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Don't Read the Book of Revelation!

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At least that was what I was told growing up. And many people I come across as adults repeat the same words, or they say, "It's too hard to understand." But is that God's intention? "Blessed [is] he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time [is] at hand" (Revelation 1:3). "Behold, I come quickly: blessed [is] he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book" (Revelation 22:7).

Now why would God pronounce a blessing at the beginning and ending of the book when He expects no one to read it? Further, why would we be told to keep the prophecies of the book if the contents were beyond finding out? And why would God give warnings in the form of prophecies if He did not expect His people to read them, study them, and be prepared?

But why is it so difficult to understand? That is because it was written in a manner that would transcend time, and to thwart either purposeful fulfillment, or cause to deter fulfillment. If antichrist were named specifically, then no one

would use that name to make the prophecy fail, or someone would purposely use the name and possibly cause failure of the fulfillment of the rest of the events. In other words, God being so specific that everyone is aware of every detail allows for human manipulation to make the Bible fail.

So one way to transcend time without failure is stated in Revelation 1:1 by the word "signified". That is the wording in the King James Version of the Bible – "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified [it] by his angel unto his servant John." That key word is very important, but modern translations drop that key word, like the New International Version (NIV), in which they simply state, "The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John." If a person does not know that the Book of Revelation is a symbolized book, none of it would make sense. In Revelation 13, there is a description of a beast. "And I stood upon the

sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as [the feet] of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority" (Revelation 13:1-2). I have seen lions and bears, even leopards, but I have never seen one beast made up of all of those parts. Without realizing that this one beast is actually symbolic, that it represents more than a physical beast, Revelation 13 becomes very challenging to understand.

So, if you want to understand the Book of Revelation, first, use the version of the Bible that understands that these items are "signified", symbolic, not literal. Second, personally understand that Revelation is using symbolic, representative language.

Once we get to that level, the next logical thing to figure out is what those symbols mean. To accomplish this, we have to understand a Bible principle: "Knowing this first, that

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no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake [as they were] moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:20-21). That means if one prophet is told what a symbol means, God is not going to tell another prophet that it means something else. There is consistency in the scriptures.

For instance, John is not told what a beast is symbolic of, but God did tell another prophet. Daniel 7:17 states, "These great beasts, which are four, [are] four kings, [which] shall arise out of the earth." Now be careful, Daniel 7:23 gets more specific by stating, "Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces." Putting it together, God informed one of the writers of the Bible, Daniel, that beasts represent kings and their kingdoms. In other words, beasts do not represent merely a king, but the initial king that set up a kingdom and whoever sits on the throne afterwards carrying out the initial king's intent – for the kingdom to continue. This is true with King Nebuchadnezzar who set up Babylon, and King Belshazzar, a descendant, losing the kingdom. King Alexander who set up Greece would be another as his four generals continued the kingdom a bit. Even the Caesars help us understand that the focus of things is not on a particular individual, though it may appear that way, as opposed to titles used by such persons in charge, much like the pharaohs of Egypt. More on that matter will come later.

Therefore, the lion, the bear, the leopard, and even the dragon, though there is a duality with that one, all represent different king-

doms or nations. The single conglomerate beast means that the single nation that it represents, also known as antichrist, is made up of all of those other nations. Already, one ought to realize that antichrist is not a mere human being. Antichrist is a nation.

Now in regards to the duality of the dragon, we are told "the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan" (Revelation 12:9), again, Satan being king, and his kingdom "the earth" (Revelation 12:9); however, Satan worked very strongly through a particular earthly nation, hence, why it is part of the conglomerate beast. Even Daniel saw this beast: "a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it [was] diverse from all the beasts that [were] before it; and it had ten horns" (Daniel 7:7). Daniel simply resorted to describing the beast instead of just saying that it was a dragon. Therefore, the dragon represents both Satan and his kingdom as well as an earthly king and his kingdom, being the cruelest in the chain of rise and fall of nations, using iron in a torturous manner.

Now, there are many theories out there based on sensationalism that confuse the matter. They show verses of the Bible in a manner that supports these theories as well. The verses that point to a specific man simply is pointing to the king or leader of that nation, but as all nations replace their leaders either by vote or by death in time, the references are more to the position as opposed to a specific being. Not understanding this has caused many to point to Ronald Wilson Reagan (having six letters in each of his three parts of his name), George W.

Bush, Barack Hussein Obama II, even Donald J. Trump, as being the beast. Of course, many think it is Joseph Biden, especially when Revelation talks about a second beast assisting the first one is added to the mix. Therefore, Kamala Harris is considered the second beast. Looking at world influencers, Bill Gates usually tops the list as possibly being the antichrist. All of this is utter nonsense because even John declared, "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time" (1 John 2:18), meaning, the antichrist nation shall come but already are many human beings acting as antichrists, which will eventually build this antichrist nation. Even Paul stated, "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work" (2 Thessalonians 2:7). It is clear that both John and Paul saw the formation of what would become the antichrist nation in their days. Seeing that no human being can live over one thousand, even nearly two thousand years old, the references to a man is more of a position or title, like the Caesars and pharaohs.

To really understand the Book of Revelation will require comparing it to other books of the Bible with Daniel being the most commonly referenced book. In Revelation, we are told, "Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number [is] Six hundred threescore [and] six" (Revelation 13:18). Paul even states, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for [that day shall not come], except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself

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above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4). But as is the case with every human leader, they want their legacy to continue on, referring to their policies. Instead of us focusing on one person doing these things and carrying the infamous 666 number in their personal name, we ought to be looking more at the title of the position held by the leader, like the word "president", "king", and others.

The argument of whether it is a single person or a succession of persons in a position of leadership, is settled by Daniel. "I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn [were] eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things" (Daniel 7:8). When one compares this description along with subsequent descriptions in the rest of Daniel 7 with those in Revelation 13, the parallels remarkably match up to the point that we are talking about the same entity. This is where John is able to say, "ye have heard that antichrist shall come". What Daniel 7:8 reveals is that this man, carrying the 666 "Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God", is represented by a horn.

"The ten horns out of this kingdom [are] ten kings [that] shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings" (Daniel 7:24). Again, do not forget that when reference is made to kings, we are not talking the initial king, but

the allowance of successors to carry on the kingdom. That is the consistency of the Bible. So, we ought to be looking for a successive position that carries a name that adds up to 666 and that position allows them to exalt themselves above all that is called God, like being above the Bible and being above the Ten Commandments, being above all that is worshipped, which refers to the first four commandments, and even comes off as being God.

The Ten Commandments and God's Word are brought into the picture because Daniel 7:25 tells us, "And he shall speak [great] words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time." Antichrist would mess around with God's worship times and God's laws. In addition, antichrist would "cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered" (Daniel 8:12), while we realize that God's "word is truth" (John 17:17). This is why it is so dangerous to see Christians giving in to various forms of evolution, thinking the Bible is irrelevant, thinking the Bible is out of date, thinking that the Bible is meaningless since anyone can get anything they want from the Bible, and every other excuse to shelve the book.

Now, let us get back to unraveling the mystery that is the Book of Revelation. Not all symbols are defined outside of the Book of Revelation. In fact, Revelation helps us understand Daniel in some sense, for instance, back in Revelation 13, this conglomerate beast arises out of the sea. The word "sea" refers to people. Similarly, in Daniel 7, Daniel sees a number of beasts also coming up out of the sea. The "sea" or "water" is defined in Revelation 17:15 and is

again, applicable to all prophetic or symbolic references, otherwise, it would be one of those forbidden private interpretations. "And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues." So, when Daniel 7:3 states, "And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another" and Revelation 13:1 says, "And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea", we are talking about a nation rising to power that begins where there are many types of people, large number of people, numerous nations, and various languages spoken. By the way, that eliminates all Presidents of the United States or even the United States itself from being antichrist. We may have multiple languages these days, but we certainly did not rise among many nations.

Appealing to one's logic then, if waters of any sort in prophecy refers to numerous nations with various languages and is highly populated with people, then when the Bible says, "I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth" (Revelation 13:11), then the opposite would be applied. That would refer to a nation rising where few languages are spoken, not surrounded by so many nations, and even sparsely populated. That is more of a description of how the United States started.

As we continue on, do consider that this article is not going to reveal everything in the Book of Revelation. Further, it is also not going to interpret the whole book. There are parts that indeed take serious Bible study to realize their meanings. We do not have that opportunity to do so right now.

But this do know, the Book of Revelation often makes reference to "the

Lamb” or “a Lamb” (Revelation 5:6, 8, 12, 13; 6:1, etc. up to 25 references). This is defined by John in both John 1:29 and John 1:36, “John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world”, “And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!” So, “Lamb” references in Revelation refer to Jesus. Now before someone yells, “Inconsistency! Beasts are kingdoms!”, do remember that Jesus is “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS” (Revelation 19:16) and He declared, “My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence” (John 18:36). So, there is no inconsistency.

On a different topic, even the word “Jews” is symbolic. “...they are Jews, and are not...” (Revelation 2:9, Revelation 3:9). Romans 2:28-29 tells us what a Jew is these days since the cross: “For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither [is that] circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he [is] a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision [is that] of the heart, in the spirit, [and] not in the letter; whose praise [is] not of men, but of God.” That means the word “tribes”, references to actual tribes, etc. are also all symbolic. It is not by accident that Genesis 49 runs down the definition of each of the tribes. And it is not by chance that Revelation does not match the literal tribes in the desert either. There was no tribe of Joseph (Revelation 7:8), and the tribe of Dan is missing from the list in Revelation.

There are many more symbols that we could cover, but before we conclude this article, we want to bring awareness to the fact that when



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understanding the Book of Revelation, it is a “Revelation of Jesus Christ” (Revelation 1:1) in that we want to follow Him. Antichrist simply is the distraction away from following Jesus. He even resorts to “shed the blood of saints and prophets” (Revelation 16:6), “killeth with the sword” (Revelation 13:10), and “as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed” (Revelation 13:15). No wonder we are told, “he that endureth to the end shall be saved” (Matthew 10:22) because it so easy to claim to be a Christian, yet, not be one. “Let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth” (1 John 3:18). “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 7:21).

We already saw how the purpose since the days of the apostles to the present day that the activity of the

antichrist is to “cast down the truth” as in the Word of God and also messes with God’s Ten Commandments. This alone ought to have us more concerned about the scriptures as opposed to looking for some mean being that is out to exterminate Christians, Jews, or both. Many have pointed to the activity of the United Nations as fulfillment of this type of prophecy missing the fact that the issue is more spiritual.

John clearly tells us what the real issue is all about. “For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son” (2 John 1:7-9). It is a doctri-

nal warfare. We either follow the doctrines of Jesus Christ, or are coerced by argument or force to comply with the doctrines of antichrist.

We may applaud the unification of the churches, the religions, and even the nations cooperating when they do. Getting along is a wonderful thing, but when it is at the cost of removing beliefs, speaking on only those things that we agree upon, accepting as part of religion those things that were considered foreign to us but are now being incorporated into our places of worship, Christianity ceases to be the “salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13), “the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14), etc. Jesus told us to be “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:20). We are to

influence the world to come into “one fold” under “one shepherd” (John 10:16) Jesus Christ living the teachings of Jesus.

So, when a person sees new practices coming into their church, think, is this to help bring unification of religions together based upon policies of man and not God? When a person sees practices and even words disappear from use so as not to offend others, think, is this to help bring unification of religions together based upon policies of man and not God? That is exactly what they are doing, many unaware of the movement, but nonetheless, accomplishing the end goal.

“Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword” (Matthew 10:34). “The sword of the Spirit,

which is the word of God” (Ephesians 6:17). But if Satan has successfully gotten Christians to shelve the book, the Bible, victory has been won for the devil.

“Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints” (Ephesians 6:14-18).



Be In Health — 3 John 1:2

For the Precious Fruits [Brought Forth] By the Sun (Deuteronomy 33:14)

The sun has positive physical effects on plants, so how much more does it affect human beings?

For starters, that is the most natural way we get vitamin D. The UV rays help our bodies to produce vitamin D, which is important for bone strength, healthy blood cells, and overall, building up the immune system. This is why it is very concerning that through the current crisis, the government medical leaders are telling us to stay in our homes. Such advice actually promotes the dependency of getting vitamin D by unnatural sources, especially through pharmaceuticals. Nutritionists and the medical staff who are not part of the agenda en-

courage us to be exposed to the sunshine.

Sunshine helps with sleep. The internal clock operates best on rising by the time the sun rises, staying alert all the day long, and then allowing the evening hours to permit the drowsiness to come on.

Sunshine also seems to help people in their dieting. Excluding the fact that people who stay up late and sleep in also tend to snack on junk food at night, especially as they watch their favorite TV programs and movies in the late hours, it has been proven that pounds seem to be easier to be kept off by rising early.

Sunshine helps with diminishing depression and increases well-being. The chemical serotonin,

which is produced by the sun, provides more energy, keeps people calm, positive, and focused. In fact, the lack, thereof, is what develops into depression, which significantly increases during the short days of the winter months.

Sunshine contributes to better eye health as well. More people who get proper amounts of sunlight are less likely to develop distance sight issues like blurred vision, shorter distances of readability, and shorter distance of recognition of objects.

Sunshine also aids in many skin conditions like eczema, psoriasis, vitiligo, and even acne. An improper diet where lots of sugar is involved, which is easily achievable in many diets today, could contribute to various skin cancers, so be careful. On the opposite side, those who live in

areas exposed to sun more frequently, saw a decrease in colon cancer, Hodgkin's lymphoma, ovarian cancer, pancreatic cancer, and prostate cancer.

On top of that, sunlight has been used to treat rheumatoid arthritis, systemic lupus erythematosus, inflammatory bowel disease, and thyroiditis.

Even according to WHO, "getting anywhere from 5 to 15 minutes of sunlight on your arms, hands, and

face 2-3 times a week is enough to enjoy the vitamin D-boosting benefits of the sun. Note that the sun must penetrate the skin. Wearing sunscreen or clothing over your skin won't result in vitamin D production."

Sunshine has been used many times to cure jaundice, the yellowing of the skin.

Artificial sunlight, on the other hand, is not highly recommended. Tanning beds, brightly lit rooms to

trick the body into thinking it is daytime when it is night time only confuses the body, and improperly used, can lead to serious long term health effects. Although such equipment is not recommended, obviously people living in those exceptional low-sunlight places on the planet do improvise during normal hours. This article is not intended for people living in the exception, but living in popular locations where sun rises and sets with many hours between.



Healthy and Delicious Recipes

Roasted Sweet Potatoes with Tahini Sauce

Roasted Sweet Potatoes

Ingredients:

- Sweet Potatoes, as many as you want
- Olive Oil
- Salt

Preparation:

- Preheat oven to 425*
- Scrub, then cube unpeeled potatoes into uniform chunks; place in a bowl.
- Drizzled with olive oil, making sure oil lightly coats all potatoes by mixing with your hands.
- Spread cubes on a parchment paper lined baking sheet with space between them and sprinkle with salt.
- Roast for about 25 minutes till potatoes are brown around edges. Time will depend on how thick your cubes are.

Tahini Sauce

Ingredients

- ¼ cup smooth tahini
- 3 tablespoons water, more if needed
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup
- 1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil
- 1 small garlic clove, grated

- ¼ teaspoon salt

Preparation

- In a small bowl, whisk together the tahini, water, lemon juice, olive oil, maple syrup, sesame oil, garlic, and salt until smooth.
- If the sauce is too thick, add more water, ½ tablespoon at a time, until it's a desirable consistency.
- Drizzle sauce over sweet potato cubes and enjoy!



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Be Ye Holy — 1 Peter 1:15

Galatians 3:1 says, “O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?” Obeying the truth is the sanctified and holy life. Has anyone bewitched you or tricked you into thinking that there is no need to obey God’s truth? As soon as obedience is mentioned, people claim “legalism!”, “Judaizer!”, “works oriented!”, etc.. Sure, Paul just finished stating, “I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness [come] by the law, then Christ is dead in vain” (Galatians 2:21). And everyone that honestly keeps the Ten Commandments believes that too. There is no righteousness in the law. All righteousness comes from Christ. “[Is] the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet” (Romans 7:7). The purpose of keeping the law is not to earn righteousness. The purpose of the law is to tell me where I have sinned. Then I repent (Acts 2:38); I confess (1 John 1:9); and then I

receive grace from Jesus for having done the sin (Ephesians 1:7). There is no frustrating of grace there at all. Those who keep the law to be saved are lost. Those who keep the law and have received grace for their breaking of the law are saved. Those who just dismiss the law entirely afraid that by keeping the law they are frustrating grace will find out that they, too, will be lost “(For not the hearers of the law [are] just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified” (Romans 2:13). God does not provide grace for people to return to disobedience. So, has someone bewitched you from keeping God’s Ten Commandments, the truth (2 John 1:4), claiming grace or faith or something else dismisses the law, or do you see the perfect balance between obedience and grace (Romans 6:15)?

Ephesians 2:8-9 clearly establishes the proper relationship between justification or forgiveness of our sins, and sanctification or holy living afterwards. We live holy lives because we are saved, but what happens is that the attributes of

justification are exaggerated into removing the sanctification part. In reading the first two of the three verses, it says, “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” And that is properly understood to mean that all of the commandment keeping, obedience, etc. will not allow us to save ourselves. We do not do any of those things, nor *can* we do any of them, to be saved. It is completely salvation through the gift that comes from Jesus Christ; but do not stop there. Now that you have received the gift of salvation, the expectation is the third verse, which says, “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.” In other words, we are now saved for works, obedience, commandment keeping, living a holy life. We do not receive the free gift to go back to our old life, excusing sin here and there (Romans 6:1-2). So, do you have both the justification, which is free from God, and the sanctification, which demon-

strates the power of God for us human beings to exercise?

1 John 2:4 clearly states, "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." Therefore, it is not the truth that grace cancels the obedience to the Ten Commandments. It is not the truth that faith cancels the obedience to the Ten Commandments. It is not the truth to claim once you are saved, that there is no possibility of being lost, so the Ten Commandments are not important. It is not the truth for any reason to cancel the obedience to the Ten Commandments. If we are making an excuse to not keep the commandments, we are liars. And according to Revelation 21:8, those who do are in the list of people going to hell. "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." So, are you a liar, or are you keeping the Ten Commandments by the power of God (2 Peter 1:3, Jude 24)?

2 John 1:9 speaks very plainly. "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son." There are only two groups of people where doctrines determine if one has God or not. This verse does not say, "But if you are under grace", or "But if you are once saved", or "But if you have faith", etc.. We are to know the doctrines of Christ and abide, or live them,

which is the holy and sanctified life. If we do not, we are lost. God's Word does not contradict itself. So do not go off pointing to other verses. Explain what this verse means, if it does not mean what has been stated. The contradiction comes in when people who read the verses about grace, faith, condemning works, even of the law to be saved, etc., they apply it to both the forgiveness part (justification) and the living part (sanctification), which is wrong. We are saved by grace – period. We have faith that we are saved by grace. Grace is not something that we can contribute anything toward. We are just saved. But that is the justification part. Now that we are, we choose to live according to the doctrines of Christ, giving evidence that we are saved; that is the sanctification part. If we live according to other people's doctrines, that means that they save us. If we live according to what we think and how we ought to live, then we are saying that we save ourselves. So, through obedience and submission to doctrine, who do you show that you are saved by? God? Other people? Yourself?

Luke 3:8 states, "Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to [our] father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham." Today, it can be said, "Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We are Christians and are saved: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Christ." Some may think this is a stretch, but repentance is re-

quired: "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). We repent because we love God and so, "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth" (1 John 3:18), and "Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance", which "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law" (Galatians 5:22-23). And repentance is not one thing for the Jews and another thing for Christians or non-Jews, "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him" (Romans 10:12). Fruit in your life is the result of the fruit of the Spirit bringing forth all of those things. So, does your fruit, or character, reflect true repentance, reflecting the fruit of the Spirit, or do you just mouth the fact that you are saved while continuing in your old life of excusing sinning here and there?

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). Clearly, if a person is not "born again", they will not go to Heaven. The "born again" experience is the holy and sanctified life, because the Bible defines the experience as: "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God" (1 John 3:9). "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that

overcometh the world, [even] our faith” (1 John 5:4). “We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not” (1 John 5:18). In comparison, “He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil” (1 John 3:8). Mouthing the words that a person is “born again” or saved means nothing. If we are continuing our sinful life, enjoying the distractions of the world, especially in wasting away time being entertained by it, we are of the devil no matter how much money we do-

nate or how loud we sing. It is the fruit that reveals if we are “born again”. The fruit of sinning reveals we are not “born again”, while the fruit of obedience reveals that we may be “born again”. The reason it only “may” reveal is because if someone thinks that obedience earns Heaven, although they are obeying, they are a legalist. Obedience reveals a saving relationship; it does not earn salvation. So, do you excuse sin and continue therein, or have you overcome your sins, overcome the world even, by the grace and power of God?

up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.” Being turned from our iniquities is the holy and sanctified life. Iniquity is any sinning. Therefore, if we are truly blessed of Jesus, we will not continue in iniquity because He has turned us away from the excuses to allow us to sin, the practices thereof, and even the desire of it. It is called being converted. So, have you been blessed by Jesus, even converted, and ceased sinning, or do you just claim the blessings with your mouth while sinning, as you allow yourself to sin?



Acts 3:26 tells us straight out, “Unto you first God, having raised

Study to Shew Thyself Approved Unto God

Be Sober [Answers will appear next month.]

Peter is addressing believers by saying “be sober”. Satan already has the unbelievers. Therefore, Satan can steal away Christians if a Christian allows him to. The following is a study that helps us stay in the protective care of God’s hand and not choose to leave.

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| <p>1. Who does Satan look for to entice to leave God’s hand?
1 Peter 5:8</p> | <p>3. What do we need to put on to fully resist the devil? Ephesians 6:11, 13</p> | <p>7. What is the shield made of?
Ephesians 6:16</p> |
| <p>2. What are we supposed to do?
James 4:7</p> | <p>4. What are the loins to be girt with? Ephesians 6:14</p> | <p>8. What is the helmet made of?
Ephesians 6:17</p> |
| | <p>5. What is the breastplate made of? Ephesians 6:14</p> | <p>9. What is the sword of the Spirit?
Ephesians 6:17</p> |
| | <p>6. What are the feet to be shod with? Ephesians 6:15</p> | <p>10. What two things ought we to practice often (several times a day)? Ephesians 6:18</p> |

March, 2021, Questions and Answers

When the very final days occur, is Europe supposed to be united or divided? [Answers will appear next month.]

1. When Daniel tells King Nebuchadnezzar about the dream that the king forgot, but was disturbed to know it and the meaning of it, what is the first metal object identified; what does that object represent? Daniel 2:31-32, Daniel 2:37-38 "Head of gold" and "Thou [art] this head of gold", referring to King Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonian kingdom.
2. What is the second metal object and what does it represent? Daniel 2:32, Daniel 2:39 "his breast and his arms of silver"; "another kingdom inferior to thee".
3. Who is this second kingdom? Daniel 5:28-31 "Medes and

Persians".

4. What is the third metal object and what does it represent? Daniel 2:32, Daniel 2:39 "his belly and his thighs of brass"; "another third kingdom of brass".
5. Who is this third kingdom? Daniel 8:4-7, Daniel 8:20-21 "Grecia" or Greece.
6. What is the fourth metal object and what does it represent? Daniel 2:33, Daniel 2:40 "legs of iron"
7. Who is this fourth kingdom? John 11:45-48 "Romans"
8. What is the fifth metal object and what does it represent? Daniel 2:33, Daniel 2:41-43 "his feet part of iron and part of clay"; "the kingdom shall be divided", meaning, the prior kingdom would be divided up, with the focus on the toes being ten divisions.

9. What is the sixth object and what does it represent? Daniel 2:34, Daniel 2:44-45 "a stone was cut out without hands"; "the God of heaven set up a kingdom".

10. What are we told about the timeline? Daniel 2:29, Daniel 2:45 "what should come to pass hereafter" (twice stated).

11. What tells us that God's kingdom comes while Europe is divided (represented by the 10 toes, understood by just about all denominations to mean such despite the lack of a verse since the occurrence happened in the fifth century, well beyond Bible times)? Daniel 2:41, Daniel 2:43, Daniel 2:44 "the kingdom shall be divided"; "they shall not cleave one to another"; "in the days of these kings"; "all these kingdoms".



Questions & Answers

QUESTION: On a number of occasions while listening to talk radio, at least weekly an enthusiastic caller would call into one particular program and claim the authority of Jesus to beat back the evil of cancer and then came off as "since he prayed it, then it was so". The radio show host still died of cancer. It is one thing hearing a person or two, but this was constant. Can you explain what happened then? What is going on?

ANSWER: What you are describing is what is generally called the "name it and claim it" Christians or "pray it and claim it". However, a person wants to refer to it as. The bottom line is that they are taking scripture out of context and making Christianity look foolish. It is all a ploy by Satan using uneducated souls that are sincere in their belief but are misguided, especially by the false preachers, and in so doing, are actually calling for ridicule upon Christianity.

So, let us unravel the error because the Bible indeed states, "Whatever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive" (Matthew 21:22).

We can never pull out a verse alone and build a belief or a practice upon it. That is what contributes to the thousands of denominations and other organizations that exist today, all claiming to be Christian. What they are doing is creating confusion because in the purest

sense, to be a Christian is to live in accordance with the teachings of Jesus. And if everyone has their own version of what Jesus taught, someone has to be wrong when they come into conflict. We are all to believe the same thing and have one united organization – not 42,000+ and counting. This union is not accomplished by meetings to discuss human theories but is based upon, according to John 17, the proper understanding of the Word of God – “Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth” (John 17:17).

What is the proper understanding? It is following the one and only true method of searching the scriptures – “Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? [them that are] weaned from the milk, [and] drawn from the breasts. For precept [must be] upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, [and] there a little” (Isaiah 28:9-10). Gather every piece of scripture on the subject no matter if it is whole lines of verses, parts of verses, or principles established. This may take a long time, depending upon the topic chosen.

With that said, despite how plain a verse may appear, we have to remember that “God is not [the author] of confusion” (1 Corinthians 14:33). Further, once God lays down a principle, He does not have to constantly refer to it, nor does He change His principles, for He states, “I [am] the LORD, I change not” (Malachi 3:6), and “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever” (Hebrews 13:8).

So, there are key words in what

looks like a very plain statement that ought to be searched out. One of those key words is “prayer”. When one does an honest Bible study on all forms of the word “prayer” (such as “praying”, “pray”, “petition”, etc.) a person will run into this verse eventually: “seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:33). This follows the verse stated earlier, “Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?” (Matthew 6:31). Seeking first the kingdom is not having a first and second, not even a priority and another item following. That is like saying, “I put my wife first above my girlfriends.” You better not be having girlfriends! First, in both contexts, by putting something “first”, it is placing the item as the only position.

Now, claiming healing for the talk show host from his cancer – was that for the kingdom of God? Be honest? No. It was so a mighty warrior that uncovers the political schemes of the other party would continue to fight in politics. Throwing God into the mix often does not make it of God. Therefore, we already have a prayer that is not after God’s order.

However, if you, the reader, are not yet convinced, the direct verse that applies to the topic at hand is in Proverbs 28:9: “He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer [shall be] abomination.” Just how many of the “name it and claim it” folk obey God’s law? “Oh, I don’t have to keep the law. I’m saved!” “Oh, I don’t have to keep the law, we’re under grace!” “Oh, I don’t have to

keep the law, I go by faith!” Therefore, the prayer is actually an abomination to God. Those that say, “Oh, not so fast. I have examples of answered prayers and they are miracles!” And who said that Satan cannot work miracles?

Keep in mind, deception is key in the last days that we are living in (Matthew 24:4, 5, 11, 24). False signs and wonders, known as miracles, are going to confirm people in their sinning (Matthew 24:24, 2 Thessalonians 2:9).

So, a lifestyle of seeking “God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind” (Matthew 22:37) leads to “whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight” (1 John 3:22). Anything short of this is not of God, and therefore, in many cases, such foolishness of the many failed “name it and claim it” prayers just brings ridicule upon true Christianity.

QUESTION: Should a wife be subject to her husband in all cases?

ANSWER: “Ye wives, [be] in subjection to your own husbands” (1 Peter 3:1). “Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord” (Colossians 3:18). “Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord” (Ephesians 5:22).

Now, when presented with obedience to the commandments, should a wife obey the dictates of her husband if the husband declares that either she is not allowed to do something in compliance with the commandments, or she is to do something that is con-

trary to the commandments. A real specific example is that of regarding tithing. A wife and her son faithfully studied God's Word and realized that tithing ought to be practiced. The unconverted husband forbade giving such large sums to, what he referred to as, an organization of men.

Looking upon those verses in an extreme situation, it becomes very clear that a wife is not subject to her husband in all cases; for instance, if her husband had told her to rob a bank or commit murder or become a prostitute, how many would tell the wife to be subject to her husband? None! At least we hope that it is none.

Although it is true that a woman is subject to her husband, it is not a slave relationship nor is it a dictatorial one. "As it is fit in the Lord" means that a wife is subject as in agreement with God and not simply saying, "I must be subject to my husband because any insubordination, even for a godly reason, is not tolerated or fit in God's

eyes." No. The "fit in the Lord" is about the reason to be subject to a husband. If the husband makes a godly request and she simply does not feel like fulfilling it, that is when she ought to be subject to her husband; but if the husband makes an ungodly request, she has no obligation whatsoever. Besides, it is a two-way street. Husbands and wives ought to consider Ephesians 5:21, which says, "Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."

Further, a wife is not to be waiting on her husband hand and foot, either. The Bible is quite clear: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Ephesians 5:25). Jesus said, "Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for [so] I am. If I then, [your] Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet" (John 13:13-14). Therefore, the husband ought to be making the wife's job easier and not adding undue extra burdens upon her.

The bottom line is that a wife is subject to her husband when the two disagree on a matter, but the husband is acting godly at the time; otherwise, subjection comes into question. For instance, an inheritance comes in and the husband wants to buy literature to distribute while the wife wants to take a vacation to an exciting resort. The wife ought to be subject to her husband.

Likewise, if that same inheritance occurs and the husband wants to throw an alcoholic party to celebrate with the wife making the food for the guests, she ought to be very careful in being subject to her husband as her actions would then be supporting sin. This does not mean to be disrespectful. There is a difference.

So, like Peter said, "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).



News and Comments

December 21

United Nations

General Assembly Declares International Day of Human Fraternity in Response to Growing Religious Hatred amid Pandemic, Adopts 3 Other Texts on Myriad Issues

The UN represents every nation on earth. For them to adopt this means "all the world wondered after the beast" (Revelation 13:3).

Although the concept is not bad, it places those that hold to unique truths in an awkward position, which will eventually grow into being looked upon in a hostile way. When we have the union of all religions and nations agreeing on everything to keep the "peace and safety" and we have pockets of people adhering to a different set of God-ordained principles, it creates nothing short of discrimi-

nation leading to considering those individuals as outcasts.

January 31

The Guardian

Denmark sermons law could stifle free worship, warns C of E bishop

If this continues, Amos 8:12 states, "And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to

the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find [it]."

January 31

Rolling Stone

How the Christian Right Helped Foment Insurrection

And we ought to expect that they "shall say all manner of evil against you falsely" (Matthew 5:11). We are in the fight of our lifetime. Christianity is under siege.

February 1

Vatican News

Pope to participate in first International Day of Human Fraternity

"The Holy Father will mark the International Day of Human Fraternity in a virtual meeting on 4 February, the date set by the United Nations General Assembly for this new annual occasion. He will do so together with the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Ahmad Al-

Tayyeb. The event will be hosted in Abu Dhabi, in the presence of the Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed." And we have "the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication" (Revelation 17:2).

February 2

The Burkean

ROXANNE: Ireland's New Anti-Hate Speech Surveillance Technology

Just more surveillance in prep for enforcing the Mark of the Beast (Revelation 13:17).

February 5

NY Post

Calls for Bank of America boycott grow after data given to FBI

The fact that Bank of America went on an electronic search of private data and handed it over to

the authorities to help investigate innocent people that were in the Capitol area on January 6, shows how easy it is to enforce "no man might buy or sell" (Revelation 13:17). All they had to do was pull up purchases made in the area, especially from those out of the area, and provide the list of names and addresses. Just imagine the opposite being true. The lack of information appearing on one's account could show lack of participation in receiving the Mark of the Beast.

February 7

Jewish News Syndicate

'IBM and the Holocaust': Twenty Years of Corporate Denial

So big tech influencing the world goes back a long way. And by the help of Antichrist, "the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies" (Revelation 18:3).

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Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime. (Daniel 6:10)

Let's face it, if we are serious about getting through Babylon, we need to take Daniel's example and also be praying at least three times a day.

To help direct one's thoughts on a subject, this website offers three Bible references a day: morning, afternoon, and evening.

MORNING—Sequential verses from the Old Testament and a mini study.

AFTERNOON—Random biblical message without restriction to any particular part of the Bible.

EVENING—Sequential verses from the New Testament and a mini study.

February 8

Christianity Today

Evangelical Christians Must Take Action to Love Thy Neighbor

The Bible is not to be pitted against itself. We are not to do something based on one theme, but all of it. That includes 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, which says, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." Put nothing into the body that risks death, alteration, or any damage. "Love thy neighbor" does not include doing harm to one's self. Be in health, Build up the immune system. Besides, this thing does not affect everyone and the recovery rate is so high that people are better off enduring the two weeks of discomfort. The media has exploited everything about it for the sake of the agenda. "Give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I [am] the LORD that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26). That is the way to help thy neighbor. But most people rather take a shot instead of taking care of one's health.

February 13

The Guardian

Fury at 'do not resuscitate' notices given to Covid patients with learning disabilities

Part of the agenda is revealed between the supposed pandemic

along with their solution. What was practiced under Hitler was a test run. Now the weak are being weeded out beyond the walls of Germany. "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold" (Matthew 24:12). Because of greed in money and power, the compassion, the love is gone.

February 13

News Break

UN human rights office prepares global 'LGBT hate groups' blacklist

Blacklisting groups for any restriction on religious freedom is just instigating a hatred towards those who simply want to practice their faith, and working towards the attitude that "the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed" (Revelation 13:15). Remember, the image of the beast is the image of anti-christ, which is against the doctrines of Christ (2 John 1:7-9).

February 17

NBC News

New York City waitress fired after not getting the Covid-19 vaccine

And Axios reports "Indonesia announces punishments for those who refuse COVID vaccines" (2/17/2021). That may not be a buy and sell issue but being fined and even losing a job certainly, although indirectly, does affect buying and selling. And once again, we will see where people will have to display some form of identification indicating that they

received the vaccination, which is merely a tracker. Everyone is worried about the Mark of the Beast being physically in the hand and forehead while what is in the hand and forehead may be merely the tracker that reveals compliance to the unrelated physical object. Again, the vaccine, or lack thereof, is not the Mark, but serves as an example. Regarding Revelation 13:17, search the scriptures realizing that the contents of Revelation have been "signified" or "symbolized". Therefore, even the Mark has spiritual application that without seeing it that way, people are not realizing what the true Mark happens to be because they are looking at objects that directly allow people to buy and sell, limiting the options all the while the antichrist is just sneaking in before their eyes the true Mark.

February 18

AP News

UN: Huge changes in society needed to keep nature, Earth OK

ARTICLE: This report uses the word "must" 56 times and "should" 37 times. There should be 100 more because action is so crucial, said former U.N. climate chief Christiana Figueres, who wasn't part of the report. BIBLE: "All the world wondered after the beast" (Revelation 13:3).



Natural Remedies

Anemia Recipe

Excellent for pregnancy; and thick, strong, healthy hair growth

- 1 cup Figs, dried
- 1 cup Prunes

- 1 cup Apricots
- 1 cup Black strap Molasses
- 2 – 64-ounce Jars of Grape Juice
- 1 cup Raisins
- 1 teaspoon Anise Seed, whole

Mix all in a pitcher (glass jar). Let sit for a day in a warm place.

Take 4 ounces (1/2 cup) morning and evening.

Refrigerate. Will last for seven days in the refrigerator.

