep] in Jesus. [For] we say [this] to [you] by [The Word] of [His Majesty], [that] [we]—[the {ones} who are living], [the {ones} who survive] to [The Coming] of [The Lord]—[will [definitely not] go before] [the {ones} who have fallen asleep]. [Because] at [an Order of a Fugleman], at [a Chief Messenger’s] [Voice], and at [God’s] [Trumpet], [The Lord] [Himself] [will descend] from [Heaven], and [the [dead] {ones}] in [an Anointed {One}] [will arise] [first]. [Then] [we]—[the {ones} who are living], [the {ones} who survive]—[will be snatched] {up} [at the same time] with [them] in [a Cloud] to [The Meeting] of [The Lord] in [Air]. And [like this] [we will be] with [His Majesty] [always]. [So then] [make an appeal to] [one another] with [These Words].
(1 Thessalonians 4:13–18) —my interim translation

For the benefit of those who are actually paying attention, the *Fugleman* that Paul had in mind when he wrote verse 16 is the fellow who sat at the back of the boat calling time for the fellows who were actually rowing the boat. His point is, when the time comes to get the show on the road (another idiom), the *Fugleman* will start calling the shots (another idiom), and all Hell

is going to break loose (another idiom) here on Earth. But the “sensible virgins” who have managed to “survive” up to that time will have absolutely no reason to be concerned. There is, after all, a “rapture.” It’s just not going to occur when and how most folks are expecting. That’s why all those “stupid virgins” will be caught “sleeping,” just as Paul goes on to tell us they will be in this passage:

But concerning [The Spans of Time] and [The Times], [Brothers], [you do [not] have] [a Need] [to be written] to [you]. [For] [you] [are [accurately] aware] [that] [The Day] of [His Majesty] [will come] [like this]: [Like] [a Thief] in [The Night], [when] [they are saying], “[Peace] and [Certainty]!” [At that time], [Devastation] [confronts] [them] [all of a sudden], [indeed, just as] [The Birth Pang] on [the {one} who has] in [Tummy]; and [they will] [definitely not] escape]. But [you], [Brothers], [are] [not] in [Darkness], [so that] [The Day] [would grasp] [you] [like] [a Thief]. [For] [you] [all] [are] [Sons] of [Light] and [Sons] of [Day]. [We are] [not] of [Night], [nor] of [Darkness]. [So then], [therefore], [we must [not] sleep] [like] [the [remaining] {ones}]. [But] [we must stay awake] and [we must be sober]. [For] [the {ones} who are sleeping] [are sleeping] at [Night], and [the {ones} who become intoxicated] [are intoxicated] at [Night]. But [we], being of [Day], [must be sober], [having dressed ourselves] with [a Breastplate] of [Belief] and [Love], and [a Helmet]—[a Hope] of [Salvation]—[because] [The {Living} God] [has [not] put [us] down] for [Anger] [but] for [an Acquisition] of [Salvation] through [The Lord] [we have]—Jesus [Anointed]—[the {One} Who died] for [us] [so that], [whether] [we are awake] [or] [we are sleeping], [we may live] [at the same time] with [Him]. (1 Thessalonians 5:1–10) —my interim translation

Now that I have shown you all those things, let’s get back to the scroll on which Moses recorded “The Engenderings” of “The Man” Jesus Christ. Did you happen to notice what John said about “the song” that only the “virgins” who actually make it to “The Meeting” will be able to sing—with complete understanding? Take another look:

And [they are singing] [a [new] Song] [before] [The Throne], and [before] [The [four] Living Creatures] and [The Elders]. And [nobody] [was able] [to learn] [The Song] [except] [the [hundred] [forty]-[four]

thousands]—[the {ones} who had been bought] from [The Earth].

(Revelation 14:3) —my interim translation

That verse is describing exactly the same thing that Paul had in mind when he wrote this:

{When} [I also] [came] to [you], [Brothers], [I did [not] come] in agreement with [a Superiority] of [a Word] or [Wisdom], [proclaiming] to [you] [The Mystery] of [The {Living} God]. [For] [I judged] [not] [to be aware of] [anything] among [you] [except] Jesus [Anointed], and [this {One}], [{One} Who has been crucified]. [I also] {was} with [you] in [Weakness] and in [Fear] and in [much] [Trembling]. And [The Word] [I have] and [The Proclamation] [I have] {are} [not] in [persuasive] [Words] of [Wisdom], but in [Evidence] of [Spirit] and [Power], [so that] [The Belief] [you have] [would [not] be] in [a Wisdom] of [Men] [but] in [God’s] [Power]. But [we do speak] [a Wisdom] among [the {ones} who are complete]—but [not] [a Wisdom] of [This Age], nor of [The Rulers] of [This Age]—[the {ones} who are being abolished]. [But] [we speak] [God’s] [Wisdom] in [a Mystery]—[the {one} that had been completely hidden], [which] [The {Living} God] [determined beforehand], before [The Ages], for [our] [Glory]—[which {Mystery}] [none] of [The Rulers] of [This Age] [knew]; [for] [if] [they had known], [they would [not] have crucified] [The Lord] of [The Glory]. [But] [just as] [it is written]: “[WHAT] [EYE] [HAS [NOT] SEEN], AND [EAR] [HAS [NOT] HEARD], AND {what} [HAS [NOT] ASCENDED] UPON [THE HEART] OF [A MAN]—[WHAT] [THE {Living} GOD] [HAS PREPARED] FOR [THE {ones} WHO LOVE] [HIM].” But [The {Living} God] [revealed] {them} to [us] through [The Spirit], [for] [The Spirit] [searches] [all {things}]—even [The Depths] of [The {Living} God]. [For] [what {part}] of [Men] [is aware of] [the {things}] of [The Man] [except] [The Spirit] of [The Man]—[the {one}] in [him]? [So also] [nobody] [knows] [the {things}] of [The {Living} God] [except] [The Spirit] of [The {Living} God]. But [we have not received] [The Spirit] of [The World], [but] [The Spirit]—[the {One}] from [The {Living} God]—[so that] [we could be aware of] [the {things}] [granted as a favor] to [us] by [The {Living} God]. [Which] also [we speak]—[not] in [Words] of [human]-[taught] [Wisdom], [but] in [{those} taught] of [a Spirit]—[comparing] [spiritual] to [spiritual]. But [a [soulish] Man] [does [not] accept] [the*

{things} of [The Spirit] of [The {Living} God], [for] [it is] [Stupidity] to [him], and [he is] [not] [able] [to know] [because] [it is cross-examined] [spiritually]. But [the [spiritual] {Man}] [cross-examines] [all {things}], but [He] [is cross-examined] by [nobody]. [For] [WHO] [KNEW] [HIS MAJESTY'S] [MIND]? [WHO] [WILL BRING ALL TOGETHER] {for} [HIM]? But [we have] [The Mind] of [an Anointed {One}].
(1 Corinthians 2:1–16)—my interim translation

My point in showing you all these passages of Scripture is to remind you that they are *talking about* "The Engenderings" of "The Man" Jesus Christ, which is precisely what Moses had in mind when he wrote this:

[This] {is} [The Scroll] of [The Engenderings] of [an Adam]. In [The Day] when [God] [creates] [an Adam], [He will make] [Him] in [The Likeness] of [God]. [Male] and [Female], [He will create] [them], and [He will bless] [them], and [He will call] [The Name] [they have] "[Adam]" in [The Day] [He creates] [them].
(Genesis 5:1–2)—my interim translation

"The Engendering" of those who believe *the promise* is not a *physical* "engendering"; it is a *spiritual* "engendering" by the *Living Word* of God. But for those diligent Believers who "continue" in the Truth of that *Living Word*, it will result in the Resurrection—a *parabolic* "engendering" by "The Woman"—of a *spiritual body* created in the very image and likeness of the *Living Word* of God they have freely chosen to believe. That is what Paul had in mind when he wrote this:

[But] [someone] [will say]: "[How] [are] [the] [dead] {ones}] [awakened]? But in [what kind of] [Body] [do they come]?" [Mindless {one}]! [What] [you] [sow] [is] [not] [given life] [unless] [it dies]! And [what] [You sow], [you do] [not] [sow] as [The Body]—the {one} it will become—but, [a] [naked] Grain of [Wheat] [or] [some] of [the] [remaining] {ones}. But [The {Living} God] [gives] [it] [a Body] [just as] [He wants], and to [each] of [The Seeds] [its own] [Body]. [All] [Flesh] {is} [not] [The] [same] [Flesh]; [but] indeed [another] {is} of [Men], yet [another] [a Flesh] of [Animals], yet [another] [a Flesh] of [winged*] {ones}, yet [another] [a Flesh] of [Fish]. Also [heavenly] [Bodies] and [earthly] [Bodies]. [But] indeed, [The Glory] of [the] [heavenly] {beings} {is} [different], and [The] {Glory} of [the] [earthly] {beings} {is} [different].

{There is} [another] [Glory] of [Sun], and [another] [Glory] of [Moon], and [another] [Glory] of [Star], [for] [Star] [differs from] [Star] in [Glory]. [So also] [The Resurrection] of [the] [dead] {ones}: [It is sown] in [a] [perishable] {one}; [it is awakened] in [Imperishability]. [It is sown] in [Dishonor]; [it is awakened] in [Glory]. [It is sown] in [Weakness]; [it is awakened] in [Power]. [It is sown] [a] [soulish] Body; [it is awakened] [a] [spiritual] Body. [If] [there is] [a] [soulish] Body, [there is] also [a] [spiritual] {one}. [So also] [it is written]: "[The] [first] MAN—Adam—BECAME [A] [LIVING] SOUL"; [The] [last] Adam, [a Spirit] [giving life]. [But] [the] [spiritual] {One} {is} [not] [first], [but] [the] [soulish] {one}, [then] [the] [spiritual] {One}. [The] [first] Man {is} from [an Earth] [made of dirt]; [The] [second] Man {is} from [Heaven]. [Such as] [the] {one} [made of dirt], [such] also {are} [the] {ones} [made of dirt]; and [such as] [the] [heavenly] {One}, [such] also {are} [the] [heavenly] {ones}. And [just as] [we have worn] [The Image] of [the] {one} [made of dirt], [we will wear] [The Image] of [the] [heavenly] {One} also. But [I declare] [this], [Brothers], [because] [Flesh] and [Blood] [is] [not] [able] [to inherit] [God's] [Kingdom], [neither] {can} [the] [perishable] {one} [inherit] [The Imperishability]. [Look!] [I am telling] [you] [a Mystery]: [We will] [not] [all] fall asleep, [but] [we will] [all] be changed, in [an Instant], in [a Blink] of [an Eye], at [The] [last] Trumpet. [For] [He will sound a trumpet], and [the] [dead] {ones} [will be awakened] [imperishable], and [we] [will be changed]. [For] [this] [perishable] {one} [has to] [dress itself] with [Imperishability], and [this] [mortal] {one} {has to} [dress itself] with [Immortality]. But [when] [this] [perishable] {one} [has dressed itself] with [Imperishability], and [this] [mortal] {one} [has dressed itself] with [Immortality], [at that time] [The Word]—[the] {One} that was written—will occur:

"[THE DEATH] [HAS BEEN SWALLOWED] IN [A VICTORY]. [WHERE] {is} [THE VICTORY] [YOU HAVE], [DEATH]? [WHERE] {is} [THE STING] [YOU HAVE], [DEATH]?"

But [The Sting] of [The Death] is [The Sin], and [The Power] of [The Sin] is [The Law]. But [Favor] {is} in [The] {Living} God—[the] {One} Who is giving [us] [The Victory] through [The Lord] [we have], Jesus [Anointed]. [So then], [my] [beloved] [Brothers], become [steadfast], [immovable*], [always] [having an excess] in [The Work] of [The Lord], [being aware] that [The Labor]

[you have] [is] [not] {in} vain in [His Majesty].
(1 Corinthians 15:35–58) —my interim translation

I assume you noticed the *parabolic statements* in that passage in which Paul refers to the resurrected spiritual body as a *parabolic “garment”* which the soul of the Believer will “wear” after having “dressed itself.” He is referring to the same *parabolic imagery* he alludes to in this passage:

[For] [we are aware] [that] [if] [The [earthly] House] of [The Tent] [we have] [should be broken apart], [we have] [a Building] from [God] in [The Heavens]—[a [burning] House] [not made by human hands]. [For] **indeed [we do groan] in [this {one}], [yearning] [to clothe ourselves] with [The Housing] [we have]—[the {one}] from [Heaven]. [If indeed] [we are stripped], [we will not] be found [naked]. [For] indeed [we—[the {ones} who are] in [The Tent]—do groan], [being weighed down], [because] [we do [not] want] [to be stripped], [but] [to be clothed], [so that] [the [mortal] {one}] [might be swallowed] by [The Life].** But [the {One} Who brought [us] about] for [this very {thing}] {is} God—[the {One} Who gave] [us] [The Pledge] of [The Spirit]. [Therefore], [always] [being confident] and [being aware] [that], [being at home] in [The Body], [we are away from home]—away from [The Lord]—[for] [we are walking] through [Belief], [not] through [Appearance]. But [we are confident], and [we would be delighted] [more] [to be away from] [The Body] and [to be at home] with [The Lord]. [Wherefore] also, [we earnestly endeavor]—[whether] [at home] [or] [away from home]—[to be] [well-pleasing] to [Him].

(2 Corinthians 5:1–9) —my interim translation

Keep the *parabolic image* of the resurrected body as a *spiritual “garment”* in mind as you read what Paul wrote about that same thing in this passage:

[Just as] Abraham “[BELIEVED] [THE {LIVING} GOD], AND [IT WAS RECKONED] TO [HIM] FOR [A DECLARATION OF NOT GUILTY],” [so then] [you know] [that] [the {ones}] from [Belief], [these] [are] Abraham’s [Sons]. But [The Writing]—[foreseeing] [that], from [Belief], [The {LIVING} God] [is declaring] [The Gentiles] not guilty—[preached the gospel in advance*] to Abraham, [that] “[ALL] [THE GENTILES] [WILL BE BLESSED] IN [YOU].” [So then], [the {ones}] from [Belief] [are being **blessed**]

with [the [believing] {one}], Abraham. [For] [as many as] [are] from [Works] of [Law] [are] under [a Curse]. [For] [it is written]: “[CURSED] {is} [EVERYONE] [WHO] [DOES] [NOT] CONTINUE IN] [ALL] [THE {things} WRITTEN] IN [THE SCROLL] OF [THE LAW], [TO DO] [THEM].” But {the fact} [that] [nobody] [is declared not guilty] by [Law] before [The {LIVING} God] {is} [obvious], [because] “[THE [JUST] {One}] [WILL LIVE] FROM [BELIEF].” But [The Law] [is] [not] from [Belief]; [but] “[THE {One} WHO DOES] [THEM] [WILL LIVE] IN [THEM].” [An Anointed {One}] [bought [us] back] from [The Curse] of [The Law], having become [a Curse] on our behalf—[because] [it is written]: “[EVERYONE WHO] [HANGS] ON [A TREE] {is} [CURSED]”—(1) [so that] [The Blessing] of Abraham could come to [The Gentiles]—in [The Anointing] of Jesus, (2) [so that] [we could receive] [The Promise] of [The Spirit] through [The Belief]. [Brothers], [I am speaking] in agreement with [Man]; [nevertheless], [nobody] [rejects] [a [validated] Testament] of [a Man], [or] [adds a codicil]. But [The Promises] [were spoken] to Abraham and to [The Seed] [he has]. [He does [not] say], “And to [The Seeds],” [as] upon [many]; [but] [as] upon [One]: “And to [The Seed] [you have],” which [is] [an Anointed {One}]. But [I am saying] [this]: [The Law]—the {one} that came into being after [four hundred] and [thirty] [years]—[does [not] invalidate] [a Testament] [validated earlier] by [The {LIVING} God], [so as] [to abolish] [The Promise]. [For] [if] [The Inheritance] {is} from [Law], {it is} [no longer] from [a Promise]; but [The {LIVING} God] [granted a favor] to Abraham through [a Promise]. [Therefore], [why] [The Law] of [The Violations]? [A Favor] [was added] [up to the time] [in which] [The Seed] [could come] to [Whom] [it had been promised], [directions having been given] through [Messengers] into [a Mediator’s] [Hand]. But [The Mediator] [is] [not] for [one], but [The {LIVING} God] [is] [One]. [Therefore], {is} [The Law] against [The Promises] of [The {LIVING} God]? [Certainly not!] [For] [if] [a Law]—[the {one} that was able] [to give life]—[had been given], [The Declaration of Not Guilty] [really] [would have been] from [Law]. [But] [The Writing] [has confined] [The All] under [Sin], [so that] [The Promise]—from [The Belief] of Jesus [Anointed]—[could be given] to [the {ones} who believe]. But before [The Belief] [came], [we were being watched over] under [Law], [being confined] to [The Belief] [that was going to] [be revealed]. [So then] [The Law] had become [our] [Tutor] in [an Anointing], [so that] [we could be declared not guilty] from [Belief]. But [since] [The Belief] came, [we are] [no

longer] under [a Tutor]. [For] [you are] [all] [God's] [Sons] through [The Belief] in [The Anointing] of Jesus. [For] [as many [of you] as] [have been baptized] into [an Anointing] [have dressed yourselves] with [an Anointing]. [A Jew] [does [not] exist]. [Neither] {does} [a Greek]. [A Slave] [does [not] exist]. [Neither] {does} [a [free] {person}]. [A Male] and [a Female] [does [not] exist]. [For] [you] [all] [are] [One] in [The Anointing] of Jesus. [But if] [you] {are} of [an Anointing], [then] [you are] [Seed] of Abraham— [Heirs] in accordance with [a Promise].

(Galatians 3:6–29) —my interim translation

My point in showing you what Paul wrote in that passage is so that you can see he is *talking about* the link that exists between belief in *the promise* and the absolutely incredible *experience* of being “engendered” in the image and likeness of God—as a Child of God. That is, after all, “*The only Way*” you are ever going to participate in the Resurrection of the Righteous—the event in which “*The Woman*” at long last “engenders” the Children of God in the image and likeness of God. I’ve said it before, and you can bet your bottom dollar (that’s another idiom) I’ll say it time and time again before I have accomplished the task God has given me: You can go on believing Satan’s lies if you so *choose*, but you, and you alone, will bear the consequences of that abjectly *stupid* decision. Consider yourself warned.

The Protestant Reformers risked life and limb fighting for the simple Truth that salvation is by *faith*—that is, by *belief*—alone. They knew salvation is by *faith*; but that is not *belief* in the sense of *that you believe*, it is *belief* in the sense of *what you believe*. So why not face the cold, hard Truth head-on for once in your life: If we could believe anything and everything we *choose* to believe and still go to Heaven, we would all end up in the same place. If that were true, there wouldn’t be a Heaven and a Hell, no need for a plan of salvation, and Jesus Christ would be a liar. So go ahead, be my guest: Place your overweening confidence in all the *stupid, assinine, moronic, dimwitted, ridiculous beliefs* that Satan’s agents have foisted off on this generation. If what I am telling you is true and you *choose* to go on *stupidly* believing his nonsense, you deserve every bit of the Hell you’ve got coming.

After explaining how one becomes a “son” of Abraham and God through belief in *the promise*, Paul concludes that part of his train of thought with this:

[Tell] [me]—[the {ones} who want] [to be] under [Law]: [Do you [not] hear] [The Law]? [For] [it is written] [that] Abraham [had] [two] [Sons]—[one] from [The Slave Girl] and [one] from [the [free] {woman}]. [But] indeed [the {one}] from [The Slave Girl] [was engendered] according to [The Flesh], but [the {one}] from [the [free] {woman}] through [a Promise], [which] [is] [what is being implied*]. [For] [these {women}] [are] [two] [Testaments]: [One] from Mt. Sinai [engendering] [Children] for [Slavery], [which] [is] Hagar. But Hagar is Sinai—[a Mountain] in Arabia—and corresponds to [the present] Jerusalem, [for] [she is a slave]—with [The Children] [she has]. But the Jerusalem [above] [is] [free], [Who] [is] [our] [Mother]. [For] [it is written]:

“[REJOICE!] [BARREN {One}],

[THE {One} WHO IS [NOT] GIVING BIRTH].

[LET LOOSE] AND [CRY OUT],

[THE {One} WHO IS [NOT] IN LABOR],

[BECAUSE] [THE CHILDREN] OF [THE [DESERTED] {ONE}] ARE [MORE] THAN [THE {one} WHO HAS] [THE MALE].”

But [you], [Brothers], [are] [Children] of [a Promise]—in agreement with Isaac. [But] [indeed, just as] [at that time] [the {one} engendered] in accordance with [Flesh] [pursued] the {one} in agreement with [Spirit], [so also] [now]. [But] [what] [does] [The Writing] say?

“[THROW OUT] [THE SLAVE GIRL]

AND [THE SON] [SHE HAS],

[FOR] [THE SON] OF [THE SLAVE GIRL] [WILL [NOT]

INHERIT] WITH [THE SON] OF [THE [FREE] {woman}].”

[Wherefore], [Brothers], [you are] [not] [Children] of [a Slave Girl] [but] of [the [free] {woman}].

(Galatians 4:21–31) —my interim translation

So what does all this have to do with “the scroll of the engenderings of an Adam” that Moses mentions in Genesis 5:1? Everything. The scroll that Moses wrote not only describes how God *parabolically* “engendered” Corporate Israel at the foot of Mt. Sinai, it also describes how the individual members of Corporate Israel are *parabolically* “engendered” as members of Corporate Israel. Moreover, it tells us the members of Corporate Israel need only remain “in” “*The Woman*” Who is Corporate Israel until She

“engenders” them in the image and likeness of the Living Word of God they have freely chosen to believe. But take a look at how her lineage has been hidden:

[A Book] of [the] Origin of Jesus [Anointed], [Son] of David, [Son] of Abraham. Abraham [engendered] Isaac, and Isaac [engendered] Jacob, and Jacob [engendered] Judah and [The Brothers] [he had], and Judah [engendered] Perez and Zerah* from Tamar*, and Perez [engendered] Hezron, and Hezron [engendered] Ram, and Ram [engendered] Amminadab, and Amminadab [engendered] Nahshon, and Nahshon [engendered] Salmon, and Salmon [engendered] Boaz from Rahab, and Boaz [engendered] Obed from Ruth*, and Obed [engendered] Jesse, and Jesse [engendered] David [The King], and David [engendered] Solomon from [the {woman}] of Uriah*, and Solomon [engendered] Rehoboam, and Rehoboam [engendered] Abijah, and Abijah [engendered] Asa, and Asa [engendered] Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat [engendered] Joram, and Joram [engendered] Uzziah, and Uzziah [engendered] Jotham, and Jotham [engendered] Ahaz, and Ahaz [engendered] Hezekiah, and Hezekiah [engendered] Manasseh, and Manasseh [engendered] Amon, and Amon [engendered] Josiah, and Josiah [engendered] Jeconiah and [The Brothers] [he had] upon [The Deportation] to [Babylon]. And after [The Deportation] to [Babylon], Jeconiah [engendered] Shealtiel, and Shealtiel [engendered] Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel [engendered] Abihud, and Abihud [engendered] Eliakim, and Eliakim [engendered] Azor, and Azor [engendered] Zadok, and Zadok [engendered] Achim, and Achim [engendered] Eliud, and Eliud [engendered] Eleazar, and Eleazar [engendered] Matthan, and Matthan [engendered] Jacob, and Jacob [engendered] Joseph, [The Male] of Mary—from [whom] [was engendered] Jesus, [the {One} called] [an [Anointed] {One}]. [Therefore], [all] [The Generations] from Abraham [until] David {are} [fourteen] [Generations]; and from David [until] [The Deportation] to [Babylon] {are} [fourteen] [Generations], and from [The Deportation] to [Babylon] [until] [The Anointed] {One} {are} [fourteen] [Generations]. But [The Origin] of Jesus [Anointed] [was] [like this]: [The Mother] [He had]—Mary—[had been promised in marriage] to Joseph; but [before] [they] {were} [to come together], [she was found] [having] in [Tummy] from [a holy] Spirit]. But Joseph, [The Male] [she had], [being] [just] and [not] [wanting] [to make an example of] [her], [was determined] [to release] [her] [secretly]. But after [he]

[had contemplated] [these {things}], [Look!] [a Messenger] of [His Majesty] [appeared] to [him] in [a Dream], [saying]: “Joseph, [Son] of David, [do [not] be afraid] [to take to yourself] Mary, [The Woman] [you have]; [for] [the {One} engendered] in [her] [is] from [a holy] Spirit]. And [she will give birth] to [a Son], and [you will call] [The Name] [He has], Jesus; [for] [He will save] [The People] [He has] from [The Sins] [they have].” (Matthew 1:1–21) —my interim translation

That passage gives Joseph’s genealogy. But if you have ever had the absolutely amazing experience of being “engendered again” in the image and likeness of the Living Word of God, the following passage gives your genealogy. It traces *the promise* as He made His “Way” down to “The Woman” Mary, who “carried” Him until He was born. As “The Woman” Who is Corporate Israel, He will also “carry” you until you are finally “engendered” in the image and likeness of the Living Word that He is. Unfortunately, if you are not found “in Him,” that is not going to happen:

But it happened when [every one of] [The People] [had been baptized], Jesus also [was baptized] and, {while He was} [praying], [The Heaven] [was opened] and [The Spirit]—[the {holy} {One}]—[descended] on [Him] in [bodily] [Appearance] [like] [a Dove]. And [a Voice] came into being from [Heaven]: “[You] [are] [The Son] [I have]—[the {beloved} {One}]. [I am delighted] in [You].” And [this {One}] [was] Jesus, being, [as it were], [thirty] [Years] old, [being] [a Son]—[as] [it was presumed]—of Joseph, of [Eli*], of Matthat, of Levi, of Melchi, of Jannai*, of Joseph, of Mattathias, of Amos, of Nahum*, of Hesli*, of Naggai*, of Maath, of Mattathias, of Semein*, of Josech*, of Joda*, of Joanan*, of Rhesa*, of Zerubbabel, of Shealtiel, of Neri*, of Melchi, of Addi, of Cosam, of Elmamad*, of Er*, of Joshua, of Eliezer*, of Jorim*, of Matthat, of Levi, of Simeon, of Judah, of Joseph, of Jonam*, of Eliakim, of Melea*, of Menna*, of Mattatha*, of Nathan*, of David, of Jesse, of Obed, of Boaz, of Salmon, of Nahshon, of Amminadab, of Admin, of Ram, of Hezron, of Perez, of Judah, of Jacob, of Isaac, of Abraham, of Terah*, of Nahor*, of Serug*, of Reu*, of Peleg*, of Heber*, of Shelah, of Cainan, of Arphaxad, of Shem*, of Noah, of Lamech*, of Methuselah*, of Enoch, of Jared*, of Mahalaleel*, of Cainan, of Enosh*, of Seth*, of Adam, of [The {Living} God]. (Luke 3:21–38) —my interim translation ■



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Editor: How would you respond to the woman who sent us the following note? She says she finds our website very informative but wants to know a few things about our beliefs before she continues reading. She says this:

“I have ordered some of your free publications, and also sent a copy of one of these offers to two of my children. I would like to continue viewing your website, but before I do, I need to know if your beliefs and that of my religion, Roman Catholic, are the same? I am not interested in any other religion other than my own, nor do I want to change it. For instance, we believe in the blessed virgin Mary, mother of Jesus Christ, the holy trinity, which consists of the holy spirit, Jesus Christ, who is the son of God, and of course, God himself. The holy trinity is one and the same. I believe in all the saints and every other teaching in my Roman Catholic faith. Can you tell me if your religious beliefs are the same? If they are not, then of course I would like to know, and would appreciate your response regarding the above. Thank you.”

Elijah: Unfortunately, the woman who wrote that honest and candid statement is voicing the attitude of the vast majority in every religion, not just those in the

Roman Catholic Church. That is, there are very few today who are still seeking to know and understand the Truth at all costs—ready and willing to give up anything and everything it might cost just to know the Truth regarding what is happening all around them. The only “truth” that most folks want to “know” is what makes them feel comfortable. Here is how the Apostle Paul describes the impending disaster that will soon overtake those who are focused on feeling secure in the here and now rather than finding the Truth they will need to survive “The Burning” in the hereafter:

But [we ask] [you], [Brothers], concerning [The Coming] of [The Lord] [we have], Jesus [Anointed], and [our] [Assembling] to [Him], [so that [you] would] [not] [be moved back and forth] [quickly] from [The Mind] nor [be alarmed]—either by [a Spirit] or by [a Word] or by [a Letter] [as] from [us], [as] [that] [The Day] of [The Lord] [presently is]. [Do [not] let [anybody] seduce] [you] in accordance with [a [nothing] Turn], [because] {the Day of the Lord cannot be} [if] [The Apostasy] [does [not] come] [first] and [The Man] of [The Lawlessness] [is revealed]—[The Son] of [The Destruction], [the {one} who is opposed] and [who elevates himself] above [everything] [said] {to be} [a god] or [an object of worship]. [So then], [he] [sits down] in [The Sanctuary] of [The {Living} God], [presenting himself {as} evidence] [that] [he is] [God]. [Do you [not] remember] [that] [I was saying] [these {things}] to [you] [being] [still] with [you]? And [now] [you are aware of] [the {thing} that is holding fast] [so that [he] may] [be revealed] in [The Time] of [his own]. [For] [The Mystery] of [The Lawlessness] [is working] [already]—{which is} [only] [the {one} holding fast] [at this time] [until] he comes into existence [out of the midst]. And [at that time] [the {one}] [without law] [will be revealed]: (1) [whom] [The Lord] [will put away] by [The Spirit] of [The Mouth] [He has] and [abolish] by [The Appearance] of [The Coming] [He has], (2) [of whom] [The Coming] [is]: (a) in agreement with [The In-working] of [The Satan] in [all] [Power] and [Signs] and [Wonders]—[Lies]—and in [every] [Deception] of [Injustice] for [the {ones} who are being done away with]; (b) against [those who] [did not accept] [The Love] of [The Truth] [so that [they] could] [be saved]. And [for this reason] [The {Living} God] [will send] to [them] [an In-working] of [a Deception] [so that [they] would] [believe] [The Lie], [so that] [all] of [the {ones} who did [not] believe]

[The Truth] [but] [delighted] in [The Injustice] [would be judged].

(2 Thessalonians 2:1–12) —my interim translation

In that passage, Paul makes it abundantly clear that the Antichrist is going to somehow manage to get people to believe things that are not true. And people like the woman who wrote the note you quoted are going to make it extremely easy for Satan to do precisely what the Book of Revelation repeatedly warns us he will do:

And [a [great] Sign] [was seen] in [The Heaven]: [A Woman] [wrapped {around}] with [The Sun] {as an overgarment}, and [The Moon] [under] [The Feet] [She had], and [a Crown] of [twelve] [Stars] on [The Head] [She had]. And [having] in [Tummy], [She is shouting] also— [being in labor] and [being tormented] [to give birth]. And [another] [Sign] [was seen] in [The Heaven], and [Look!] [A [great] [red] Dragon], [having] [seven] [Heads] and [ten] [Horns], and on [The Heads] [he had], [seven] [Diadems]. And [The Tail] [he had] [is dragging] [The Third] of [The Stars] of [The Heaven], and [he threw] [them] to [The Earth]. And [The Dragon] [stood] [before] [The Woman]—[the {one} who is going to] [give birth]—[so that] [when] [she gave birth] [he might devour] [The Child] [She had]. And [she gave birth to] [a Son]—[a Male] [Who] [is going to] [shepherd] [all] [The Gentiles] with [a Staff] of [Iron]—and [The Child] [She had] [was snatched {up}] before [The {Living} God] and before [The Throne] [He has]. And [The Woman] [fled] into [The {deserted} {Area}], [where] [She has] [a Place] [that has been prepared] [there] by [The {Living} God] [so that] [He could provide [Her] food] [a Thousand] [Two hundred] {and} [Sixty] [Days]. And [War] came about in [The Heaven]—Michael and [The Messengers] [he has] [waging war] with [The Dragon]—and [The Dragon] and [The Messengers] [he has] [waged war]. And [they did not] have {the} might; [neither] [was] [a Place] [still] found] for [them] in [The Heaven]. And [The Dragon], [the [great] {one}]—[The Snake], [the [ancient] {one}], [the {one} called] [a False Accuser] and [The Satan], [the {one} who leads astray] [The [whole] Civilization]— [was thrown] to [The Earth]. And [The Messengers] [he has] [were thrown] with [him]. And [I heard] [a [great] Voice] in [The Heaven], [saying]: “[At this time], [The Salvation] and [The Power] and [The Kingdom] of [The {Living} God] [we have] and [The Authority]

of [The Anointing] [He has] have come about, [because] [The Accuser] of [The Brothers] [we have]—[the {one} who accuses] them [Day] and [Night] [before] [The {Living} God] [we have]—[has been thrown]. And [they] [triumphed over] [him] through [The Blood] of [The Lamb] and through [The Word] of [The Testimony] [they have], and [they did not love] [The Soul] [they had] [up to the time] of [Death]. [For this reason] [you will be made to rejoice]—[The Heavens] and [the {ones} who are camping out] in [them]. [Woe] to [The Earth] and [The Sea] [because] [The False Accuser] [has descended] to [you], [having] [a [great] Rage], [being aware] [that] [he has] [little] [Time].” And [when] [The Dragon] [saw] [that] [he had been thrown] to [The Earth], [he pursued] [The Woman] [Who gave birth] to [The Male]. And [The [two] Wings] of [The Eagle]—[the [great] {one}]—[were given] to [The Woman] [so that] [she could fly] into [The {deserted} {Area}], to [The Place] [she has], [where] [She is provided food] [there] for [a Time] and [Times] and [half] [a Time] away from [The Snake’s] [Face]. And [The Snake] [threw] [Water] [like] [a River] out of [The Mouth] [he had] [behind] [The Woman] [so that] [he might make] [Her] [carried away by a river*]. And [The Earth] [helped] [The Woman], and [The Earth] [opened] [The Mouth] [she had], and [she swallowed] [The River] [which] [The Dragon] [threw] out of [The Mouth] [he had]. And [The Dragon] [became angry] with [The Woman], and [he went away] [to make] [War] with [The Remaining] of [The Seed] [she has]—[the {ones} who are keeping] [The Commandments] of [The {Living} God] and [having] [The Testimony] of Jesus; and [he stood] on [The Sand] of [The Sea].

(Revelation 12:1–18) —my interim translation

To understand the parabolic imagery regarding the “river” that John mentions in that passage, you must first understand what the Prophets had in mind when they talked about “the river(s)” and “the sea.” The parabolic imagery they had in mind comes directly out of the Canaanite myth that describes the resurrection of the god Baal.

To the Canaanites—and most of the sons of Israel—Baal was the god of the storm. That is, he was the essence of all life-giving water. His enemies were the rivers and the salt-water seas. The rivers were Baal’s enemies because they carried him (fresh water) back to the salt-water sea, where he was held captive until he

was resurrected out of the sea as fresh water and came riding in the clouds to once again fall as rain. The following is a quote from the Canaanite myth that describes how the Canaanite goddess Anat helped Baal escape from the god “Death” (Hebrew: *Mot*) who was holding him captive in the clutches of the god “Sea” (Hebrew: *Yam*):

As soon as Anat saw the gods,
her feet shook,
her back was as though shattered,
her face broke out in sweat,
her joints trembled,
her vertebrae became weak.
She raised her voice and shouted:
“Why have Gavn and Ugar come?
What enemy has risen against Baal,
what foe against the Rider on the Clouds?
Didn’t I demolish El’s Darling, Sea?
didn’t I finish off the divine river, Rabbim?
didn’t I snare the Dragon?
I enveloped him,
I demolished the Twisting Serpent,
the seven-headed monster.
I demolished El’s Darling, Desire,
I annihilated the divine calf, the Rebel;
I demolished El’s bitch, Fire,
I finished off El’s daughter, Zebub.”
(M. Coogan, *Stories From Ancient Canaan*, The Westminister Press: Philadelphia, 1978, pp. 92–93)

That passage provides insight into the mind-set that stands behind the account of Elijah’s confrontation with the prophets of Baal in “The Orchard” of fruit-bearing trees under which Canaanite women routinely practiced the sacred craft of the *zonah*. (That certainly gives new meaning to the expression “praying for rain,” doesn’t it?) Unfortunately, you have never been able to see that an “Orchard” existed on the promontory known as Mt. Carmel just south of the city of Tyre because translators have hidden that fact by insisting on transliterating the Hebrew term *karmel* rather than just translating it. My point is, Mt. Carmel overlooked the Mediterranean Sea—which those simple folks believed to be the god who held Baal captive:

So Obadiah [walked] to meet Ahab and reported to [him],
and Ahab [walked] to meet Elijah. And when Ahab [saw]

Elijah, Ahab [said] to [him], “[Is] [this] [You], [the {one} who causes trouble for] Israel?” But [he said], “[I have [not] caused trouble for] Israel, but [You] and [The House] of [The Father] [You have], by [you abandoning] [The Commandments] of [His Majesty]. And [you have walked] after [The Owners]. So [now], [send]! [Gather] [all Israel] to [me] at [The Mountain] of [The Orchard], with [The [four] [hundred] and [fifty] Prophets] of [The Owner] and [The [four] [hundred] Prophets] of [The Asherah]—[who are eating] {at} [The Table] of Jezebel.” So Ahab [sent] to [all] [The Sons] of Israel, and [he gathered] [The Prophets] to [The Mountain] of [The Orchard]. Then Elijah [came close] to [all] [The People] and [said]: “[How long] [are [you] going to limp along] on [two] [Opinions]? [If] [His Majesty] is [The {Living} God], [walk] after [Him]; but [if] [The Owner], [walk] after [him].” And [The People] did [not] [respond] [a Word] to [him]. So Elijah [said] to [The People]: “[I [alone] remain] [a Prophet] of [His Majesty], but [The Prophets] of [The Owner] are [four] [hundred] and [fifty] [Men]. So [let them give] us [two] [Bulls], and [let them choose] [The [one] Bull] for [themselves], and [cut [him] into pieces], and set [him] on [The Trees], but [not] set [a Fire]. And [I will make] [The [one] Bull], and [give] {him} on [The Trees], but [I will [not] set] [a Fire]. Then [you call] in [The Name] of [The Gods] [you have], and [I] [will call] in [The Name] of [His Majesty]. And [it will be] that [The God] Who [responds] with [Fire], [He] {is} [The {Living} God].” And [all] [The People] [responded] and [they said], “[The Word] {is} [good].” Then Elijah [said] to [The Prophets] of [The Owner]: “[Choose] for [yourselves] [The [one] Bull], and [you make] [first]—because [you] {are} [The Many]—and [call] in [The Name] of [The God] [you have]. But [you must [not] set] [a Fire].” So [they took] [The Bull] that [he gave] to [them], and [they made], and [they called] in [The Name] of [The Owner] from [The Morning] until [Noon] [saying], “[The Owner] [is going to respond] to [us]!” But [there was not] [a Voice], and [there was not] [one responding], so [they limped along] around [The Altar] that [he had made]. And [it was] at [Noon], that Elijah [ridiculed] [them] and [said]: “[Call] with [a [great] Voice]! Either [he] {is} [God], or {is} [complaining], or he {is having} [a Bowel Movement], or he has [a Way]. [Perhaps] [he] {is} [sleeping] and [must be awakened].” So [they called] with [a [great] Voice], and [they ritually cut themselves] in accordance with [The Judgment] [they had]—with [Swords] and [Spears]—until [Blood] [was pouring out] on [them]. But [it was] that when [Noon]

had passed, [they prophesied] until [The Cereal Offering] [went up]. But [there was not] [a Voice], and [there was not] [one responding], and [there was not] [one paying attention]. Then Elijah [said] to [all] [The People], “[Come close] to [me].” So [all] [The People] [came close] to [him]. Then [he healed] [The Altar] of [His Majesty]—[the {one} that had been broken down]. And Elijah [took] [twelve] [Stones] in accordance with [The Number] of [The Branches] of [The Sons] of Jacob, to whom [The Word] of [His Majesty] [was], [saying], “Israel [will be] [The Name] [You have].” And [he built] [The Stones] as [an Altar] in [The Name] of [His Majesty], and [he made] [a Channel] equal to [a House] of [two] [10-Quart Measures] of [Seed] around [The Altar]. Then [he arranged] [The Trees], and [he cut] [The Bull] into pieces, and [set] {them} on [The Trees]. And [he said], “[Fill] [four] [Large Jars] with [Water] and [pour] {them} on [The Burnt Offering] and on [The Trees].” Then [he said], “[Do so again],” and [they did so again]. Then [he said], “[Do so three times],” and [they did so three times]. And [The Water] [walked] around [The Altar] so that even [The Channel] [was filled] of [Water]. And when [The Cereal Offering] [was to go up], Elijah [The Prophet] [came close] and said: “[Your Majesty], [God] of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, [let it be known] [today] that [You] {are} [God] in Israel, and [I] {am} [The Servant] [You have], and [I have done] [all] [These Words] by [The Word] [You have]. [Respond] to [me], [Your Majesty]! [Respond] to [me] so that [This People] [will know] that [You] {are} [His Majesty], [The {Living} God], and {so that} [You may turn] [The Heart] [they have] around] [backward].” Then [The Fire] of [His Majesty] [fell], and [she ate] [The Burnt Offering] and [The Trees] and [The Stones] and [The Dust]; and [she licked up] [The Water] that {was} in [The Channel]. When [all] [The People] [saw], [they fell] on [The Faces] [they had] and [said]: “[His Majesty] is [The {Living} God]! [His Majesty] is [The {Living} God]!” So Elijah [said] to [them]: “[Take hold of] [The Prophets] of [The Owner]! [Do not] let [a Man] {of} [them] slip away!” So [they took hold of] [them], and Elijah [brought] [them] down] to [The Wadi] of Kishon, and [he slaughtered] [them] [there]. Then Elijah [said] to Ahab, “[Go up]! [Eat] and [drink], because {there is} [The Voice] of [The Large Amount] of [The Rainfall].” So Ahab [went up] to [eat] and [drink], but Elijah [went up] to [The Head] of [The Orchard], and [he stretched out] toward [The Earth], and he put [The Face] [he had] between [The Knees] [he had]. Then [he said] to [The Lad] [he had]: “[Go up], please!

[Look {at}] [The Way] of [Sea].” So [he went up] and [looked], and [he said], “[There is not] [anything].” So [he said], “[Return]” [seven] [Times]. And on [The [seventh] {Time}], [he said], “[Look!] [A Thunderhead] as [small] as [a Man’s] [Palm] is [coming up] out of [The Sea]!” And [he said], “[Go up]! [Say] to Ahab, ‘[Bind up] and [go down], so that [The Rainfall] does [not] [hold] [You] back.’” [Meanwhile*], [The Sea of Waters] [became gloomy] with [Thunderheads] and [a Spirit], and [there was] [a [great] Rainfall]. Then Ahab [rode]—and [he walked]—to Jezreel. But [The Hand] of [His Majesty] [was] on Elijah, and [he tucked in] [The Loins] [he had] and [ran] in front of Ahab until [you go in] to Jezreel.
(1 Kings 18:16–46) —my interim translation

The parabolic imagery related to the “prophet” Elijah—the one the Early Church Fathers knew would come at the End of the Age—comes directly out of the events described in that passage. Just like the prophets of Baal, the vapid varmits devouring the Church today are firmly convinced their proud, prancing, puffery will somehow force their imaginary god of the resurrection to get off the pot and do their bidding. That is, they are not only insisting the Second Coming of Jesus Christ is imminent; they are also telling folks just how it will occur. Unfortunately, it doesn’t work that way.

The Living Word of God has never, and will never, do things quite “The Way” that proud, pompous, pious, preening pulpit parrots expect. But He will be along shortly, arising suddenly out of “The Sea of Waters,” riding in the “clouds of glory” (whatever that means), “raining” hell-fire and brimstone on bumbling, bungling bimbos who would rather believe anything and everything but the Truth. In the meantime, there are a few things that have to occur first, if what Jesus said about the restoration of *The Apostolic Teaching* “holds any water” (that’s an idiom ;-):

And after [six] [Days], Jesus [takes {with Him}] Peter and James, and John—[The Brother] [he had]—and [He brings] [them] up] into [a [high] Mountain] [separately]. And [He was transformed] [in front] of [them]; and [The Face] [He had] [shone] [like] [The Sun], and [The Overgarments] [He had] became [white] [like] [The Light]. And [Look!] Moses and Elijah [were seen] by [them], [conferring] with [Him]. But [responding], Peter [said] to Jesus: “[Your Majesty], [it is] [excellent] for [us] [to be] [here]. [If] [You want], [I will make] [three] [Tents]

[here]—[one] for [You], and [one] for Moses, and [one] for Elijah.” {While} [he was [still] speaking], [Look!] [A [well-lighted] Cloud] [overshadowed] [them], and [Look!] [A Voice] from [The Cloud] [saying]: “[This] [is] [The Son] [I have]—[The [beloved] {One}] in [Whom] [I am delighted]. [Listen to] [Him]!” And [having heard], [The Disciples] [fell] on [their] [Faces] and [were [extremely] afraid]. Then Jesus [approached] and, [touching] [them], [He said], “[Arise]! And [do [not] be afraid]!” But [raising] [The Eyes] [they had], [they saw] [no one] [except] [Him]—[only] Jesus. And [while [they] were descending] from [The Mountain], Jesus [gave a commandment] to [them], [saying], “[Tell] [The Vision] to [no one] [until the time when] [The Son] of [The Man] [has been awakened] from [dead {ones}].” And [The Disciples] [asked [Him] a question], [saying], “[Therefore], [why] [do [The Scribes] say] [that] Elijah [has to] [come] [first]?” But [He], [responding], [said]: “Indeed, Elijah [is coming], and [he will restore] [all {things}]. But [I say] to [you] [that] Elijah [has [already] come], and [they did [not] recognize] [him], [but] [they did] to [him] [as much as] [they wanted]. [So also] [The Son] of [The Man] [is going to] [suffer] because of [them].” [At that time], [The Disciples] [comprehended] [that] [He spoke] to [them] about John [The Baptizer].
(Matthew 17:1–13) —my interim translation

Editor: Another member of the Roman Catholic Church sent us a different response after receiving our Free Offer of The AntiChrist booklet. This is his response:

“I get infuriated when I get crap like this in my mail box. I don’t know how you can expect true christians to swallow your garbage. I am Catholic and any bible you pick up, unless it’s one you wrote yourself, states clearly that the Catholic church is the first and only true church. What did Jesus tell Peter when they were standing by a rock? If you can’t answer that, then you are [not] and never will be a true christian. Please do not send me any more of your filth. I am not like the elderly and poor people who you hound to death until you get all of their money.”

In response to this, will you answer his question?

Elijah: Certainly. But first let me say that the vitriolic venom this slow-witted individual expresses when he is confronted with an opportunity to exercise his meager

mental capabilities absolutely pales in comparison to the fury he will face when he stands in the presence of the angry God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob on Judgment Day. His membership in the Roman Catholic Church won’t provide him a single shred of security then.

The poor fellow’s ignorant assumption regarding the identity of the True Church is just that—an *ignorant assumption*. It is, in fact, precisely the same *ignorant assumption* that resulted in the Pharisees’ failure to accept Jesus Christ as the Messiah of Israel when He appeared in the flesh. Those who have read—and believed—what I wrote in *Not All Israel Is Israel* should already know what that *ignorant assumption* is. But for the benefit of those who have not read what I wrote in that book, I will once again explain a very simple fact that dimwitted dolts like this dummkopf have somehow managed to overlook.

Here is the passage to which the poor slacker is referring when he mentions what Jesus said to Peter while they were supposedly “standing by a rock”:

*But Jesus, coming into [The Parts] of Caesarea Philippi, [was asking] [The Disciples] [He had] [saying], “[Who] [do [The Men] say] [The Son] of [The Man] [is]?” But [they said], “Some, John [The Baptizer]; but [others], Elijah; but [different {ones}], Jeremiah [or] [one] of [The Prophets].” [He says] to [them], “But [who] [do [you] say] [I] [am]?” [Responding], Simon Peter [said], “[You] [are] [The Anointed {One}], [The Son] of [The God]—[the [living] {One}]!” [Responding], Jesus [said] to [him]: “[You are] [Fortunate], Simon Son of Jonah, [because] [Flesh] and [Blood] [has [not] revealed] {this} to [You], [but] [The Father] [I have]—[the {One}] in [The Heavens]. But [I also] [say] to [You] [that] [You] [are] [a Rock], and on [The Rock]—[this {One}]—[I will build] [The Ekklesia] [I have], and [Hades’] [Gates] [will [not] overpower] [Her]. [I will give] [The Keys] of [The Kingdom] of [The Heavens] to [You]; and [whatever] [You bind] on [The Earth] [will be bound] in [The Heavens], and [whatever] [You undo] on [The Earth] [will be undone] in [The Heavens].” [At that time], [He gave a strict order] to [The Disciples] [so that] [they would say] to [no one] [that] [He] [is] [The Anointed {One}].
(Matthew 16:13–20) —my interim translation*

It is fairly obvious from what the sad-sack simpleton says in regard to that passage that he is basing his

complete trust in his membership in the Roman Catholic Church on a mistaken *assumption* regarding the Greek term *ekklesia*—which is the term normally translated “church” in the New Testament. The problem with his *assumption* is, he has absolutely no idea that the Jews used that term to refer to themselves as the “Church” of *Corporate* Israel until Christians began using it to refer to themselves as the True “Church” of *Corporate* Israel. Then the Jews began using the term *sunagoge* to refer to themselves as the “synagogue” of *Corporate* Israel rather than the *ekklesia*.

The basic difference in *meaning* between the Greek nouns *ekklesia* and *sunagoge* is essentially one of *connotation* rather than *denotation*. Both *terms* refer to a gathering of people, but the term *ekklesia* refers to a gathering of people who have been “called out” (*ek* + *kaleo*) to assemble for a specific purpose. That is, it is used to refer to an organized assembly rather than an ad hoc gathering.

In this case, it should be obvious that the Person Who *calls* the *ekklesia* is not mortal man; it is the *Living* Word of God. Therefore, as I explained in *Not All Israel Is Israel*, the Person Who will ultimately determine the composition of the True *ekklesia* is not mortal man, but the *Living* Word of God Who *calls* the *ekklesia*. Therein lies the crux of the issue that duplicitous dupes like this fine fellow face, and I have long since explained the one thing of which they are completely unaware. You will find it stated clearly in *Not All Israel Is Israel*. That is, God has reserved to Himself the right to determine who is, and who is not, a member of *Corporate* Israel. He does that by means of their belief in the *spoken* Word of God—what most Protestant folks call “The Gospel.” So the hubristic hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church can strut their stupid stuff ‘til Hell freezes over, and it won’t gain them one whit of influence with the Almighty God. Their spiritual forefathers gave up “The Keys” to “The Kingdom” when they lost *The Apostolic Teaching*.

Consider what the Jews’ mistaken *assumption* regarding their claim to be the true *ekklesia* of *Corporate* Israel got them and their descendants: Nothing but imprisonment in a total delusion. They have continued on for the past two thousand years claiming to be the People of God; but the Truth is, they were “cut off from” *Corporate* Israel just as John the Baptist said they would be in this passage:

But in [Those Days] John [The Baptizer] [arrives], [preaching] in [The [deserted] {Area}] of Judea and [say- ing], “[Repent], for [The Kingdom] of [The Heavens] [has drawn near].” [For] [this {one}] [is] [the {one} who was spoken] through [The Prophet] Isaiah [saying], “[A VOICE] OF [{one} CRYING OUT] IN [THE [DESERTED] {Area}]: ‘[PREPARE] [THE WAY] OF [HIS MAJESTY]! [MAKE] [THE PATHS] [HE HAS] [A STRAIGHTAWAY]!’” But John himself [had] [The Clothing] [he had] from [a Camel’s] [Hairs] and [a leather Belt] around [The Loins] [he had], and [The Foodstuff] [he had] [was] [Locusts] and [wild] [Honey]. [At that time], Jerusalem—and [all] Judea and [all] [The Area Around] the Jordan—[was coming out] to [him], and [they were being baptized] in the Jordan [River] by [him], [openly confessing] [The Sins] [they had]. But [seeing] [many] of [The Pharisees] and [Sadducees] [coming] for [The Baptism] [he had], [he said] to [them]: “[Descendants] of [Vipers]! [Who] [indicated] to [you] [to flee] from [The Anger] [that is going to {be}]? [Therefore], [make] [Fruit] [worthy] of [The Repentance], and [do [not] assume] [to say] in [your- selves], ‘[We have] [a Father], Abraham.’ [For] [I say] to [you], [The {Living} God] [is able] [to awaken] [Children] for Abraham from [These Stones]. But [The Axe] [is [already] laid] at [The Root] of [The Trees]. [Therefore], [every] [Tree] [that does [not] make] [excel- lent] [Fruit] [will be cut off] and [thrown] into [a Fire]. Indeed, [I] [am baptizing] [you] in [Water] for [Repentance], but [the {One} Who is coming] [behind] [me] [is] [mightier] than [I], of [Whom] [I am] [not] [qualified] [to carry] [The Sandals]. [He will baptize] [you] in [a [holy] Spirit] and [Fire]. Of [Whom] [The Winnowing Fork] [is] in [The Hand] [He has], and [He will thoroughly clean] [The Threshing Floor] [He has], and [He will gather] [The Wheat] [He has] into [The Storehouse], but [He will burn up] [The Chaff] with [an [unquenchable] Fire].”

(Matthew 3:1–12) —my interim translation

If John the Baptist were to come along preaching the Gospel today, the only difference in his approach would have to do with the dimwits at whom he would direct his vituperous vitriol. That is, he would say to the Pretenders in the Church, “Do not say in yourselves, ‘We are members of a church.’” My point is, the “Christian” wannabes who have their most ample backsides firmly ensconced in the pews of the Church today are trapped in the same stupid *supposition* that

snared the unbelieving Jews in the time of Christ. And the Apostle Paul described the Truth regarding their sanctimonious sacrilege perfectly in this passage:

But concerning [The Spans of Time] and [The Times], [Brothers], [you do [not] have] [a Need] [to be written] to [you]. [For] [you] [are [accurately] aware] [that] [The Day] of [His Majesty] [will come] [like this]: [Like] [a Thief] in [The Night], [when] [they are saying], “[Peace] and [Certainty]!” [At that time], [Devastation] [confronts] [them] [all of a sudden], [indeed, just as] [The Birth Pang] on [the {one} who has] in [Tummy]; and [they will [definitely not] escape]. But [you], [Brothers], [are] [not] in [Darkness], [so that] [The Day] [would grasp] [you] [like] [a Thief]. [For] [you] [all] [are] [Sons] of [Light] and [Sons] of [Day]. [We are] [not] of [Night], [nor] of [Darkness]. [So then], [therefore], [we must [not] sleep] [like] [The Remaining]. [But] [we must be awake] and [we must be sober]. [For] [the {ones} who are sleeping] [are sleeping] at [Night], and [the {ones} who become intoxicated] [are intoxicated] at [Night]. But [we], being of [Day], [must be sober], [having dressed ourselves] with [a Breastplate] of [Belief] and [Love], and [a Helmet]—[a Hope] of [Salvation]—[because] [The {Living} God] [has [not] put [us] down] for [Anger] [but] for [an Acquisition] of [Salvation] through [The Lord] [we have]—Jesus [Anointed]—[the {One} Who died] for [us] [so that], [whether] [we are awake] [or] [we are sleeping], [we may live] [at the same time] with [Him].

(1 Thessalonians 5:1–10) —my interim translation

It should be obvious to all but the most mentally mendacious that Paul is saying those who know the Truth will not be caught off guard when the Lord returns. The key to understanding what he said can be found in the phrase I have translated as “the spans of time and the times.” Epigraphic evidence indicates that is the way the Early Church Believers referred to the three-and-a-half years during which they believed the Antichrist would hold sway over the governments of the Earth. Paul’s point is, when True Believers see that midget-minded little man strutting his stuff you know where, they will know beyond a shadow of doubt that the Lord’s Return is imminent. Everybody else will be thinking “The Burning” has already occurred. Too bad for them. They should have paid attention when attention was due.

As for answering the question the dimwitted dupe asked, I would only turn his question around and ask that he answer this one:

*“What did Jesus tell Peter about ‘The Rock’ on which He would ‘build’ His **ekklesia**? If you can’t answer that, then you are not, and never will be, a true Christian.”*

I will even provide the mendacious mental midget a major clue to help him find the answer. It is found in the parabolic statement that Paul made in his letter to the *ekklesia* at Corinth concerning “The Rock” of the Gospel message:

[For] [I do [not] want] [you] to [not understand], [Brothers], [that] [The Fathers] [we have] [were] [all] under [The Cloud], and [all] [passed through] [The Sea], and [all] [were baptized] [into] Moses in [The Cloud] and in [The Sea]. And [all] [ate] [The [same] [spiritual] [Food], and [all] [drank] [The [same] [spiritual] Beverage], [for] [they were drinking] from [a [spiritual] Rock] [Who followed]. But [The Rock] [was] [The Anointing]. [But] [The {Living} God] [was not delighted] with [most] of [them], [for] [they were overthrown] in [The [deserted] {Area}]. But [these {things}] happened as [Patterns] for [us], [so that [we] would] [not] [be] [Those who Desire*] [awful {things}] [just as] [even those] [desired].*

(1 Corinthians 10:1–6) —my interim translation

In that passage, Paul is explaining a very simple fact that foolhardy folks today have quite obviously chosen to overlook: A person is by no means a member of the Body of Jesus Christ if he chooses to believe something other than “The Rock” of the Truth of the Gospel on which Jesus Christ is still “building” His *ekklesia*. That “Rock” is the same “Rock” Jesus had in mind when He told the Parable of the Wise Man and the Fool on this occasion:

“[Go in] through [The [restricted] Gate], [because] [The Gate] [is] [a Thoroughfare] and [The Way]—[the {one} leading away] into [The Destruction]—[is] [spacious]; and [the {ones} who go in] through [her] [are] [many]. For [The Gate] is [restricted], and [The Way]—[the {one} leading away] into [The Life]—[has been constricted], and [the {ones} who find] [her] [are] [few]. [Hold back from] [The False Prophets]—[those who] [come] to [you] in*

[Sheep's] [Clothing] but [are] [vicious] [Wolves] [on the inside]. [You will recognize] [them] by [The Fruits] [they have]. [They do [certainly not] collect] [Bunches of Grapes] from [Thorns], or [Figs] from [Thistles], {do they}? [Like this], [every] [good] [Tree] [makes] [excellent] [Fruit]; but [The [rotten] Tree] [makes] [evil] [Fruit]. [A [good] Tree] [is [not] able] [to make] [evil] [Fruit], [nor] [a [rotten] Tree] [to make] [excellent] Fruit]. [Every] [Tree] [not] [making] [excellent] [Fruit] [is cut off] and [thrown] into [a Fire]. [So then], [indeed], [you will recognize] [them] from [The Fruits] [they have]. [Everyone who] [says] to [Me], 'Your Majesty!' [Your Majesty]!' [will [not] go in] into [The Kingdom] of [The Heavens], [but] [the {one} who does] [The Will] of [The Father] [I have]—[The {One}] in [The Heavens]. [Many] [will say] to [Me] [in That Day], 'Your Majesty!' [Your Majesty]! [Did we [not] prophesy] in [The Name] [You have], and in [The Name] [You have] [put out] [Demons], and [do] [many] [Powers] in [The Name] [You have]?' And [at that time] [I will make a binding statement] to [them]: '[I [never] knew] [you]. [DEPART] FROM [ME]—[THE {ones} WHO ARE WORKING] [THE LAWLESSNESS].' [Therefore], [every] {one}] [who] [hears] [these]—[The Words] [I have]—and [does] [them] [will be like] [a [sensible] Male] [who] [built] [The House] [He has] on [The Rock]. And [The Rain] [descended], and [The Rivers] [came], and [The Winds] [blew], and in [That House] [they prostrated themselves]. And [she did [not] fall], [for] [she had been founded] on [The Rock]. And [everyone who] [hears] [these]—[The Words] [I have]—and [is [not] doing] [them] [will be like] [a [stupid] Male] [who] [built] [The House] [he had] on [The Sand]. And [The Rain] [descended], and [The Rivers] [came], and [The Winds] [blew], and in [That House] [they stumbled]. And [she fell], and [The Fall] [she had] [was] [great].'" And it was [when] Jesus [completed] [These Words], [The Crowds] [were astounded] by [The Teaching] [He had], [for] [He] [was] [teaching] [them] [like] [{One} Who has] [Authority] and [not] like [The Scribes] [they had].

(Matthew 7:13–29) —my interim translation

I find it humorous that Jesus intentionally used two completely different verbs to refer to the actions of the members of each "House," while leaving those who were listening—including every translator and commentator since—thinking He was referring to the action of "the winds." The Truth is, if you are not lying prostrate before the *Living Word of God*, I have some very

bad news for you. Keep a lookout for it. It will be coming along shortly—riding on "the winds."

The "House" of the "Wise Man" to which Jesus is referring in that parable is the *ekklesia* He told Peter He would "build" on "The Rock" of the *Living Word of God*—the same *Living Word of God* that Jesus Christ is, was, and always will be. That *ekklesia* is not, and never has been, some *physically* identifiable group of people who congregate on Sunday to warm a set of pews with their most ample backsides. It is instead comprised of all who have been born again as a result of sincere repentance and a firm belief in the Gospel. So, if you do not meet both of those two basic requirements, you are just *pretending* to be something you know full well you are not. Contrary to what some in our "everybody-is-a-victim" culture would claim, those who claim to be "Christians" are not innocent *victims* who are merely deceived. They are doubly duplicitous dullards who have a vested interest in continuing to pretend they are something they know full well they are not.

The Truth is, the Apostles established the Roman Catholic Church's practice of excommunication to "purge out" unbelievers from the local *ekklesias* they founded. But once the leaders of the Early Church allowed the dimwitted dorks who denied Christ during periods of persecution to come back into the Catholic Church, that practice became nothing more than an exercise in total futility. Since that time, the Catholic Church has been overrun by Pretenders of all stripes. So where does that leave the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church today? Stuck firmly in a bunch of ridiculous rites and rituals regulated by pious Pretenders who—in spite of what those pompous individuals would have us all believe by wearing those pointy little hats on their pointy little heads—have absolutely no knowledge of the Truth regarding the *parabolic imagery* that describes the process whereby God is "building a House" for Himself on "The Rock" of the unalterable Truth of the Gospel. If you didn't know that, you probably should take a look at what the Prophet Isaiah says about "The House" of God:

[This is what His Majesty has said]:
 "[The Sea of Waters] is [The Throne] [I have],
 And [The Earth] is [The Footstool]
 for [The Feet] [I have]!
 [Where] {is} [this] [House]
 that [you will build] for [Me]?"

[Where] {is} [this] **[Maqom]**
of [The Resting-place] [I have]?
But [The Hand] [I have]
[will make] [all] [these {things}],
And [all] [these {things}] [will be!]"
[declares His Majesty].
"But [I will look] to [this {one}]:
To {one who is} [humble] and [wounded] of [Spirit],
And [trembling] at [The Word] [I have]."
(Isaiah 66:1-2) —my interim translation

Stupid folk have been trying to "build a house" for their fictitious god for thousands of years. The Canaanites did it through sacred prostitution and human sacrifice. Today, dumb folks do it by nodding off during sermons that even they know have no value. I'll let you decide which activity makes the most sense. But I will tell you this: If you have not been "engendered" by the *Living Word of God*, the psalmist says you are not a member of "The House" of God:

[The Song] of the {ones} who ascend to the Peaceful One:
If [His Majesty] [does [not] build a house],
[Those [in Him] who build] [Him]
will have toiled in vain.
If [His Majesty] [does [not] guard] [a City],
[One] who guards has stayed awake in vain.
(Psalm 127:1) —my interim translation

The Truth is, the *Living Word of God* is still "taking" the "Virgin" to "build a House" for His "Name." And He is still "burning" His "Children" in "The Fire." The conundrum facing every legitimately called Evangelist today is this: You can use various kinds of people to "build *The House*" of God, but the only ones who are going to survive "The Fire" of the *Living Word of God* are those who are "made" of the right stuff. So "build" away, and go on taking every lamebrained shortcut you can think of—as far as the "building" materials are concerned—if you are that stupid. Just remember that, when all is said and done, and in spite of the dumbness held so dear by dimwits like the deliriously duped dullard whose decidedly dumb question sent me sailing off on this soapbox serenade, God alone is going to determine which "living stones" remain in His "House." In case you didn't know that, I will merely point out the *parabolic statements* the Apostle Paul made regarding that topic:

[I also], [Brothers], [was [not] able] [to speak] to [you] [as] [spiritual] [but] [as] [of flesh]—[as] [Toddlers] in [an Anointing]. [I gave you [Milk] to drink], [not] [Food], [for] [you were [not yet] able]. [But] [still], [not even] [now] [are you able], [for] [you are] [still] [fleshly]. [For] [where] [Jealousy] and [Contention] {are} in [you], [are you] [not] [fleshly] and [walking] in agreement with [a Man]? [For] [when] [someone] [says], "[I] [am] of Paul," but [a [different] {one}], "[I] {am} of Apollos," [are you] [not] [Men]? [Therefore], [what] [is] Apollos? And [what] [is] Paul? [Servers] through [whom] [you believed], and [as] [The Lord] [gave] to [each {one}]. [I] [planted], [Apollos] [gave a drink], [but] [The {Living} God] [was causing growth]. [So then] [neither] [the {one} who plants] [is] [anything], [nor] [the {one} who gives a drink], [but] [The {Living} God] [Who is causing growth]. But [the {one} who plants] and [the {one} who gives a drink] [are] [one], but [each {one}] [will receive] [his own] [Wage] in accordance with [his own] [Labor]. [For] [we are] God's [Co-workers]; [you are] God's [Cultivation*], God's [Building]. In accordance with [The Favor] of [The {Living} God]—[the {one} that was given] to [me]—[I put down] [a Foundation] [as] [a [wise] Architect], but [another] [is building on] {it}. But [each {one}] [must watch] [how] [he builds on] {it}, [for] [nobody] [is able] [to put down] [a Foundation] [other] than [the {One} that is being laid], [which] [is] Jesus [Anointed]. [But if] [anyone] [builds on] [The Foundation] with [Gold], [Silver], [valuable] [Stones], [Wood], [Grass], [Straw*], [The Work] of [each {one}] will become [apparent]; for [The Day] [will make {it} obvious], [because] [it is revealed] by [a Fire]. And [The Fire] [will prove] [of what sort] [The Work] of [each {one}] [is]. [If] [The Work] of [anyone]—[what] [he has built on] {it}—[continues], [he will receive] [a Wage]. [If] [The Work] of [anyone] [is burned up], [he will lose], but [he] [will be saved], but [like this]: [as] through [Fire]. [Are you [not] aware] [that] [you are] God's [Sanctuary], and [The Spirit] of [The {Living} God] [is residing] in [you]? [If] [anyone] [corrupts] [The Sanctuary] of [The {Living} God], [The {Living} God] [will corrupt] [this {one}]; [for] [The Sanctuary] of [The {Living} God] [is] [holy], [which] [you] [are]. [Let [no one] seduce] [himself]: [If] [anyone] among [you] [assumes] [he is] [wise] in [This Age], let him become [stupid] [so that] he may become [wise]. [For] [The Wisdom] of [This World] [is] [Stupidity] before [The

{Living} God}. [For] [it is written]: “[THE {One} WHO CATCHES*] [THE WISE] IN [THE CRAFTINESS] [THEY HAVE].” And [again], “[HIS MAJESTY] [KNOWS] [THE SPECULATIONS] OF [THE WISE]—[THAT] [THEY ARE] [FUTILE].” [So then] [no one] [should boast] in [Men], [for] [all] [is] [yours]—[whether] Paul [or] Apollos or Cephas [or] [World] [or] [Life] [or] [Death] [or] [what presently is] [or] [what is going to {be}], [all] belongs to [you]. But [you] belong to [an Anointed {One}], and [an Anointed {One}] belongs to God.

(1 Corinthians 3:1–23) —my interim translation

In that passage, Paul is speaking *parabolically* concerning “The House” that is, even now, being “built” for “The Name” of the Living Word of God. Eventually, it will be patently obvious to all but “the wise” of this world that the Living Word of God is the One Who “proves” the “stones” that “the builders” use to “build” His “House.” Guess where that leaves all of those pious, pompous, pointy-headed, pontificating pinheads who parade around in pathetic pretense? Piously and ponderously pontificating. They have absolutely no say regarding who is, and who is not, a member of the Body of Christ. God has reserved that right to Himself, and there is absolutely nothing they can do about it. The Pharisees should have known that, but they were too stupid to admit the obvious. In that, they were held in bondage to precisely the same sorry *supposition* as the simple-minded simpleton who sent in the diatribe you passed along to me. If the Pharisees had understood what Peter says in the following passage, they might have *chosen* to think differently:

Having purified [The Souls] [you have] by [The Willingness to Listen] to [The Truth], in [Brotherly Love]—[without hypocrisy]—love [one another] [fervently] from [a [clean] Heart], [having been engendered again]—[not] from [a perishable], [but] [an imperishable], [Seed-grain]—{that is,} through God’s [living] and [continuing] [Word]. [Because]:

“[ALL] [FLESH] {is} [LIKE] [GRASS],
AND [ALL] [HER] [GLORY]
 {is} [LIKE] [A FLOWER] OF [GRASS].
[THE GRASS] [HAS DRIED UP],
AND [THE FLOWER] [HAS FALLEN AWAY],
BUT [THE STATEMENT] OF [HIS MAJESTY]
 [CONTINUES] INTO [THE AGE].”

But [this] [is] [The Statement]—[the {one} that was preached as the gospel] to [you]. [Therefore], [setting aside] [all] [Awfulness] and [all] [Pretense], [Hypocrisy] and [Envy], and [all] [Mud-slinging], [like] [newborn*] [Babies], [yearn] for [The [logical], [unadulterated*] Milk], [so that] by [her] [you may grow] into [Salvation], [if] [you have tasted] [that] [The Lord] {is} [benevolent]. To [Whom] [approaching]—[a [living] Stone] [Who has been completely rejected] by [Men], but [chosen] [in honor] before God—[you] also, [like] [living] [Stones], [are being built] [a [spiritual] House] into [a [holy] Cadre of Priests], [to bring up] [spiritual] [Sacrifices] [very acceptable] to [The {Living} God] through Jesus [Anointed]. [Because] [He has encompassed] {it} in [Writing]: “[LOOK!] [I AM PUTTING DOWN] [A STONE] IN ZION—[A CHOSEN] [IN HONOR] CORNERSTONE—AND [THE {one} WHO BELIEVES] ON [HIM] [WILL [DEFINITELY NOT] BE HUMILIATED].” [Therefore], [The Honor] {is} to [you]—to [the {ones} who believe]—but to [the {ones} who refuse to believe]: “[A STONE] [WHOM] [THE {ones} WHO ARE BUILDING] [COMPLETELY REJECTED]? [THIS {One}] BECAME [HEAD] OF [A CORNER],” and “[A STONE] OF [A CAUSE OF STUMBLING] AND [A ROCK] OF [A CAUSE OF OFFENSE].” [The {ones} who stumble] over [The Word] {are} [those who are not persuaded]—to [which] also [they were put down]. But [you] {are} [CHOSEN] [KINDRED], [a [royal] CADRE OF PRIESTS], [A [HOLY] GENTILE], [A PEOPLE] FOR [ACQUISITION], [so thus] you could proclaim the [Virtuous Characteristics] of [the {One} Who called] [you] out of [Darkness] into [The [amazing] Light] [He has]—[the {ones}] [once] [NOT] [A PEOPLE], but [now] GOD’S [PEOPLE]; [the {ones} who had] [NOT] BEEN SHOWN MERCY, but [now] [HAVE BEEN SHOWN MERCY].

(1 Peter 1:22–2:10) —my interim translation

It is happening to the smug sanctimonious simpletons—and proudly pretentious charlatans—who march at the head of the “churchianity” crowd today, just as it did to the scribes and Pharisees back in the days of Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, those who *assume* they still hold “The Keys” to “The Kingdom” are going to realize too late that their spiritual forebearers lost them a long time ago. But that’s okay; they won’t need keys where they are headed. The gates of Hell have never had locks. But that may change as circumstances warrant, so if I were you, I would keep a close watch on my inbox. That’s not a word of advice, mind you, just a simple statement of fact. ■

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God given to the Word. But the Word, by declaring them, promulgated the divine commandments, thereby turning man from disobedience, not bringing him into servitude by force of necessity, but summoning him to liberty through a choice involving spontaneity.

This Logos the Father in the latter days sent forth, no longer to speak by a prophet, and not wishing that *the Word*, being obscurely proclaimed, should be made the subject of mere conjecture, but that He should be manifested, so that we could see Him with our own eyes. This Logos, I say, the Father sent forth, in order that *the world*, on beholding Him, might reverence Him who was delivering precepts not by *the person* of prophets, nor terrifying the soul by an angel, but who was Himself—He that had spoken—*corporally present amongst us*.

This Logos we know to have received a body from a virgin, and to have remodelled the old man by a new creation. And we believe the Logos to have passed through every period in *this* life, in order that He Himself might serve as a law for every age, and that, by being present (amongst) us, He might exhibit His own manhood as an aim for all men. And that by Himself *in person* He might prove that God made nothing evil, and that man possesses the capacity of self-determination, inasmuch as he is able to will and not to will, and is endued with power to do both. This *Man* we know to have been made out of the compound of *our humanity*. For if He were not of the same nature *with ourselves*, in vain does He ordain that we should imitate the Teacher.

Hippolytus, "The Refutation of All Heresies," Book x, Chap. xxix, in Roberts and Donaldson (Eds.), *The Ante-Nicene Fathers* (1886), Vol. 5, pp. 151–152.

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