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The Truth Is Only Hidden if You Don't Want to Know

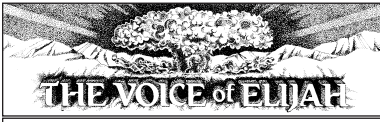
For as Deuteronomy is called, as it were, the second law, which to some will appear to convey this signification, that when the first law which was given through Moses had come to an end, so a second legislation seems to have been enacted, which was specially transmitted by Moses to his successor Joshua, who is certainly believed to embody a type of our Saviour, by whose second law—that is, the precepts of the Gospel—all things are brought to perfection.

25. We have to see, however, whether this deeper meaning may not perhaps be indicated, viz., that as in Deuteronomy the legislation is made known with greater clearness and distinctness than in those books which were first written, so also by that advent of the Saviour which He accomplished in His state of humiliation, when He assumed the form of a servant, that more celebrated and renowned second advent in the glory of His Father may not be pointed out, and in it the types of Deuteronomy may be fulfilled, when in the kingdom of heaven all the saints shall live according to the laws of the everlasting Gospel; and as in His coming now He fulfilled that law which has a shadow of good things to come, so also by that (future) glorious advent will be fulfilled and brought to perfection the shadows of the present advent.

For thus spake the prophet regarding it: “The breath of our countenance, Christ the Lord, to whom we said, that under Thy shadow we shall live among the nations;” at the time, viz., when He will more worthily transfer all the saints from a temporal to an everlasting Gospel, according to the designation, employed by John in the Apocalypse, of “an everlasting Gospel.”

26. But let it be sufficient for us in all these matters to adapt our understanding to the rule of religion, and so to think of the words of the Holy Spirit as not to deem the language the ornate composition of feeble human eloquence, but to hold, according to the scriptural statement, that “all the glory of the King is within,” and that the treasure of divine meaning is enclosed within the frail vessel of the common letter. And if any curious reader were still to ask

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A Note From the Editor

I hesitate to write anything for this column that will delay your reading “Satan’s ‘House’ Is Beginning to Collapse”—it’s just *that* interesting. I’ve read through the article a handful of times, and I still feel like I’m just scratching the surface. You won’t hurt my feelings one little bit if you stop right here and dive in. I would too! Grab a highlighter; you will likely need one.

For those of you who are interested in reading the Book of Revelation—with understanding—you’ve hit the mother lode, my friends. Here’s what we are given in this issue: Larry has devoted this month’s article to a summary of the Book of Revelation, and he has even gone beyond doing that. He’s provided a roadmap of how Revelation should be read in order to understand what John is telling us (see “How to Read the Book of Revelation” beginning on page 18). I didn’t know we needed a roadmap, but it is quite obvious that we do! Who knew? I can’t help but think of John much the same as I do Moses now, telling you things without exactly saying them. That ol’ sleight of hand thing. Anyone who treats this issue as a quick read, should seriously question why they are here. It’s going to take some serious time just to read all of the references provided. Absorbing the significance? That’s another thing altogether.

You will find excerpts from Larry’s previous summaries of Revelation pulled from articles in *The Voice of Elijah*® newsletter from the following months: January 2012, April 2012, July 2012, October 2012, January 2013, and April 2013. If you don’t own a copy of Harper’s Standardized Study Bible, New Testament, Larry’s 2012/2013 interim translation of Revelation is available to you in these issues. Also included in this article are brief summaries of the first six seals: “The House,” “The Way,” “The Light,” “The Name,” “The Woman,” and “The Lamp.” All of the excerpted passages regarding the seals were originally printed in the April 2012 issue of *The Voice of Elijah*®.

While I was proofreading this article, I was marking the content that I want to ensure to transfer to my personal Verse Notes and Subject Notes (eventually in the HSSB App, but currently in *theWord*® Bible software). In so doing, I realized several trigger words/phrases that I always highlight. When they pop up, I take special notice. Here are some of the red flags that this issue contains:

Best not to ignore
Don’t forget (big red flag)
Essential bit of insight (another big red flag)
Here is a bit of insight
I remind you (This must be important if I’m being reminded.)
It’s important
I’ve repeatedly told you (repeatedly? It’s important!)
Keep this in mind
Know/don’t know the significance of
My/His/the point is

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*The Truth is
Things to note
To understand the Truth
Pay attention
Remember that
Without that bit of information
You need to know*

Just one look at the above list and you can see that there is a lot of important information being presented:

*Pay attention
Remember
To understand
Know the significance
It's important*

Need I say more? I don't know about you, but those trigger words perk up my ears and get me reaching for a highlighter. As an aside: It is not by coincidence that you will find a lot of the above phrases included in the social media posts that the VOE and Elijah Project teams produce for online outreach. We have purposely chosen a few of the above to use as themed posts to impress upon people that we are conveying important information. We're hopeful that those who are seeking the Truth have their interest piqued enough to read on.

Back to this issue: Take special note of page 21, "How to Read the Book of Revelation." It provides a diagram of the information provided in "How to Read the Book of Revelation" on pages 18–19. From there Larry provides his interim translation of Daniel 9, Daniel 7, Daniel 12, Jeremiah 1:1–10, and last but NOT least, Jeremiah 25 ... all with commentary. These few pages alone should keep you busy for a good long time.

If you've been paying attention, you know what God expects. Time is getting shorter by the day. For now, consider this:

Until now, God has been merciful in accepting a rudimentary understanding of the Truth the Church

walked away from some eighteen hundred years ago. That situation will not be the case much longer. Our generation will soon become the victim of Satan's most ingenious deception. Without a complete knowledge of the same Truth the Early Church knew and believed, you will not escape falling into Satan's snare. God called me to provide you the Truth you need to know to avoid his deception. Believe it if you care to ...

The Voice of Elijah® Update, June 1995, p. 14

It is not enough for just a few Believers to strive for a complete understanding of the Truth. All Believers are supposed to do so—together. Only then will the Church be what God expects it to be at the Second Coming of Christ.

The Voice of Elijah® Update, November 2003, p. 14

(Matthew 24:1–44) The point of what Jesus says in that passage can be put succinctly this way: Those who don't understand and believe the Truth of The Teaching at the End of the Age will not realize what is happening until it is too late for them to escape their fate. But those who do understand and believe the Truth need to be extremely careful that they are not being deceived by one of Satan's many lies. Therefore, Jesus slyly alludes to the fact that, just to make sure True Believers are not deceived, God is going to call someone to provide them the parabolic "food" they will need to endure to the End of the Age. The question is: (Matthew 24:45–51).

The Voice of Elijah®, April 2009, pp. 9–10

So when those white-hot clouds of the nuclear holocaust reveal Jesus Christ in the full fury of His awesome power, you will have no excuse for not preparing in advance. You should have known, and would have known, if you had wanted to know the Truth.

The Voice of Elijah® Update, December 2018, p. 14

Are you paying attention?

In Him,

Marcia Harper

Satan's "House" Is Beginning to Collapse

A reader sent in the following question, asking for a response in the "Questions & Answers" column:

"Will the two witnesses of Revelation 11 preach during the first half or the last half of the 70th week of Daniel (7 years)?"

After considering everything I would have to explain to provide an adequate response to that question, I decided to dedicate the entirety of this newsletter to providing nothing more than the bare essentials. There are a whole lot of things that one needs to know about the biblical Books of Daniel, Jeremiah, and Revelation before it is possible to get anywhere near the Truth and understand how those books relate to one another. Therefore, I am only able to provide a brief explanation of a few things that True Believers need to know to understand the message of the Book of Revelation.

I have already explained some things in that regard, but now I am also going to explain things you need to know—to be specific, things you need to know about the structure of the Book of Revelation. So, just to bring newcomers up to speed, I am going to quote what I wrote for previous issues of this newsletter. Those of you who have been reading along for a while may remember I spent the entire year of 2012 and most of 2013 commenting on the contents of the Book of Revelation. I did that because I was translating the book at the time. In my comments, I referred back to things I had written in earlier issues of this newsletter and *The Voice of Elijah*® *Update*. Let me show you what I said. Beginning in the January 2012 issue of *The Voice of Elijah*® newsletter, I wrote the following:

January 2012

Revelation 1—Commentary

In the first chapter of the Book of Revelation, John is focused on first explaining the purpose of the things that he saw in a vision and then defining a few of the parabolic images he is going to mention later on in the book. So I will briefly explain what you need to know about those two things and then move on. John succinctly states the purpose of the Book of Revelation in the third verse. ...

That verse reflects circumstances in the Early Church in which a local church would most likely have only one copy of the various books of the Bible. Therefore, one person would read the text and the other members of the congregation would listen. Now that a variety of translations of the Scriptures are available to anyone who can read, the important thing to remember is this: One must first "hear" what the text says and then understand why it was said. But he must also "keep" those things in mind.

I am going to tell you a few things about what the text is saying and why. Then it's up to you to read the text for yourself so that you can "keep" those things in mind. It is entirely your choice as to whether you want to believe that what I tell you is true. God did not call me to convince; He called me to explain. I am well aware of the fact that He is going to hold me responsible for what I believe; I'll let you take a wild guess as to who might be responsible for what you believe.

A parabolic image you need to "keep" in mind when you read the Book of Revelation is the one in which Jesus Christ is the Living Word of God. That Living Word is a "fire" that exists in the fifth dimension of this Creation as parabolic Light. But that parabolic Light has also been hidden in the Hebrew Scriptures as a dead written

Word that comes to life as a "burning" spoken Word in the one who understands and believes the meaning and significance of the seven sealed messages the Prophets hid in the Hebrew Scriptures. That is the parabolic imagery Paul had in mind when he wrote about the effect his teaching had on those who actually believed the things he gained by revelation [2 Corinthians 3:1–18]. ...

Here is a quick summary of what Paul says in ... [2 Corinthians 3:1–18]: He explains that by teaching The Apostolic Teaching, which is "The parabolic Light" of the Glory of the resurrected Body of Christ—the Living Word of God—he was "inscribing" the Truth of that Living Word on the "hearts" of those who heard and believed it. As a consequence, those Believers were being transformed into the image and likeness of the Living Word of God that they heard and believed. That is, they were being created in the image and likeness of God in accordance with **what was promised in the promise** that God made to Adam and Eve when He booted them out of the Garden of Eden. (See *The Inheritance of the Believer*, Volume 1.)

To fully understand what Paul has in mind regarding the parabolic pantomime in which Moses covered his face, you need to know that the Living Word he preached—and I have been called to restore—is the "face" of Christ that will replace the "face" of Adam that all the descendants of Adam now bear. That replacement will occur when the "face" of Adam is "abolished" by "the burning" of The Harlot at the End of the Age. And, in case you didn't notice, that brings us right back to what John says about The Harlot in the Book of Revelation. He is going to tell you how to avoid the fate of those who dearly do love the "face" of Adam they "carry." So as not to steal his thunder, I will merely tell you that you first have to have a love for the "fire" that emits "The parabolic Light" of the Glory of the Living Word of God. That's where the parabolic images of the seven "stars" and the seven "lampstands" come in.

I assume you are aware that the sun is nothing but a star. Like all the other stars in the universe, it "sheds" its small share of "The literal Light" that fills the universe. That's why the seven messengers of the Lord are parabolically depicted as "stars." Those seven messengers have been appointed to "carry" the seven sealed messages that make up the Glory of "The parabolic Light" of the Living Word of God. The Glory they "carry" is the same image and likeness of the Living Word of God that all True Believers will "carry" after they are resurrected in the

image and likeness of Jesus Christ. That's why Paul says [what he says] ... about the Resurrection of the Righteous [in 1 Corinthians 15:35–50].

Don't misunderstand what I am saying: Those who love the Truth of the Living Word of God are going to live forever in the "fire" of the Truth that provides "The parabolic Light" of the Glory of that Living Word. John tells us seven messengers have been appointed to "carry" that Living Word. In that, they are parabolically LIKE stars. But that is just the beginning of the parabolic imagery related to the seven messages those messengers have been appointed to "carry." John also tells us the seven churches are seven "lampstands" that have been appointed to "shed" "The parabolic Light" of the Glory of the Living Word of God on the Earth.

Something you may not know about the seven "lampstands" that John mentions is this: The Greek term he uses (**luchnia**) is the same Greek term that the translators of the Septuagint used to translate the Hebrew term (**menorah**) that refers to the "lampstand" described in [Exodus 25:31–40]

The first thing you should notice about the lampstand described in [Exodus 25:31–40] ... is this: It depicts a tree. To be specific, it depicts an almond tree. That much is obvious. But "The Way" Moses phrased the passage is so cryptic that he leaves you shaking your head, not only wondering exactly what he says, but also why he says it. The Truth is, he made the passage intentionally cryptic because he is hiding the fact that seven of the "pitchers" he mentions are actually the seven oil "lamps" that sit atop the seven "stems." If you wonder why I say that, just envision Aladdin's lamp, then go and look at the pictures of ancient oil lamps that are readily available on the internet. But you don't even have to do that; I'll tell you precisely what you will find. Every last one of them is a little pitcher; and from the burn marks on them, it is clear the wick of each lamp hung out the spout of the pitcher. The oil in them was refilled through a hole in the top.

But here's the catch to what I just told you: If the seven oil "lamps" sitting on top of the seven "stems" of the lampstand are actually seven "pitchers," then the text can only be telling us there were four "lamps" further down on the "stems" of the lampstand that were never lit. That is why Moses is being intentionally cryptic. One has to understand the meaning and significance of the seven "lamps" that were lit before one can understand the meaning and significance of the four "lamps" that were never lit. While you ponder that bit of information,

I'll show you another passage where Moses describes the same thing [Exodus 37:17–24].

To understand the parabolic significance of the lampstand in the Tabernacle, you need to know that each of the seven lamps on the lampstand represents one of the seven "sealed" messages the Prophets hid in the Hebrew Scriptures. So the essential bit of insight you need to take away from the first chapter of the Book of Revelation is this: "The parabolic Light" emitted by the seven parabolic "lamps" on the parabolic "lampstands" of the seven churches was "The parabolic Light" in the seven sealed messages of The Apostolic Teaching. That same information was "carried" by the seven messengers who are parabolically depicted as "stars" that emit "The parabolic Light" of the Living Word of God.

But get this: The seven churches (**ekklesias**) are parabolically depicted as seven "lampstands" because each of them was a separate and distinct repository of the Church's insight into the seven sealed messages in The Apostolic Teaching that the Apostles **handed down** to the Church. The point is, the mission of each local church was to be parabolically LIKE a **menorah**, "shedding" "The parabolic Light" of the Living Word of God on the inhabitants of Planet Earth. Keep that in mind when you read Jesus' warning that He might move a "lampstand" out of its place. He eventually did exactly what He warned them He might do.

Revelation 2—Commentary

As you read the text of this chapter and the next, you need to "keep" in mind the fact that the Church that exists today is a far cry from the Church the Living Word of God intended it to be. Take the practice of excommunication, for example. The Truth is, the Apostles established local churches (**ekklesias**) that were supposed to govern themselves and maintain the holiness of the Corporate Body of Jesus Christ by "cutting off" anyone who proved to be a source of contamination to The Apostolic Teaching. That is, each local congregation was considered to be "one" Person—just like Corporate Israel in the Old Testament—Who would be contaminated by the sins of the individual members. Therefore, the leaders of the local churches were supposed to use excommunication to preserve the holiness of the Corporate Body of Jesus Christ by "cutting off" Pretenders who said one thing and did another.

Today, the leaders of the Protestant Church consider the practice of excommunication to be anathema, completely contrary to their hokey view of "Christian" love.

Consequently, they don't even try to keep Pretenders out. As a matter of fact, they invite them to come in and sit down right up front with nary a mention of the need for repentance and belief in the Gospel! Even the Roman Catholic Church has given up the practice of excommunication, unless I have somehow failed to read the tea leaves correctly. I mean, when the leaders of the Church cover up the sins of priests who molest children, rather than immediately showing them the door, that fact seems fairly self-evident.

By what He says in this chapter and the next, Jesus is indicting the seven local churches because they have all, in one way or another, failed to keep out Pretenders who pose a threat to The Apostolic Teaching. But my point is, when He is speaking to the local church as the Corporate Body of Jesus Christ, He uses the singular form of the noun, verb, and personal pronoun. When He is addressing the individuals within the Corporate Body, He uses the plural form. ...

If you read the text of this chapter and the next with the Corporate nature of the Body of Jesus Christ in mind, you will find that even when Jesus doesn't hold out much hope for the continued existence of the local churches as the Corporate Body of Christ, He does offer hope for the individual members of the Body of Christ. Remember that; it's important. Just as Jesus warned, the Corporate Body of Christ no longer exists as a distinct entity in any one location. But the individual members of the Body of Christ do. ...

So now that you know the dire warnings in the second and third chapters of the Book of Revelation are directed at the Corporate Body of Jesus Christ in each local church because it has failed to accomplish the specific task it had been assigned, perhaps you can better appreciate what Jesus says to the individual Believer.

Revelation 3—Commentary

It should be obvious to anyone with half a brain and one eye open that Jesus held out no hope at all that the local churches would accomplish their assigned task of protecting and preserving The Apostolic Teaching that had been **handed down** to them by the Apostles. At the same time, however, He does offer hope to the individual Believer. So let me put what He says in perspective.

The local churches, which are each considered to be a self-contained replica of the Corporate Body of Jesus Christ, have obviously failed to accomplish the task they

were assigned. That should be self-evident to anyone who is willing to face reality. Local churches are today nothing more than social clubs, "Christian" in name only. There is, in fact, no local church that is not completely overrun by Pretenders who have no interest at all in knowing the Truth. Am I saying you should not attend a local church? By no means. You rub shoulders (an idiom) with Pretenders every time you go to the supermarket, so why would you fear contact with them in a local church?

Let me ask you a few questions: Do you feel you are somehow superior to those who go to church simply because you now know the Truth? Or maybe you feel your pharisaic "holiness" might somehow be contaminated by associating with those "sinners"? Do I need to remind you that the Apostles continued to attend the local synagogue even after they **received the promise** on the Day of Pentecost? My point is, if anyone feels like attending a local church, they should by all means do so. But if they do so thinking that local church is in any way, shape, or form the Corporate Body of Christ that God intended it to be, they should probably check their inbox; they undoubtedly have another think coming.

The Truth is, the warnings directed at the local churches in the Book of Revelation apply to any local church that holds itself out to be a gathering of True Believers. Every local church has failed to do what is necessary to protect and preserve the Truth that was **handed down** to the Church in The Apostolic Teaching. But the point that Jesus makes in what He told John about the failure of the local churches is this: Every True Believer, as one individual Believer, still has hope, in spite of the failure of the local churches. ...

The point of what John says in the first three chapters of the Book of Revelation is this: When it comes time for the current Age to come to an end, individual Believers will be on their own. But woe be unto any dimwitted dimlight who seeks to hide from the Truth by desperately clinging to the absolutely horrific caricature found in any corporate body he mistakenly assumes to be the Corporate Body of Jesus Christ. He will undoubtedly be sorely disappointed when he discovers his mistake far too late to do anything about it. As Jesus said, "Let the one who has an ear hear."

Revelation 4—Commentary

John plainly tells us the things he describes in this chapter are what "the voice" told him "has to happen after

these things." But if you want to understand the things that he describes parabolically, you need to pay attention to [Revelation 4:5]. ...

You most likely didn't know the Living Word of God has seven distinct "Spirits." That's because the mind-set of this generation in regard to what a "spirit" is does not correspond at all to what the ancient Greeks thought in that regard. It doesn't help that translators have not paid attention to the fact that the biblical text sometimes says "a Holy Spirit" instead of "the Holy Spirit." The biblical text says that because the Apostles knew the Living Word of God is made up of seven distinct "Spirits" that are, in fact, One and the same "Spirit." But even knowing those things, it is impossible to understand the Truth until you realize a "Spirit" is just another parabolic image that describes a reality you have no other "way" of understanding.

To understand the Truth, you need to know the seven parabolic "lanterns" mentioned in [Revelation 4:5] ... are the heavenly originals on which Moses patterned the seven "lamps" on the "lampstand" in the Tabernacle. I have already told you those seven "lamps" parabolically represent the seven "sealed" messages in The Apostolic Teaching. I have also told you that insight into those seven "sealed" messages made the seven churches seven parabolic "lampstands" that were supposed to "shed" "The parabolic Light" of the Truth of The Apostolic Teaching on the inhabitants of this parabolically "dark" world. ...

The seven "Spirits" of the Living Word of God are also an integral part of a "little lamb" that was slaughtered. There's not much doubt as to Who that "Little Lamb" is. Just "keep" in mind the fact that, first and foremost, Jesus Christ is the Living Word of God that He believes. ... He is the same Living Word of God that can be found in the seven "sealed" messages hidden in the Hebrew Scriptures. But I'm getting ahead of myself; I should probably let John tell you about those.

Revelation 5—Commentary

I have not been shy about telling you this chapter has to do with the reason why God called me to do what I am doing. I have also told you it is describing the "opening" of the seven parabolic "seals" that the Prophets placed on the seven messages hidden in the Hebrew Scriptures. They placed those seven "seals" on the things they wrote so that what they wrote could only be understood if it was explained by someone who actually had insight into what

they wrote. Jesus Christ had that insight, and He revealed the meaning and significance of the things the Prophets wrote to His disciples. He then told them to **hand** that information **down** to the Church as an oral tradition. I call that oral tradition The Apostolic Teaching.

I have repeatedly told you the Church failed to carry out its assigned task. In **The Voice of Elijah® Update**, I have even been showing you how that happened. But the real tragedy in the Church's loss of The Apostolic Teaching is the fact that, down through the centuries, the Hebrew Scriptures have remained "sealed." That is, it has been impossible for anyone to read and understand them without first hearing an explanation of the meaning and significance of the things found there. That sad situation has existed because the leaders of the Church lost an understanding of those things fairly early on. Unfortunately, that has not stopped loudmouth intellectual bozos from speculating as to what they think the Hebrew Scriptures are saying.

Now that the End of the Age is almost upon us, Jesus Christ, the "Little Lamb" Who was slaughtered, is finally "opening" the Hebrew Scriptures so that anyone who really wants to know the Truth can understand them. Pay attention now: I said, "Jesus Christ, the 'Little Lamb' Who was slaughtered, is finally 'opening' the Hebrew Scriptures so that anyone who really wants to know the Truth can understand them." That does not mean every ridiculous interpretation that any Tom, Dick, or Harry wants to attribute to the Hebrew Scriptures is true. It merely means I am nobody special. I was called to restore The Apostolic Teaching. But to do that, I am doing nothing more than anyone else with the appropriate skills could do—if they really wanted to know the Truth. The problem is, those who have the skills necessary to do what I am doing have a vested interest in not knowing the Truth when it disagrees with the dumb doctrines they have already decided to believe.

I would hope that by now, if you are one of those who can "see" the Truth in the things I have already explained about **the promise, the inheritance of the promise, and Jesus Christ as Corporate Israel, the Heir of the promise**, that Truth would convince you God called me to do what I am doing. Either that, or you are so stupid you think I must be a "genius" who somehow "figured out" all those things on my own. But, I suppose, all things being relative, even a moron would appear to be a genius in the eyes of an idiot. The Truth is, I just listen to the biblical text and do my

best to understand what the Living Word hidden there has to say. Just "keep" this in mind: The things I have been called to explain are a litmus test designed to determine whether a person has a love for the Truth ... [2 Thessalonians 2:1–15].

Let me make this simple for the more addlepated among us: When you read what I write, you have one of two choices. You can either choose to believe it is true, or you can choose to believe it is a lie. If it is a lie, you're home free. No problem. But if it is the Truth, you have a big problem, a problem much bigger than you could ever imagine. That's because the One Who stands behind the things I am explaining is a whole lot bigger than your over-inflated ego ever could be. So go ahead and reject the Truth if you are so confident in your own intellectual abilities. We'll both see where it gets you. Oh! I forgot. You won't be "seeing" anything where you are going. It's "dark" "outside" "The Light." But if you reject the Truth, that's where you chose to be; so you won't be able to blame anybody but yourself then.

Revelation 6—Commentary

The thing to remember about the "opening" of each of the seven "seals" described in this chapter is this: The events described begin with the "opening" of the "seal," but they do not end when the next "seal" is "opened." That is, the "opening" of a "seal" merely signals the beginning of a series of events, nothing more. Those events may well take decades to be completed. That is obvious from the events associated with the "opening" of the first "seal" [in Revelation 6:1–2]. ...

That [passage] is describing an event that began in April 1974, and has not yet been completed. At that time, the first "seal" was "opened," and the Living Word of God began to come out of His hiding place in the Hebrew Scriptures. I've explained what happened at that time in various other places over the years, so I won't go into it here. It is enough to know that the Living Word of God has continued to come out of His hiding place over the years since that time. He will continue to do so until the time described in [Revelation 10:1–7]. ...

In that passage, the "little scroll that had been opened" is the Hebrew Scriptures, which will have had all seven "seals" "opened" by that time. What that means is this: My work in translating and explaining the Scriptures will be finished, and "The Mystery of the Living God" will be readily available for anyone who is interested in knowing the Truth. You can believe that if you care to;

disbelieve it if you dare to; it makes no difference to me one way or the other. I'm just doing what God called me to do.

In case you hadn't yet noticed, I said nothing about the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders that were first mentioned in Chapter 4. That wasn't an oversight on my part. I was just checking to see if you would notice. Now that I've brought it up, I will merely point out the fact that each of the four living creatures gets his turn to say "Come!" as each of the first four "seals" are "opened." The significance of that lies in the fact that those four living creatures "carry" the four parabolic "faces" of the Living Word of God. If you are interested, you can find a much more interesting description of them in the first few chapters of the Book of Ezekiel. Here is what you will find there: They "carry" the Glory of the Living Word of God.

The reason each of the four living creatures "opens" one of the first four "seals" in turn has to do with the fact that the four messages "sealed" behind those four "seals" describe Who the Living Word of God is. That is, they each describe a different facet of the Living Word of God. I realize that some pea-brained slow wit is going to accuse me of polytheism or some such nonsense. The Truth is, the Living Word of God does not have even one "face," much less four of them. Neither does He have "hands," "feet," or a "heart." The statements in the Scriptures regarding those things are parabolic in nature. But take a moment to think about it: Where would you look if you really wanted to get to know who someone is? Case closed.

Here is a quick rundown of the year in which each of the first six "seals" was "opened," along with the title and a brief summary of the message hidden behind that "seal":

1974—The House: "The House" message is concerned with how Jesus Christ became "The House" of Israel—that is, Corporate Israel, **the Heir of the promise**. It tracks **the promise** down through the various genealogies in the Hebrew Scriptures to show how Jesus Christ ended up in possession of **the promise** after all the Jews were "cut off from" Corporate Israel. The single most important outcropping of this message is 2 Samuel 7, where Jeremiah tells us Nathan used three different Hebrew idioms to promise David that God would "build a house," "raise up a seed," and "make a name" for him through the Virgin Mary. I have explained this message in various ways, initially in Not All Israel Is Israel.

1981—The Way: "The Way" message is based on the parabolic imagery related to the Hebrew idiom "walk in The Way." It explains how this present world IS LIKE the underworld from which one can only escape by "walking in The Way" that is described in the seven "sealed" messages hidden in the Hebrew Scriptures. The message surfaces first in the Exodus and is also mentioned in Isaiah 35 and 40, and remains as an undercurrent in Isaiah 41–66. It is explained much more fully in the Book of Proverbs. I have explained the parabolic imagery in The Passover Parable and gone into somewhat more depth in The Way, The Truth, The Life.

1988—The Light: "The Light" message is based on the parabolic imagery related to a Hebrew verb that means "to be light/enlightened" and "to shed light." It builds on the message concerning "The Way" by explaining how the Truth of the seven messages hidden in the Hebrew Scriptures IS parabolically LIKE "The Light" of the Glory of the Living Word of God that illuminates "The Way" for those who are "walking in The Way." The connection between the two messages is summed up in [Psalm 119:105]. ...

1994—The Name: "The Name" message is based on the parabolic imagery related to the Hebrew idiom "carry a name." It takes "The House" message one step further by explaining the significance of a man "carrying The Name" for "The House" of a dead man. It focuses specifically on "The House" of the man named Israel—that is, Corporate Israel. I have touched on this message in various ways over the years since 1994.

2000—The Woman: The message concerning "The Woman" is based on all the idioms related to the Canaanite **zonah** ritual that was practiced by the women of ancient Israel. It plays on the fact that Corporate Israel IS LIKE one of those women, who played the role of a "virgin" in the sacred **zonah** ritual in spite of the fact that they were sacred prostitutes. It explains how God "took" "The Woman" to "raise up a name" Who would "carry The Name" of both Adam and God. For some time now, I have been explaining what Isaiah says about "The Woman." You can find what I have said in **The Voice of Elijah® Update**.

2006—The Lamp: This message is based on a parabolic image in which every person has a "lamp" within them.

That "lamp" is able to contain the "oil" of the Living Word of God. I have yet to understand its origin.

("What's So Special About the Number Seven?" **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, pp. 3–18)

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

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. ...

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. ... 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. ...

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." ...

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 mind-set 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**®. ...

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." ...

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. ...

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. ...

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. ...

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; "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; and "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. ...

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 [April 2012], 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 [Matthew 7:21–27]. ...

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. ...

[Revelation 6:12–17] 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—Commentary

[This chapter] 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 [of the Age]. ...

Paul's point [in Ephesians 1:1–23] 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—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. ...

[Revelation 8:10–11] is referring to events that occur when Satan—the "star" called "wormwood"—is cast out of Heaven and makes his appearance as the Antichrist. ... 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 [in Deuteronomy 29:14–21]. ...

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. ...

The Truth is, the angry God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob has not changed one whit from the Person He was back then. ... 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 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 [Galatians 1:6–12] 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. ...

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 [Jeremiah 9:13–15]—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 [in 2 Thessalonians 2:1–12]. ...

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 [in Jeremiah 23:14–15]. ...

"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" [as described in Revelation 14:9–10] contains a whole lot more than the usual dose of "wormwood." "The Cup" that is mentioned in ... [Revelation 14:9–10] is the same "Cup" you find mentioned in [Revelation 18:4–8]. ...

*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—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 [according to Daniel 12:1]. ...

I have been thinking about that "time of distress that hasn't been seen since there was a nation until that time" [Daniel 12:1] 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 [in John 8:31–32]. ...

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."

("If Only He Had Said, 'Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!'" **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2012, pp. 1–18)

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Revelation 11—Commentary

It is all too easy to overlook the fact that the focus of Revelation 11 is actually on "The Sanctuary" of the Living God that stands in Heaven and the "opening" of that sacred complex so that "The Box" that contains "The Testament" of Jesus Christ can be "seen" by those who have a love for the Truth that is found therein. That is the case simply because John spends most of the chapter describing

events that occur "outside" "The Sanctuary," in the parabolic "Courtyard" that will be "trampled" by the Gentiles during the last few years of this Age. As you may already be aware, John is describing events that occur during the three and a half years that immediately precede the reign of the Antichrist. That is confirmed by what the Early Church Father Hippolytus says about the connection between Daniel 11–12 and Revelation 11 [The Advent of Christ and AntiChrist, pp. 131–132]. ...

I'll let you decide whether you want to believe what Hippolytus says in regard to Revelation 11 and the Book of Daniel. It is not my calling to convince anyone that what I tell you is true; I am merely here to inform those who sincerely want to know the Truth in regard to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. If the possibility of that event happening anytime soon is not of any great concern to you, you should probably move on and find something that is more meaningful to you. Continuing to hear and reject the Truth that I have been called to explain will do nothing for you but increase the downside of that unhappy experience for you. I wouldn't want that to happen to anyone, especially one who is obviously as "bright" as you are.

The seventh "seal" that the Prophets of Israel placed on the Hebrew Scriptures has been, or soon will be, "opened." From that point on, as each of the seven messengers sounds his parabolic trumpet, you can expect the circumstances here on Planet Earth to become increasingly inhospitable to everyone, but especially to those who strive to hold on to the Truth during that final three and a half years. In case you were not already aware of the significance of the seventh messenger sounding the final trumpet, let me point it out for you. Take a look at what Paul says [in 1 Corinthians 15:35–55]. ... Now, I realize one should never base a belief on just one passage of Scripture; therefore, you [also] might want to take a look at [1 Thessalonians 4:13–18] ... as well. It says somewhat the same thing. ...

Moses and the other Prophets of Israel have quite a few things to say about that parabolic final "trumpet," but I can explain those things some other time. I just want to show you two passages where you might not suspect Isaiah is talking about the Second Coming. [The first is Isaiah 18:1–7]. ...

Like everything else the Prophets say, you have to know what Isaiah is talking about [in Isaiah 18:1–7] before you can understand what he says. He is merely using the parabolic imagery related to Corporate Israel as a "vineyard" and the members of Corporate Israel as

"vines" in that "vineyard" to explain the fate that awaits the "vines" who are going to be caught completely off guard at the End of the Age. His point is, before the raising of the "ensign" and the sounding of the "trumpet" that ends the "harvest," some dilatory folks are going to be refused an opportunity to become fully mature. That is, they are going to be "cut off" from the "vineyard" of Corporate Israel just as Jesus states in [John 15:1–8]. ... Isaiah talks about the same "vineyard" in Isaiah 27, where he again mentions the sounding of the parabolic "trumpet" that signals the End of the Age. ...

The link that connects Isaiah 27 to Revelation 12 is the Greek word **drakon**, for which translators normally just use the English transliteration "dragon." I haven't done that simply because the Truth is, John uses the Greek term **drakon** in Revelation 12 to refer his reader back to what Moses and the other Prophets of Israel said about the **drakon** that Isaiah mentions in [Isaiah 27].... But to know why I say that, you first need to know that the translators of the Septuagint used the Greek term **drakon** to translate the Hebrew term **tannin**; and the significance of that lies in knowing the mythical "sea serpent" called "Leviathan" was a **tannin** described as having seven heads. The Canaanites mention that frightening creature in a myth that tells how Baal came riding on the clouds, bringing the "rain," after overcoming the gods "Death" and "Sea" just prior to his "second coming." ...

Now, I suppose I could veer off on a tangent at this point and tell you the Canaanite name "Lotan" is exactly the same as the Hebrew name "Leviathan" if you leave out the two "vowel consonants" in the Hebrew name. I could also tell you how the mythical "sea serpent" known by those two names is exactly the same mythical creature that the ancient Egyptians called "Apep" and the Greeks called "Apophis."

I could also tell you how the Prophets all speak in terms of the parabolic imagery that I explained in The Passover Parable to tell us how Jesus Christ will overcome that hideous "sea serpent" right before He, like Baal, comes "riding on the clouds" at His Second Coming. But I won't. I'll save all that for another time, another place. ;-) But I will tell you there is no "way," in this hell-hole in which we currently find ourselves, that you can understand "The Song of Moses," much less sing it with understanding, if you do not know how all the parabolic imagery of The Apostolic Teaching fits together into one coherent whole. That's just "The Way" it is.

Revelation 12—Commentary

It should be obvious to everyone, even the most obtuse among us, that John is not speaking literally in this chapter. The Truth is, he is speaking parabolically in terms of the same parabolic imagery the Prophets used to conceal the meaning and significance of the things they wrote. But to understand what he says, you also need to know that the Hebrew term for "Heaven" means "Sea of Waters." I realize that doesn't help all that much, since Moses complicates the issue by using that designation to refer to two completely different things. So much for simplicity.

I have already explained in connection with Revelation 8:11 that "the water" that comes out of the mouth of the "sea serpent" in Revelation 12:15 depicts false teaching, so I'll let Hippolytus explain the rest [in The Advent of Christ and AntiChrist, pp. 185–189]. ...

Hippolytus' explanation of the parabolic imagery in Revelation 12 ... has clearly told us the Early Church understood Revelation 11 to be describing the three and a half years immediately prior to the reign of the Antichrist, and Revelation 12 to be describing the persecution of True Believers that occurs during the three and a half years the Antichrist reigns. But it would be a mistake to assume Church leaders understood the two chapters to be describing those events sequentially as part of the same account. That is because Revelation 12 is not simply a continuation of Revelation 11; it is instead a recapitulation of events that are described parabolically in Revelation 6–11.

The Truth is, the account in Revelation 12–20 begins by parabolically describing the birth and Ascension of Christ before picking up again with the opening of the sixth "seal" in Revelation 6:12. But it gives a more detailed parabolic description of the events that lead up to and include the sounding of the final trumpet at the end of Revelation 11.

Revelation 13—Commentary

Irenæus gives a much better summary of this chapter [in The Advent of Christ and AntiChrist, pp. 70–74] than I could ever hope to. ... Irenæus clearly discloses he knows the seventh "day" of Creation has not yet begun and mankind—who was merely "formed" by the hand of God initially—will be "made after the image and likeness of God" when the final "day" of Creation begins; but I won't. ;-) I will merely remind you that he links

Revelation 13 to what Paul says about the Antichrist in 2 Thessalonians 2:1–12. You need to know that just because you will undoubtedly encounter brainless dimwits at some point who have bought into the lunatic belief that John is not talking about the Antichrist in Revelation 13 simply because he never uses that specific term.

It might help if you face one stubborn fact: Most folks have never read the things that Irenæus and Hippolytus wrote about the insane little man that is commonly called the "Antichrist." And the Truth is, those who have taken the time to do so were most likely only looking to confirm the things they have already chosen to believe. So much for any "love of the truth." ...

("Ever Seen Any Such Sad-Sack Sea Serpent?" **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 2012, pp. 7–17)

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Revelation 14—Commentary

To fully understand what John says in not only this chapter but also the entire Book of Revelation, insight into the parabolic imagery of the Prophets is absolutely essential. It is not my purpose to cover that ground again at this time. I have explained various bits and pieces of it over the years, so I will merely outline the essential elements in the things that John heard so that you can get the basic gist of it.

The first thing that John mentions is the fact that the 144,000 members of Corporate Israel that were "sealed" in Revelation 7 have finally been prepared to go through the Tribulation. That is, they have a complete understanding of the parabolic imagery in The Teaching of Moses that Moses used to lay out what God had planned for Corporate Israel.

By his reference to True Believers as "virgins," John discloses he is referring to "The Remnant" of Corporate Israel. He is using the same parabolic imagery that Jesus used in the Parable of the Ten Virgins [Matthew 25:1–13]. Both are speaking parabolically in terms of the "virgins" who participated in the Canaanite sacred marriage ritual the Prophets were mocking when they talked about the "Ground" of Planet Earth as "The Woman" who abandoned God and became a **zonah** ("Harlot"). ...

The next thing that reveals John is speaking in terms of the parabolic imagery of the Canaanite sacred

marriage ritual is [Revelation 14:5]. ... That [verse] is nothing more than a rephrasing of the statements that Isaiah [Isaiah 53:8–9] and Zephaniah [Zephaniah 3:13] make regarding "The Remnant" of Corporate Israel being completely free from the lies of Satan. Like John and Jesus, they were also speaking parabolically in terms of the "Ground" of Planet Earth as "The Woman" who abandoned God and became a **zonah** ("Harlot"). ...

Zephaniah is referring to the True Believers at the End of the Age who understand the Truth of The Apostolic Teaching that was lost as a result of the numbskull agents of Satan who thought they had a "better idea." His point is, those who know the Truth will fear none of the things that they see happening simply because they already know the outcome. ...

I have explained the basics regarding Zephaniah elsewhere, so I see no need to cover that ground again. Just keep in mind the fact that he is speaking parabolically in terms of Planet Earth as a "Woman" who is also a "City," and he is talking about events that occur just prior to the incineration of that "City" at the End of the Age. ...

The final thing to note about Revelation 14 is the parabolic image of the "harvest." That parabolic image reveals that the things that John heard regarding the "City" that is parabolically described as "The Harlot" Babylon were spoken in terms of the parabolic image of the Canaanite sacred marriage ritual. I haven't talked about the parabolic image of the "harvest" all that much, but it is, nonetheless, an integral part of the parabolic imagery the Prophets used. That parabolic image is what Jesus had in mind when He told [the Parable of the Tares in Matthew 13:24–43]. ...

It should be obvious that Jesus is talking about the "harvest" of True Believers and the "winnowing out" of Pretenders at the End of the Age [in Matthew 13:24–43]. That is, He is parabolically describing a time when the Church will face precisely the same set of circumstances that the Jews faced when all but Jesus were "cut off from" Corporate Israel, leaving only Jesus as "The Remnant" of Corporate Israel [Matthew 3:1–12]. ...

If you scrutinize what John [the Baptist] says [in Matthew 3:1–12], you will find that he describes two parabolic "harvests" at the End of the Age. The first is the "harvest" of "wheat," when all Pretenders will be "winnowed" out of "The Kingdom." That "harvest" occurs when the "wheat" "grain" has finally "dried up." Anyone who has ever participated in a wheat harvest knows

exactly what that statement means. Wheat grain must be as dry as possible when it is harvested simply because wheat with a high moisture content does not store well. It rots. So the wheat grain must not only be "cleaned" by being separated from the chaff of the wheat plant, it must also be separated from any weeds (think: "tares") that could cause it to rot.

If you take another look at the four passages from the Gospel of Matthew that I [mentioned] ..., you will find that all of them describe an exclusion of some folks who think they have no reason to be concerned. The Truth is, what you don't know can kill you. If the End of the Age really is upon us, as many in the Church purport to believe, one would think now is the time for diligence in seeking to know what is true rather than dawdling and dalliance with the world. But that's another matter. For now, it is only important that you understand Planet Earth—"The Woman" who is the "City," Mystery Babylon—is headed for a "fall." ...

Did you notice that, right before Jesus describes the "fall" of Satan's "house" [in Matthew 7:15–27], He not only mentions a "harvest," but also an outright rejection of folks who are absolutely convinced they have a lock on Heaven? He is talking about the very same events that He described in the Parable of the Virgins and the Parable of the Tares. That is precisely what John is describing in Revelation 14. So pay attention: The significance of the Parable of the Wise Man is hidden in the parabolic images of "The House," a "Rock," "sand," and "Rain."

Keeping in mind the fact that the Hebrew idiom "build a house" actually means "engender a son," just think of it this "Way": Satan has assiduously striven to "build" his "house" over the past two thousand years, and the Lord has just as assiduously striven to "build" His. Unfortunately, Satan has "built" his "house" on an unending series of lies ("tares"/"sand") and the liars ("tares"/"sand") who believe them; while the Lord has "built" His "House" on the Living Word of God—which is "the Rock" of one coherent body of Truth—and those who believe the Truth of that Living Word. The "Rain"? That's just what happens when a drought finally ends. So let's just wait and see if the ridiculous shenanigans of the "prophets of Baal" can actually make it "rain."

Don't be dense! Take your head out of the "sand" and take a good, long look around you. Can you honestly say that you see all that much agreement among the individual grains of "sand" that have kept Satan's "house" from "falling"? The agreement ain't there, and it never will be.

But before "the fall" of Satan's "house," those who believe "the Rock" of the Truth of the Living Word of God will be in absolute agreement regarding the things they know and believe.

In Revelation 14, John is merely telling us that after True Believers gain a complete understanding of the Truth, the lies that Satan has "sown" in the world at large are going to accomplish precisely what God intended all along. That is, civilization is going to rush headlong over "the brink" just because political leaders are too stupid to agree on what needs to be done to keep them and everyone else from going over "the brink." We aren't there yet, but we soon will be. The "time of distress" that Jesus alluded to in His explanation of the Parable of the Tares has only just begun. ...

Here is a bit of insight into the Hebrew noun in [Daniel 12:1] ... that I have standardized as "distress": The Jews who produced the Greek Septuagint translated it into Greek using the same word that most translators translate into English as "tribulation." I currently have that Greek term standardized as "constriction" in the New Testament simply because the basic meaning of the verb is "to constrict." But just so you know: The Greek noun in question occurs three times in Matthew 24 (vv. 9, 21, 29), twice in Mark 13 (vv. 19, 24), and once in Revelation 7 (v. 14). In each case, it refers to what is commonly called "the Great Tribulation" that many believe will occur under the reign of the Antichrist.

I assume Jesus and the Apostles were aware that the Greek noun that is normally translated "tribulation" in the New Testament occurs in the Septuagint translation of Daniel 12:1. I also assume they knew it occurs in Deuteronomy 31:17 and Deuteronomy 28 as well (vv. 53, 55, 57). If you don't know the significance of that "happenstance," check the context.

("No Need for a Boa, the Constrictor Is on His 'Way,'" **The Voice of Elijah**®, October 2012, pp. 9–16)

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Revelation 15—Commentary

Revelation 15 is a parabolic description of the "ordination" of the heavenly "tabernacle" after it has been "built." That is, in this chapter John is describing the spiritual union of True Believers with "The One" Who is "The House" of the Living Word of God. But, since it is

impossible for anyone to fully understand what John says in this chapter without an understanding of all the parabolic imagery in *The Teaching of Moses*, I won't even try to explain it. I will simply tell you he is parabolically describing the reality to which the parabolic pantomime described in Exodus 40 points. ...

As you may have noticed, I did not translate the Hebrew term [in Exodus 40] that is normally translated "ark" the "way" it is normally translated. Instead, since I am in the process of "standardizing" a translation of the Scriptures, I just translated it "The Way" it is normally translated in [Genesis 50:26]. ...

Let me explain something plainly for the benefit (or detriment) of those who may still be "sitting on the fence" with regard to believing the things I have been explaining over the years: God called me to restore *The Apostolic Teaching* and teach those who really want to know the Truth. He did not call me to make it easy for anyone to understand, much less accept, the things I teach. Consequently, because dimwits will always be what dimwits have always been, you will find the Truth in what I write is more often than not stated just "The Way" Isaiah said it would be [in Isaiah 28:9-13]. ...

Let me put this as bluntly as I possibly can and thereby exonerate myself with regard to the bone-headed activity of fools: The sons of Israel lost *The Teaching of Moses* because minuscule-minded morons saw absolutely no harm in adding to or leaving out some of the things they gained from the legitimate Teachers of *The Teaching of Moses*. The Early Church then turned right around and did exactly the same thing with *The Apostolic Teaching* simply because Church leaders somehow forgot their primary mission was to protect and **hand down** *The Apostolic Teaching*. Consequently, if you have half a brain and one eye open, you should be able to see why God has a problem with that sort of activity.

Let me put this as tactfully as humanly possible: I pity any nitwitted numbskull who tries to "spoon-feed" the things I teach to others just because he views himself as more intelligent than most or wants to "show what he knows." That fool is much more than just a moron. He is an abject idiot. Only a really, really, REALLY stupid person would read what I write and then turn those things into a putrid pablum that is more attractive to the masses. That is, only a fool would try to "summarize" them for the less intelligent so that others need not exert any great effort to see the "big picture" that I have been painting in the things I have written. Consider this: If the Lord wanted

the Truth to be easily understood, I would have already done it myself. I am, after all, the one who claims to have been called to explain the things that such morons find interesting enough to pass along to others.

If you are one of the dimlights who has been selectively taking the things I teach and passing them along to others, you might want to consider the fact that the Lord said He would return "like a thief in the night." He did not say He would return after everyone had been fully alerted to the fact that He was already on "The Way." Consequently, He might not be all that appreciative of your seriously misguided efforts to "awaken" everyone, when the only ones He is actually interested in are already "awake." Consider this: You may be doing nothing more than demonstrating an amazing ability to talk in your sleep.

My point is, anyone who honestly believes I have been called to do what I am doing will not be teaching others; they will simply be telling people where they can find the Truth and letting it go at that. Those True Believers who are desperately searching for the Truth are going to find it, one "Way" or another. The only question is, Are you the one who is going to get credit for showing them where to find "The Way" out of this God-forsaken hellhole in which we are currently being held captive? Or are you going to be a moron who settles for the temporary gratification you gain from "showing what you know" to other morons?

I have been more than a wee bit pugnacious on this occasion simply because I am now going to begin to explain a few things more openly than I have in the past, and fatheaded fools are going to be tempted to "explain" those things to lamebrains who have no interest at all in the Truth. I am doing this simply because the End of the Age is a bit closer than it was when I started writing twenty-five years ago (duh!), and I need to start demonstrating the fact that most folks would prefer to cling to the ragged rags of a ridiculous religious rigormortis rather than read and accept the seamless fabric of the Truth. So here it is:

In accordance with the parabolic imagery of the Passover Parable, the "tabernacle" that the sons of Israel constructed under the direction of Moses was actually a portable mortuary. There; I said it. The sons of Israel were, in parabolic pantomime, carrying around a coffin that contained the "dead body" of the Living Word of God etched in stone. But to understand the Truth regarding the death and Resurrection of "The One" Who is, was, and always will be the Living Word of God, you must always

keep in mind the fact that the true "tabernacle"—the One that was parabolically depicted by the "tabernacle" that Moses "built"—is in Heaven. But even then you must learn to think inside the box. That is, you have to understand how the contents of the coffin parabolically depict the dead body of "The Man" Jesus Christ. Only then will you be able to master The Teaching of Moses. And I can tell you right now, that ain't gonna happen if you are doing even the slightest bit of "explaining" to others the things you learn from me.

If you are willing to listen, learn, and believe the Truth, you will eventually come to a comprehensive knowledge of The Teaching of Moses. Only then will you be able to fully appreciate the fact that the sacrificial cult of ancient Israel was nothing more than a parabolic explanation of how and why the Living Word of God "died," and what He had to do to be resurrected. That is, the parabolic rituals of the priesthood were instituted to fully explain why Jesus Christ left "The Light" of the "Land of the Living" to willingly come down here into "the darkness" to completely convince some of those who have already been condemned to unwillingly die the second death. But it does so by speaking parabolically in terms of the Passover Parable.

Did you notice I italicized all the "split infinitives" in the previous paragraph? I intentionally put those in to intentionally aggravate eggheads who stupidly insist on a really ridiculous hard and fast "rule" that serves no purpose other than to show how much better they are than all others who speak or write in English. Their completely misguided nonsense (no such rule has ever existed outside of the minds of like-minded morons) reminds me of two seven-year-old bladders holding competition in freshly fallen snow. It also reminds me of false teachers who would assiduously seek to impress others by "explaining" the things I am going to tell you now. And that's the last I am going to say about that—on this occasion. So go ahead, be a fool. Ignore me. We'll both see how that works for you on Judgment Day.

You see, The Teaching of Moses parabolically explains how the King of Israel—"The One" Who was none other than Corporate Israel Himself—parabolically died and made His trek through the realm of the dead. Actually, "was crucified" is a more accurate "way" of describing the death of Christ; I just said "died" so that I could turn around and emphasize "The Way" that Corporate Israel died. Anyway, after His parabolic death, the parabolic "body" of the King of Israel was

placed inside a portable coffin inside a portable mortuary, and He began His parabolic trek through the parabolic realm of the dead—just like the Pharaoh in ancient Egyptian mythology.

I just explained how the Passover Parable fits into the "big picture" that I am painting; but there is a whole lot more detail to The Teaching of Moses than just that "little bit." But here is a "little bit" you must always keep in mind if you honestly want to know the Truth: In patterning The Teaching of Moses after the distorted concepts found in ancient Egyptian mythology, God is mocking the stupidity of human religiosity. So I give you fair warning: If you are looking for religion, you won't find it in the things I teach. If you are looking for a relationship to the Living Word of God that will ultimately cost you everything you hold dear, I invite you to keep reading. You may or may not find what you say you seek. But what you do find will be what you are actually seeking rather than what you say you are seeking.

According to ancient Egyptian mythology, the deceased Pharaoh could only be resurrected after all eight parts of his person were "gathered" and brought back to life at the conclusion of their trek through the realm of the dead. You are undoubtedly already familiar with the body, soul, and spirit just because those are the Greek concepts reflected in the New Testament. My task is to explain the Hebrew/Egyptian concept that is reflected in the Old Testament and then tell you how the other five parts of a person fit into the "big picture." ...

Now, if we leave out the physical body with which you should already be familiar, there are only seven parts that require explanation. Wouldn't you know it? The seven sealed messages in the Hebrew Scriptures explain what you need to know about those seven. ... In accordance with the beliefs inherent in ancient Egyptian mythology, the parabolic imagery of The Teaching of Moses explains how all eight parts of the Person of Jesus Christ have been, or will be, "gathered" after the Living Word of God has made His trek through history to be resurrected and become King over all others who have successfully found and followed "The Way" out of the realm of the dead.

Now that the End of the Age is right around the corner (an idiom), the time has come for the parabolic members of the Body of Jesus Christ to get back on track (another idiom) and start "walking in The Way" (yet a third idiom) out of this life and into the next. Since I have only been called to tell you what you need to know, what you choose to believe about the things I teach doesn't

really matter to me one "way" or the other. I have not been called to convince; I have only been called to explain.

At the time of His Resurrection, the physical body of Jesus Christ was immediately snatched up into Heaven where it now lies in the coffin in the true "tabernacle." I'm speaking parabolically, of course; and the parabolic imagery explains that all His other "parts" have yet to be "gathered" and united with that physical body. Those other parts are still in the realm of the dead, along with His Spirit, which is actively seeking to find and be reunited with the members of His Body—that is, True Believers—who are parabolically depicted as both "The Woman" and "The Name." Consequently, you will find John speaking in terms of those two parabolic images in the Book of Revelation.

Let's fast forward to "the appointed time" for the reunion of all eight parts of the Body of Jesus Christ in the heavenly "tabernacle." ... In [Revelation 15:1–8] ..., John is parabolically describing events that are going to occur after True Believers ("The Woman"/"The Name") have been spiritually united with the Spirit of Jesus Christ in preparation for those parts being united with all the other parts of His Person. But take note: That union will occur only after those who are alive at the End of the Age have come to a complete understanding of *The Teaching of Moses*. That's why "The Song of Moses" is mentioned in [Revelation 15:3]. The Apostle Paul describes the culmination of all these events [in 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18]. ...

Revelation 16—Commentary

Before you can even begin to understand what John says in this chapter, you first need to know how it fits together with what he has already said. The Truth is, he is parabolically explaining how, right before the End of the Age, the Living Word of God is going to ratchet up the debilitating "constriction" that He began to impose on "The Harlot" Planet Earth as each of the seven messengers sounded their "trumpets" in Revelation 8–11. That is, he is continuing with the recapitulation of Revelation 6–11 that he began in Revelation 12. ... The seven messengers who "pour out" the contents of seven "bowls" that contain seven different "beatings" is a parabolic description of an intensification of the "constrictions" the Living Word of God imposed after each of the messengers sounded a "trumpet" in Revelation 8–11. ...

("The Song of Moses' Has Eight-Part Harmony," **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2013, pp. 9–16)

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Revelation 17—Commentary

Before we go any further, you need to know what "beast" John has in mind in this chapter. ... If you compare [his description of "the beast" in Revelation 17:3] ... with his description of "the beast" in Revelation 13, you should be able to see the two are actually one and the same. ...

First, let's talk about the "sea serpent." I have already told you that the Septuagint translation of the Hebrew Scriptures used the Greek term **drakon** to translate the Hebrew term **tannin**. That identifies the "sea serpent" that John mentions in that passage as the mythical **Leviathan**, which is mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures. The Hebrew term transliterated as **leviathan** is equivalent to the Canaanite **lotan**, which is described in Canaanite mythology as a giant seven-headed snake that lives in the sea. Therefore, the question is, How does "the beast" that came up out of "the sea" come to have the same seven-headed characteristic as "the sea serpent" that lives in "the sea"? The answer lies in the Greek term translated "beast."

The Greek term **therion** is normally translated "beast" throughout the New Testament. I say "normally" only because many translations other than the King James Version use another term to translate **therion** in ... the Book of Acts [Acts 28:1–6]. It should be obvious from that passage that the English term **beast** does not adequately capture the essence of the Greek term **therion**. The Truth is, that term was used by the Greeks to refer to any creature that posed a threat to mankind. Accordingly, several Greek authors use the term to refer to a shark—that is, a "sea monster." So now you know why it could easily be used to refer to a snake that came up out of "the sea" to live on land. But to understand which "sea" John had in mind, one also needs to know the Greek term **therion** occurs in the Septuagint translation of ... [Daniel 7:1–28] as a translation of the Aramaic term **chevah**, which I have standardized as "beast" in the Hebrew Scriptures. ...

You need to know the "sea" from which John saw the "Beast"/"Sea Serpent" emerge in Revelation 13:1 is precisely the same "sea" that Daniel had in mind when he wrote [Daniel 7:2–3]. ...

Just in case anyone needs the Truth explained in more detail, the "sea" from which "the Beast" is going to emerge is the "Sea of Waters." That is, he will come out

from the place we normally call "Heaven." The point is, in [Revelation 13:1–2a] ..., John is describing the point in time at which the "sea serpent" Satan becomes incarnate in the body of a man. He mentions the characteristics of the leopard, bear, and lion as a link to Daniel 7 so that his reader will understand Satan is going to exhibit the same characteristics he exhibited on the three other occasions he felt it necessary to take on the form of a man....

Revelation 18—Commentary

In this chapter, John is describing the extinction of the civilization on Planet Earth. Scoffers will choose to believe it is impossible that such a thing could ever happen. Unfortunately, the Truth is concealed behind a parabolic image in which the Earth is viewed corporately as a "harlot" who has produced children who are not God's Children. The Apostle Peter described that event in detail (2 Pet. 3:1–13) because he understood what Zephaniah said in that regard [in Zephaniah 1:2–3 and 3:8]. ... ("Scoffers Delight in Scoffing; Fools Hate Knowledge," **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2013, pp. 13–17)

Now that I have shown you what I told you about the Book of Revelation in the 2012 and 2013 issues of this newsletter, let me show you how John intended the Book of Revelation to be read.

How to Read the Book of Revelation

To understand the Book of Revelation, the first thing one needs to know is this: It quotes from, or alludes to, the Old Testament repeatedly and assumes the reader already understands the *meaning* and *significance* of the passages quoted. For that reason, anyone who doesn't understand the things I have explained in this newsletter over the past thirty-some-odd years automatically identifies themselves as a true-blue agent of Satan when they try to explain what John the Revelator tells us.

The second thing one needs to know to understand the message of the Book of Revelation is how the book is organized. Its structure is somewhat difficult to explain just because it was extremely difficult for John to describe what he saw in a "Way" his reader could easily understand. For that reason, he put it together in a sort of patchwork narrative where some

things are placed after others when they are actually a more detailed account of something he stated previously. But he also put little "latches" in the text, and those "latches" allow the reader to "latch" the details in one account together with the details in the other accounts. When all the accounts have been integrated, the "big picture" of what John is describing comes to the forefront.

Here is a listing of the individual accounts and how John intends them to be "latched" together:

1st Section: Revelation 1:1–11:19

In this section, John lays out the basic timeline for the events he is going to explain. Here is a list of the component parts of this account:

The Failing of the Apostolic Churches: 1:1–3:22

The Lord's Address to the Churches: 1:1–3:22

Ephesus: 2:1–7

Smyrna: 2:8–11

Pergamum: 2:12–17

Thyatira: 2:18–29

Sardis: 3:1–6

Philadelphia: 3:7–13

Laodicea: 3:14–22

The Unsealing of the Hebrew Scriptures: 4:1–8:5

Describing the Scene in Heaven: 4:1–11

Describing the Sealed Scroll: 5:1–14

Removing the Seven Seals: 6:1–8:5

1st Seal: 6:1–2

2nd Seal: 6:3–4

3rd Seal: 6:5–6

4th Seal: 6:7–8

5th Seal: 6:9–11

6th Seal: 6:12–7:17

7th Seal: 8:1–5

Sounding the Seven Trumpets: 8:6–11:19

1st Trumpet: 8:6–7

2nd Trumpet: 8:8–9

3rd Trumpet ("Star" Wormwood): 8:10–11

4th Trumpet ("Stars" Fall): 8:12–13

5th Trumpet (1st Woe): 9:1–12

6th Trumpet (2nd Woe): 9:13–11:14

7th Trumpet (3rd Woe): 11:15–19

2nd Section: Revelation 12:1–13:18

In this section, John gives a condensed version of the first section in which he attributes the failure of the Apostolic churches to the fact that they were facing the onslaught of the "sea serpent," who was assiduously seeking to introduce false teaching into the Church and thereby turn the Truth into a lie. He then mentions Satan ("Star" Wormwood) being cast out of Heaven after the third trumpet sounds and his messengers ("Stars") being cast out after the fourth trumpet sounds. Finally, he describes in some detail what Satan is going to do to completely eradicate those who know the Truth after he and his messengers are locked out of Heaven and end up here on Earth.

He tells us Satan shows up as the "beast" that Daniel describes in Daniel 7. That is, he is a man (an unreasoning "beast") who represents the power of a kingdom—and imposes strict controls seeking to finally get rid of any and all who know the Truth. The reality of Satan's tactic that John describes is a digital currency that will not allow anyone to "buy or sell" if they do not have the "Mark of the Beast" that allows them to participate in the universal financial system currently being planned by politicians around the world:

The Incarnation and Resurrection: 12:1–6

The Fall of Satan and His Messengers: 12:7–12a

The Reign of Satan Begins: 12:12b–13:18

1st Woe Begins: 12:12b

Persecution of Believers Begins: 12:13–17

First Beast: 13:1–10

Second Beast: 13:11–15

"Mark of the Beast": 13:16–18

3rd Section: Revelation 14:1–20

In this section, John gives yet a third version of the events described in the first section, but he takes up that account immediately after the Redeemed have been "sealed" in Chapter 7. The seven messengers in

this account are the same messengers who are described as sounding trumpets in the first section and pouring out bowls in the fourth section. The emphasis in this section is on the "reaping" of the Redeemed after the sixth trumpet sounds and the "reaping" of the Lost after the seventh sounds:

The 144,000 Have Been Sealed: 14:1–5

The Seven Messengers Speak: 14:6–20

1st Messenger: 14:6–7

2nd Messenger: 14:8

3rd Messenger: 14:9–12

4th Messenger: 14:13–14

5th Messenger: 14:15–16

6th Messenger: 14:17

7th Messenger: 14:18–20

4th Section: Revelation 15:1–16:21

In this section, John goes over the same timeline he provided in the first and third sections; but his emphasis in this case is on clarifying the fact that the seven messengers come out of the Tabernacle in Heaven, a fact that he mentions in the third section but does not emphasize:

The 144,000 Begin to Sing: 15:1–4

The Tabernacle Is Opened: 15:5–8

The Bowls Are Poured Out: 16:1–21

1st Bowl: 16:1–2

2nd Bowl: 16:3

3rd Bowl: 16:4–7

4th Bowl: 16:8–9

5th Bowl: 16:10–11

6th Bowl: 16:12–16

7th Bowl: 16:17–21

5th Section: Revelation 17:1–18:24

In this section, John identifies *The Harlot* he mentioned in Revelation 14 and tells us "a little bit" more about the "beast" he introduced in Chapter 13. His purpose in this section is to make sure the reader knows *The Harlot* is Planet Earth and her "Fall" begins before the second messenger blows his trumpet (Rev. 8:8), speaks (Rev. 14:8), and pours out his bowl (Rev. 16:3):

The Harlot and "The Beast" Identified: 17:1–18

The "Fall" of The Harlot Pinpointed: 18:1–3

The Call to True Believers Issued: 18:4–7

The Fate of The Harlot Described: 18:8–24

The Prophecies of Daniel

Now I am going to show you a few things you need to know about Daniel's "Seventy Weeks." If you ever intend to "see" what the Prophets "saw" when they read what the Prophets before them had written, you might want to pay attention. In Daniel's case, he had been reading what Jeremiah had written. Therefore, the trail (think: "Way") to the Truth that I am going to take you on begins in Daniel 9, backtracks to Daniel 7, then goes fast-forward to Daniel 12 before looping back to take in Jeremiah 25. The following is my interim translation of what Daniel tells us; I have bolded the passages that are most salient with regard to the question I was asked:

Daniel 9—Text

¹[In Year] [one] [of Darius], [Son] [of Ahasuerus], [from {the} Seed] [of Media], [who] [reigned as king] [over] [the] Kingdom of [the] Chaldeans—²[in {the} [first] Year] [of his reign as king]—[I], [Daniel], [understood] [from {the} Scrolls] [the] Number [of The Years]—[which] [was] [the] Word [of His Majesty] [to] [Jeremiah] [The Prophet]—[to fulfill] [the] Ruins of [Jerusalem]: [seventy] [Years].

³[So I turned] [my Face] [toward] [my Master], [The {Living} God], [to seek {Him}] [by] Prayer [and a Petition for Favor], [with] Fasting [and Sackcloth] [and Ashes]. ⁴[And I made an appeal] [to His Majesty], [my God], [and confessed] [and said]: "[Oh! Please!] [My Master], [The [great] [and fearsome] God] [Who stands watch over] [His Legal Agreement] [and His Loving-kindness] [for those who love Him] [and observe] [His Commandments], ⁵[we have sinned] [and done wrong]. [We have declared You guilty] [and rebelled] [and turned away] [from Your Commandments] [and Your Decisions Based on the Truth]. ⁶[And we did [not] listen] [to] [Your Slaves], [The Prophets], [who] [spoke] [about Your Name] [to] [our Kings], [our Commanding Officers], [and our Fathers], [even to] [all] [the] People [of The Earth].

⁷[The Declaration of Not Guilty] [belongs to You], [my Master], [but to us] [the] Shame of [our Faces] [as {it is}] [This Day]—[to {every} Man] [of Judah] [and to {the}

Inhabitants of] [Jerusalem] [and to all] [Israel], [those who are near] [and those who are far away], [in all] [The Lands] [where] [You banished them], [because of their Betrayal of Trust] [when] [they betrayed [Your] Trust]. ⁸[Your Majesty], [the] Shame of [our Faces] [belongs to us], [to our Kings], [to our Commanding Officers], [and to our Fathers], [because] [we sinned] [against You]. ⁹[Compassion] [and Forgiveness*] [belong to my Master], [our God], [because] [we rebelled] [against Him]; ¹⁰[and we did [not] listen] [to {the} Voice] [of His Majesty], [our God], [to walk] [in His Teachings], [those that] [He put] [before us] [by {the} Hand] [of His Slaves], [The Prophets].

¹¹[So all] [Israel] [passed up] [Your Teaching] [and turned away] [so as not to] [listen] [to Your Voice]; [so [The Oath]—[even The Sworn Oath] [that] [was written down] [in {the} Teaching of] [Moses], [the] Slave [of The {Living} God]—[was poured out] [on us], [because] [we sinned] [against Him]. ¹²[So He confirmed] [His Words]—[what] [He spoke] [against us] [and against] [our Judges] [who] [judged us]—[to bring] [on us] [a [tremendously] Bad Thing], [because] [nothing] [under] [The [entire] Sea of Waters] [has been done] [just like what] [has been done] [to Jerusalem]—¹³[just like] [what is written] [in {the} Teaching of] [Moses]. [The] Entirety of [This] [Bad Thing] [has come] [on us]; [yet we have [not] appealed to] [The Faces of] [Your Majesty], [our God], [by turning away] [from our Reprehensible Activity] [and gaining insight into] [Your Truth].

¹⁴[So [His Majesty] kept watch] [over] [The Bad Thing] [and brought it] [on us] [because] [His Majesty], [our God], {is} [One Who Is Impartial] [regarding] [every] [Thing He Has Done]; [but we did [not] listen] [to His Voice]. ¹⁵[So now], [my Master], [our God]—[the One Who] [brought [Your People] out] [of {the} Land] [of Egypt] [with a [strong] Hand] [and made] [a Name] [for Yourself] [as {we are}] [This Day]—[we sinned]; [we are guilty]. ¹⁶[My Master], [in accordance with every one of] [Your Declarations of Not Guilty], [please], [turn [Your Anger] [and Your Rage] away] [from Your City] [Jerusalem], [Your holy] [Mountain]; [because] [of our Sins] [and {the} Reprehensible Acts of] [our Fathers], [Jerusalem] [and Your People] [have become] [a Disgrace] [to [all] Those Who Are Round About Us].

¹⁷[So now], [our God], [listen] [to] [Your Slave's] [Prayer] [and to] [his Petitions for Favor], [and let Your Faces] [shed light] [on] [Your [desolate] Sanctuary] [for the sake of] [my Master]. ¹⁸[O my God], [cup] [Your Ear] [and listen]! [Open] [Your Eyes] [and take a look at] [our

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Desolate Areas] [and The City] [over] [which] [Your Name] [has been called], [because] [we] [are [not] letting [our Petitions [to Your Faces] for Favor] fall] [before You] [on account of] [our Declarations of Not Guilty], {but} [definitely] [on account of] [Your [many] Feelings of Compassion]. ¹⁹[My Master], [listen]! [My Master], [forgive]! [My Master], [pay attention] [and make {it} happen]! [You must [not] delay] [for Your Own sake], [my God], [because] [Your Name] [has been called] [over] [Your City] [and over] [Your People]."

²⁰[So I] [was [still] speaking] [and making an appeal] [and confessing] [my Sin] [and {the} Sin of] [My People] [Israel] [and making [my Petition for Favor] fall] [before] [His Majesty], [my God], [on account of] [{the} [holy] Mountain] [of my God]; ²¹[and I] [was [still] speaking] [in Prayer] [when The Man] [Gabriel]—[whom] [I had seen] [in {the} Vision] [in {the} Beginning], [after growing weary] [with Weariness]—[makes contact] [with me] [about {the} Time] [of {the} [Evening] Cereal Offering]; ²²[and he provided understanding] [and spoke] [with me] [and said]: "[Daniel], [I have come out] [now] [to give You insight] [{with} Understanding].

²³[At {the} Beginning of] [Your Petitions for Favor], [a Word] [came out], [so I] [have come to tell {You}], [because] [You] [are highly esteemed], [so understand] [{the} Word] [and provide understanding of] [What {Your} Eyes See]. ²⁴[Seventy] [Sevens] [have been decreed*] [concerning] [Your People] [and concerning] [Your holy] [City]:

- (1) [to hold back] [The Transgression]
- (2) [and to seal up] [Sinful Activity]
- (3) [and to atone for] [Reprehensible Activity]
- (4) [and to bring in] [an [eternally burning] Declaration of Not Guilty]
- (5) [and to seal up] [Vision] [and Prophet]
- (6) [and to anoint] [{the} holiest] [of Holy Things].

²⁵[So you must know] [and gain insight]: [From] [{the} Time When [a Word] Goes Out] [to restore] [and to rebuild] [Jerusalem] [until] [{the} Anointed One], [a Leader], {there will be} [seven] [Sevens] [and [sixty]-[two] Sevens]. [She will be restored], [and she will be rebuilt]—[{with} Plaza] [and Moat*]—[even during {the} Constraint] [of {the} Times]. ²⁶[But after] [The [sixty]-[two] Sevens], [{the} Anointed One] [will be cut off]; [and [He] will not have {anything}].

[Then [{the} People] [of a Leader]—[the one who is going to come]—[will destroy] The City] [and The

Holy Place], [and its End] {will be} [with a Surge]. [But [War] ([devastating ones]) [has been decreed] until] [{the} End]. ²⁷[Then [a Legal Agreement] [for {the} Many] will prevail {for}] [one] [Seven], [but [he {the leader} will make [Communal Sacrifice] [and Cereal Offering] keep Sabbath] {for} Half] [of the Seven]. [Then [something that devastates] {is going to come} on] [{the} Wing] [of Disgusting Things], [even until] [{the} Complete End]. [And [{war} will pour out] what has been decreed] [on] [{the} one who is going to be devastated]."

(Daniel 9:1–27) —my interim translation

Daniel 9—Commentary

Let's get one thing straight: Daniel had been reading what Jeremiah wrote about the sons of Israel continually betraying God by not listening to *The Teaching of Moses*. So God invoked the curses of the Mosaic Covenant, and those people ended up as slaves in Babylon. Daniel evidently didn't know about any of that before he read what Jeremiah wrote; but when he found out, he immediately began apologizing to the Lord for his sin as well as things he had not had any part in. That's when the Lord sent Gabriel to give him "insight {with} understanding."

The first part of Daniel 9 is interesting, but it only provides context for the prophecy at the end of the chapter. Like most of the other prophecies in the Old Testament this one contains both prophecy and history. That is, the first part is now history; the last part is still prophecy. For that reason, I'm not all that interested in the sixty-nine "sevens" in this setting; my primary interest is the prophecy concerning the last "seven":

"[Then [{the} People] [of a Leader]— [the one who is going to come]—[will destroy] The City] [and The Holy Place], [and its End] {will be} [with a Surge]. [But [War] ([devastating ones]) [has been decreed] until] [{the} End]. ²⁷[Then [a Legal Agreement] [for {the} Many] will prevail {for}] [one] [Seven], [but [he {the leader} will make [Communal Sacrifice] [and Cereal Offering] keep Sabbath] {for} Half] [of the Seven]. [Then [something that devastates] {is going to come} on] [{the} Wing] [of Disgusting Things], [even until] [{the} Complete End]. [And [{war} will pour out] what has been decreed] [on] [{the} one who is going to be devastated]."

(Daniel 9:26b–27) —my interim translation

I'm fairly certain I can say with confidence that my translation of that passage does not agree with "The Way" others have translated it. That is because other translators are normally wearing their "happy goggles" when they try to translate a difficult text. That is, most, if not all, translators today believe in that goofy god of unconditional grace—the one who would never consider swatting a fly, much less annihilating *eight billion* people in one day. In the case of this passage, however, we are *talking about* a rage-filled God Who is going to lash out and destroy this entire civilization in the fire of a nuclear holocaust that He had already planned at the Tower of Babel. Just to provide you a "Way" of gaining a bit of "insight {with} understanding," let me show you what lies ahead for this generation:

"A Leader"

"Devastating"

"War"

"Has Been Decreed"

"Until the End"

"Until the Complete End"

"Seven"

"Half of the Seven"

Daniel 7—Text

¹[In Year] [one] [of Belshazzar], [King] [of Babylon], [Daniel] [beheld] [a Dream] [and Visions] [in his Head] [on] [his Bed]; [then] [he wrote] [The Dream] [down]. [He [first] stated] [What Was Uttered]. ²[Daniel] [responded] [and said]: "[I was] [watching] [my Vision] [during] [The Night], [and lo and behold!] [four] [Spirits of] [The Sea of Waters] [were churning up*] [The [great] Sea]. ³[Then Four] [great] [Beasts] [were coming up] [out of] [The Sea]; [this One] [was different] [from] [That One]. ⁴[The first] {was} [like a Lion], [but [it had] {the} Wings] [of] [a Griffon-Vulture]. [I was] [watching] [up to the time] [when] [its Wings] [were scoured off], [and it was raised up] [from] [The Earth] [and [made to stand] on] [two Feet] [like a Mortal Man], [and {the} Heart] [of a Mortal Man] [was given] [to it].

⁵[And lo and behold!] [another] [Beast], [a Second {One}*], [was similar] [to a Bear*]; [and it was made to stand] [on [one] Side*], [and three] [Ribs*] {were} [in its Mouth]—[between] [its Teeth]. [So] [they said] [to it]: 'You must stand up! You must eat] [a lot of] [Flesh]!'

⁶[After] [this] [I was] [watching], [and lo and behold!] [another] {was} [like a Leopard], [and it had] [four] [Wings] [of] [a Flyer] [on] [its Back*]. [But] [The Beast had] [four] [Heads], [and Dominion] [was given] [to it].

⁷[After] [this] [I was] [watching] [in Visions of] [The Night], [and lo and behold!] {there was} [a [fourth] Beast]—[fearful] [and terrifying*] [and [extremely] powerful], [and [it had] [huge] [iron] Teeth]. [It consumed] [and pulverized] [and stomped around on] [The Remnant] [with its Feet]. [But it] [was different] [from] [all] [The Beasts] [that {were}] [before it], [and [it had] [ten] Horns]. ⁸[I was] [gaining insight] [into The Horns]; [then guess what!] [another] [Horn], [a little one*], [came up] [between them]! [And three] [of] [The [first] Horns] [were rooted*] [out] [before it]; [and guess what!] [eyes] [like The Eyes of] [The Mortal Man] {were} [in [this] Horn], [as well as a Mouth] [uttering] [Great Things].

⁹[I was] [watching]

[Up to the time] [when] [Thrones] [were set down], [And an Ancient] [of Days] [sat down].

[His Garments] {were} [white*] [like Snow*];

[And The Hair] [of His Head], [pure*] [like Wool*].

[His Throne] {was} [Flames] [of] [Fire];

[Its Wheels*], [a [burning] Fire].

¹⁰[A River] [of] [Fire] [was flowing*]

[And coming out] [from] [before Him].

[A Thousand] [Thousands] [were glorifying* Him],

[And Ten Thousand] [Ten Thousands]

[were standing] [before Him].

[The Court] [sat],

[And Scrolls] [were opened].

¹¹[I was] [watching] [then] [because of] [The Sound] [of The [great] Things That Were Uttered]—[what] [The Horn] [was uttering]. [I was] [watching] [up to the time] [when] [The Beast] [was slain] [and [his Body] sent to Hell] [and given] [to the Blaze* of] [The Inferno*]. ¹²[As for The Remnant] [of The Beasts], [they took away] [their Dominion]; [but an Extension] [of Life] [was given] [to them] [for [as long as] a Time]—[even a Span of Time].

¹³[I was] [watching] [in Visions of] [The Night],

[And lo and behold!] [{One} like a Son]

[of a Mortal Man] [was] [coming]

[With] [The Clouds* of] [The Sea of Waters],

[And He arrived] [at] [The [Ancient] of Days],

[And [they presented Him] before Him].
¹⁴[Then [Dominion] [was given] to Him]—
 [Even Honor] [and a Kingdom]—
 [So all] [The Peoples], [The Nations],
 [and The Tongues]
 [Will submit] [to Him].
 [His Dominion] {is} [an [eternally burning]
 Dominion]
 [Which] [will [not] be taken away];
 [And His Kingdom], [that which] [will [not]
 be contaminated].

¹⁵{As for} me], [Daniel], [my Spirit] [was distressed*] [within] [{its} Sheath]; [and The Visions in] [my Head] [were frightening me]. ¹⁶[I came close] [to] [one] [of] [those who were standing {there}], [and I requested] [The Truth] [from him] [concerning] [all] [this]. [So he told] [me] [and [made known to me] The Interpretation] [of What Had Been Uttered]: ¹⁷[As for these] [huge] [Beasts], [which] [are] [four], [four] [Kings] [will rise up] [out of] [The Earth]. ¹⁸[Then [the holy ones of] [Those Who Are Most High] will **receive**] [The Kingdom]; [and they will take possession of] [The Kingdom] [for [as long as] The Burning Eternity], [even for as long as] [a Burning Eternity] [of The Burning Eternities].'

¹⁹[Then] [I wanted] [to gain certainty*]: (1) [concerning] [The [fourth] Beast]—[which] [was different] [from] [all of them], [extremely] [fearful] [his Teeth] {were} [of] [Iron] [and his Claws] {were} [of] [Bronze] [consuming], [pulverizing], [and stomping around on] [The Remnant] [with his Feet]—²⁰[and (2) concerning] [The [ten] Horns] [that] {were} [on his Head], [and another] [that] [came up] [and [three] fell] [before it]. ([Now [that] Horn] [also [had] Eyes] [and a Mouth] [uttering] [Great Things], [but its Vision] {was} [greater] [than] [its Companions].) ²¹[I was] [watching], [and [that] Horn] [was making] [a Military Engagement*] [with] [{the} holy {ones}], [and he was more able] [than they] ²²[up to the time] [when] [The Ancient] [of Days] [came], [and {the sentence of} The Court] [was given] [for Those [of The Ones Most High] Who Were Holy], [and The Time] [arrived] [so [Those Who Were Holy] [could take possession of] The Kingdom].

²³[He said]: '[The [fourth] Beast] [will [likewise] be] [a [fourth] Kingdom] [on The Earth], [which] [will be different] [from] [all] [Kingdoms]; [and it will consume] [The [whole] Earth], [and it will thresh

her], [and it will pulverize her]. ²⁴[But as for The [ten] Horns], [ten] [Kings] [will rise up] [out of it]—[The Kingdom]—[and another] [will rise up] [after them]; [but he] [will be different] [from] [the first {ten kings}], [and he will bring down] [three] [Kings]. ²⁵[And [he will utter] Things That Are Uttered] [contrary to] [The One Most High] [and will wear out] [the holy ones of] [Those Who Are Most High], [and he will intend*] [to alter] [Times] [and a Decree]. [So they will be given] [into his Hand] [for [as long as] a Span of Time] [and Spans of Time] [and Half] [a Span of Time].

²⁶[But The Court] [will sit], [and [they will take away] his Dominion] [in order to wipe {it} out] [and send {him} to Hell] [until] [The End]. ²⁷[And The Kingdom] [and The Dominion] [and The Greatness] [of] [The Kingdoms] [under] [The [whole] Sea of Waters] [will be given] [to The People] [of the holy ones of] [Those Who Are Most High]. [His Kingdom] {is} [an [eternally burning] Kingdom], [and all] [The Dominions] [will submit] [to Him] [and listen to Him].' ²⁸[The End] [of] [What Had Been Uttered] {is} [at] [this point*]. [As for me], [Daniel], [a lot of] [my Thoughts] [were frightening me]; [and [they altered] my Complexion] [upon me], [but [I kept*] What Had Been Uttered] [in my Heart]."
 (Daniel 7:1–28) —my interim translation

Daniel 7—Commentary

The final "beast" of the four "beasts" that Daniel saw "coming up out of the sea" is clearly the same "beast" that John describes in Revelation 13, so we certainly need to keep in mind what Daniel says about that "beast" as we go looking into the issues raised by the question that was asked regarding "the first half or the last half of the 70th week of Daniel." We already know Daniel 9 tells us Daniel was reading a prophecy of Jeremiah that speaks concerning the reason for the seventy-year captivity of the sons of Israel in Babylon. And now we know where to look for more insight into the "beast" described in the Book of Revelation.

Daniel 12—Text

¹"[At [that] Time], [Michael], [The [great] Commanding Officer] [who stands] [over] [{the} Sons of] [Your People], [will stand up]; [and there will be] [a Time] [of Distress] [that] [has [not] been] [since there was] [a Nation] [until] [that] [Time]. [And at [that]

Time], [Your People]—[everyone] [who is found] [written] [in {the} Scroll]—[will escape]. ²[Then many] [of those who are sleeping] [{on the} [dusty] Ground] [will wake up]. [These]? [To an [eternally burning] Life!] [But these]? [To {the} Disgrace] [of an [eternally burning] Repulsion]. ³[And those who have insight] [will—[like {the} Brightness] [of The Expanse]—enlighten {others}], [and those who declare [The Many] not guilty]—[like {the} Stars]—[for a Burning Eternity] [and Forever]. ⁴[But You], [Daniel], [must plug up] [The Words] [and seal up] [The Scroll] [until] [an [End] Time]. [Many] [will go out looking {for the Truth}], [so [The Knowledge {of the Truth}] will increase].”

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

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

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

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

⁹[But he said]: “[Go on], [Daniel]! [Because] [The Words] [have been plugged up] [and sealed up] [until] [an [End] Time]. ¹⁰[Many] [will be purified] [and made white] [and refined]. [They will declare [Those Who Are Guilty], guilty]; [and [all] [Who Are Guilty] will [not] understand]. [But Those Who Gain Insight] [will understand]. ¹¹[And from {the} Time] [The Continuous Ritual] [has been removed] [even to {the time of} letting] [a Disgusting Thing] [devastate {the Earth}] {there will be} [a Thousand] [{two} Hundred] [and ninety] [Days]. ¹²[The One Who Attains the Resurrection] {will be} [the one who waits for], [and reaches], [a Thousand] [three] [Hundred]

[thirty] [and five] [Days]! ¹³[But You] [must go on] [to {the} End] [and rest]; [then You will stand up] [{at} The Right Hand {of God}] [for Your Allotment] [at {the} End].”

(Daniel 12:1–13) —my interim translation

Daniel 12—Commentary

Now things are beginning to get really interesting. The Lord told Daniel to “plug up the words and seal up the scroll until an end time.” That statement refers to the “scroll” with seven “seals” that are described as being “opened” in the Book of Revelation. The “many” in verse 2 who wake up and find that not all of them are headed to Heaven sounds to me like that verse is where Jesus got the Parable of the Ten Virgins (Matt. 25)—because it is. But you had best read what He said right before He told that parable, at the very end of Matthew 24, just to make sure you aren’t missing out on something the Lord also knew would happen at the “end time,” when the Scriptures are unsealed and the Truth is made available to anyone who will believe it.

Did you notice Daniel could not understand some of the things he saw and heard; and when he asked for an explanation, he was told to seal it up? But then he was told that some of those at “an end time” would have insight and understand? I probably should also admit, for the sake of transparency, that for a very long time I thought the “disgusting thing” mentioned in verse 11 was the Antichrist, so I translated it as “disgusting person.” But after I translated Jeremiah 25, I realized it refers to all the nuclear missiles that stupid leaders like Vladimir Putin will use to bring the last “seven” to an end. Jeremiah clued me in to that one, so let me show you what he wrote.

The Prophecies of Jeremiah

To understand why God told Daniel what you find written in Daniel 7, 9, and 12, you need to know what Daniel was reading in the things that Jeremiah wrote. But to understand the *significance* of the prophecies of Jeremiah to which Daniel refers in Daniel 9:2, you first need to know “a little bit” about Jeremiah’s calling as a Prophet. He tells us at the outset that he was called to prophesy to, and concerning, the Gentiles:

Jeremiah 1:1–10—Text

¹{The} Words of [Jeremiah], [Son] of Hilkiah, [one of] [The Priests] [who] {are} [in Anathoth] [in {the} Land] of Benjamin, ²[to] [whom] [{the} Word] of His Majesty [came] [in {the} Days of] [Josiah], [Son] of Amon, [King] of Judah, [in {the} thirteenth] [Year] of his Reign]. ³[It also came] [in {the} Days of] [Jehoiakim], [Son] of Josiah, [King] of Judah, [until] [{the} eleventh] [Year] of Zedekiah, [Son] of Josiah, [King] of Judah, [was complete]—[until] [{the} Exile of] [Jerusalem] [in [the fifth] New Moon].

⁴[So] [{the} Word] of His Majesty [came] [to me] [saying]:

⁵"[Before] [I formed You] [in {the} Belly], [I knew You];
[And before] [You came out] [of {the} Womb], [I made You holy].
[I have made You into] [a Prophet]
[to {the} Gentiles]."

⁶[But I said], "[Oh! No!] [My Master], [Your Majesty]!
[Guess what!] [I do [not] know how] [to speak], [Because] [I {am}] [a Boy]."

⁷[But [His Majesty] said] [to me]:
"[You must [not] say], '[I {am}] [a Boy],'
[Because] [You will go] [everywhere]
[that] [I send You];
[And] [You will speak] [everything]
[that] [I command You].

⁸[You must [not] be afraid] [because of their Presence], [Because] [I {am}] [with You] [to snatch You away]," [declares] [His Majesty].

⁹[Then [His Majesty] stretched out] [His Hand] [and touched {me}] [on] [my Mouth], [and [His Majesty] said] [to me]:

"[Guess what!] [I have put] [My Word] [in Your Mouth].
¹⁰[See!] [I have appointed You] [this] [Day] [Over] [The Gentiles] [and over] [Their Kingdoms],
[To uproot] [and to tear down],
[And to send to Hell] [and to break down],

[To build] [and to plant]."

(Jeremiah 1:1–10) —my interim translation

Jeremiah 1:1–10—Commentary

If you don't keep in mind the fact that Jeremiah's calling was to prophesy regarding the fate of the Gentiles when you read his prophecies, you will most likely remain stuck in the same stupid sad-sack silliness summarized in the slick sermons Satan's agents spew every Sunday morning. One of the reasons why Jeremiah tells us as much as he does about God's purpose in granting a New Covenant to the members of *Corporate* Israel is because the New Covenant is primarily concerned with the salvation of the Gentiles. The first New Covenant was, in fact, a covenant that God ratified with Himself so that you and I could get off scot-free by accepting the terms of the third New Covenant. That is, He made Himself the "Mediator" that Paul *talks about* in Galatians 3:19–20 and Hebrews 8:6, 9:15, and 12:24. But I digress.

This is what the Prophet Jeremiah says regarding the circumstances that "the nations" (think: Gentiles) are facing here at the End of the Age:

Jeremiah 25—Text

¹[The Word] [that] [came] [to] [Jeremiah] [regarding] [all] [{the} People] of Judah [in [the fourth] Year] of Jehoiakim, [Son] of Josiah, [King] of Judah— [That {was}] [The [first] Year] of Nebuchadnezzar, [King] of Babylon—²[which] [Jeremiah] [The Prophet] [spoke] [regarding] [all] [{the} People] of Judah [and to] [all] [{the} Inhabitants of] [Jerusalem], [saying]:
³[From] [{the} thirteenth] [Year] of Josiah, [Son] of Amon, [King] of Judah, [and up to] [This] [Day]— [this] [twenty]-[three] [Years] [{the} Word] of His Majesty [has come] [to me]; [and I have spoken {it}] [to you]—[getting up early] [and speaking]—[but you have [not] listened].

⁴[And [His Majesty] sent] [all] [His Slaves], [The Prophets], [to you]—[getting up early] [and sending]— [but you have [not] listened]. [And you did [not] cup] [your Ear] [to listen] ⁵[to those who were saying], 'Please! [Each one] [must turn back] [from his [bad] Way] [and from [your [bad] Practices], [and dwell] [on] [The Ground] [that] [His Majesty] [granted] [to you] [and to your Fathers] [from] [a Burning Eternity] [even

until a Burning Eternity); ⁶[and you must [not] walk] [after] [other] [Gods], [to be their Slaves] [and to fall prostrate] [to them]; [and you will [not] exasperate] [me] [with What [your Hands] Have Made], [so that I do [not] do a bad thing] [to you].’ ⁷[But you did [not] listen] [to Me],” [declares] [His Majesty], “[so that] [you could exasperate] [me] [to do a bad thing] [to you] [with What [your Hands] Have Made].

⁸[Therefore] [this is what] [His [Supreme] Majesty] [has said], [For the simple reason] [that] [you did [not] listen to] [My Word], ⁹[guess what! I am] [going to send] [and take] [all] [the] Families of [Zaphon],’ [declares] [His Majesty], [even to] [Nebuchadnezzar], [King] [of Babylon], [My Slave]; [and I will bring them] [against] [This] [Land] [and against] [her Inhabitants] [and against] [all] [These] [Gentiles] [round about]. [Then I will put them under the ban] [and turn them] [into Something Devastated] [and into a Derision] [and into an [eternally burning] Ruin].

¹⁰[Then I will send {them} to Hell]—[away from them]—[the] Sound [of Elation] [and {the} Sound] [of Joy], [the] Voice [of a Bridegroom] [and {the} Voice] [of a Bride], [the] Sound [of a Pair of Millstones] [and {the} Light] [of a Lamp]. ¹¹[And [This] [whole] [Land] will be] [a Ruin] [and Devastation], [and [These] [Gentiles] will serve {the} King] [of Babylon] as slaves] [for] [seventy] [Years].

¹²[And it will be] [when [seventy] [Years] have been fulfilled], [I will levy] [against] [the] King [of Babylon] [and against] [That] [Nation],’ [declares] [His Majesty], [their Reprehensible Activity]—[even against] [the] Land [of the] Chaldeans—[and I will turn] [it] [into an [eternally burning] Desolate Area]. ¹³[Then I will bring] [on] [That] [Land] [all] [My Words]—[what] [I have spoken] [concerning her]—[everything] [that is written] [in [This] Scroll]—[what] [Jeremiah] [has prophesied] [concerning] [all] [The Gentiles] ¹⁴[because] [many] [Nations] [and [important] Kings] [will enslave them], [even] [them]; [and I will repay] [them] [according to {the} Deed they Have Done] [and according to What [their Hands] Have Made].” ¹⁵[Because] [this is what] [His Majesty]—[the] God of [Israel]—[said] [to me]:

“[Take] [a Cup] [of The Wine] [of [This] Rage] [from My Hand], [and make [all] [The Nations] [to whom] [I] [am sending] [you] drink] [it]. ¹⁶[When they drink {it}], [they will rise up quickly] [and commend

themselves] [in the presence of] [The Sword] [that] [I] [am going to send] [between them].” ¹⁷[So I took] [The Cup] [from {the} Hand] [of His Majesty], [and I made [all] [The Nations] [to whom] [His Majesty] [sent me] drink {it}]:

¹⁸[Jerusalem] [and] [the] Cities of [Judah], [and her Kings]—[her Commanding Officers]—[to turn] [them] [into a Ruin], [into Something Devastated], [into Derision], [and into a Curse], [the same as [This] Day]; ¹⁹[Pharaoh], [King] [of Egypt], [and] [his Slaves] [and] [his Commanding Officers] [and] [all] [His People]; ²⁰[and] [all] [The Mixed Race], [and] [all] [the] Kings of [the] Land [of Uz]; [and] [all] [the] Kings of [the] Land [of the] Philistines—[even] [Ashkelon] [and] [Gaza] [and] [Ekron] [and] [the] Remnant of [Ashdod]; ²¹[Edom] [and] [Moab] [and] [the] Sons of [Ammon]; ²²[and] [all] [the] Kings of [Tyre], [and] [all] [the] Kings of [Sidon], [and] [the] Kings of [The Coastal Lands] [that] [are] [in {the} Area Beyond] [The Sea]; ²³[and] [Dedan] [and] [Tema] [and] [Buz] [and] [all] [who hack off the Edges {of their hair}]; ²⁴[and] [all] [the] Kings of [Arabia], [and] [all] [the] Kings of [The Mixed Race] ([those who dwell] [in {the} Wilderness]); ²⁵[and] [all] [the] Kings of [Zimri]; [and] [all] [the] Kings of [Elam]; [and] [all] [the] Kings of [Media]; ²⁶[and] [all] [the] Kings of [The North]—[the ones who are near] [and the ones who are far away], [each one] [with] [his Brother]—[even] [all] [The Kingdoms of] [The Earth] [that] [are] [on] [the] Surface of [The Ground]. [But {the} King] [of Sheshak] [must drink] [after them].

²⁷[Then you must say] [to them], “[This is what] [His [Supreme] Majesty], [God of] [Israel], [has said]: [Drink] [and get drunk], [then vomit] [and fall]. [But you will [never] get up] [because of] [The Sword] [that] [I] [am going to send] [between you].”

²⁸[And it will happen] [when] [they refuse] [to take] [The Cup] [from your Hand] [to drink], [then you must say] [to them], “[This is what] [His [Supreme] Majesty] [has said]: [You will [most definitely] drink]! ²⁹[Because], [guess what!] [In {the} City] [over] [which] [My Name] [has been called], [I] [am going to begin] [to do something bad]. [So will [you] be acquitted]? [You will [not] be acquitted], [because] [I am] [going to summon] [a Sword] [against] [all] [the] Inhabitants of [The Earth],’ [declares] [His [Supreme] Majesty].” ³⁰[So You] [must prophesy] [all] [These] [Words] [to them]; [and you must say] [to them]:

*"[His Majesty] [will roar] [from {the} Highest Point],
[And from [His holy] Haven]*

[He will grant] [His Voice].

*[He will [definitely] roar] [along with] [His Habitat].
[{\With} a Cheer], [like those who are treading {grapes}],
[He will sing antiphonally]*

[to] [all] [{}the} Inhabitants of] [The Earth].

³¹*[A Clamor] [has come] [up to] [{}the} End] [of the Earth],
[Because] [His Majesty has] [a Legal Case]*

[against {}the} Nations].

*[He] [is going to make a decision based on the truth]
[concerning all] [Flesh].*

*[Those who are guilty]? [He has given them up]
[to {}the} Sword]," [declares] [His Majesty].*

³²*[This is what] [His [Supreme] Majesty] [has said]:
"[Guess what!] [Something Bad] [is going to go out]
[From {}one} Nation] [to] [{}another} Nation].*

*[And an [intense] Cyclone] [will be awakened]
[From {}the} Lower Parts of] [The Earth].*

³³*[Then [those pierced by] [His Majesty]*

[on [That] Day] will be]

[From {}one} End] [of The Earth]

[up to] [{}the other} End] [of The Earth].

[They will [not] be lamented],

[And they will [not] be rounded up],

[And they will [not] be buried].

[They will be] [Excrement]

[on] [The Surface of] [The Ground].

³⁴*[Wail], [you Shepherds], [and cry out];*

*[And [you, [The Flock's] Majestic Ones],
roll around {in ashes}];*

[Because] [your Days] [of slaughtering {}the flock}]

[And your Dispersions {of them}] [have been fulfilled],

[So you will fall down] [like a [desirable] Container].

³⁵*[A Place to Flee] [from] [The Shepherds] [will go to Hell],*

[Even One Who Tries to Escape]

[from [The Flock's] Majestic Ones].

³⁶*[The Sound] [of [The Shepherds'] Outcry]*

[And The Wailing] [of [The Flock's] Majestic Ones] [is]

[Because] [His Majesty] [is spoiling] [their Pasture].

³⁷*[Then [{}the} Oases of] [their Peace] [will be kept still]*

[Because of] [His Majesty's] [burning] Anger].

³⁸*[He left] [His Lair] [like an Alpha Lion]*

[When] [their Earth] [became] [Something Devastated]

[Because of] [{}the} Burning] [of The Dove],

[Even because of] [His [burning] Anger]."

(Jeremiah 25:1–38) —my interim translation

Jeremiah 25—Commentary

It is not my purpose in this short space to explain everything you need to know about how this chapter of the Book of Jeremiah describes the nuclear war that will close out this Age. Suffice it to say, the "Sword" that God *promised* to "send" "between" the nations (think: "horns") has already been *received* by nine of the ten who will contribute. The "Sword" (think: Weapon) that God metaphysically "sent" to men like Albert Einstein will eventually produce all those absolutely beautiful pillar-and-cloud formations in which Jesus Christ will return in all His Glory. But what Jeremiah tells us in this passage indicates those nuclear weapons are going to be detonated high above the ground to achieve maximum killing power; therefore, the pillar may be missing in some cases. I don't know how that works.

Fortunately, the reality that will absolutely terrify the unregenerate left here on Earth won't matter all that much to those who know the Truth because they will have already joined Christ in those awesome clouds. What does matter to anyone who wants to know the Truth is the fact that John the Revelator refers to this passage of Scripture in what he tells us about the wrath of the Almighty God lashing out and wiping the *remnant* of mankind off the face of the Earth at the End of the Age (Rev. 14:10, 15:7, 16:19, 18:23). His message lines up with what Jeremiah and Daniel say in that regard, so we can be certain all three are *talking about* the same events. But they say nothing that bodes well for those who do not know and believe the Truth that God gave Moses—the Truth the sons of Israel repeatedly refused to believe. So it sounds to me like we are set to experience déjà vu all over again.

The Answer to the Question

If you put together all of the things I laid out for you and read the Book of Revelation "The Way" I showed you, a bit of simple logic should tell you what you want to know. Therefore, I am going to tell you the answer, but I'm not going to tell you how I came to know it. That "Way," you may have "a little bit" more of an incentive to "study to show yourself approved unto God." The two "witnesses" will carry out their calling during the first half of the "seven," and they will be killed sometime soon after the fifth trumpet sounds. ■

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an explanation of individual points, let him come and hear, along with ourselves, how the Apostle Paul, seeking to penetrate by help of the Holy Spirit, who searches even the "deep things" of God, into the depths of divine wisdom and knowledge, and yet, unable to reach the end, so to speak, and to come to a thorough knowledge, exclaims in despair and amazement, "Oh the depth of the riches of the knowledge and wisdom of God!" Now, that it was from despair of attaining a perfect understanding that he uttered this exclamation, listen to his own words: "How unsearchable are God's judgments! and His ways, how past finding out!"

For he did not say that God's judgments were difficult to discover, but that they were altogether inscrutable; nor that it was (simply) difficult to trace out His ways, but that they were altogether past finding out. For however far a man may advance in his investigations, and how great soever the progress that he may make by unremitting study, assisted even by the grace of God, and with his mind enlightened, he will not be able to attain to the end of those things which are the object of his inquiries. Nor can any created mind deem it possible in any way to attain a full comprehension (of things); but after having discovered certain of the objects of its research, it sees again others which have still to be sought out.

And even if it should succeed in mastering these, it will see again many others succeeding them which must form the subject of investigation. And on this account, therefore, Solomon, the wisest of men, beholding by his wisdom the nature of things, says, "I said, I will become wise; and wisdom herself was made far from me, far further than it was; and a profound depth, who shall find?"

Origen, "De Principiis," Book iv, Chap. i, in Roberts and Donaldson (Eds.), *The Ante-Nicene Fathers* (1885), Vol. 4, p. 375.

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