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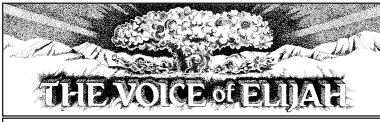
Listen to the Man Who First Defined “Heresy”

1. And not only by the particulars already mentioned, but also by means of the events which shall occur in the time of Antichrist is it shown that he, being an apostate and a robber, is anxious to be adored as God; and that, although a mere slave, he wishes himself to be proclaimed as a king. For he (Antichrist) being endued with all the power of the devil, shall come, not as a righteous king, nor as a legitimate king, [i.e., one] in subjection to God, but an impious, unjust, and lawless one; as an apostate, iniquitous and murderous; as a robber, concentrating in himself [all] satanic apostasy, and setting aside idols to persuade [men] that he himself is God, raising up himself as the only idol, having in himself the multifarious errors of the other idols.

This he does, in order that they who do [now] worship the devil by means of many abominations, may serve himself by this one idol, of whom the apostle thus speaks in the second Epistle to the Thessalonians: “Unless there shall come a falling away first, and the man of sin shall be revealed, the son of perdition, who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself as if he were God.” The apostle therefore clearly points out his apostasy, and that he is lifted up above all that is called God, or that is worshipped—that is, above every idol—for these are indeed so called by men, but are not [really] gods; and that he will endeavour in a tyrannical manner to set himself forth as God.

2. Moreover, he (the apostle) has also pointed out this which I have shown in many ways, that the temple in Jerusalem was made by the direction of the true God. For the apostle himself, speaking in his own person, distinctly called it the temple of God. Now I have shown in the third book, that no one is termed God by the apostles when speaking for themselves, except Him who truly is God, the Father of our Lord, by whose directions

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A Note From the Editor

A question that was submitted for this issue of the newsletter (on page 26) reads in part:

A Monthly Contributor is interested in knowing more about our Outreach program. She asks if VOE reaches out to countries outside of North America. "If not," she says, "I'm curious to know the significance of that decision in Light of the Teaching."

Since this question addresses distribution of materials, I will jump in and respond. Voice of Elijah's presence on the internet gets requests from all over the globe. We've recently sent outreach materials to individuals in Canada and Yukon Territory (both in North America), Puerto Rico, Solomon Islands, England, Jamaica, Micronesia, Palau, Virgin Islands, American Samoa—and the list goes on. Just yesterday I received a letter in the mail asking us to send our Free Offer materials to a couple in The Netherlands (which we will do!). We are not able to use United States Postal Service Bulk Mail for foreign shipments as we do for our domestic shipments. However, if anyone in a foreign country contacts us and asks us to ship to them, we send our Free Offer Booklet(s) to them first class.

Almost two years ago, several volunteers helped me research organizations who would accept bulk shipments of our Free Offer outreach materials and distribute them overseas. Since that time we have shipped thousands of booklets to organizations who ship Christian materials to Bible colleges, libraries, seminaries, churches, missionaries, and other individuals worldwide. As an aside, down the road we have tentative plans to branch out into radio, television, and whatever other avenues are open to us. Time will tell where "The Many" will be gleaned from. But thanks for asking!

Another question that we receive frequently is: "Does Voice of Elijah offer its materials in Spanish or any other languages? And if not, why not?"

Technically this is an Elijah Project question, but I can pass on to you what Larry Harper has told me in the past when this subject has come up. The Lord called Larry—a man whose native language is English (my guess is, His choice was intentional). As Larry understands his calling, it does not include providing non-English translations, and he has no intention of publishing his works in a foreign language. Furthermore, anyone who does so is violating the copyright he holds on those materials. As an editor of the materials Larry writes, I've seen firsthand how Larry is very deliberate in his translation of the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures into English. Words in all languages have nuances, and he is very careful to ensure that his translation of the Scriptures reflects the nuances of the

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original languages he is translating and standardizing into English. Personally, I can't imagine going through that same exercise when translating all of his works from English into another language.

While researching organizations that were equipped to handle the distribution of Voice of Elijah Free Offer Booklets worldwide, we came across the website for Edwin L. Hodges Ministry. They have evidently been asked the same types of questions we have. They can be found at: <http://www.elhm.org/english.php>. Here's what they have to say about the benefit of sending English materials around the world:

One of the most frequently asked questions we receive is:

"How can it possibly benefit all the billions of foreign peoples overseas to send them Christian literature in English?"

Unknown to most American Christians is that English is now spoken to some degree by nearly 1 in 4 people worldwide!

In 2010, we commissioned one of our volunteer regional coordinators skilled in the field of research to conduct a thorough investigation into the use of English in every nation on earth. After three months of intensive study, he delivered his report to us. To our knowledge, no study like this has ever been conducted before. Following is the summary from his report:

Across the worldwide linguistic research community the verdict is unanimous: English is the world's most globally utilized and fastest growing language, expanding into the remotest corners of the planet. British and U.S. linguistics experts have estimated that more than 375 million people speak English as their first language, second only to Chinese (1.1 billion speakers). But when the numbers are added to include all who speak English as a second language (bilingually) or otherwise as a foreign language, English comes out the clear world language leader. It's estimated that an additional 375 million speak English bilingually (mainly in lands of the

former British colonies), and as many as 750 million have or are learning English as a foreign language everywhere else—for a total of 1.5 billion, or nearly 1 out of every 4 people on earth.

Following the historic 20th century global expansion of the American economy, English is now the language of choice in world communications, business, diplomacy, technology and national government administration. It is seen as necessary to societal advancement in even the poorest countries, and English education is compulsory in the vast majority of nations. Partnership initiatives between government, business and the humanitarian sector are in force in every nation for the advancement of English instruction, fueling a demand for English literature at all levels. Such demand has created an opportunity for the spread of the gospel through the dissemination of English Christian literature unlike any that has existed before the present time.

So there you have it. One out of every four people on the planet has some command of the English language. The task of Voice of Elijah is getting our materials into the hands of those people so that the True Believers among them will be prepared for the appearance of the Antichrist. Your contributions to Voice of Elijah are used for that very purpose. If you have not yet become a Monthly Contributor, please give it your prayerful consideration. Also consider requesting outreach materials to distribute in your local area. When you travel, include: hotel rooms, airport terminals, and airplanes. You never know who might be following along right behind you, picking up the information they have spent several decades seeking.

In Him,

Marcia Woody

If Only He Had Said, “Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!”

Over the past two decades, I have written well over 250 articles for the 86 issues of this newsletter and the 159 issues of *The Voice of Elijah® Update*. Along “*The Way*,” I have used a whole lot more than my share of sarcasm and ridicule in a determined effort to get readers to do one of two things: Either (1) take a good, hard look at their beliefs in “*The Light*” of what I have written, or (2) reject what I say outright. In most cases, folks immediately choose the second option. That is precisely “*The Way*” it should be. I have not been called to convince people that what I teach is true; I have only been called to make the Truth available for those who have ears to hear.

I want to continue looking at the text of the Book of Revelation in this article. But first, I am going to survey some of the things I have written over the years so that those who are interested in what I teach are able to associate that information with the things that John wrote. It has been nearly a decade since I provided anything similar (see “A Quick Look Back Just to See What Lies Ahead,” *The Voice of Elijah®*, January 2003).

About the Scriptures

One of the things I have tried to do over the years is provide a different “way” of looking at the Scriptures. In the “Questions & Answers” section of the January 1997 issue of *The Voice of Elijah®*, I explained that a single verse of Scripture should never be taken as a “proof text” for anyone’s “private interpretation” of the Scriptures simply because every verse in the Scriptures stands in relation to every other verse in the Scriptures. That is, there is an overall context to the Scriptures that anyone who is honestly seeking eternal

life had best not ignore. So, in the article titled “The Holy Bible: What Is It? What Does It Mean? Who Wrote It? When and Why?” in the April 1997 issue of *The Voice of Elijah®*, I began to explain some of the things you need to know about the overall context in which the Scriptures must be understood.

I first reminded you that a crucial distinction exists between *The oral Teaching* and *The written Teaching* that Moses *received* at Mount Sinai. I said this:

As I explained in The Mystery of Scripture, Volume 1, Moses received both a written Torah (a written Teaching) and an oral Torah (an oral Teaching) while Israel was camped at the foot of the Mountain of God in the wilderness of Sinai. The Jews are still aware of that bit of Truth, in spite of the fact that the Church has long since lost sight of it. The Jews know their ancestors were supposed to hand down the oral Teaching of Moses to subsequent generations, along with the written Teaching that he received. Unfortunately, the one thing they are—to this day—unwilling to admit is the fact that the sons of Israel failed to hand down the oral Teaching that they received from Moses. But I’ve also explained those things in The Mystery of Scripture, Volume 1, so I needn’t get into them again here. What I want to talk about is the nature and purpose of the Pentateuch and the books of the Bible that were added to the Scriptures after the time of Moses...

The second difference between the oral Teaching and the written Teaching involves not only their nature but also their intrinsic purpose. The oral Teaching that Moses handed down to Israel was an openly stated Teaching whose purpose was to clearly explain what God was going to do so the sons of Israel would be prepared when the time came. It did so by explaining the

meaning of the symbolic (parabolic) rituals that Moses established in Israel in terms so simple that even a child could understand. That is why Moses told the Israelites to **hand down** the oral Teaching from one generation to the next by teaching it to their children.

(*"The Holy Bible: What Is It? What Does It Mean? Who Wrote It? When and Why?" The Voice of Elijah®*, April 1997, pp. 19–20)

In that same article, I also pointed out the fact that the Scriptures are a mix of history and prophecy, and I explained the difference between the two:

The information in the Scriptures related to what God has done is historical record. The information concerning what He is going to do is prophecy. History explains the known; prophecy explains the unknown. In the wisdom of God, however, both history and prophecy contribute to a set of checks and balances for the protection and preservation of the oral Teaching that Moses delivered to Israel. The prophetic passages tell you what The Teaching of Moses was, and therefore, what the oral Teaching of Israel should be. The historical passages tell you why the oral Teaching of Israel is or is not the same as The Teaching of Moses.

You will find both history and prophecy intermingled in the Pentateuch and in the rest of the Scriptures. But it is absolutely essential that you not confuse the two, especially in the Pentateuch. If you do, you will never be able to understand the written Teaching that Moses hid there. That is because Moses used history and prophecy to conceal the written Teaching from the prying eyes of anyone who does not understand the oral Teaching he delivered to Israel. That is, he intentionally sought to mislead the uninformed.

One of the most effective techniques that Moses used to conceal the written Teaching was to make his readers think they were reading history when they were, in fact, reading prophecy. By that I mean he used the Hebrew Prophetic Perfect to speak concerning the future as though it were the past. If you don't know what the Prophetic Perfect is, I suggest you ask someone who teaches Biblical Hebrew, or else look it up for yourself in a Hebrew grammar book. All of the Prophets used the Prophetic Perfect, but they did so only because they took their lead from Moses.

(*"The Holy Bible: What Is It? What Does It Mean? Who Wrote It? When and Why?" The Voice of Elijah®*, April 1997, pp. 21–22)

By the time I wrote that, I had already provided some basic information in *The Way, The Truth, The Life* regarding the oral *Torah* that Moses *received* at Mt. Sinai; and I explained a bit more about that subject in *The Mystery of Scripture, Volume 1*. But in that article, I pointed out the simple fact that biblical prophecy becomes history as time moves on, so the Scriptures are now a historical record of what Corporate Israel has done with *The Teaching of Moses*. I concluded the article by telling you God's purpose in the Scriptures: They are a *written "witness"* that will testify against all who have rejected the Truth that is *The Teaching of Moses*:

If the Scriptures are today a witness that is prepared to testify concerning whether Israel still understands and believes the Truth that God delivered to Moses, what do you think their testimony will be concerning the Church? Do you think it has protected and preserved the oral Teaching of Moses that John the Baptist restored and Jesus Christ handed down to His disciples? Only a fool would insist that it has. Most will deny the Church was ever given any such oral Teaching, in spite of the fact that every faction of the Church is hard at work handing down an oral Teaching of one sort or another. But our generation is doing exactly what Moses warned the sons of Israel not to do: They are adding to and taking away from whatever oral Teaching they receive. Imbeciles!! What kind of Truth do they think their teachers have delivered to them? If what they have heard is true, they don't need to change it; they only need to believe it. If it isn't true, why did they believe it in the first place?

(*"The Holy Bible: What Is It? What Does It Mean? Who Wrote It? When and Why?" The Voice of Elijah®*, April 1997, pp. 23–24)

As I stated in *The Mystery of Scripture, Volume 1*, God gave Moses both a *written Torah* and an *oral Torah* at Mount Sinai. The *written Torah* was on the two tablets Moses *received*, but he *received* the *oral Torah* directly from the *Living Word of God* Who spoke to him across the veil in the tent of meeting. Moses then *handed down* that *oral Torah* to the sons of Israel through the mouth of Aaron in a *parabolic pantomime*. The sons of Israel, in turn, were expected to *hand down* the *oral Torah* to their children, which—as I explain in *The Way, The Truth, The Life*—they did not do. Therefore, a primary purpose of the "witness" of the Hebrew Scriptures is to provide irrefutable "testimony"

against any who falsely claim to be *handing down* the oral *Torah* that Moses *received* at Mount Sinai.

For the July 1997 issue of *The Voice of Elijah*®, I wrote an article titled "Contrary to What You May Have Heard, Jeremiah Was No Bullfrog." In that article, I explained why the Prophet Jeremiah took information from existing sources and compiled the Books of Joshua, Judges, the two Books of Samuel, and the two Books of Kings into a work that has become known as the "Deuteronomic History." I told you his purpose was to document Corporate Israel's failure to *hand down* the oral *Teaching* that Moses *received* at Mount Sinai:

Jeremiah's message was, for most in his day as it is for most in our own, a message of impending catastrophe. It was also a message that was vehemently rejected by the vast majority of those who heard it. Under those circumstances, God inspired Jeremiah to write a history of Israel that would take up where Moses left off in Deuteronomy and set the record straight. The purpose of that history was to show the sons of Israel that they had sinned and thus confirm that God had every right to bring the curses of the covenant down on their heads.

*("Contrary to What You May Have Heard, Jeremiah Was No Bullfrog," **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 1997, p. 11)*

In the article titled "God Lives in a Three-Story House," in the January 1998 issue of *The Voice of Elijah*®, I explained Ezra's purpose in writing the two Books of Chronicles. I told you he concealed his true intent in such a way that the uninformed reader will naturally assume his interest is the Temple that Solomon built when, in fact, he is focused on "The House" that Nathan *promised* David that God would one day "build" for him through the Virgin Mary:

If you compare Ezra's history of Israel with Jeremiah's, you will find he condensed sixteen fairly long chapters (2 Sam. 8–23) down to just three short ones (1 Chr. 18–20). Then, where Jeremiah provides only a cursory treatment of what happened following David's sin in numbering Israel (2 Sam. 24), Ezra goes into extreme detail (1 Chr. 21 ff.). Starting from that point and continuing on to the end of 1 Chronicles, he provides crucial information as to how Solomon's Temple came to be built. And in those nine chapters, Ezra has hidden the reason why he wrote a history of Israel. Fools who are enamored with Satan's lie will never believe it, but the one thing God wanted Ezra to make perfectly clear to the

Elect is this: He never told David or anyone else to "build a house" for Him to live in. As Nathan plainly told David—and as Haggai and Zechariah affirm—that would be the responsibility of the One Whom God Himself engendered when He finally "built a house" for David.

*("God Lives in a Three-Story House," **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 1998, p. 10)*

In that article, I also warned against the insane tendency to believe everything stated in the Scriptures rather than considering the source of the things stated there. That is, it may be true that Satan said something; but only a fool would insist that what he said is true:

As I've told you before, the Scriptures can get murky rather quickly if you don't pay close attention to who says what to whom. That simply means you need to take into account the person who made a particular statement, the context in which he made it, the person or persons to whom he made it, and then consider the reason(s) why he made it. In other words, if you think everything you read in the Scriptures stands on equal footing as God's honest Truth, I can already tell you the Prophets and Apostles who wrote them have made a fool of you. They never meant for the wise to be so easily taken in.

*("God Lives in a Three-Story House," **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 1998, p. 11)*

For the October 1999 issue of *The Voice of Elijah*®, I wrote an article with the rather facetious title "Pay Close Attention to 'The Way' That Woman Walks." In that article, I explained the basic *parabolic imagery* that stands behind the Book of Proverbs. I told you the compilation of sayings you find there should actually be called "The Book of Parables" simply because it is explaining how one thing IS LIKE another to mock fools who don't understand *The Teaching*. The Truth is, the author of the Book of Proverbs is *parabolically* referring to *The Teaching* as "The Way" that the wise person thinks, and ridiculing the fools who choose to think any other "way":

*To understand the message of the Book of Proverbs, it is not enough to know that the Prophet is parabolically depicting wisdom, as well as stupidity, as a **zonah**, that is, as a woman who is constantly offering to help the Believer "build The House" of God. An even more fundamental key to the work lies in the knowledge that it was the responsibility of the Canaanite **zonah** to show her*

redeemer "The Way" he must follow through the realm of the dead in order to arrive at the Mountain of God where he could triumph over death. Only then does it become possible to see why the parables the Prophet has included in his work continually talk about The Teaching as "The Way," that is, as a path that one must follow if one seeks to be a part of the Resurrection of the Righteous. Even then, one must understand that "The Way" is a parabolic image that represents a fixed set of beliefs. That is, it is the limited body of knowledge that is explained in The Teaching of Moses.

(*"Pay Close Attention to 'The Way' That Woman Walks," The Voice of Elijah®*, October 1999, pp. 5–6)

Over the past two decades, I have assiduously followed in the footsteps of the fellow who wrote the Book of Proverbs by pointing out the ridiculous mindset of those who have no real basis for what they believe. But now that the entire world has rather suddenly begun to feel the effects of a divine "Wind" that has been steadily increasing in ferocity for more than twenty years, there are a few things you True Believers need to keep in mind. The single most important of those is the wrath of the Almighty God—which fools ignorantly choose to ignore.

The Scriptures Were Sealed

One of the things I have stated repeatedly over the years is the fact that the Prophets "sealed" the meaning and significance of the things you find written in the Hebrew Scriptures so that the Truth they understood could provide a "witness" against fools by being compared to the oral Teaching that is being *handed down* by those who claim to be True Believers at the End of the Age. There are, in fact, seven separate and distinct messages that have been "sealed" in the biblical text, waiting for the time of their "unsealing" right before the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. I first mentioned that in the "Questions & Answers" section of the October 1991 issue of *The Voice of Elijah®*:

The Gospel message of the Hebrew Scriptures is a single message, but it has seven parts. I tend to call those seven parts "messages" also, for lack of a better term. Since 1974, three of those messages have been "unsealed" one by one just as John saw in his vision [Editor: Revelation 5–10].

*Being unsealed is not the same as being understood, however. Right now, I understand much of the first message, which I have titled "The House," for reasons that will become obvious once one understands the message. I understand less about the second message, "The Way," and even less about the third, "The Light." But I believe Jesus may have been alluding to three of the seven messages when He said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" [Editor: John 14:6]. I say that only because the second message details "The Way," and because Jesus said on another occasion, "I am The Light" [Editor: John 8:12.]. I don't know that for certain because I have no idea what any of the other messages are beyond the first three. It makes sense to me only because each of the messages to this point simply explains another facet of the Person and work of Jesus Christ. He is "The House" of Israel, as I have tried to explain in Not All Israel Is Israel. He is also "The Way" and "The Light," just as He said. ("Questions & Answers," *The Voice of Elijah®*, October 1991, p. 17)*

As I plainly stated at that time, the Prophets of Israel deliberately "sealed" the things they wrote through the use of *specific* Hebrew idioms and the *parabolic images* that are associated with those idioms. I have stated that same thing in various ways down through the years. But the "Questions & Answers" section of the October 1992 issue of *The Voice of Elijah®* was my first venture into an explanation of the information in the Hebrew Scriptures that the Prophets "sealed" with seven "seals." At that time, I *talked about* how the *parables* in the Book of Proverbs speak in terms of the second "sealed" message—"The Way":

*The proverbial fool is described in the Book of Proverbs, which, in large part, is just a collection of short parables. I say "in large part" because there is one rather lengthy parable in the first nine chapters. That's actually what the Hebrew word **mashal** means—"parable." The verbal form means "to compare" or "to be like" just like the Greek verb **paraballo**. The noun form of the Hebrew verb is normally translated "proverb," which is misleading. The Book of Proverbs (or better, the Book of Parables) is a collection of parabolic statements about wisdom and foolishness based on parabolic imagery explained elsewhere in the Prophets. Unfortunately, unless you know what is being compared in those parables, as well as why and how, knowing the book is a collection of parables*

doesn't help much.

("Questions & Answers," **The Voice of Elijah**®, October 1992, p. 14)

I revisited the same topic in the "Questions & Answers" section of the October 1997 issue of *The Voice of Elijah*®. At that time, I showed you a couple of passages in the Hebrew Scriptures that the Early Church Fathers indicate are referring to the Prophets "sealing" the Scriptures as they were writing them. One of those passages is Isaiah 29:9–14. I wrote this in regard to that passage:

The parabolic image of the sealed scroll that Isaiah uses in 29:9–14 is also instructive. If you want to do a bit of Bible study on your own, take a look at how the Hebrew word translated "sealed" in Isaiah 29:11 is used in the Scriptures. I won't spoil your fun by telling you what you might find, but I will tell you this: The sole reason why documents were sealed in the ancient world was to verify authenticity. That explains how Jezebel was able to conduct business in Ahab's name. [Editor: See 1 Kings 21:8.] That's also one of the points made in Jeremiah's parabolic pantomime of the sealing of the Hebrew Scriptures in Jeremiah 32. Another point made by that particular pantomime lies hidden in the fact that Jeremiah had two copies of the scroll made. One was sealed, the other was left open. That's what it IS LIKE with the Hebrew Scriptures. You can read the open copy as often as you care to, yet it will be impossible to verify its authenticity until the seven seals have been taken off the sealed copy.

("Questions & Answers," **The Voice of Elijah**®, October 1997, p. 17)

The Scriptures Speak Parabolically

As I have stated repeatedly over the years, the Prophets and Apostles speak *parabolically* in the Scriptures so that those who have not been informed by the *oral Teaching* will not understand the true *meaning* of the things they have written. That is why I have, over the years, explained the *meaning* of some of the Hebrew idioms that conceal the *meaning* and *significance* of the things the Prophets and Apostles say in the Scriptures. In the article "It's Not Difficult to See, Comparatively Speaking," in the October 1992 issue of *The Voice of Elijah*®, I briefly explained the nature of parables, how they are related to Hebrew idioms, and

how they were used to conceal the Truth that is hidden in the Scriptures:

*Every parable of Jesus, in one way or another, alludes to something explained fully in the seven messages hidden in the parables of the Prophets of Israel. (See "Did Jesus Leave a Will?" **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 1991.) Those parables, in turn, are based on one or more of the Hebrew idioms that relate to some particular image in ancient Near Eastern mythology. (See "Is Iraq Mystery Babylon?" **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 1991; "The Image of the King as a Tree," **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 1991; "The Passover Parable," **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 1991; and Not All Israel Is Israel, pp. 172 ff.)*

The Hebrew idiom "cut off from," which I explained in Not All Israel Is Israel, and its corresponding ancient Near Eastern theological imagery, a sacred tree or vine, give insight into how Jesus used parables to teach concerning the prophetic message. In Not All Israel Is Israel, I have shown how, by the time of the Baptism of Jesus Christ, God had dealt with the individual members of Corporate Israel so as to "cut off from" Israel all members of Corporate Israel except Jesus Christ. As the sole remaining Member of Israel, Jesus Christ thereby became, in Himself, "all Israel," the Firstborn Son of God. Consequently, the only Israel that exists today in the eyes of God is the Body of Jesus Christ into which one must be "grafted" before one can be saved.

("It's Not Difficult to See, Comparatively Speaking," **The Voice of Elijah**®, October 1992, p. 15)

In the "Questions & Answers" section of the January 1993 issue of *The Voice of Elijah*®, I included a facetious tale in which I used a plethora of idioms and colloquial expressions to show you just how stupid it is for anyone to insist the Scriptures can only be understood literally. Then, in the article titled "Plant 'em Six Feet Under," in the July 1993 issue of *The Voice of Elijah*®, I once again broached the subject of the Hebrew idioms behind which the Prophets concealed the *meaning* and *significance* of the things they wrote:

*As I have explained in the last two issues of **The Update**, the Hebrew idiom "build a house" means "to engender offspring," specifically, to engender a male offspring that will "carry The Name" of the deceased. (See "The Parabolic Pantomimes of Jesus Christ," **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 1991.) I have also stated, but*

have not yet fully explained, that the basic nuance inherent in the ancients' understanding of that idiom is one of resurrection. This dual significance of the idiom is why the Prophets could use it to speak of how God "built a house" for David through the birth of Jesus Christ and, at the same time, also use it to speak of how Jesus Christ "built a house" for God through His Resurrection. If you do not understand the ancient mind-set that informs the Hebrew idiom and its attendant parabolic image, however, you have no idea how the Prophets foretold any of this.

The Hebrew idiom "raise up a seed" has a meaning nearly synonymous with the idiom "build a house," but it appeals to different parabolic imagery. The parabolic imagery in the Scriptures that is associated with this idiom is that of a seed-bearing plant that comes to life (in the resurrection) when a planted seed germinates.

("Plant 'em Six Feet Under," *The Voice of Elijah*®, July 1993, p. 17)

The Truth is, if you are not aware of the fact that the Prophets and Apostles were speaking *parabolically* in terms of *specific* Hebrew idioms and just as *specific parabolic imagery* when they penned the Scriptures, you will come away with a completely distorted understanding of the things they wrote. That is, as I explained in the article from which I just quoted, you will end up as just another one of the "tares" that Satan has "planted" in the Church over the past nineteen hundred years. That is why, over the years since August 1990, I have explained some of the *parabolic imagery* you need to know to be able to understand the Scriptures.

(See "The Image of the King as a Tree," *The Voice of Elijah*®, April 1991; "When the Trumpet Sounds," *The Voice of Elijah*®, April 1992; and "How Do You Tell the Difference Between an Alcoholic and a Drunkard?" *The Voice of Elijah*®, January 1999; "Questions & Answers," *The Voice of Elijah*®, July 1999; "Questions & Answers," *The Voice of Elijah*®, July 2000; "Questions & Answers," *The Voice of Elijah*®, January 2001; "Questions & Answers," *The Voice of Elijah*®, April 2004; "Questions & Answers," *The Voice of Elijah*®, July 2005.)

In those articles, I intentionally scattered the Truth so that True Believers who really want to know the Truth would find "a little bit here, and a little bit there." I have also warned everyone that they should focus on mastering the Truth for themselves and that they should steer clear of any attempt to "spoon feed" others by summarizing what I explained and thereby

making it easier for Pretenders to understand the Truth. But in an article titled "The Better Part of Wisdom" in the July 1994 issue of *The Voice of Elijah*®, I said this:

I have already explained that the Word of God (Christ, the Lord, Truth, etc.) mentioned in the Scriptures is the Living Word of God. (See "Some People Will Make Light of Anything," The Voice of Elijah®, April 1994.) It is an oral tradition that God expected His People to **hand down** from one generation to the next orally. The Early Church failed to **hand down** that "Word" as God expected. But lamenting that fact serves no useful purpose today. The best one can do now is move forward in a personal quest to understand the Truth of the Scriptures.

*Here I want to explain that, from God's perspective, the Living Word of God the Church was supposed to **hand down** from generation to generation is the embodiment of all wisdom. Moreover, I want to show you the Apostles understood belief in that Word of God to be an act of Wisdom. Finally, I want to suggest that only those who believe the Truth of the Word of God (as opposed to Satan's distortion of it) are "children of Wisdom." They alone are wise. They alone will **inherit what was promised** when God finally **fulfills the promise** at the Judgment. All others will have succumbed to the delusion provided by Satan's lies, thus proving themselves to be children of the Liar, conceived in the Harlot and **delivered** to destruction....*

The wisdom necessary for ordinary individuals to refute the foolishness of educated theologians can only be found in an accurate understanding of the message of Scripture. That Truth will demand long hours of study to master. Yet knowledge of the Truth concealed in Scripture will be absolutely essential for True Believers to see through Satan's lies here at the End. Without it, one will be left completely at the mercy of the coming delusion.

Nevertheless, the majority in our time will never consider the extreme importance God has placed on a knowledge of the Truth. That is unfortunate. They will be ensnared because, instead of seeking Truth, they will seek for a "sign," and Satan will readily comply with "lying signs and wonders" (2 Thess. 2:9-10). In that, they are just like the Pharisees whom Jesus condemned for blindly holding to their tradition rather than seeking Truth.

("The Better Part of Wisdom," The Voice of Elijah®, July 1994, p. 5)

The Seven Messages in the Scriptures

As I have explained over the years, the Prophets "sealed" seven distinctly different messages in the Hebrew Scriptures. Now that Jesus Christ has either "opened," or is about to "open," the final "seal," it seems appropriate for me to review some of the things I have written about the seven "seals." In the first of a series of articles about "The House," I wrote this:

I have told you repeatedly that your accurate understanding of the seven messages hidden in the Hebrew Scriptures depends on your insight into the meaning of various Hebrew idioms. However, you can gain that insight only by visualizing the parabolic image that corresponds to each idiom. For the time being, I am going to concentrate on explaining "The House" image that stands behind the Hebrew idiom "build/make a house." The other two idioms that help to conceal "The House" message—"raise up a seed" and "raise up/make a name"—have much the same meaning as "build a house," but they look at the same concepts from a slightly different perspective.

I will tell you at the outset that all three of these idioms generally mean "to engender a son." But I can't easily explain the precise idiomatic meaning of what it means to "build a house," "raise up a seed," or "make a name." That's because God in His wisdom has stated the Truth in terms of both an image—a myth or symbolic ritual—and a word or idiom that captures the essence of the myth or ritual. He has done that to make it easy for us to understand what He has said.

*("The Sad, Sordid History of the People of God," **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 1996, p. 5)*

*In the ancient Near East, a "house" was a family long before it was ever a building with four walls and a roof. That can be seen from the fact that the Hebrew words for "son," "daughter," and "house" all come from the same root as the Hebrew verb **banah**, which means "build." Not surprisingly, that verb also carries the meaning of "create/procreate." And the three nouns I just mentioned were originally used to refer to "what has been procreated." So it should be obvious that long before men ever built a house of wood, stone, or baked clay bricks, they were living in caves and "building houses" the old-fashioned way.*

Building a house was a fairly intuitive process at first. Everyone sort of let nature take its course and nine months later another member of "The House" appeared, fully formed and functioning. Then along came a fellow who confused the issue. He "built" a "house" of baked clay bricks in which the members of the other "house" could live. What were folks supposed to do then? Well, they did the same thing they had been doing all along. They continued to use the noun house to refer to a family and the verb build to refer to the act of procreation. That is not a characteristic unique to Biblical Hebrew. All of the ancient semitic languages exhibit the same fundamental understanding of these terms. A "house" is both a group of people and the physical structure in which they live. To "build a house" is to engender a son or to erect a physical building.

*("The Sad, Sordid History of the People of God," **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 1996, p. 15)*

In the next article in that series ("So Why Would a Nomad 'Build a House' and Settle Down?" **The Voice of Elijah**®, October 1997), I wrote this:

Most folks think the idiom "make a name" in Genesis 11:4 means "become famous" or something equally inane. Yet in using that idiom, Moses is doing what every one of the Prophets did: He is mocking the stupidity of those among us who ignorantly approach the Scriptures with the assumption that they can easily understand what they find written. In this case, the complete Truth concerning the Tower of Babel is both complex and extremely controversial. However, the only Truth you need to know right now lies hidden just beneath the surface of the text.

*("So Why Would a Nomad 'Build a House' and Settle Down?" **The Voice of Elijah**®, October 1997, p. 9)*

I went on in that article to explain how the more dimwitted among the Blessed have, like those who tried to "make a name" for all of mankind at the Tower of Babel, consistently refused to make a distinction between the Blessed and the Cursed. As a result, they have always sought a "way" to include the Cursed as part of the People of God—with incredibly disastrous results. You can see the results of that mind-set in the Church today. Therefore, in another article I included a brief reminder in regard to "The Way" God plans to forever eliminate the possibility that will ever occur:

It would be perilous indeed to ignore the obvious import of the Coronation of Jesus Christ as it relates to Zechariah's prophecy: Zechariah says "the Branch" will "build the temple" of God before His Coronation as King and High Priest of Israel. Therefore, if God has anointed Jesus Christ as both King and High Priest, then God's "temple" ("house") must have already been "built." That conclusion holds tremendous significance for events that will shortly take place in our time and therefore cannot be emphasized enough.

Both Irenæus and Hippolytus tell us the Antichrist will not only claim to be Jesus Christ, he will also rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. (See *The AntiChrist or The Advent of Christ and AntiChrist*.) What they fail to tell us should be fairly obvious, nonetheless. The Antichrist will rebuild the physical Temple in Jerusalem, all the while insisting that he is fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah. When he does that, the only ones who will not be taken in by his subterfuge are those who know the Truth concerning the "temple" of God that Jesus Christ has already "built"—and is parabolically still in the process of "building." That "house" of God is not a literal building, it is a parabolic one. It is "The House of Israel," the Body of Jesus Christ, which is the family of God. That "house" was "built" when Jesus Christ was resurrected in the image and likeness of God. But it is also continuing to be "built" as others respond to the Gospel message and are thereby added to the parabolic Body of Jesus Christ. ("Jesus Is the Carpenter Who 'Built The House' of God," *The Voice of Elijah*®, October 2002, p. 9)

My point in showing you that is, when Jesus Christ—the One Who is the *Living Word of God*—was resurrected in the image and likeness of God, He became "The House" (family) of God into Whom you must be "born" if you intend to live forever. So it would be a mistake on your part if you *choose* to try to make an end-run around that all-important *experience*. But it would also be a mistake for the Blessed to ignore the danger that the Cursed pose to their eternal well-being:

As I told you above, mankind distorted the Truth of **the promise** when they began to practice the sacred marriage ritual right after Enosh was born to Seth. Just as mental midgets have done repeatedly over the centuries since, stupid folk somehow thought God needed a little "help" in **fulfilling the promise**. So they added their own thoughts and ideas to it. That asinine tendency is

going to result in the appearance of the Antichrist here at the End. That is, we are about to see God destroy the Earth once again (with fire, this time around) all because doltish dimwits dumbly believe those who pretend to be "the sons of God" when they falsely claim God has **fulfilled the promise**.

("A Promise Is Good, but a Promise Kept Is Better," *The Voice of Elijah*®, October 2005, p. 9)

The vitriol in that passage was directed at those dimlights who falsely *assume* they can say anything and everything about the *meaning* and *significance* of the Scriptures and not be held accountable. But I also did not mince words when I issued the following warning to those True Believers who might ignore the admonishment found in Hebrews 6:1–8:

Abject idiots, being what they are, will ignore the warning in that passage and keep on believing the lies they have been told about their goofy god of unconditional grace. Those who have a bit more common sense will take heed: If you tamper with **the promise you received** when you believed the Gospel, you absolutely cannot expect to **inherit what was promised**. Why so? Because **the promise is what was promised**. If you give up **the promise** just because you find it more comfortable to believe a lie, you will get exactly what you have chosen to believe. Pretenders are, after all, not called "children of darkness" for no good reason. ("The Problem With Liars? They Always Try to Rewrite History," *The Voice of Elijah*®, January 2006, p. 14)

Now that I have—once again—warned True Believers that God expects them to focus completely on the next life rather than this one, I am going to show you what John says you can expect to see happen in this life over the next several years.

The Book of Revelation

In the January 2012 issue of *The Voice of Elijah*®, I began to give you my "standardized" translation of the Book of Revelation along with a brief commentary. I am going to continue with that in this issue, but with a specific focus on some of the things that those who are in "The House" of the *Living God* can expect to see come about now that the seventh "seal" has been, or is about to be, "opened."

Since you are undoubtedly already aware of the fact that the world economy is in total shambles as a direct result of governmental decisions that have been made over the past fifty years or so, I can only warn you it's going to get worse—much worse—before the End of the Age. Eventually, the leaders of every nation around the world are going to realize it is absolutely impossible for them to agree on what they should do to correct the circumstances that they themselves created through wrong-headed governmental policies. Their inability to come to an agreement will eventually lead to the rise of the Antichrist. That is the catastrophe that Jesus is describing in this passage:

“[Everyone who] [says] to [Me], ‘[Your Majesty]! [Your Majesty]!’ [will [not] go in] to [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] [on 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], [that] ‘[I [never] knew] [you]. [YOU—[THE {ones} WHO ARE WORKING] [THE LAWLESSNESS]—MUST DEPART] FROM [ME].’ [Therefore], [every {one}] [who] [hears] [These 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 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].”

(Matthew 7:21–27) —my interim translation

I warned you that the world was headed into an economic collapse nearly twenty years ago, a few years before the fourth “seal” was opened:

The mention of the world economy in the vague statement that accompanies the opening of the third seal means we should also expect it to soon be completely on the ropes. ...

Here in the United States we have already begun to realize our government, encumbered as it is with debt, can no longer generate economic growth by borrowing. That negative economic situation can be expected to continue until the End, because the horse and rider that go forth as each seal is opened do not cease roaming when the next seal is removed. That means we will see a cumulative effect on the world economy over time.

*The worst is yet to come economically. Keep in mind, however, that it is by no means certain all that the statement accompanying the opening of the third seal is meant to convey. It may signify much more than economic retraction and the climatic changes that will result in a growing shortage of agricultural produce and ultimately, when the fourth seal is removed, widespread famine. (“It’s Going to Get Worse!” **The Voice of Elijah® Update**, August 1992, pp. 6–7)*

As I have told you all along, the events associated with the “opening” of each “seal” do not end when the next “seal” is “opened.” They are only just beginning to intensify when the “seal” is removed, and they will continue to intensify until the End of the Age. But one of the events associated with the “opening” of the sixth “seal” is different in that respect. It appears to be a one-time event that will be completed before the End of the Age. Here is “The Way” some of those things are described in Revelation 6:

And [I saw] [when] [He opened] [The Seal]—[the [sixth] {one}]—and [a [great] Shaking] [came about], and [The Sun] [became] [black] [like] [Sackcloth] [made of hair], and [The Entirety {of}] [The Moon] [became] [like] [Blood], and [The Stars] of [The Heaven] [fell] to [The Earth] [like] [a Fig Tree] [that is being shaken] by [a [great] Wind] [throws] [The Unripe Figs] [she has]. And [The Heaven] [was separated] [like] [a Scroll] [that is being rolled up], and [every] [Mountain] and [Island] [were moved] from [The Places] [they had]. And [The Kings] of [The Earth] and [the [greatest] {ones}] and [The Commanders of a Thousand] and [the [rich] {ones}] and [the [mighty] {ones}] and [every] [Slave] and [free {person}] [hid] [themselves] in [The Caves] and in [The Rocks] of [The Mountains]. And [they say] to [The Mountains] and [The Rocks]: “[Fall] on [us] and [hide] [us] from [The Face] of [the {One} Who is sitting] on [The Throne] and from [The Anger] of [The Little Lamb]! [Because] [The*

Day]—[the [great] {day}]—of [The Anger] [they have] [has come], and [who] [is able] [to stand]?"
(Revelation 6:12–17) —my interim translation

That is a *parabolic* description of things that have already begun to occur in the *spiritual* reality in which we all participate. So if you expect to see all of those events occur in the *physical* reality in which we live, you might want to reconsider that *mistaken assumption*. The effects of those events are already being felt around the world, and that will only intensify over time. But the event that is of the most interest to those who can "see" the Truth in what I teach is the final tally of "The Names" in Corporate Israel. That census is only just beginning:

Revelation 7—Text

¹After [this], [I saw] [four] [Messengers] [who stood] at [The [four] Corners] of [The Earth] [holding on to] [The [four] Winds] of [The Earth], [so that] [Wind] [could [not] blow] on [The Earth] [nor] on [The Sea] [nor] on [any] [Tree]. ²And [I saw] [another] [Messenger] [who is ascending] from [a Rising] of [a Sun]—[who has] [a Seal] of [a [living] God]. And [he shouted] in [a [great] Voice] to [The [four] Messengers] to [whom] [it had been given] [to treat [The Earth] [and] [The Sea] unfairly], ³[saying], "[Do **not** treat [The Earth] [nor] [The Sea] [nor] [The Trees] unfairly] [up to the time] {when} [we seal] [The Slaves] of [The {Living} God] on [The Foreheads] [they have]."

⁴And [I heard] [The Number] of [the {ones} who were sealed]: [One Hundred] [forty]-[four] [Thousand] {were} [the {ones} who were sealed] from [every] [Tribe] of Israel's [Sons]. ⁵From [The Tribe] of Judah [twelve] [Thousand] [were sealed]; From [The Tribe] of Reuben*: [twelve] [Thousand]; From [The Tribe] of Gad*: [twelve] [Thousand]; ⁶From [The Tribe] of Asher: [twelve] [Thousand]; From [The Tribe] of Naphtali: [twelve] [Thousand]; From [The Tribe] of Manasseh: [twelve] [Thousand]; ⁷From [The Tribe] of Simeon: [twelve] [Thousand]; From [The Tribe] of Levi: [twelve] [Thousand]; From [The Tribe] of Issachar*: [twelve] [Thousand]; ⁸From [The Tribe] of Zebulun: [twelve] [Thousand]; From [The Tribe] of Joseph: [twelve]

[Thousand]; From [The Tribe] of Benjamin: [twelve] [Thousand] [who had been sealed].

⁹After [these {things}] [I saw], and [Look!], [a [large] Crowd] from [all] [Gentiles] and [Tribes] and [Peoples] and [Tongues], [who] [nobody] [was able] [to number], [who stood] [before] [The Throne] and [before] [The Little Lamb], [wrapped] in [Long [white] Robes]; and [Musical Instruments] {were} in [The Hands] [they had]. ¹⁰And [they are shouting] in [a [great] Voice], [saying], "[The Salvation] {is} in [The {Living} God] [we have]—[the {One} Who is sitting] on [The Throne]—and in [The Little Lamb]!" ¹¹And [all] [The Messengers]—and [The Elders] and [The [four] Living Creatures]—[had been standing] [in a circle around] [The Throne]; and [they fell] on [The Faces] [they had] [before] [The Throne] and [bowed down] to [The {Living} God], ¹²[saying], "[Without doubt], [The Blessing] and [The Glory] and [The Wisdom] and [The Thanksgiving] and [The Honor] and [The Power] and [The Might] {belong} to [The {Living} God] [we have] into [The Ages] of [The Ages]. [Without doubt]!" ¹³And [one] of [The Elders] [responded], [saying] to [me]: "[Who] [are] [these]—[the {ones} who have been wrapped] in [The Long Robes]—[the [white] {ones}]? And [from where] [have they come]?" ¹⁴And [I said] to [him], "[My] [Lord]! [You] [are aware]!" And [He said] to [me]: "[These] [are] [the {ones} who come] out of [The Constriction]—[the [great] {one}]. And [they rinsed] [The Long Robes] [they have], and [they made [them] white] in [The Blood] of [The Little Lamb]!" ¹⁵[For this reason] [they are] [before] [The Throne] of [The {Living} God]! [They serve {as priest}] for [Him] [Day] and [Night] in [The Sanctuary] [He has], and [the {One} Who is sitting] on [The Throne] [will camp out] over [them]!" ¹⁶[They will [not] be hungry] [any more]; [neither] [will they be thirsty] [any more]; [neither] [will [The Sun] fall] on [them], [nor] [any] [Heat], ¹⁷[because] [The Little Lamb]—[the {One}] [in the midst] of [The Throne]—[will shepherd] [them]. And [He will guide] [them] to [Springs] of [Waters] of [Life]. And [The {Living} God] [will wipe away] [every] [Tear] from [The Eyes] [they have]!"

Revelation 7—Commentary

That passage is describing the “sealing” of True Believers with the Truth of the Living Word of God that they have freely chosen to believe. That will be completed before the End. The Apostle Paul is speaking in terms of that same *parabolic imagery* when he says this:

Paul, [an Apostle] of [The Anointing] of Jesus through [God’s] [Will], to [the {holy} {ones}]—[the {ones} who are] in [Ephesus] and [who are believing] in [The Anointing] of Jesus. [Favor] to [you], and [Peace], from [God] [our] [Father] and [His Majesty], Jesus [Anointed]. [Blessed] {be} [The {Living} God] and [Father] of [The Lord] [we have]—Jesus [Anointed]—[the {One} Who has **blessed**] [us] with [every] [spiritual] [**Blessing**] among [the {heavenly} {beings}] in [an Anointing]; [just as] [He chose] [us] in [Him] before [World’s] [Establishment], {for} [us] [to be] [holy] and [unblemished] before [Him] in [Love], [having determined] [us] beforehand] for [Adoption]: (1) through Jesus [Anointed], (2) to [Him{self}], (3) in accordance with [The Good Intention] of [The Will] [He has], {and} (4) for [The Lavish Praise] of [The Glory] of [The Favor] [He has], with [which] [He favored] [us] in [the {One} Who has been loved]. In [Whom] [we have]: (1) [The Complete Liberation] through [The Blood] [He had], (2) [The Cancellation] of [The Transgressions] in accordance with [The Wealth] of [The Favor] [He has], [which] [He made excessive] for [us] in [all] [Wisdom] and [Common Sense], [having made known] to [us] [The Mystery] of [The Will] [He has] in accordance with [The {good} Intention] [He has], [which] [He intended] in [Him] for [The Responsibility] of [The Fullness] of [The Times], for [The All] [to be summarized] in [The Anointing]—[the {things}] in [The Heavens] and [the {things}] on [The Earth]—in [Him] in [Whom] also [we have been designated as **heirs***], [having been determined beforehand] in accordance with [The Purpose] of [the {One} Who is working in] [The All]—{that is,} in accordance with [The Decision] of [The Will] [He has]—[so that [we], [the {ones} who have hoped beforehand] [in] [The Anointing], would be] for [The Lavish Praise] of [His] [Glory]. In [Whom] also {are} [you] [who heard] [The Word] of [The Truth]—[The Gospel] of [The Salvation] [you have]. In [Whom] also [you] [who believed] [were sealed] by [The {holy} Spirit] of [The Promise], [which] [is] [a Pledge] of [The Inheritance] [we have], for [Complete Liberation] of [The

Acquisition]—for [The Lavish Praise] of [The Glory] [He has]. [For this reason] [I also]—[having heard]: (1) [The Belief] in [The Lord] Jesus {which is} among [you], and (2) [The Love] for [all] [the {holy} {ones}]—[do [not] stop]: (1) [giving thanks], (2) [making] [Mention] concerning [you] in [The Prayers] [I have], [so that] [The {Living} God] of [The Lord] [we have]—Jesus [Anointed], [The Father] of [The Glory]—[would give] [you] [a Spirit] of [Wisdom] and [Revelation] in [Full Knowledge] of [Him] [when [The Eyes] {of} [The Heart] [you have] have been provided light] [in order for [you] to become aware of]: (1) [what] [The Hope] of [The Calling] [He has] {is}, (2) [what] [The Wealth] of [The Glory] of [The Inheritance] [He has] in [The Holy Ones] {is}, and (3) [what] [The {extraordinary} Greatness] of [The Power] [He has] {is} for [us]—[the {ones} who believe] in agreement with [The In-working] of [The Strength] of [The Might] [He has], [which] [He worked in] [the {anointed} {One}]: (1) [having awakened] [Him] from [dead {ones}]; and (2) [having sat down] to [His] [right] among [the {heavenly} {beings}], [up above] [every] [Beginning] and [Authority] and [Power] and [Lordship] and [every] [Name] [that is being given a name], [not only] in [This Age], [but also] in [the {one} that is going to {be}]; and (3) [He made [all {things}] subject] under [The Feet] [He has], and (4) [He gave] [Him] {as} [Head] over [all] [The **Ekklesia**], [which] [is] [The Body] [He has], [The Fullness] of [the {One} Who completely fills] [The All] in [all]! (Ephesians 1:1–23) —my interim translation

Paul’s point regarding the “sealing” of Believers with *the promise* is this: When a True Believer responds to the Truth concerning *the promise* of God (which Paul also refers to as both “The Anointing” and “The Glory”), that individual experiences a phenomenal *spiritual* transformation that is impossible to explain to anyone who has not had the experience. Fools will undoubtedly try to explain “it,” but the Truth is, those who do that have probably never experienced “it” in the first place. That is because one of Satan’s favorite deceptions is to provide a false conversion experience for those who are not honestly willing to “repent”—that is, apologize.

My point in showing you what Paul said is this: The “sealing” of the final generation of True Believers, as it is described in the seventh chapter of the Book of Revelation, began only recently. It took off in earnest after the publication of the booklet titled *The Old*

Testament Gospel of Jesus Christ. In that booklet, I presented the Truth of the Gospel without any "sugar-coating." That is because there is no longer any middle ground. One must either be willing to accept the cold, hard fact that, in His wrath, God intentionally hid the Truth in the Scriptures; or one must *choose* to reject the Truth outright. Ignorance of some parts of the Truth will no longer remain a legitimate defense for those who *choose* to remain "in the dark."

Revelation 8—Text

¹And [when] He [opened] [The Seal]— [the [seventh] {one}], [there was] [Silence] in [The Heaven] [like] [Half an Hour*]. ²And [I saw] [The [seven] Messengers] [who] [had been standing] [before] [The {*Living*} God], and [seven] [Trumpets] [were given] to [them]. ³And [another] [Messenger] [who has] [a Censer] [made of gold] [came] and [was made to stand] on [The Sacrificial Altar], and [many] [Incense Offerings] [were given] to [him] [so that] [he could give] [The Prayers] of [all] [the [holy] {ones}] on [The Sacrificial Altar]— [the one made of gold], the one [before] [The Throne]. ⁴And [The Smoke] of [The Incense Offerings] of [The Prayers] of [the [holy] {ones}] [ascended] from [The Messenger's] [Hand] [before] [The {*Living*} God]. ⁵And [The Messenger] [took] [The Censer] and [filled [it] up] from [The Fire] of [The Sacrificial Altar], and [he threw] {it} to [The Earth], and [Rolling Thunder] and [Voices] and [Flashes of Lightning] and [a Shaking] [came about]. ⁶And [seven] [Messengers]—[the {ones} who have] [The [seven] Trumpets]—[prepare] [them], [so that] [they could sound a trumpet].

⁷And [the [first] {one}] [sounded a trumpet], and [there was] [Hail] and [Fire] [that had been mingled] with [Blood]. And [they were thrown] to [The Earth], and [the [third] {part}] of [The Earth] [was burned up], and [the [third] {part}] of [The Trees] [was burned up], and [all] [pale-green] [Grass] [was burned up].

⁸And [The [second] Messenger] [sounded a trumpet], and {something} [like] [a [great] Mountain] [that is made to burn] with [Fire] [was thrown] into [The Sea], and [the [third]

{part}] of [The Sea] [became] [Blood]. ⁹And [the [third] {part}] of [The Creatures]—[the {ones}] in [The Sea], [the {ones} that have] [a Soul]— [died]; and [the [third] {part}] of [The Boats] [were thoroughly corrupted].

¹⁰And [The [third] Messenger] [sounded a trumpet], and [a [great] Star] [that is made to burn] [like] [a Lantern] [fell] from [The Heaven], and [he fell] on [the [third] {part}] of [The Rivers] and on [The Springs] of [The Waters]. ¹¹And [The Name] of [The Star] [is called] "[The Wormwood*]." And [the [third] {part}] of [The Waters] [became] [Wormwood], and [many] of [The Men] [died] from [The Waters] [because] [they were made bitter].

¹²And [The [fourth] Messenger] [sounded a trumpet]; and [the [third] {part}] of [The Sun] and [the [third] {part}] of [The Moon] and [the [third] {part}] of [The Stars] [were hit*], [so that] [the [third] {part}] of [them] [would be darkened]; and [The Day] [would [not] appear] {for} [the [third] {part}] of [her], and [Night] [likewise].

¹³And [I saw], and [I heard], [one] [Eagle] [that was flying] in [Midheaven], [saying] in [a [great] Voice], "[Woe! Woe! Woe!]" {to} [those who are residing] on [The Earth] because of [The [other] Voices] of [The Trumpet] of [The [three] Messengers]—[the {ones} who are going to] [sound a trumpet].

Revelation 8—Commentary

First, I should probably tell you the things that John wrote in this chapter are a *parabolic description* that tells us what certain future events ARE LIKE. Without that bit of information, you could still be waiting for *physical* stars to fall from Heaven even after Satan, who is "the star" called "the wormwood," appears on the scene as the Antichrist. But did you happen to notice how many times a "third {part}" of this and a "third {part}" of that occurs in that passage? You should have, because if you didn't, you would never be able to link this chapter to the same events as they are described in Chapter 12:

And [a [great] Sign] [was seen] in [The Heaven]—[a Woman] [who has been wrapped] with [The Sun] {as an

overgarment} and [The Moon] [under] [The Feet] [She has] and [a Crown] of [twelve] [Stars] on [The Head] [She has] and [Who has] in [Tummy]. And [she is shouting] and [is in labor] and [is being tormented] [to give birth]. And [another] [Sign] [was seen] in [The Heaven], and [Look!] [A [great] red] Dragon [who has] [seven] [Heads] and [ten] [Horns], and on [The Heads] [he has], [seven] [Diadems]. And [The Tail] [he has] [is dragging] [the [third] {part}] 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 could 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] [one thousand] [two hundred] [sixty] [Days]. And [War] [came about] in [The Heaven], Michael and [The Messengers] [he has], [to wage 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] found] for [them] in [The Heaven] [any longer]. And [The Dragon]—[the [great] {one}], [The Snake], [the [ancient] {one}], [the {one} who is called] [a False Accuser] and [The Satan], [the {one} who leads astray] [The Entirety of] [The Civilized World]—[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 Little 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 celebrate]—[The Heavens] and [the {ones} who are camping out] in [them]. [Woe] {to} [The Earth] and [The Sea] [because] [The False Accuser]—[who has] [a [great] Rage], [being aware] [that] [he has] [little] [Time]—[has descended] to [you].” 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] [be carried away by a river*]. And [The Earth] [helped] [The Woman], and [The Earth] [opened] [The Mouth] [she had], and [she swallowed up] [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 Others] of [The Seed] [she has]—[the {ones} who are keeping] [The Commandments] of [The {Living} God] and [who have] [The Testimony] of Jesus, and [he stood still] on [The Sand] of [The Sea].

(Revelation 12:1–13:1a) —my interim translation

My point in showing you that is, the following passage is referring to events that occur when Satan—the “star” called “wormwood”—is cast out of Heaven and makes his appearance as the Antichrist:

And [The [third] Messenger] [sounded a trumpet], and [a [great] Star] [that is made to burn] [like] [a Lantern] [fell] from [The Heaven], and [he fell] on [the [third] {part}] of [The Rivers] and on [The Springs] of [The Waters]. And [The Name] of [The Star] [is called] “[The Wormwood].” And [the [third] {part}] of [The Waters] [became] [Wormwood], and [many] of [The Men] [died] from [The Waters] [because] [they were made bitter].

(Revelation 8:10–11) —my interim translation

Jesus refers to the same event this way:

So [He said] to [them], “[I was observing] [when] [The Satan] fell] [like] [a Flash of Lightning] from [The Heaven].”

(Luke 10:18) —my interim translation

I doubt that you, being accustomed to thinking in terms of time and space, will be able to readily understand an event that occurs outside of both. Just get ready; the world is about to feel its effects, nonetheless.

But the world is not my concern here. My only concern is that those who honestly want to know the Truth can recognize and avoid “the waters” that have been contaminated by “the star” called “the wormwood.”

Revelation 8:11 is the only place in the New Testament where one can find a reference to “wormwood.” But pay attention! It is not the only place in the Scriptures where that substance is mentioned, and you need to know this: John’s reference to “wormwood” carries precisely the same *parabolic imagery* that was assigned to it by the Prophet Moses:

“But [I] {am} [not] [cutting] [This Legal Agreement] and [This Oath] with [you] [alone]: (1) because {it is} with [him] who [is] [standing] [here] with [us] [Today] before [His Majesty] [The {Living} God] [we have] and with [him] who [is not] [here] with [us] [Today]; (2) because [you] [know] that [we resided] in [The Earth] of Egypt and that [we crossed over] [in the midst] of [The Gentiles] that [you crossed over], and [you saw] [The Abominations] [they had] and [The Idols] [they had]—[Wood] and [Stone] and [Silver] and [Gold] that {were} with [them]; (3) [so that {there is} not] [a Man] [or] [a Woman] [or] [Family] [or] [Branch] whose [Heart] [has turned] [Today] to [walk away from with] [His Majesty] [The {Living} God] [we have], to [be a slave to] [The Gods] of [Those Gentiles] [so that] [there is] [a Root] among [you] [bearing] [Poison] [and] [Wormwood] as fruit. And [it will be] when [he] [hears] [The Words] of [This Oath], [he will bless himself] in [The Heart] [he has], [saying], ‘[Peace] [will be] [mine] even when [I walk] in [The Stubbornness] of [The Heart] [I have] [in order to] [sweep up] [the {watered} {one}] with [the {one} who is thirsty].’ [His Majesty] [will {not} be willing to] [forgive] [him] because [The Anger] of [His Majesty] and [The Jealousy] [He has] [will smolder] against [That Man], and [all] [The Oath]—[the {one} that is written] in [This Scroll]—[will lie] on [him], and [His Majesty] [will wipe off] [The Name] [he has] from under [The Sea of Waters]. And [His Majesty] [will separate] [him] from [all] [The Branches] of Israel for [a Bad Thing] in accordance with [all] [The Oaths] of [The Legal Agreement]—[the {ones} that are written] in [This Scroll] of [The Teaching].”

(Deuteronomy 29:14–21) —my interim translation

Now I realize some seriously stupid simpletons will reject what I say here and continue right on making

the ridiculous claim that the curses of the Old Covenant are no longer a concern for Christians. You know the ones I *mean*—the ones who *mistakenly assume* the “law versus grace” argument has already settled the issue for them. Those dimwitted dolts find it impossible to see all the passages in the New Testament that warn Believers not to take anything for granted. Yet here they are at the End of the Age, staring directly into the “darkness” of the Abyss, and all they can see is the imaginary love of their goofy god of unconditional grace. The Serpent has certainly beguiled them into believing the lies spread by those who have been nothing but:

“[a Root] among [you] [bearing] [Poison] [and] [Wormwood] as fruit.”

(Deuteronomy 29:18b) —my interim translation

The Truth is, the angry God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob has not changed one whit from the Person He was back then. The only thing that has changed is the overwhelming number of those who are saying:

“[Peace] [will be] [mine] even when [I walk] in [The Stubbornness] of [The Heart] [I have] [in order to] [sweep up] [the {watered} {one}] with [the {one} who is thirsty].”

(Deuteronomy 29:19b) —my interim translation

The moronic mental midgets among us who arbitrarily *assume* they will escape unscathed after having mindlessly speculated as to the *meaning* and *significance* of the Scriptures should probably have spent a bit more time reading what Paul wrote in the first chapter of the Book of Galatians:

[I am amazed] [that] [you are changing] [quickly] [like this] from [the {One} Who called] [you] in [a Favor] of [an Anointing] to [a {different} Gospel], [which] [is] [not] [another] {gospel}, [except] [there are] [some]—[the {ones} who are disturbing] [you] and [wanting] [to turn back] [The Gospel] of [The Anointing]. [But also], [if] [we] or [a Messenger] from [Heaven] [should preach as the gospel] to [you] {something} contrary to [what] [we preached as the gospel] to [you], [let him be] [One Under the Ban]. As [we have stated before], even [at this time] [I say] [again]: [If] [anyone] [preaches as the gospel] [to you] {something} contrary to [what] [you have taken to yourselves], [let him be] [One Under the Ban]. [For] [at this time], [am I convincing]

[Men], [or] [The {Living} God]? [Or] [am I seeking] [to please] [Men]? [If] [I were [still] pleasing] [Men], [I would [not] be] [a Slave] of [an Anointing]. [For] [I make known] to [you], [Brothers], [that] [The Gospel]—[the {one} preached as the gospel] by [me]—[is] [not] [in agreement with Man]. [For] [neither] [did I] take [it] to myself] from [a Man], [nor] [was I taught]; [but] through [a Revelation] of Jesus [Anointed].

(Galatians 1:6–12) —my interim translation

I should not need to remind you that anyone placed “under the ban” can never be “redeemed,” but I will, just because I thought you might want to know. But consider this: Dimwitted dunderheads like the ones that Paul describes in that passage did not suddenly fold up their tables after the Apostles died. Hardly. They have been assiduously promoting their ignorant beliefs for the past two thousand years. Fortunately, that sad circumstance is about to come to an end; but never fear, God has made sure the worst is yet to come:

So [His Majesty] [has said], “Because of [them] [abandoning] [The Teaching] [I have], which [I put] before [them], and [they did [not] listen] to [The Voice] [I have], and [they did [not] walk] in [Her], and [they walked] after [The Stubbornness] of [The Heart] [they have] and after [The Owners] that [The Fathers] [they have] [made [them] learn]”; [therefore] [this is what [His Supreme Majesty], [The {Living} God] {of} [Israel] has said], “[Look!] [I] [am going to make [This People] consume] [Wormwood]; and [I will give [them] [Water] {of} [Poison] to drink].”

(Jeremiah 9:13–15) —my interim translation

Now, I don’t want to spoil anyone’s party, and certainly not when the crystal ball is just about ready to drop, but I do believe the *Living* Word of God Himself made those statements—speaking *parabolically*, of course. When He did, He was referring to the fact that He deliberately planned to send false beliefs for the really stupid ones to believe. And now that I think about it, I believe the Apostle Paul said somewhat the same thing:

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]—[neither] by [a Spirit] [nor] by [a Word] [nor] by [a Letter] [as] from [us], [as] [that] [The Day] of [The Lord] [presently is]. [Do [not] let [anybody] seduce] [you] at [no] [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] [that is called] [a god] [or] [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] [while {I} was] [still] with [you]? And [now] [you are aware of] [the {thing} that is holding fast] [in order for [him] to be revealed] in [his own] [Time]. [For] [The Mystery] of [The Lawlessness] [is [already] working inside]—{which is} [only] [the {one} who is 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] in agreement with [The In-working] of [The Satan] in [all] [Power] and [Signs] and [Wonders]—[Lies]—and in [every] [Deception] of [Unfairness] for [the {ones} who are being done away with] [because] [they did not accept] [The Love] of [The Truth] [in order for [them] to be saved]. And [for this reason] [The {Living} God] [will send] to [them] [an In-working] of [a Deception] [in order for [them] to believe] [The Lie], [so that] [all] of [the {ones} who did [not] believe] [The Truth] [but] [delighted] in [The Unfairness] [would be judged].

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

I am willing to admit I might be wrong about this—although I will never be willing to doubt it’s true—but I believe Satan has already gotten most “Christians” all primed and ready to believe “The Lie” that he is going to promote after he falls from Heaven LIKE a star that is called “The Wormwood.” If you don’t already know what “The Lie” is, chances are you either haven’t read, or have *chosen* not to believe, what Irenæus and Hippolytus wrote about the Antichrist. If either of those is the case, you might want to consider something else that Jeremiah said about the wrath of God that is now hanging heavy over the Earth:

“And among [The Prophets] of Jerusalem
 [I have seen] [Something Horrible]:
 [Committing adultery] and [walking] in [a Falsehood].
 And [they strengthened] [The Hands]
 of [those {who} are doing bad things]
 [So that not] [One] [turned back] from [The Badness]
 [he had].
 [All] of [them] [have become] to [Me] like Sodom,
 And [those who reside in] [her] are like Gomorrah.
 [Therefore], [this is what [His Supreme Majesty]
 has said] concerning [The Prophets]:
 ‘[Look!] [I] [am going to make [them] consume]
 [Wormwood];
 And [I will give them [Water] {of} [Poison] to drink],
 Because [Ungodliness] [will go out] from [The
 Prophets] of Jerusalem to [all] [The Earth].’”
 (Jeremiah 23:14–15) —my interim translation

“The Lie” that originated with the false prophets of Israel—you know, the ones the Pharisees chose to believe—has finally gone out “to all the Earth.” That is, the majority of the decidedly dumb ducks in the Church today already believe that when Jesus Christ returns, the Jews will accept Him as their Messiah and He will rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. Nothing could be further from the Truth, but don’t try telling that to anyone who has already drunk “The Cup” of “The Harlot.” That “Cup” contains a whole lot more than the usual dose of “wormwood”:

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 Little Lamb].”
 (Revelation 14:9–10) —my interim translation

“The Cup” that is mentioned in that passage is the same “Cup” you find mentioned in this one:

And [I heard] [another] [Voice] from [The Heaven]
 [saying]: “[Come out] of [her], [The People] [I have],
 [so that] [you do [not] have commonality with] [The

Sins] [she has], [so that] [you do [not] receive] from
 [The Beatings] [she has]! [Because] [The Sins] [she has]
 [have been joined] [up to] [The Heaven], and [The
 {Living} God] [has remembered] [The Unfair Acts] [she
 has]. [Give back] to [her] [as] also [she gave back]—
 [Double*], [the [twice as much] {ingredients}] in
 accordance with [The Works] [she has]! In [The Cup]
 [that] [she mixed], [mix] [twice as much] for [her]! [As
 much as] [she glorified] [herself] and [lived sensually],
 [give] [her] [so much] [Torment] and [Mourning],
 [because] [she says] in [The Heart] [she has]: ‘[I SIT] [A
 QUEEN]! [I AM] [NOT] [A WIDOW], AND [I WILL [DEFINITELY
 NOT] SEE] [MOURNING]!’ [For this reason] [The Beatings]
 [she has] [will come] in [one] [Day]—[Death],
 [Mourning], and [Famine]—and [she will be burned up]
 in [a Fire], [because] [His Majesty], [The {Living}
 God]—[the {One} Who judges] [her]—[is] [mighty].”
 (Revelation 18:4–8) —my interim translation

My point is, the *parabolic image* of “wormwood” comes directly out of the *parabolic imagery* related to the *zonah* ritual practiced by the “virgins” of Israel. If you are not familiar with what I am *talking about*, you may want to do some homework and start reading. I have explained it in some depth over the years. You will find my explanation in the past issues of this newsletter; but just to mock fools who have no idea what this *means*:

“A little bit is here,
 A little bit is there.”

Revelation 9—Text

¹And [The [fifth] Messenger] [sounded a trumpet], and [I saw] [a Star] from [The Heaven] [that had fallen] to [The Earth], and [The Key] to [The Cistern] of [The Abyss] [was given] to [him]. ²And [he opened] [The Cistern] of [The Abyss], and [Smoke] [ascended] from [The Cistern] [like] [Smoke] of [a [great] Furnace], and [The Sun] and [The Air] [was made dark] from [The Smoke] of [The Cistern]. ³And [Locusts] [came out] into [The Earth] from [The Smoke]; and [an Authority] [was given] to [them], [like] [The Scorpions] of [The Earth] [have] [an Authority]. ⁴And [it was told] to [them], [so that] [they would [not] treat] [The Grass] {of} [The Earth] unfairly], [nor] [any]

[pale-green {thing}], [nor] [any] [Tree] [except] [The Men]—[those who] [do [not] have] [The Seal] of [The {Living} God] on [The Foreheads].⁵And [it was given] to [them] [so that] [they would [not] kill] [them], [but] [so that] [they would be tormented] [five] [Months]; and [The Torment] [they have] {is} [like] [The Torment] of [a Scorpion] [when] [it strikes] [a Man].⁶And [in those days] [The Men] [will seek] [The Death], and [they will [definitely not] find] [him], and [they will desire] [to die], and [The Death] [flees] from [them].

⁷And [The Likenesses] of [The Locusts] {is} [just like] [Horses] [that have been prepared] for [War], and on [The Heads] [they have] {are things} [like] [Crowns] [just like] [Gold], and [The Faces] [they have] {are} like [Men's] [Faces].⁸And [they had] [Hair] [like] [Women's] [Hair], and [The Teeth] [they had] [were] [like] [Lions' {teeth}].⁹And [they had] [Breastplates] [like] [Breastplates] of [Iron]; [The Voice] of [The Wings] [they had] {was} [like] [a Voice] of [Chariots]—of [many] [Horses] [that are running] into [War].¹⁰And [they have] [Tails] [just like] [Scorpions]—and [Stingers], and in [The Tails] [they have] {is} [The Authority] [they have] [to treat [The Men] unfairly] {for} [five] [Months].¹¹**[They have] [The Messenger] of [The Abyss] {as} [King] over [them]; [a Name] [he has] [in Hebrew] {is} [Abaddon*], and [a Name] [he has] in [The Greek Language*] {is} [Apollyon*].**

¹²**[The Woe]—[the {one} {woe}]—[went away]; [Look!] [still] [two] [Woes] [is coming] after [these {things}].**

¹³And [The [sixth] Messenger] [sounded a trumpet]; and [I heard] [one] [Voice] from [The [four] Horns] of [The Sacrificial Altar]—[the {one}] [made of gold], [the {one}] [before] [The {Living} God]—¹⁴[saying] to [The [sixth] Messenger]—[the {one} who has] [The Trumpet], "[Undo] [The [four] Messengers]—[the {ones} that have been bound] at [The River]—[The [great] Euphrates]."

¹⁵And [The [four] Messengers] [were undone]—[the {ones} who had been prepared] for [The Hour] and [Day] and [Month] and [Annual Religious Cycle], [so that] [they could kill] [the

[third] {part}] of [The Men].¹⁶And [The Number] of [The Troops] of [The Cavalry*] {is} [twenty thousand*] [Ten Thousands]. [I heard] [The Number] [they had].¹⁷And [I saw] [The Horses], and [the {ones} who are seated] on [them] {are} [like this] in [The Visual Appearance]: [having] [Breastplates] [of fire] and [of hyacinth*] and [of sulfur*]; and [The Heads] of [The Horses] {are} [like] [Lions'] [Heads], and [Fire] and [Smoke] and [Sulfur] [is coming out] from [The Mouths] [they have].

¹⁸[The [third] {part}] of [The Men] [were killed] from [These [three] Beatings]—from [The Fire] and [The Smoke] and [The Sulfur]—[the {one} that was coming out] from [The Mouths] [they had].¹⁹[For] [The Authority] of [The Horses] [is] in [The Mouth] [they have] and in [The Tails] [they have], [for] [their] [Tails]—[which have] [Heads]—{are} [just like] [Snakes], and with [them] [they treat unfairly].

²⁰And [The Others] of [The Men] [who] [were [not] killed] in [These Beatings], [nor] [did they apologize] for [The Works] of [The Hands] [they had] [so that] [they would [not] bow down] to [The Demons] and [The Idols]—[the {ones}] [made of gold] and [the {ones}] [made of silver] and [the {ones}] [made of copper*] and [the {ones}] [made of wood] and [the {ones}] [made of stone], [which] [are [not] able] [to see] [nor] [to hear] [nor] [to walk].²¹And [they did [not] apologize] for [The Murders] [they had] [nor] for [The Drugs] [they had] [nor] for [The Sexual Promiscuity] [they had] [nor] for [The Thefts*] [they had].

Revelation 9—Commentary

This chapter contains a *parabolic* explanation of some pretty bad things. But just so you don't lose sight of where we are right now, I should probably remind you that the seventh "seal" has been, or is about to be, "opened." After that, seven messengers are going to sound seven "trumpets." It is probably going to take a while for them to make their way through that routine, but it is only after the first four messengers have sounded their "trumpets" that the really bad stuff begins. That is, when the fifth, sixth, and seventh messengers sound their "trumpets," a "woe" is also pronounced on Planet

Earth. So if you think things are bad right now, you might want to make sure your seat belt is securely fastened. You ain't seen nothin' yet:

"In that time Michael, the great prince who stands over the sons of [Your People], will stand; and there will be a time of distress that hasn't been seen since there was a nation until that time. In that time your people (everyone found written in the scroll) will be set free."
(Daniel 12:1)—my interim translation

I have been thinking about that "time of distress that hasn't been seen since there was a nation until that time" quite a bit lately. I have no idea as to what specific things are going to happen over the next few years, but I can tell you this: What's comin' down the pike is going to make the Great Depression look like a walk in the park. The only good news is, every last one of the members of Corporate Israel "will be set free" just as Daniel said—and in precisely "The Way" that Jesus described:

[Therefore], Jesus [was saying] to [The Jews] [who had believed] in [Him], "[If] [you] [continue] in [The Word]—[the {one} that is Mine]—[you [truly] are] [My] [Disciples], and [you will know] [The Truth], and [The Truth] [will free] [you]."
(John 8:31–32)—my interim translation

Revelation 10—Text

¹And [I saw] [another] [mighty] [Messenger] [who had been wrapped] in [a Cloud], [who is descending] from [The Heaven]—and [The Rainbow] {is} on [The Head] [he has], and [The Face] [he has] {is} [like] [The Sun], and [The Feet] [he has] {are} [like] [Pillars] of [Fire]—²and [who has] in [The Hand] [he has] [a Little Scroll] [that had been opened]. And [he put down] [The Foot] [he has]—[the [right] {one}]—on [The Sea], but [the [well-named] {one}] on [The Earth].³And [he shouted] in [a [great] Voice]—[indeed, just as] [a Lion] [roars*]—and [when] [he shouted], [The [seven] Rolling Thunders] [spoke] [their own] [Voices].⁴And [when] [The [seven] Rolling Thunders] [spoke], [I was going to] [write], and [I heard] [a Voice] from [The Heaven] [saying], "[Seal] [what] [The [seven] Rolling Thunders] [spoke], and [do [not] write] [them]."

⁵And [The Messenger] [whom] [I saw] [standing] on [The Sea] and on [The Earth] [lifted up] [The Hand] [he had]—[the [right] {one}]—to [The Heaven];⁶and [he swore an oath]—by [the {One} Who lives] into [The Ages] of [The Ages], [WHO] [CREATED] [THE HEAVEN] AND [THE {things}] IN [HIM], AND [THE EARTH] AND [THE {things}] IN [HER], AND [THE SEA] AND THE {things} IN [HER]—[that] [there will [no longer] be] [a Span of Time].⁷[But] in [The Days] of [The Voice] of [The [seventh] Messenger]—[when] [he is going to] [sound a trumpet]—[The Mystery] of [The {Living} God] [was [also] completed], [as] [He preached the gospel to] [His Own] [Slaves]—[The Prophets].

⁸And [The Voice] [that] [I heard] from [The Heaven] [speaks] with [me] [again] and [says]: "[Go on]! [Take] [The Scroll]—[the {one} that has been opened]—in [The Hand] of [The Messenger], [the {one} who has been standing] on [The Sea] and on [The Earth]."⁹And [I went away] to [The Messenger], [telling] [him] [to give] [me] [The Little Scroll]. And [he says] to [me], "[Take] and [devour] [it], and [it will make] [The Belly] [you have] bitter, [but] in [The Mouth] [you have] [it will be] [sweet] [like] [Honey]."¹⁰And [I took] [The Little Scroll] from [The Hand] of [The Messenger], and [I devoured] [it]. And in [The Mouth] [I have] [it was] [like] [sweet] [Honey]; and [when] [I had eaten] [it], [The Belly] [I have] [was made bitter].¹¹And [they say] to [me], "[You] [have to] [prophesy] [again] against [many] [Peoples] and [Gentiles] and [Tongues] and [Kings]."

Revelation 10—Commentary

The "little scroll that had been opened" is nothing other than the "scroll" on which Jesus Christ has either "opened," or is about to "open," the final "seal." That is, the Hebrew Scriptures are "the scroll—the {one} that has been opened"; and it is only after the seventh messenger sounds his "trumpet" that "The Mystery" that has been "sealed" inside that "scroll" will finally be "completed" in all those who have freely chosen to believe it. So it appears I will be casting aspersions at stupid folk for a few more years—at least until I have time to complete my "standardized" translation of that "little scroll." ■



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

Editor: Several questions have come in regarding the names “Yahweh” and “Yahshua.” One lady asks:

“As far as I can tell you are correct in your teachings. Please tell me why—since you refer to Irenæus, Hippolytus and Polycarp—why don’t you use the names Yahweh and Yahshua which no doubt Polycarp at least would have used as he sat under Yahshua’s brother John? I wonder about this as in the New Testament it is very often said how important the name is.”

Another fellow sent in this question:

“Why don’t you keep the names Yahweh and Yahshua?”

Elijah: Every time I hear ridiculous questions like these, I immediately envision two seven-year-old boys standing out behind the barn, engaged in a high-spirited competition to see who can leave the longest yellow streak in the snow. That is, after all, what life is about for those who have no idea what the *Living Word* of God is, and has been, doing. Some see the competition as politics; others make it a matter of fashion, wealth, or social status. Still others, like these two, compete in the area of religion. Jesus said this about them:

“But to [what] [should I liken] [This Generation]? [It is] [just like] [Little Ones] [sitting] in [The Public Squares] [who address] [the [different] {ones}], [saying]: ‘[We played on the flute] for [you], and [you did [not] dance]! [We lamented], and [you did [not] cut yourselves].’ [For] John [came] [neither] [eating] [nor] [drinking], and [they are saying], ‘[He has] [a Demon]!’ [The Son] of [The Man] [came] [eating] and [drinking], and [they are saying], ‘[Look!] [A Man] {Who is} [a Glutton] and [a Wino], [a Friend] of [Tax Collectors] and [Sinners]!’ And [The Wisdom] [is declared not guilty] from [The Works] [She has].”

(Matthew 11:16–19) —my interim translation

Jesus’ point is, over-zealous religious folks have an insane tendency to fall right into Satan’s snare by expecting everyone to do or say things “the way” they think everybody should do or say things. In each and every case it is all about what nitwits consider the absolutely “right” way to do and say things. But their real motivation is a matter of being able to say proudly, “I’m right; you’re wrong.” So your readers can join right in with all the other zealous seven-year-olds out behind the barn, if they are that dimwitted. Those who understand what the *Living Word* of God is seeking to accomplish can already see how ridiculous such nonsense is. The Truth is, life is not about *what someone does or does not do*; it is a matter of *who someone is*—that is, *what someone believes*. That’s because everyone is what they choose to believe.

In the case of the two questions you mentioned, the measurement of the yellow streak in the snow is all about the “right” way to pronounce “*The Name*” of God. But just in case some of your readers can’t see how far short of the divine mark this particular yellow streak falls, I will point it out. The two questions you received are based on beliefs that are outlined in a book titled *The Great Falling Away*, so I will begin by quoting a couple of paragraphs from that publication:

The original names of our Creator, Yahweh, and his Son, our Savior Yahshua, are also used throughout. The name Yahweh or YHWH is in the original Hebrew manuscripts 6,823 times. Almost every translation on earth, including the King James, takes out the Creator’s personal name and replaces it with the name Lord, a generic title that means Baal or Master. Also, our Savior’s true given Hebrew name, Yahshua, which means “Yah is salvation” is changed to a

Greek hybrid of Jesus, which is a poor transliteration from the Greek IE-Zeus. The English transliteration of Yahshua would be the equivalent to Joshua. There was no letter J in any language until the 16th century. So the Greek name "Jesus" would not be the name of our Savior. The third commandment strictly forbids taking Yahweh's name in vain. In vain literally means to change, falsify, or make common. Taking the name Yahweh or Yahshua and changing it to Lord or Jesus is definitely going against the clear instruction of the third commandment. So we will use the original, true Hebrew names of the Father Yahweh and the son Yahshua in this book. We will also use the Hebrew word, Elohim, instead of God.
(Don Esposito, *The Great Falling Away*, Carteret, NJ: 2009, p. 3)

The third commandment tells us **"You shall not take the name of YAHWEH, your Elohim in vain."** In vain means to change, falsify or to make common. A child could see that taking out the personal name of **YaHWeH**, or in Hebrew, it is the letters **Yod, Hey, Vav, Hey**, and replacing it with a generic title of lord or God is definitely breaking the third commandment.

Let's use common sense and agree that the original scriptures were written in Hebrew. Deut. 4:2 strictly tells us we are not to **add or take away** from the word of scripture. Yet if you look in any interlinear bible, you will see that the personal name of our Creator, Yahweh, has been taken out of scripture almost 7,000 times from the original Hebrew, and replaced with generic titles such as lord or God.
(*ibid.* pp. 126–127)

The two questions essentially asked why I do not believe the same things that they believe. The short answer is, I don't believe "the way" they believe because I do my best "not to **add or take away** from the word of scripture." I just wish I could say the same for the fellow who wrote the two passages I quoted. In the second passage quoted, he appears to define only the Hebrew text as "the original scriptures." But that is not what he claims to believe, because he also says this:

We are to be children of the light and children of truth, not lies. When I did my research project on my beliefs as a Roman Catholic some 27 years ago, I was shocked that most of what I had been taught was a lie. It angered me that almost nothing taught in Catholic school was biblical,

*but only traditions of church fathers. It angered me even more that not only weren't any of these beliefs biblical, but just the opposite, they were steeped in 100% pagan worship, which is strictly condemned throughout the entirety of the Holy Scriptures, Old Testament and New.
(*ibid.* p. 7)*

From what he says in that paragraph, we know the author of those statements believes the Greek New Testament is also "scripture" that is covered by the prohibition against changing or adding to the word of God. That means he—and presumably everyone else who spouts the same nonsense—believes two things: (1) That anyone who does not use the Hebrew name **Yahweh** to refer to God the Father and the (supposedly) Hebrew name **Yahshua** to refer to Jesus Christ the Son has broken the third commandment, and (2) that anyone who adds to or takes away from the Old or New Testament has sinned. The total lack of logic in that yellow streak should be patently obvious to anyone who can see past the end of his nose. But for those who can't, I will point it out as sarcastically as I possibly can.

First, let me show you where—according to this incredibly incoherent belief system—Jesus and the Apostles repeatedly broke the third commandment. If I seem to go on ad nauseum, bear with me; it is only because I find the more ridiculous lies of Satan to be completely nauseating. But to understand what I tell you, you must keep this in mind: The Greek New Testament was written in Greek, not Hebrew. So, in spite of what these over-zealous seven-year-olds might claim regarding their specific yellow streak, the Hebrew terms **YHWH** and **Yehoshua** do not occur *anywhere* in the New Testament. (Yep. You got it. They don't even transliterate Joshua's name accurately.) With that in mind, take a look at these verses:

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry. And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'" Then the devil took Him into the holy city; and he had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God throw Yourself down; for it is written,

'HE WILL GIVE HIS ANGELS CHARGE CONCERNING YOU';

and

'On {their} HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP,
LEST YOU STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.'

Jesus said to him, "On the other hand, it is written, 'YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.'" Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and their glory; and he said to Him, "All these things will I give You, if You fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Begone, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'" (Matthew 4:1-10)

Don't forget what the fellow said. That passage is a part of "the Holy Scriptures" that one cannot add to or take away from. So we cannot remove the generic Greek terms for "god" and "lord" from the text without sinning. Yet there they are in the original Greek text, and there they must remain. But there is nary a mention of *Yahweh* or *Elohim* in the original Greek text, so the only logical conclusion is, Jesus broke the third commandment—five times. That is, He used the generic Greek term for "lord" three times, and the generic Greek term for "god" twice. Oops! He must have forgotten what the third commandment says. But for some reason I don't think so. Not when He also said this:

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, "What do you think about the Christ, whose son is He?" They said to Him, "{The son} of David." He said to them, "Then how does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying,

'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,
'SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,
UNTIL I PUT THINE ENEMIES BENEATH THY FEET'?"

If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his son?" And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day on to ask Him another question. (Matthew 22:41-46)

Now we have an absolute fiasco on our hands! Not only did Jesus sin when He used the generic Greek

term for "lord" to refer to God on that occasion, He even applied that dastardly Greek term to Himself. That will never do! According to the fellow I quoted above, one is supposed to call God "*Yahweh*" and Jesus "*Yahshua*." If that is not done, one has broken the third commandment. But to make matters even worse, when Jesus said those things, He was obviously quoting the Greek Septuagint translation of Psalm 110:1, where both *Elohim* and *YHWH* are translated into Greek with the same hated generic Greek term for "lord." So Jesus must not have known how important it is to always use the correct Hebrew names for Himself and God the Father. For some reason I don't think so, especially since He said this on another occasion:

And He began to speak to them in parables: "A man PLANTED A VINEYARD, AND PUT A WALL AROUND IT, AND DUG A VAT UNDER THE WINE PRESS, AND BUILT A TOWER, and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey. And at the {harvest} time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, in order to receive {some} of the produce of the vineyard from the vine-growers. And they took him, and beat him, and sent him away empty-handed. And again he sent them another slave, and they wounded him in the head, and treated him shamefully. And he sent another, and that one they killed; and {so with} many others, beating some, and killing others. He had one more {to send,} a beloved son; he sent him last {of all} to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But those vine-growers said to one another, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours!' And they took him, and killed him, and threw him out of the vineyard. What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the vine-growers, and will give the vineyard to others. Have you not even read this Scripture:

'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED,
THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER {stone;}
THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD,
AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES'?" (Mark 12:1-11)

It is obvious from that passage that Jesus must have intentionally sinned again. Either that, or He was not aware that Psalm 118:23 actually says "*YHWH*" and not "Lord." But for some reason I don't think so. Especially since He said this later on:

And one of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and

recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?" Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.'" (Mark 12:28–30)

Jesus quoted the last part of Deuteronomy 6:4 and the first part of 6:5 verbatim—from the Greek Septuagint. In so doing, He broke the third commandment no less than *five times*—provided you believe all this "Yahweh"-"Yahshua" nonsense. Either that, or He knew the third commandment does not *mean* what these mentally knock-kneed knuckleheads say it does. But for some reason I don't think either of those two is the case. Especially since Jesus said this later on:

And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book, and found the place where it was written,

**"THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,
BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL
TO THE POOR,
HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES,
AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND,
TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE DOWNTRODDEN,
TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."**

*And He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed upon Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."
(Luke 4:16–21)*

There He goes again, using that dastardly generic Greek term for "lord" instead of "Yahweh." This is absolutely insane! I had no idea that Jesus broke the third commandment over and over again! Up 'til now, I had always been under the impression that He never sinned. As a matter of fact, I thought the Christian doctrine of substitutionary atonement depended on His sinlessness. But I guess I must have misunderstood what Paul *meant* when he wrote this:

He made Him who knew no sin {to be} sin on our

*behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
(2 Corinthians 5:21)*

It is becoming more and more obvious that Jesus either did not know He should never use the generic Greek terms for "lord" and "god," or He was intentionally breaking the third commandment. But for some reason I don't think either of those two options apply. What I tend to believe is this: Satan inspired some netlesome numbskull knucklehead to dredge up a really ridiculous rationale regarding "The Name" of God, and that nimrod was able to convince a whole lot of lazy laggards who lack the logic needed to think rationally. So they "drank the Kool-Aid" that dolt prepared and swallowed a completely illogical lie of Satan. Especially since Jesus said this later on:

*And Jesus said to them, "The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage; for neither can they die anymore, for they are like angels, and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the {passage about the burning} bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now He is not the God of the dead, but of the living; for all live to Him."
(Luke 20:34–38)*

Did you see that? In that one short passage, Jesus once again referred to God the Father by using the generic Greek terms for "lord" and "god" *five times*. Five times! Can you believe it? This is absolutely more evidence than any reasonable person could possibly deny! Jesus Christ was obviously not aware of any requirement that God the Father should always be addressed as "Yahweh" rather than a generic term for "lord." Either that, or He deliberately chose to break the third commandment time and time again! But I can't believe that. That abhorrent belief denies the most fundamental doctrine that one must believe to be a Christian. I can only imagine how loudly Satan must be laughing at those who believe something so asinine.

Now that I have ridiculed this neanderthal nonsense while showing you where Jesus used the generic Greek terms for "god" and "lord" time after time, let

me briefly point out another obvious contradiction that the adherents of this bizarre notion have chosen to overlook: The Apostles and early Believers also used the generic Greek term for “lord” to refer to Jesus, and the generic Greek term for “god” to refer to God. The instances in which that is the case are far too numerous for me to list here, so I will show you just a sampling. Luke says this about John the Baptist’s parents:

And they were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord.
(Luke 1:6)

Isn’t it a shame that Luke wrote that part of “the Holy Scriptures” under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit when he had no idea that he should not use the generic Greek terms for “god” and “lord” to refer to “Elohim” and “Yahweh”? I guess the Holy Spirit must not have gotten the memo. Either that, or He didn’t pass it along to Luke. Maybe He was out of the office that day, or perhaps he just forgot. That may be; you never know. But for some reason I doubt that was the case with the Angel of the Lord who spoke the Word of “the Lord” to Zacharias in the Temple:

And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense. And Zacharias was troubled when he saw {him,} and fear gripped him. But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord, and he will drink no wine or liquor; and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, while yet in his mother’s womb. And he will turn back many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God. And it is he who will go {as a forerunner} before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous; so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”
(Luke 1:11–17)

You tell me, how could the Angel of the Lord be ignorant of the fact that he was not supposed to use the generic Greek terms for “god” and “lord”? He was, after all, *delivering* the Word of the Lord to Zacharias.

But I suppose, if that poor fellow didn’t know any better, how in the world could we expect Peter to know:

“Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—this {Man,} delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put {Him} to death. And God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power. For David says of Him,

‘I WAS ALWAYS BEHOLDING THE LORD IN MY PRESENCE; FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, THAT I MAY NOT BE SHAKEN.’”
(Acts 2:22–25)

Wouldn’t you know it? Peter used the generic Greek terms for “god” and “lord” in every instance. What do you suppose that *means*? Was he ignorant of the fact that he was sinning, or did he break the third commandment intentionally? Or maybe the fellow who came up with all this nonsense about “The Name” got his wires crossed, and his brain short-circuited? Could be. You never know. In cases like this, however, I tend to default in favor of “The Way” Jesus, the Apostles, and the Early Church Fathers did things. They spoke and wrote in the Greek language, and when they referred to God, they always used the generic Greek terms for “god” and “lord.” But I realize the Liar—you know, the abjectly stupid one, the one erroneously called “Satan”—tends to make up ridiculous notions on the fly. And I do believe that I perceive quite a bit of his handiwork in this case.

I could go on and give you a whole boat-load of examples from the writings of Paul and the other Apostles that show they routinely used the generic Greek terms for “lord” and “god” to refer to God the Father and to Jesus Christ; but to tell you the Truth, I’m getting a little bored rebutting such a stupid belief. Yet one last question still remains to be answered: How could any *intelligent* form of life explain the fact that the generic Greek terms for “god” and “lord” are routinely used in the New Testament—you know, in “the Holy Scriptures”—in a way that *supposedly* breaks the third commandment? The answer is, they can’t.

But here’s “the way” an *unintelligent* form of life

would do it: *They add to and take away from the word of the Scriptures.* That is, they mentally take the Greek terms *iesous* ("Jesus"), *kurios* ("lord"), and *theos* ("god") out of the original Greek text New Testament and replace them in their goofy English "translation" with a *transliteration* of the Hebrew terms that they find more to their liking. The problem is, the "translation" of the New Testament that they use sometimes has their beliefs in regard to "The Name" completely reversed. Here are a couple of examples that exhibit that asinine nonsense:

Hebrews 4:9 "Therefore remains the keeping of the Sabbath to the people of Yahweh."
(The Great Falling Away, p. 35)

In that case, the generic Greek term for "god" (*theos*) has been mentally removed from the Greek text, and it has been replaced in their English "translation" with the Hebrew term that is *transliterated* as "*Yahweh*." In light of what the author said in that regard, that is confusing in and of itself, but in the following case, we find a bit more confusion has been added to the mix:

2 Peter 3:8–9 tells us that "a day with Elohim is as a thousand years and a thousand years is as a day."
(The Great Falling Away, p. 37)

In that instance, the generic Greek term for "lord" (*kurios*) has been mentally removed from the Greek text; and it has been replaced with the generic Hebrew term for "god" that is *transliterated* as "*Elohim*." So now I am totally confused. On the basis of the quotes that I showed you earlier, these folks believe the Hebrew *transliteration* "*Yahweh*" is the correct way to "translate" the generic Greek term *kurios* ("lord") into English, and the Hebrew *transliteration* "*Elohim*" is the correct way to "translate" the generic Greek term *theos* ("god"). "Lord" and "God" is, after all, historically the way the two terms have been translated into English. But no, Satan fully intends to make an absolute fool of anyone who clings tightly to this ridiculous belief concerning the "right" way to refer to Jesus Christ and God the Father. Their complete lack of logic can be seen in this passage, which follows the guidelines that were set:

Matt 4:10 "First he rebuked Satan, and said, 'Get thee behind me Satan, for IT IS WRITTEN, thou shalt worship Yahweh thy Elohim, and him only shall thou serve.'"

(The Great Falling Away, p. 80)

That "translation" of "the Holy Scriptures" accurately reflects "the way" these folks claim everyone is supposed to use the two terms that they use to refer to God. That is, the generic Greek term *kurios* ("lord") is supposed to be "translated" as "*Yahweh*," and the generic Greek term *theos* ("god") is supposed to be "translated" as "*Elohim*." The other two verses I showed you don't follow that pattern, and I could give you plenty of other examples from the "translation" they use that reflect this total lack of logic.

The Truth is, nothing about this belief system makes any sense at all. But I suppose, when someone is rather willy-nilly adding to and taking away from the text of "the Holy Scriptures," that person can say anything that suits his fancy; and his hapless followers are expected to blindly follow his lead without question. If that method worked for Jim Jones, the king of all of Satan's Kool-Aid kings, it will surely work for other dimwits whose only goal in life appears to be controlling what others say and do.

Unfortunately, I happen to believe that God (yes, I do use that dastardly term) sent the Lord Jesus Christ (yes, I do use those two dastardly terms as well) because He expects us to use our heads for something other than a hat rack. And I also happen to believe a very simple bit of logic is all that is needed to see Satan already has a strong hold on anyone who changes the text of "the Holy Scriptures" to make it fit their own absurd beliefs.

Editor: Several questions have been submitted to VOE wanting to know if you teach Pre-Tribulation or Post-Tribulation Rapture. One man stated this:

"At the end of your publication called The AntiChrist it is stated that Believers will experience the Great Tribulation. Am I understanding that correctly? I am not sure of the places where people find the belief of a pre-tribulation rapture to escape the tribulation, but I know that is what some believe. I don't know what I believe. I am not familiar enough with The Scriptures to know that yet; what about that? Are there not legitimate scriptures indicating a removal of the Believers before the Great Tribulation? Or what about scriptures indicating a taking up from this earth,

whether it be before or after the tribulation?"

Another person comments:

"Do I err in thinking that Mr. Harper does not believe in the 'rapture'? The preface to 'The AntiChrist,' plus the information on the back outside cover indicate as much to me."

Would you address these questions?

Elijah: I am going to ignore the second question completely because anyone who stands even a wee bit higher than a slug on the scale of intelligence could find the answer to that question by reading the entire booklet rather than just the preface and the back cover. The person who asked the question is obviously not looking for the Truth, so why should I provide it?

I am also going to take a different tack in answering the first question, because the Truth is, it should not matter one whit to anyone but me who I am, what I do or have done, and what I believe about the Rapture. That is because the only thing that anyone should be concerned about here at the End of the Age is whether or not they have an absolutely overpowering love of the Truth. I didn't say that, the Apostle Paul did:

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]—[neither] by [a Spirit] [nor] 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] at [no] [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] [that is called] [a god] [or] [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] [while {I} was] [still] with [you]? And [now] [you are aware of] [the {thing} that is holding fast] [in order for] [him] to be revealed in [his own] [Time]. [For] [The Mystery] of [The Lawlessness] [is] [already] working inside—{which is} [only] [the {one} who is 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] in agreement with [The In-working] of [The Satan] in [all] [Power] and [Signs] and [Wonders]—[Lies]—and in [every] [Deception] of [Unfairness] for [the {ones} who are being done away with] [because] [they did not accept] [The Love] of [The Truth] [in order for] [them] to be saved. And [for this reason] [The {Living} God] [will send] to [them] [an In-working] of [a Deception] [in order for] [them] to believe [The Lie], [so that] [all] of [the {ones} who did] [not] believe [The Truth] [but] [delighted] in [The Unfairness] [would be judged].

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

That passage presents a difficulty for anyone who honestly believes the Scriptures are revelation but does not want to seriously consider the fact that he may already be believing a lie. That is, Paul plainly says God Himself is going to ensure that all of those who do not really want to know the Truth will not know the Truth when Satan appears as the Antichrist. They will instead be firmly locked into believing a lie. So let's pose a simple postulate and say the Rapture is going to occur *after* the Tribulation rather than *before*. Do you really think those who are absolutely certain the Rapture is going to occur before the Antichrist appears would be able to recognize him when he appears? I don't. I think they would still be completely locked into their belief in the lie that tells them they have nothing to worry about. That *means* they would most likely accept the mark of the beast without a second thought.

I must also tell you that Satan, the Liar, has something far more insidious going on in regard to the doctrine known as the "pre-tribulation rapture." But you can find that delusion explained in the booklet titled *Wanna Hear a Whopper?* so I have no need to explain it here. But I would warn anyone who thinks he knows the Truth that he would be better off paying close attention to what Paul says about those who are smugly confident they know what they think they know:

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 Others]. [But] [we must stay awake] and [we must sober up]. [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 sober up], [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

From what Paul says in that passage, it seems self-evident that some folks will know what events are going to happen before the Lord returns, and others—one would assume those who do not have a love of the Truth—will be completely “in the dark,” going about their day-to-day lives without even so much as an inkling that all Hell is about to break loose overhead and they are sitting in a “boat” that will never “float”:

“[For] [indeed, just as] [The Days] of Noah, [The Coming] of [The Son] of [The Man] [will be] [like this]. [For] [as] [they were] [in Those Days]—[the {ones}] before [The Flood]—[munching] and [drinking], [marrying] and [giving in marriage], [up to] [the] Day in [which] Noah [went in] into [The Box], and [they did [not] know] [until] [The Flood] [came] and [took] [everyone]. [The Coming] of [The Son] of [The Man] [will be] [like this].”
 (Matthew 24:37–39) —my interim translation

My point in all this is extremely simple: If someone believes the Second Coming of Jesus Christ is imminent, now is not the time for him to be seeking to confirm his current beliefs instead of seeking to root

out every stinking lie that he believes. To do anything else is to virtually ensure he is going to miss the “boat.”

I have been writing and recording the things that God called me to teach for a little more than twenty years now, so anyone who honestly wants to know the Truth has more than ample opportunity to do so. Those who cannot see the Truth in what I teach will undoubtedly call me “arrogant” for even claiming to know the Truth. For them I have but one question: How could you possibly “know” that what I believe is not true if you are not already convinced that what you believe is true? You couldn’t. So it seems to me that your challenge contains the implicit acknowledgement that my so-called “arrogance” is no different than your own.

Editor: We’ve had several questions sent to us at our VOE website wanting to know more about you. They’ve asked what religion you are affiliated with, what research outside of the Bible inspired the fundamental basis of your belief system, whether you have written other books, and if you have a radio or TV ministry. Also a Monthly Contributor is interested in knowing more about our Outreach program. She asks if VOE reaches out to countries outside of North America. “If not,” she says, “I’m curious to know the significance of that decision in Light of the Teaching.” Would you give some background information about yourself and information on your ministry to answer these questions?

Elijah: The short answer is, everything that anybody needs to know about me can be found in the things I have written and recorded over the past two decades. If those things do not convince them that God called me to do what I am doing, the puffery inherent in attaching a long string of letters to my name is not going to make any difference. But I do find it strange that the visitors to your website are the ones asking the question. That’s the only place where folks can readily learn more about my “qualifications” to do what I am doing.

For those who prefer the CliffsNotes’ version of my “qualifications,” here it is: I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in Classical Greek from Bryan College, a Master of Arts degree in Old Testament Studies from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and a Ph.D. Candidate degree in Near Eastern Studies from the University of California, Berkeley. I taught Hebrew to graduate

students at Trinity, and to undergraduates at the University of California and at a small Christian college in San Francisco.

The *significance* of the three degrees that I have laying around here somewhere can be boiled down to this: I learned how to read the New Testament in the original *Greek* language at Bryan College; I learned how to read the Old Testament in the original *Hebrew* and *Aramaic* languages at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School; and I learned how to read a couple of modern languages and several other ancient Semitic languages at the University of California, Berkeley. Along the way, I picked up a fairly good understanding of the history of the Church and Christian theology. I also learned how to think for myself on the basis of logic and reason rather than just believing anything and everything I heard or read. As a result of my own research into the things I heard taught, I am not now affiliated with any religious organization; and the things that I believe were not “inspired” by anything outside of the Bible.

I have written a slew of books and articles over the past twenty years, but you won’t find me on radio or TV touting the things that I believe. Maybe some day I will, who knows? Right now, I have more than enough to do trying to finalize a “standardized” translation of the New Testament in which every Greek word is translated into just one or two English words (or phrases) rather than several (dozen, in some cases). My goal is to open the Scriptures up so that anyone with a computer can do a word study with a simple click of the mouse. After more than thirty years of work translating the Scriptures, I’m close to finishing the New Testament; and I’m making fairly good progress in the Old Testament.

As far as my ministry and the distribution of materials is concerned, I can only repeat what someone once said: “There is a time for everything.”

Editor: Another subscriber asks if you will explain Matthew 15:21–28, where Jesus addresses the Canaanite woman who has the demon-possessed daughter:

Jesus went away from there, and withdrew into the district of Tyre and Sidon. And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and began to cry out, saying, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed.” But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and

implored Him, saying, “Send her away, because she keeps shouting at us.” But He answered and said, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and began to bow down before Him, saying, “Lord, help me!” And He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” But she said, “Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus said to her, “O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed at once.

The contributor writes, “The woman proved her faith but the word ‘but’ is confusing here. Could Larry explain this one more?” Could this be another difference in translation vs. the original text? What is the meaning and significance of this passage?

Elijah: I assume this question is not in regard to any one *but* in that passage, *but* is instead in regard to the fact that five verses in a row begin with “but.” So I will respond to that. *But* to understand why Matthew wrote his account “the way” he did, you need to know something about the Greek language that you have most likely never been told. That is this: There are two Greek words that are routinely translated as “but.” One of the two (*alla*) is a “strong disjunctive”; the other (*de*) is a “weak disjunctive.”

The “strong disjunctive” (*alla*) always *means* the same thing as the English term *but*. That is why I have standardized it in my translation as “but,” and I indicate that as the standard translation by putting brackets around it. Unfortunately, there is no one such equivalent word in English for the “weak disjunctive” (*de*). Consequently, you will find it in my standardized translation translated variously as “but,” “so,” and “yet,” *but* never in brackets. Knowing that, you should now be able to see from my translation which disjunctive term occurs in this passage:

And [Look!] [A [Canaanite] Woman] from [Those Environs], [after coming out], [was shouting], [saying]: “[Show mercy to] [me], [Your Majesty], [Son] of David. [The Daughter] [I have] {is} [awfully] [demon-possessed].” But [He] [did [not] respond] [a Word] to [her]. And [after [The Disciples] [He had] approached], [they were asking] [Him], [saying], “[You must release] [her], [because] [she is shouting] [from behind] [us].” But*

[He], [in response], [said], “[I was [not] sent] [except] to [The Sheep] of Israel’s [House]—[the {ones} that have been done away with].” **But** [after coming], [she] [was bowing down] to [Him], [saying], “[Your Majesty], [You must help] [me].” **But** [He], [in response], [said], “[It is] [not] [excellent] [to take] [The Loaf of Bread] {belonging to} [The Children] and [throw] {it} to [The Little Dogs].” **But** [she] [said], “[Yes] {it is}, [Your Majesty], [for] [The Little Dogs] also [eat] from [The Scraps]—[the {ones} that fall] from [The Table] of [The Lords] [they have].” [At that time], [in response], [Jesus] [said] to [her], “[O] [Woman], [The Belief] [You have] {is} [great]; [let it be made to happen] to [You] [as] [You want].” And [The Daughter] [she had] [was healed] from [That Hour]. (Matthew 15:22–28) —my interim translation

It is obviously open to question as to whether “but” is the best translation for all the “weak disjunctives” (*de*) in that passage. The reason why Matthew used that term may well be that he was trying to reflect the battle of the wills that was going on between Jesus, the woman, and His disciples. *But* it could also be just a matter of his personal style. Matthew seems to prefer the weak disjunctive *de* even in places where one would expect the simple conjunctive term *kai* (“and/also”). Mark, on the other hand, seems to prefer the simple conjunctive *kai* (“and”) even in places where one would expect the weak disjunctive *de*. Go figure.

Editor: We have a question relating to the Free Booklet we distribute, **In the Image and Likeness of God:**

“On page 23 you refer to the creation of man as being the future reference to the creation of Christ in Genesis 1:27, ‘So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.’ You stop at verse 1:26 as 27 does not fit. Also Genesis 1:1, ‘In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth’/ John 1:1, ‘In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.’ Please explain. Do you feel that Jesus is both male and female? 1st John is not talking about our Lord and Savior. Please explain, as I could not read past page 30.”

Elijah: Questions like this one absolutely astound me. The fellow says he wants me to answer his questions simply because he “could not read past page 30.” Why

not? Did his eyes break? Or maybe his brain froze? He certainly gives indications the latter may be the case when he says “You stop at verse 1:26 as 27 does not fit.” Who says it does not fit? Why, he does, of course! But he says that only because the Truth I explained regarding the Creation Account has eluded him. So he is obviously just as blind as the scribes and Pharisees who were responsible for the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

The reason this fellow can’t see the Truth is because he is holding firmly to the lies he already believes. So he filters everything I wrote through those lies and stupidly says, “You stop at verse 1:26 as 27 does not fit.” The Truth is, Genesis 1:27 fits perfectly. It explains the most astounding thing about God’s plan of salvation. That is, God has *promised* everyone—both “male and female”—precisely the same thing that “*The Man*” Jesus Christ attained through resurrection. God’s *promise* is creation in the very image and likeness of God Himself. And all that anyone has to do is believe *the promise* that this fellow has rejected outright.

The blindness of those who refuse to see the Truth is patently obvious when he says this, “Do you feel that Jesus is both male and female?” My response is, “Yes, as a matter of fact, I do.” But that is only because I am thinking in terms of the same *parabolic imagery* that Paul had in mind when he wrote this:

[The Males]: [You must love] [The Women], [just as] [The Anointed {One}] also [loved] [The **Ekklesia**] and [handed [Himself] over] for [Her] [so that] [He might make [Her] holy]—[having cleansed] {Her} in [The Bath] of [The Water] in [a Statement]—[so that] [He could present] [The [glorious] **Ekklesia**] to [Himself], [not] [having] [a Stain] or [Wrinkle*] or [such {things}], [but] [so that] [She would be] [holy] and [unblemished]. [The Males] [have an obligation] [to love] [their own] [Women] [like this]: [like] [The Bodies] of [themselves]. [The {one} who loves] [his own] [Woman] [loves] [himself]. [For] [nobody] [has [once] hated] [his own] [Flesh]; [but] [he nurtures] and [cherishes] [her], [just as] also [The Anointed {One}] [The **Ekklesia**], [because] [we are] [Members] of [The Body] [He has]: BECAUSE OF [THIS], [A MAN] [WILL LEAVE BEHIND] [THE FATHER] AND [THE MOTHER], AND [BE UNITED WITH] [THE WOMAN] [HE HAS]; AND [THE TWO] [WILL BE] [ONE] IN [FLESH]; [This Mystery] [is] [great], but [I] [am speaking] with reference to [an Anointing] and [The **Ekklesia**]. (Ephesians 5:25–32) —my interim translation ■

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the temple which is at Jerusalem was constructed for those purposes which I have already mentioned; in which [temple] the enemy shall sit, endeavouring to show himself as Christ, as the Lord also declares: "But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, which has been spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let him that readeth understand), then let those who are in Judea flee into the mountains; and he who is upon the house-top, let him not come down to take anything out of his house: for there shall then be great hardship, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall be." ...

Of whom also the Apostle Paul again, speaking in the second [Epistle] to the Thessalonians, and at the same time proclaiming the cause of his advent, thus says: "And then shall the wicked one be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus shall slay with the spirit of His mouth, and destroy by the presence of His coming; whose coming [i.e., the wicked one's] is after the working of Satan, in all power, and signs, and portents of lies, and with all deceivableness of wickedness for those who perish; because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And therefore God will send them the working of error, that they may believe a lie; that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but gave consent to iniquity."

4. The Lord also spoke as follows to those who did not believe in Him: "I have come in my Father's name, and ye have not received Me: when another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive," calling Antichrist "the other," because he is alienated from the Lord.

Irenaeus, "Against Heresies," Book 5, Chap. xxv, in Roberts and Donaldson (Eds.), *The Ante-Nicene Fathers* (1867), Vol. 1, pp. 553-554.

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