



THE VOICE of ELIJAH

Restoring the hearts of the fathers to the children

The Fool Thinks What Has Been Will Always Be

I would turn out the words of the prophets, if the Lord Himself had said nothing (except that prophecies were the Lord's own word); but it is more to my purpose that He by His own mouth confirms *their statement*. Being questioned by His disciples when those things were to come to pass which He had just been uttering about the destruction of the temple, He discourses to them first of the order of Jewish events until the overthrow of Jerusalem, and then of such as concerned all nations up to the very end of the world.

For after He had declared that "Jerusalem was to be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles should be fulfilled," —meaning, of course, those which were to be chosen of God, and gathered in with the remnant of Israel—He then goes on to proclaim, against this world and dispensation (even as Joel had done, and Daniel, and all the prophets with one consent), that "there should be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars, distress of nations with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring, men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." "For," says He, "the powers of heaven shall be shaken; and then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds, with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh."

He spake of its "drawing nigh," not of its being present already; and of "those things beginning to come to pass," not of their having happened: because when they have come to pass, then our redemption shall be at hand, which is said to be approaching up to that time, raising and exciting our minds to what is then the proximate harvest of our hope. He immediately annexes a parable of this in "the trees which are tenderly sprouting into a flower-stalk, and then developing the flower, which is the precursor of the fruit." "So likewise ye," (He adds), "when ye shall see all these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of heaven is nigh at hand." "Watch ye,

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A Note From the Editor

Have you read through the back issues of *The Voice of Elijah*® recently? If you have, you know very well how much information has been conveyed since the premier issue of this newsletter in October 1990. If you haven't, I'd like to share a little taste of what there is to learn from the "Questions & Answers" column, alone. If I were to provide snippets from 1990–2013, I could fill volumes with just tidbits of "Q&A" through the years. Here's a taste:

Editor: *What do you expect people to do with the information they read in The Voice of Elijah®?*

Elijah: *The Elect will know what God requires. The parabolic image in the Scriptures is one in which the True Believer "wakes up" and remains "awake" until the End. Your newsletter provides the information necessary to wake them up, but they have the responsibility for remaining "awake." How they do that will prove whether or not they are part of the Elect. You must understand the Elect can be found in all denominations and churches throughout the world. They have but one thing in common—a valid salvation experience with God.*

The Voice of Elijah®, April 1991, pp. 17–18

Editor: *Some of our readers are going to have a tremendously positive response when they read Not All Israel Is Israel. Would you mind saying something for their benefit?*

Elijah: *First of all, anyone who finds the information in Not All Israel Is Israel valuable has an incredible experience yet to come. When they finish reading that volume, they will have seen but the tip of the iceberg. The wealth of the Gospel message that has been hidden in the parables of the Prophets is phenomenal. Not All Israel Is Israel does nothing more than lay the foundation. The Old Testament message concerning the Person and work of Jesus Christ fits together seamlessly and makes perfect sense. Those who are not already locked into tradition will begin to see that when they read Not All Israel Is Israel.*

The Voice of Elijah®, January 1992, p. 18

Editor: *You say, "God has already begun to work." What do you mean?*

Elijah: *Just that. If someone reads Not All Israel Is Israel and wants to attribute what they read to my own ingenuity, I'll thank them kindly and pass up the kudos. I haven't yet figured out how God does what He does, but I refuse to take credit where credit really isn't due. I have a calling. That's all. When the effects of that calling begin to show results among True Believers, those who have held back to "wait and see" will eventually find they have waited but will never see. God honors decisiveness and commitment. He hates double-mindedness and*

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the tendency to hold back. He's at work. Believe me. The results will appear in due time.

The Voice of Elijah®, January 1992, p. 19

Editor: *In light of the things you've written for this issue, you're probably talking about how the Church lost The Teaching.*

Elijah: *That's only part of what I see. The loss of The Apostolic Teaching is just one in a long series of skirmishes that often broke out into open warfare between Truth and error. The battle between the two began in the Garden of Eden with the Truth Eve had and the lies the Serpent told her. The conflict moved from there out into the world with the dispute between Cain and Abel, and through the Flood with the deliverance of Noah. Satan initiated his lies again after the Flood, and that resulted in the folly of Ham. (Incidentally, there is a lot more to that particular event than meets the eye.) Then God responded with His **promise** to Abraham and Israel's Exodus from Egypt. The point is, Truth and error have been constantly at war throughout history, not just in our own time.*

The Voice of Elijah®, January 1993, p. 15

Editor: *... You said in the last issue that discussion of current events isn't really important if an "individual doesn't take the steps necessary to avoid Satan's delusion." Would you talk a little more about that? What is Satan's delusion? What should the individual who wants to avoid that delusion know?*

Elijah: *I was talking about what Paul says in 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12. Satan's delusion is anything other than the Truth. So take a look around you. Everybody is absolutely certain that what they believe is true. If they weren't, they wouldn't believe it. But try telling them there is one absolute Truth concerning God and see if they don't laugh in your face for being so naïve. The attitude that most people have toward the possibility of knowing the Truth is part of Satan's delusion. The only person who can avoid Satan's delusion is the one who believes there must be one Truth and, because of that belief, is still seeking to know that*

Truth—no matter what the cost. ...

The Voice of Elijah®, January 1994, p. 19

Editor: *On the subject of beliefs not being important..., I heard a well-known Christian leader on TV the other night, talking about what Jesus said to Nicodemus in John 3. In referring to verse 8, he said something like, "It's not important that you understand what Jesus was saying. We're saved by faith." Would you mind commenting on that?*

Elijah: *James warned us not to seek to become Teachers because Teachers are going to be judged more harshly. [Editor: James 3:1] Not many have heeded that warning. The statement you mentioned is a half-truth, and a half-truth is a whole lie. The first part is an outright lie. It is extremely important that we understand what Jesus meant by what He said. If he did not mean anything, He wouldn't have said anything.*

The second part of the statement you mention is a distortion of the Truth. It is true that we are saved by faith, but not faith in the sense that the person who made that statement meant.... Don't latch on to Satan's lie. Faith is nothing more than belief. ...If your beliefs are not solidly based on knowledge you gained through a rational process, they are nothing more than whims and are therefore prone to change daily. Unfortunately, most "Christians" today don't know that. And Satan loves to play with them because they believe the Truth of God's Word "may be this, may be that." ...Christianity started out as a Body of Believers willing to give up everything because of their belief in that coherent body of knowledge. And in the wisdom of God it is going to end up the same way for True Believers. ...

The Voice of Elijah®, January 1994, p. 20

I've shared only fragments of the questions and the answers, in most cases. If you are interested in reading the entire exchange (which I highly recommend), back issues are available on the Order Form that accompanies this newsletter and at www.voiceofelijah.org.

In Him,

Marcia Woody

Scoffers Delight in Scoffing; Fools Hate Knowledge

In the January 2012 issue of this newsletter, I began giving you my interim translation of the Book of Revelation along with my comments on the text. I will continue that in this issue, but first I want to review what I have already stated in regard to the *meaning* and *significance* of the things John wrote.

Revelation 1

I began by telling you the things that John saw and heard can only be understood in terms of *parabolic imagery*. That is, one must learn to think *parabolically* in terms of the *parabolic imagery* of *The Teaching of Moses* rather than *literally*, as most people tend to do. I said this:

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.

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

The first *parabolic image* I pointed to is the one in which the "Spirit" of the Living Word of God is "The Light" of "The Glory" of God:

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

I went on to explain how the *parabolic image* of "The Glory" of the Living Word of God relates to the *parabolic image* in which the heavenly beings who "carry" the Living Word of God are depicted as "stars":

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.

*("What's So Special About the Number Seven?" **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, pp. 4-5)*

I then reminded you once again that you must keep in mind the fact that everything John tells us relates *parabolically* to the *parabolic image* of "The Glory" of God in some way:

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.

(“What’s So Special About the Number Seven?” **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, p. 5)

After pointing out the fact that an accurate understanding of the parabolic imagery in which seven local churches are depicted as seven parabolic “lampstands” from which seven parabolic “lamps” give “light” must be based on an understanding of the parabolic pantomime of the priesthood in which a literal lampstand stood in the Tabernacle, I told you this:

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.

(“What’s So Special About the Number Seven?” **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, p. 6)

Revelation 2

In Chapter 2, I went on to explain the significance of the warning that Jesus issued to the seven churches. I told you it relates to the fact that the leaders of the local churches were supposed to excommunicate Pretenders in order to protect *The Apostolic Teaching*:

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.

(“What’s So Special About the Number Seven?” **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, p. 8)

I pointed out the fact that, instead of carrying out their charge and excommunicating those who were obviously Pretenders, Early Church leaders allowed them to remain in their midst, thereby ensuring the loss of *The Apostolic Teaching*. I did that by showing you the significance of the singular and plural forms of the second person personal pronoun:

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. That’s why I capitalized every “**You**” in the text when it is singular, and I didn’t capitalize it when the “**you**” is plural. I do my best to do that throughout my translation of the biblical text just because you need to know that information

before you can understand the meaning and significance of the biblical text.

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.

("What's So Special About the Number Seven?" **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, pp. 8–9)

I told you the refusal of Early Church leaders to do what was necessary to protect *The Teaching* resulted in the current situation in which individual Believers can no longer rely on the support of any identifiable body of True Believers but must instead focus on their own salvation:

My point is, when Jesus uses the singular form of the personal pronoun in the first two chapters of the Book of Revelation, He is addressing His remarks to the Corporate Body of Christ found in the local church, not at the individuals in that Corporate Body. 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.

("What's So Special About the Number Seven?" **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, p. 10)

Revelation 3

In commenting on Chapter 3, I explained that Jesus holds out hope to individual Believers in spite of the warnings He issues to the local churches:

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.

("What's So Special About the Number Seven?" **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, p. 11)

Finally, I emphasized the significance of everything I had already told you regarding 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."

("What's So Special About the Number Seven?" **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, p. 12)

Revelation 4

In Chapter 4, I focused on the statement made in this verse:

And [Flashes of Lightning], [Voices], and [Rolling Thunder] [are coming out] from [The Throne], and [seven] [Lanterns] of [Fire]—which [are] [The [seven] Spirits] of [The {Living} God]—[that are made to burn] [before] [The Throne].

(Revelation 4:5) —my interim translation

I said the following about the "lanterns" that are mentioned in that verse:

To understand the Truth, you need to know the seven parabolic "lanterns" mentioned in the verse above 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.

(“What’s So Special About the Number Seven?” **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, p. 13)

Revelation 5

Beginning in Chapter 5, I began to explain the significance of the insight I had already provided you into the parabolic imagery related to the seven parabolic “lamps” on the parabolic “lampstands” that the seven churches were supposed to be:

*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.

(“What’s So Special About the Number Seven?” **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, pp. 14–15)

Revelation 6

In Chapter 6, where John begins to describe the “opening” of the seven “seals” that the Prophets placed on the things they wrote, I told you the single most important thing you need to know about the events related to the “opening” of each “seal”:

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.

(“What’s So Special About the Number Seven?” **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, p. 17)

Then I said the following about the account of the “opening” of the first “seal”:

That 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.

(“What’s So Special About the Number Seven?” **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2012, p. 17)

After I told you that, I gave you a brief rundown of the titles and the basic message that is hidden behind the first six “seals.”

Revelation 7

In the April issue of *The Voice of Elijah*®, I gave you my translation of Revelation 7–10 along with a brief commentary on each chapter. I began by telling you Chapter 7 describes the final census of the members of Corporate Israel that began with the “opening” of the sixth “seal,” which is described in Revelation 6. I said this about Chapter 7:

That passage is describing the “sealing” of True Believers with the Truth of the Living Word of God that they have freely chosen to believe. That will be completed before the End.

*(“If Only He Had Said, ‘Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!’” **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2012, p. 11)*

After that, I went on to explain one of the *literal* events that correspond to the events that John describes *parabolically*:

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.”

*(“If Only He Had Said, ‘Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!’” **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2012, pp. 11–12)*

Revelation 8

In Chapter 8, John begins giving us a *parabolic* description of events that occur after the “opening” of the seventh “seal.” He tells us that, after the final “seal” comes off the Hebrew Scriptures, there will be an indefinite span of time in which seven messengers sound seven trumpets. In my comments on this chapter, I focused my attention on just the event that John tells us will occur after the third messenger sounds his trumpet. He describes that event *parabolically* as a

“star” called “the wormwood” falling from Heaven and “poisoning” “the waters” on the Earth:

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.

*(“If Only He Had Said, ‘Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!’” **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2012, p. 12)*

I went on to explain that the *parabolic image* of “the waters” that are poisoned by “the star” called “the wormwood” actually refers to the distortion of the Truth of Christianity that would reveal the Truth concerning Satan’s 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.”

*(“If Only He Had Said, ‘Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!’” **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2012, pp. 13–14)*

I also told you that I am firmly convinced the groundwork has already been laid to ensure that the majority of “Christians” are deluded by “the waters” that are “poisoned” when Satan makes his appearance here on Earth:

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 Only He Had Said, ‘Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!’” **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2012, p. 15)*

After I said that, I showed you a few places where “The Lie” of Satan is mentioned by the Prophets of Israel; and I told you this by way of warning:

*“The Lie” that originated with the false prophets of Israel—you know, the ones the Pharisees chose to believe—has finally gone out “to all the Earth.” That is, the majority of the decidedly dumb ducks in the Church today already believe that when Jesus Christ returns, the Jews will accept Him as their Messiah and He will rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. Nothing could be further from the Truth, but don’t try telling that to anyone who has already drunk “The Cup” of “The Harlot.” That “Cup” contains a whole lot more than the usual dose of “wormwood.” (“If Only He Had Said, ‘Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!’” **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2012, p. 16)*

Revelation 9

In Chapter 9, John *parabolically* describes events that occur after the fifth and sixth messengers sound their trumpets to initiate the first and second of three “woes.” I said this in regard to the events that come about as a result of their actions:

*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. (“If Only He Had Said, ‘Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!’” **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2012, pp. 17–18)*

Revelation 10

In Chapter 10, John *parabolically* describes events that will occur shortly before the seventh messenger sounds the final trumpet. I explained how his *parabolic* description relates to *literal* events that are going to take place here on Earth:

*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, p. 18)*

Revelation 11

In the July issue of *The Voice of Elijah*®, I gave you my translation of Revelation 11–13 along with a brief commentary on each chapter. I began by telling you John’s focus in Chapter 11 is 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. I pointed out that 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. I also showed you the Early Church Father Hippolytus confirms that John is describing events that occur during the three and a half years that immediately precede the reign of the Antichrist. I said the following regarding those things:

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.

(“Ever Seen Any Such Sad-Sack Sea Serpent?” **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 2012, p. 8)

I went on to show you Isaiah 27, where Isaiah talks about Corporate Israel as God’s “vineyard” and mentions the sounding of the parabolic “trumpet” that signals the End of the Age. Then I told you this:

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 the passage above. 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.”

(“Ever Seen Any Such Sad-Sack Sea Serpent?” **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 2012, p. 11)

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.

(“Ever Seen Any Such Sad-Sack Sea Serpent?” **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 2012, p. 11)

Revelation 12

Regarding Chapter 12, I told you it should be obvious to everyone, even the most obtuse among us, that John is not speaking *literally*. I explained that 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. I reminded you that “the water” that comes out of the mouth of the “sea serpent” in Revelation 12:15 depicts false teaching, just as it does in Revelation 8:11. Then, after I quoted what Hippolytus said in regard to the chapter, I said this:

Hippolytus’ explanation of the parabolic imagery in Revelation 12 is interesting, isn’t it? He 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 found 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.

(“Ever Seen Any Such Sad-Sack Sea Serpent?” **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 2012, p. 14)

Revelation 13

In commenting on Chapter 13, I first quoted what Irenæus explained about the things John wrote and then said this:

I could point out the fact that, in that passage, 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. 16–17)*

Revelation 14

With regard to Chapter 14, I told you that insight into the *parabolic imagery* of the Prophets is absolutely essential to an understanding of the things that John says, not only in this chapter but also in the entire Book of Revelation. Then I outlined the essential elements in the things that John heard so that you would be able to get the basic gist of it. I said this:

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. 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”). (“No Need for a Boa, the Constrictor Is on His ‘Way,’” **The Voice of Elijah**®, October 2012, p. 9)*

I then showed you what Isaiah and Zephaniah said about “The Harlot” “city” to emphasize the fact that they knew the True Believers who face down the Antichrist at the End of the Age would know the Truth of *The Teaching of Moses*. I quoted the entirety of Zephaniah to show you what he says God is going to do to that “Woman.” Then I said this:

*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. (See “On Fairy Tales and Holy Hell,” **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 1992, p. 20; “Two Perspectives, One Truth,” **The Voice of Elijah**® Update, August 2010, pp. 14 ff.; “To ‘Make’ a God, You First Have to Light a ‘Fire,’” **The Voice of Elijah**® Update, December 2010, pp. 17 ff.) (“No Need for a Boa, the Constrictor Is on His ‘Way,’” **The Voice of Elijah**®, October 2012, p. 14)*

I told you a final thing to note about Revelation 14 is the *parabolic image* of the “harvest” because it is also an integral part of the *parabolic imagery* the Prophets used. I explained that Jesus had that *parabolic image* in mind when He told the Parable of the Tares, which I quoted. Then I said this about that parable:

*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. 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. (“No Need for a Boa, the Constrictor Is on His ‘Way,’” **The Voice of Elijah**®, October 2012, p. 14)*

After showing you a few passages from the Gospel of Matthew, I said this:

If you scrutinize what John says, 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 showed you, 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." ("No Need for a Boa, the Constrictor Is on His 'Way,'" **The Voice of Elijah**®, October 2012, p. 15)*

After I quoted the Parable of the Wise Man, I said this about the meaning of that parable:

Did you notice that, right before Jesus describes the "fall" of Satan's "house," 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 2000 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.

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

Revelation 15

I began my commentary on the things that John tells us in Revelation 15 by telling you this:

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.

(*"The Song of Moses' Has Eight-Part Harmony," The Voice of Elijah®*, January 2013, p. 10)

After giving you my interim translation of Exodus 40:1–38, I said this:

As you may have noticed, I did not translate the Hebrew term 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 this passage.

(*"The Song of Moses' Has Eight-Part Harmony," The Voice of Elijah®*, January 2013, p. 11)

Then I showed you the Hebrew term that is normally translated "ark" is translated "coffin" in this verse:

[Then [Joseph] died] [a Son] {of} [a hundred] [and ten] [Years], [so they embalmed] [him] [and put {him}] [in a Coffin] [in Egypt].

(Genesis 50:26) —my interim translation

After I showed you that, I said this:

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.

(*"The Song of Moses' Has Eight-Part Harmony," The Voice of Elijah®*, January 2013, p. 11)

Then, after I quoted what the Prophet Isaiah says in Isaiah 28:9–13 about "The Way" the Prophets scattered bits and pieces of the Truth of *The Teaching of Moses* throughout their writings, I issued a warning to anyone who might be tempted to "explain" the things I teach by "summarizing" them for others who have a hard time understanding them. Then I began to explain the Truth a bit more openly:

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.

(*"The Song of Moses' Has Eight-Part Harmony," The Voice of Elijah®*, January 2013, pp. 12–13)

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.

("The Song of Moses' Has Eight-Part Harmony," **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2013, p. 13)

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."

("The Song of Moses' Has Eight-Part Harmony," **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2013, p. 13)

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.

("The Song of Moses' Has Eight-Part Harmony," **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2013, p. 14)

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.

("The Song of Moses' Has Eight-Part Harmony," **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2013, p. 14)

After I explained that, I said Revelation 15:1–8 is a description of "the appointed time" for the reunion of all eight parts of the Body of Jesus Christ in the heavenly "tabernacle" and then told you this:

*In that passage, 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. ("The Song of Moses' Has Eight-Part Harmony," **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2013, p. 14)*

Revelation 16

I introduced Revelation 16 this way:

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

*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, p. 16)*

To demonstrate the Truth of the things that I told you, I pointed out the parallel passages in which the following things are the recipients of the wrath of the Almighty God:

THE EARTH

(Revelation 8:7)

(Revelation 16:2)

THE SEA

(Revelation 8:8–9)

(Revelation 16:3)

THE "WATERS"

(Revelation 8:10–11)

(Revelation 16:4)

THE SUN

(Revelation 8:12)

(Revelation 16:8)

THE KINGDOM OF THE ANTICHRIST

(Revelation 9:1)

(Revelation 16:10)

THE "EUPHRATES"

(Revelation 9:13–14)

(Revelation 16:12)

THE END OF THE AGE

(Revelation 11:15)

(Revelation 16:17–18)

I concluded by pointing out Hebrews 12:25–26 and telling you that you might want to consider taking the advice offered there. Now, I want to show you what John says in Revelation 17–18.

Revelation 17—Text

¹[And] [one] [of] [The [seven] Messengers] [who] [have] [The [seven] Bowls] [came] [and] [spoke] [with] [me], [saying]: "[Come here]! [I will show] [You] [The Judgment] {of} [The Harlot]—[the [great] {harlot}] [who] [is sitting] [on] [many] [Waters]— ²[with] [whom] [The Kings] {of} [The Earth] [were sexually promiscuous]; [and] [the {ones} who reside on] [The Earth] [became intoxicated] [from] [The Wine] {of} [The Sexual Promiscuity] [she has]!" ³[And] [He carried [me] away] [in] [Spirit], [into] [a Desert]; [and] [I saw] [a Woman] [who was sitting] [on] [a [scarlet] Beast], [{a beast} that is full of] [The Names] {of} [False Religious Claims], [{a beast} that has] [seven] [Heads] [and] [ten] [Horns].

⁴[And] [The Woman] [was] [wrapped in] [purple] [and] [scarlet], [and] [gilded with] [Gold] [and] [valuable] [Stones] [and] [Pearls], [who had], [in] [The Hand] [she had], [a Cup] [made of gold] [that is full of] [Abominations] [and] [the [unclean]

{things}] {of} [The Sexual Promiscuity] [she has], ⁵[and] [on] [The Forehead] [she had], [a Name] [that had been written], [a *Mystery*]: "[Babylon] [the] [great], [The Mother] {of} [The Harlots] [and] [The Abominations] {of} [The Earth]."

⁶[And] [I saw] [The Woman], [who was intoxicated] [from] [The Blood] {of} [the [holy] {ones}] [and] [from] [The Blood] {of} [The Witnesses] {of} [Jesus]. [And] [I was amazed] [when {I} saw] [her]—[a [great] Amazing Thing]. ⁷[And] [The Messenger] [said to] [me]: "[Why] [are you amazed]? [I] [will tell] [You] [The *Mystery*] {of} [The Woman] [and] [The Beast] [that] [is carrying] [her]—[the {one} that has] [The [seven] Heads] [and] [The [ten] Horns].

⁸[The Beast] [that] [You saw] [was], [and] [is] [not], [and] [is going to] [come up] [out of] [The Abyss], [and] [is going on] [into] [Destruction]. [And] [the {ones} who reside] [on] [The Earth], {of} [whom] [The Name] [has] [not] [been written] [on] [The Scroll] {of} [The Life] [from] [World's] [Establishment], [will be amazed] [when {they} see] [The Beast], [because] [it was], [and] [it is] [not], [and] [it will be present]. ⁹[Here] [is] [The Mind] [that] [has] [Wisdom]: [The [seven] Heads] [are] [seven] [Mountains] [where] [The Woman] [is seated] [on] [them], ¹⁰[and] [they are] [seven] [Kings]. [The] [five] [fell], [the] [one] [is], [the] [other] [has [not yet] come]; [and] [when] [he comes], [he] [has to] [continue on] [just a little while].

¹¹[And] [The Beast] [that] [was] [and] [is] [not]—[is] [himself] [also] [an eighth], [and] [is] [one of] [the] [seven], [and] [he is going on] [into] [Destruction]. ¹²[And] [The [ten] Horns] [that] [You saw] [are] [ten] [Kings]—[those who] [have [not yet] received] [a Kingdom], [but] [they receive] [an Authority] [as] [Kings] [with] [The Beast] {for} [one] [Hour]. ¹³[These] [have] [one] [Opinion], [and] [they give] [The Power] [and] [The Authority] [they have] to] [The Beast]. ¹⁴[These] [will wage war] [with] [The Little Lamb]; [and] [The Little Lamb] [will triumph over] [them], [because] [He is] [Lord] {of} [Lords] [and] [King] {of} [Kings], [and] [the {ones}] [with] [Him] {are} [called] [and] [chosen] [and] [believing]."

¹⁵[And] [he tells] [me]: “[The Waters] [that] [You saw]—[where] [The Harlot] [is seated]—[are] [Peoples] [and] [Crowds] [and] [Nations] [and] [Tongues]. ¹⁶[And] [The [ten] Horns] [and] [The Beast] [that] [You saw]? [These] [will hate] [The Harlot]; [and] [after {she} has been deserted], [they will [also] make] [her] [naked]. [And] [they will eat] [The Flesh] [she has], [and] [they will burn [her] up] [in] [a Fire]. ¹⁷[For] [The {Living} God] [has put {it}] [into] [The Hearts] [they have] [to do] [The Opinion] [He has]—[even] [to do] [one] [Opinion]—[and] [to give] [The Kingdom] [they have] to] [The Beast] [up to the time when] [The Words] {of} [The {Living} God] [will be completed]. ¹⁸[And] [The Woman] [that] [You saw] [is] [The City]—[the [great] {one}] [that] [has] [a Kingdom] [on the basis of] [The Kings] {of} [The Earth].”

Revelation 17—Commentary

Before we go any further, you need to know what “beast” John has in mind in this chapter. He gives the following description of it:

“[And] [He carried me away] [in] [Spirit], [into] [a Desert]; [and] [I saw] [a Woman] [who was sitting] [on] [a [scarlet] Beast], [{a beast} that is full of] [The Names] {of} [False Religious Claims], [{a beast} that has] [seven] [Heads] [and] [ten] [Horns].”

(Revelation 17:3) —my interim translation

If you compare that description with his description of “the beast” in Revelation 13, you should be able to see the two are actually one and the same:

¹³[And] [when] [The Sea Serpent] [saw] [that] [he had been thrown] [to] [The Earth], [he pursued] [The Woman] [Who] [gave birth to] [The Male]. ¹⁴[And] [The [two] Wings] {of} [The Eagle]—[the [big] {one}]—[were given to] [The Woman] [so that] [she could fly] [into] [The Desert], [to] [The Place] [she has], [where] [She is provided food] [there] {for} [a Time] [and] [Times] [and [half] [a Time], [away from] [The Snake’s] [Face]. ¹⁵[And] [The Snake] [threw] [Water] [out of] [The Mouth] [he had] [like] [a River] [behind] [The Woman], [so that] [he might make] [her] [be carried away by a river*]. ¹⁶[And] [The Earth] [helped] [The Woman], [and] [The

Earth] [opened] [The Mouth] [she had], [and] [swallowed up] [The River] [that] [The Sea Serpent] [threw] [out of] [The Mouth] [he had]. ¹⁷[And] [The Sea Serpent] [became angry] [at] [The Woman], [and] [he went away] [to make] [War] [with] [The Others] {of} [The Seed] [she has]—[the {ones} who are keeping watch over] [The Commandments] {of} [The {Living} God] [and] [who have] [The Testimony] {of} [Jesus]; ¹[and] [he stood still] [on] [The Sand] {of} [The Sea]. [And] [I saw] [a Beast] [that was coming up] [out of] [The Sea]—[{one} that has] [ten] [Horns] [and] [seven] [Heads]. [And] [ten] [Diadems] {are} [on] [The Horns] [he has], [and] [Names] {of} [a False Religious Claim] {are} [on] [The Heads] [he has]. ²[And] [The Beast] [that] [I saw] [was] [just like] [a Leopard*], [and] [The Feet] [it had], [like] [a Bear*], [and] [The Mouth] [it had], [like] [The Mouth] {of} [a Lion]. [And] [The Sea Serpent] [gave] [it] [The Power] [he had], [and] [The Throne] [he had], [and] [a [great] Authority]. ³[And] [one] [of] [The Heads] [it had] {was} [like] [{one} who had been slaughtered] [to] [Death], [and] [The Beating] {of} [The Death] [it had] [was tended to]. [And] [The [entire] Earth] [following] [The Beast] [was amazed], ⁴[and] [they bowed down to] [The Sea Serpent] [because] [he gave] [The Authority] [to] [The Beast], [and] [they bowed down to] [The Beast], [saying], “[Who] {is} [just like] [The Beast], [and] [who] [is able] [to wage war] [with] [it]?”

(Revelation 12:13–13:4) —my interim translation

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 this passage from the Book of Acts:

¹[And] [after being brought to safety], [at that time], [we recognized] [that] [The Island] [is called] [Malta*]. ²[Then] [The Foreigners] [presented to] [us] [The Kindness] [that is] [not] [obtainable]. [For] [after lighting] [a Fire], [they took] [us] [all] [to themselves] [because of] [The Rainstorm] [that] [had confronted {us}] [and] [because of] [The Cold]. ³[Then], [when [Paul] twisted together] [some] [Multitude] {of} [Dry Sticks*] [and] [placed {them}] [on] [The Fire], [**a Viper**], [after coming out] [from] [The Heat*], [fastened onto*] [The Hand] [he had]. ⁴[But] [as soon as] [The Foreigners] [saw] [**The Beast**] [hanging] [from] [The Hand] [he had], [they were saying] [to] [one another], “[This Man] [is] [definitely] [a Murderer] [who], [after {he} was brought to safety] [from] [The Sea], [The Penalty] [has not] let {him}] [live].” ⁵[Therefore] [indeed], [after shaking **The Beast**] off] [into] [The Fire], [he suffered] [nothing] [awful]. ⁶[So] [they] [were waiting for] [him] [to be about to] [become feverish*] [or] [to suddenly] fall down] [dead]. [But] [while [they] were waiting] [over] [much {time}] [and] [observing] [nothing] [perverse] [happening] [to] [him], [after reversing themselves*], [they were saying] [that [he] was] [a God].
(Acts 28:1–6) —my interim translation

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 the following passage as a translation of the Aramaic term *chevah*, which I have standardized as “beast” in the Hebrew Scriptures:

¹[In Year] [one] [of Belshazzar], [King] {of} [Babylon], [Daniel] [watched] [a Dream] [and Visions] [in his Head] [on his Bed]. [When then] [he wrote down] [The Dream], [he [first] stated] [{the} Things That Were Uttered]. ²[Daniel] [responded] [and said]: “[While watching] [in my Vision] [during] [The Night], [then lo and behold!] [four] [Spirits] {of} [The Sea of Waters] [were churning up*] [The [great] Sea]. ³[And Four] [great] [Beasts] [were coming up] [out of] [The Sea]. [This

{one}] [was different] [from] [that {one}]. ⁴[The first] {was} [like a Lion], [and [it had] Wings] [of] [a Griffon-Vulture]. [And I was] [watching] [until] [his Wings] [were scoured off], [and he was raised up] [out of] [The Earth] [and [was made to stand] on] [two Feet] [like a Mortal Man]. [And a Heart] {of} [a Mortal Man] [was given] [to him]. ⁵[And lo and behold!] [another] [Beast], [a second {one}*], {was} [similar] [to a Bear*]. [And he was made to stand] [to [one] Side*], [and three] [Ribs*] {were} [in its Mouth]—[between] [its Teeth]. [And 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*]. [And The Beast had] [four] [Heads], [and Dominion] [was given] [to him]. ⁷[After] [this] [I was] [watching] [in Visions] {of} [The Night], [and lo and behold!], [a [fourth] Beast]—[fearful] [and terrifying] [and [extremely] [powerful]; [and [he had] [huge] [iron] Teeth]. [It consumed] [and crushed] [and trampled down] [The Remnant] [with his Feet], [but he] [was different] [from] [all] [The Beasts] [that {were}] [before him], [and [he had] [ten] Horns]. ⁸[I was] [gaining insight] [from] [The Horns], [and lo!] [another] [little*] [Horn] [came up] [between them]! [And three] [of] [The [first] Horns] [were rooted up*] [from] [before him], [and lo!], [Eyes] [like The Eyes] {of} [The Mortal Man] {were} [in [this] Horn], [and a Mouth] [uttering] [great {things}]. ⁹[I was] [watching]

[Until] [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], [which] [The Horn] [was uttering]. [I was] [watching] [until] [The Beast] [was slain], [and [his Body] was sent to

Abaddon] [and given] [to Blaze*] {of} [The Inferno*].
¹²[And The Remnant] {of} [The Beasts], [they took away] [their Dominion], [but an Extension] [of Life] [was given] [to them] [until] [a Time]—[even a Span of Time].
¹³[I was] [watching] [in Visions] {of} [The Night],

[And lo and behold!] [with] [The Clouds*]
 {of} [The Sea of Waters]
 [{One} like a Son] {of} [a Mortal Man] [was] [coming],
 [And He arrived] [at] [The Ancient] {of} [The Days],
 [And [they presented Him] before Him].
¹⁴[And [Dominion] [was given] to Him]—
 [Even Honor] [and a Kingdom]—
 [And 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[I], [Daniel]: [my Spirit] [was distressed*] [in Back] {of} [{its} Sheath]; [and The Visions] {of} [my Head] [were frightening me]. ¹⁶[I came close] [to] [one] [of] [the {ones} who were standing], [and I requested] [The Truth] [from him] [concerning] [all] [this], [and he told] [me]. [And he made known to me] [The Interpretation] {of} [The Things That Were Uttered]: ¹⁷[These] [great] [Beasts]—[which] [are] [four]: [Four] [Kings] [will rise up] [from] [The Earth]. ¹⁸[But [the holy {ones}] {of} [The Ones Most High] will receive] [The Kingdom]; [and they will take possession of] [The Kingdom] [up to] [The Burning Eternity], [even up to] [The Burning Eternity] {of} [The Burning Eternities].’

¹⁹[Then] [I wanted] [to gain certainty*] [concerning] [The [fourth] Beast]—[which] [was different] [from] [all of them]: [extremely] [fearful], [his Teeth] [of] [Iron] [and his Claws] [of] [Bronze], [consuming], [pulverizing], [and trampling down] [The Remnant] [with his Feet]—
²⁰[and concerning] [The [ten] Horns] [that] {were} [on his Head], [and another] [that] [came up] [and [three] fell] [before it]—[and [that] Horn] [also [had] Eyes] [and a Mouth] [uttering] [great {things}], [and its Vision] {was} [greater] [than] [its Companions]. ²¹[I was] [watching], [and [that] Horn] [{was} making] [a Military Engagement*] [with] [holy {ones}], [and he was more able] [than they] ²²[until] [The Ancient] {of} [The Days] [came], [and The Court] [was given] [to the holy {ones}]

{of} [The Ones Most High], [and The Time] [arrived], [and [holy {ones}]] [took possession of] [The Kingdom].

²³[So] [he said]: ‘[The [fourth] Beast] [will be] [a [fourth] Kingdom] [on The Earth], [which] [will be different] [from] [all] [Kingdoms]; [and he will consume] [all] [The Earth], [and he will thresh her], [and he will pulverize her]. ²⁴[But The [ten] Horns]: [From her]—[The Kingdom]—[ten] [Kings] [will rise up], [and another] [will rise up] [after them], [but he] [will be different] [from] [the first {ones}], [and he will bring down] [three] [Kings]. ²⁵[And [he will utter] Things That Are Uttered] [contrary to] [The One Most High], [and he will wear out] [the holy {ones}] {of} [The Ones Most High], [and he will intend*] [to alter] [Times] [and a Decree]. [And they will be given] [into his Hand] [up to] [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] [to wipe {it} out] [and send {it} to **Abaddon**] [until] [The End]. ²⁷[And The Kingdom] [and The Dominion] [and The Greatness] [of] [The Kingdoms] [under] [all] {of} [The Sea of Waters] [will be given] [to The People] {of} [the holy {ones}] {of} [The Ones Most High]. [His Kingdom] {is} [an [eternally burning] Kingdom], [and all] [The Dominions] [will submit] [to Him] [and listen to Him].’

²⁸[Up to] [here*] {is} [The End] [of] [The Thing That Was Uttered]. [I], [Daniel]: [A lot of] [my Thoughts] [were frightening me] [and [they altered] my Complexion] [on me], [but [I kept*] The Thing That Was Uttered] [in my Heart].”

(Daniel 7:1–28) —my interim translation

I showed you that passage because 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 the following.

²[Daniel] [responded] [and said]: “[While watching] [in my Vision] [during] [The Night], [then lo and behold!] [four] [Spirits] {of} [The Sea of Waters] [were churning up*] [The [great] Sea]. ³[And Four] [great] [Beasts] [were coming up] [out of] [The Sea]. [This {one}] [was different] [from] [that {one}].”

(Daniel 7:2–3) —my interim translation

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 the following passage, 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:

¹[And] [I saw] [a Beast] [that was coming up] [out of] [The Sea]—[one] that has [ten] [Horns] [and] [seven] [Heads]. [And] [ten] [Diadems] {are} [on] [The Horns] [he has], [and] [Names] {of} [a False Religious Claim] {are} [on] [The Heads] [he has]. ²[And] [The Beast] [that] [I saw] [was] [just like] [a Leopard*]; [and] [The Feet] [it had], [like] [a Bear*]; [and] [The Mouth] [it had], [like] [The Mouth] {of} [a Lion].

(Revelation 13:1–2a) —my interim translation

Revelation 18—Text

¹[After] [these {things}], [I saw] [another] [Messenger]—[one] who has [great] [Authority]—[coming down] [out of] [The Heaven]; [and] [The Earth] [was provided light] [from] [The Glory] [he had]. ²[And] [he shouted] [in] [a [mighty] Voice], [saying]: “[She has fallen]! [Babylon] [the] [great] [has fallen]! [She has [even] become] [a Home] {of} [Demons] [and] [a Guard House] {of} [every] [unclean] [Spirit] [and] [a Guard House] {of} [every] [unclean] [Bird] [and] [a Guard House] {of} [every] [unclean] [and] [hated] [Beast], ³[because] [all] [The Nations] [have drunk] [from] [The Wine] {of} [The Rage] {of} [The Sexual Promiscuity] [she has]; [and] [The Kings] {of} [The Earth] [have been sexually promiscuous] [with] [her], [and] [The Merchants] {of} [The Earth] [have become rich] [from] [The Power] {of} [The Sensuality*] [she has].”

⁴[And] [I heard] [another] [Voice] [out of] [The Heaven] [saying]: “[The People] [I have]: [You must come out] [of] [her] [so that] [you do [not] have commonality with] [The Sins] [she has]; [and] [so that] [you do [not] receive] [some of] [The Beatings] [she has]! ⁵[Because] [The

Sins] [she has] [have been joined] [as far as] [The Heaven], [and] [The {Living} God] [has remembered] [The Unfair Acts] [she has]. ⁶[You must give back to] [her] [as much as] [she [also] gave back]. [You must double*] [the [twice as much] {ingredients}] [in accordance with] [The Works] [she has]! [In] [The Cup] [that] [she mixed], [you must mix] [twice as much] {for} [her]! ⁷[As much as] [she glorified] [herself] [and] [lived sensually], [you must give] [her] [so much] [Torment] [and] [Mourning]; [because] [she says] [in] [The Heart] [she has] [that] ‘[I AM SITTING] {as} [A QUEEN]! [I AM] [NOT] [A WIDOW], [and] [I will [definitely not] see] [Mourning]!’ ⁸[For] [this {reason}] [The Beatings] [she has] [will come] [in] [one] [Day]—[Death], [Mourning], [and] [Famine]—[and] [she will be burned up] [in] [a Fire], [because] [His Majesty], [The {Living} God]—[the {One} Who has judged] [her]—[is] [mighty].

⁹[And] [The Kings] {of} [The Earth]—[the {ones} who were sexually promiscuous] [and] [lived sensually] [with] [her]—[will weep] [and] [will cut themselves] [over] [her], [when] [they see] [The Smoke] {of} [The Burning] [she has], ¹⁰[standing] [at] [a distance] [because of] [The Fear] {of} [The Torment] [she has], [saying]: ‘[Woe]! [Woe]! [The City]—[the [great] {one}]! [Babylon]! [The City] [that is] [mighty]! [Because] [The Sentence] [You have] [has come] [in] [one] [Hour]!’

¹¹[And] [The Merchants] {of} [The Earth] [are weeping] [and] [mourning] [over] [her], [because] [nobody] [no longer] [buys] [The Cargo] [they have]—¹²[a Cargo] {of} [Gold] [and] [Silver] [and] [valuable] [Stone] [and] [Pearls] [and] {things} [made of fine linen] [and] [Purple Cloth] [and] [Silk*] [and] [scarlet], [and] [every] [citron*] [Wood] [and] [every] [Container] {of} [Ivory*] [and] [every] [Container] [out of] [valuable] [Wood] [and] [Copper] [and] [Iron*] [and] [Marble*] ¹³[and] [Cinnamon*] [and] [Spice*] [and] [Incense Offerings] [and] [Perfume] [and] [Frankincense] [and] [Wine] [and] [Olive Oil] [and] [Fine Flour*] [and] [Wheat] [and] [Animals] [and] [Sheep] [and] [Horses] [and] [Chariots*] [and] [Bodies] [and] [Souls] {of} [Men]. ¹⁴[Even] [The Ripe Fruit*] [You have]—[The Desire] {of}

[The Soul]—[has gone away] [from] [You]! [He has [also] done away with] [all] [the [sleek*] [and] [splendid] {things}] [from] [You]! [And] [they will [definitely not] find] [them] [no longer]! ¹⁵[The Merchants] {of} [these {things}]—[the {ones} who became rich] [from] [her]—[will stand] [at] [a distance], [weeping] [and] [mourning] [because of] [The Fear] {of} [The Torment] [she has], ¹⁶[saying], ‘[Woe]! [Woe]! [The City]—[the [great] {one}]! [The {one} who was wrapped in {something}] [made of fine linen] [and] [purple] [and] [scarlet], [and] [gilded] [with] [Gold] [and] [valuable] [Stone] [and] [Pearls], ¹⁷[because] {in} [one] [Hour] [so much] [Wealth] [has been deserted]!’ [And] [every] [Captain] [and] [everyone] [who] [sails] [over to] [a Place]—[even] [Sailors] [and] [as many as] [work] [The Sea]—[stood] [at] [a distance].

¹⁸[And] [those who saw] [The Smoke] {of} [The Burning] [she has] [were shouting], [saying], ‘[Who] {is} [just like] [The City]—[the [great] {one}]?’ ¹⁹[And] [they threw] [a Heap of Dirt] [on] [The Heads] [they had], [and] [they were shouting]—[weeping] [and] [mourning]—[saying], ‘[Woe]! [Woe]! [The City]—[the [great] {one}]—[in] [which] [all] [those] [who had] [The Boats] [in] [The Sea] [became rich] [from] [The Value*] [she had]—[because] {in} [one] [Hour] [she has been deserted]!’ ²⁰[You must celebrate] [over] [her], [Heaven] [and] [the [holy] {ones}] [and] [The Apostles] [and] [The Prophets], [because] [The {Living} God] [has decided] [The Judgment] [you have] [because of] [her]!”

²¹[And] [one] [mighty] [Messenger] [picked up] [a Stone] [like] [a [big] Millstone*] [and] [threw {it}] [into] [The Sea], [saying]: “[In] [a Violent Assault*], [Babylon]—[The [great] City]—[will be thrown] [like this]; [and] [she will [definitely not] be found] [any longer]. ²²[And] [a Sound] {of} [Harpists] [and] [Musicians*] [and] [Flute Players] [and] [Trumpeters*] [will [definitely not] be heard] [in] [You] [any longer]. [And] [every] [Craftsman] {of} [every] [Craft] [will [definitely not] be found] [in] [You] [any longer]. [And] [a Sound] {of} [a Millstone] [will [definitely not] be heard] [in] [You] [any longer]. ²³[And] [a Light] {of} [a Lamp] [will [definitely

not] appear] [in] [You] [any longer]. [And] [a Voice] {of} [Bridegroom] [and] [Bride] [will [definitely not] be heard] [in] [You] [any longer], [because] [The Merchants] [You have] [were] [the] [greatest] {of} [The Earth], [because] [all] [The Nations] [were led astray] [by] [The Drug Dealing] [You have]!

²⁴[And] [Blood] {of} [Prophets] [and] {of} [holy {ones}] [and] {of} [all] [those] [who had been slaughtered] [on] [The Earth] [was found] [in] [her]!”

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:

²“[I will [most definitely] bring [everything] to an end] [From on] [The Surface] {of} [The Ground],”
[declares] [His Majesty].

³“[I will bring [Adam] [and] [Beast] to an end].
[I will bring [The Flyer] {of} [The Sea of Waters]
to an end],

[And The Fish] {of} [The Sea],
[And The Stumbling-Blocks]

[along with] [the [guilty] {ones}].
[And I will cut off] [The Adam] [from on] [The Surface]
{of} [The Ground],” [declares] [His Majesty].

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

“[Therefore], [wait] [for Me],” [declares] [His Majesty],
“[For The Day] [when I rise up] [as a Witness].
[Because] [The Judgment I have] {is}
[to round up] [Gentiles],

[To gather] [Kingdoms],
[To pour out] [The Fury I have] [on] [them]—
[All] [The Burning] {of} [The Anger I have].
[Because] [all] [The Earth] [will be consumed]
[In The Fire] {of} [The Jealousy I have].”
(Zephaniah 3:8) —my interim translation ■



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Editor: Not too long ago VOE was contacted via email by a pastor in Kenya, East Africa. Because of his interest in learning what will take place in the Last Days, he had found us on the internet and was requesting materials. Marcia then sent him an email letting him know that our Free Offer booklets were on their way to him and gave him a link to our website, www.voiceofelijah.org, to allow him access to our Reading Room. In his email he included this invitation (along with contact information):

"I would also like to request you to consider coming to Kenya, so as you may enlighten many concerning the 2nd coming of our Lord Jesus. In fact many need to know. As for me I would be happy to plan Prophetic meetings for your ministry. ... It's my prayer for the people to know that Jesus is coming quickly and for sure very quickly."

Do you see yourself traveling to other countries to teach as more people in them come into contact with The Voice of Elijah®?

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teach individuals, either singly or in a group, unless I can somehow use a recording of that exchange to further the accomplishment of what I have been called to do.

Editor: On our VOE Facebook page we have an excerpt posted that is taken from **The Inheritance of the Believer, Volume 1, CD 1:**

All God requires for anyone to be saved is to believe the Truth. You cannot be saved by believing a lie; but if you believe the Truth, you will be saved. It doesn't matter how much Truth you have; what matters is how strongly you believe the Truth. That's it! That is the Gospel in a nutshell.

A woman who read it then left this post:

How would you reconcile that with James 2:19? "You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder."

Elijah: She caught me in a misstep, didn't she? What I should have said is this:

All God requires for anyone to be saved is to believe the Truth of the Gospel.

Instead of saying that, I mistakenly assumed everyone would understand that was what I meant simply because the Scriptures make it abundantly clear that, to be saved, one has to believe the bare minimum amount of the Truth that can be found only in **the Gospel**. I was quite obviously mistaken. My bad.

In the statement the woman quotes, James is merely making the point that, if a person actually believes the Truth of the Gospel, he will do what God requires. That is, he will act in accordance with what he actually believes rather than what he says he believes. The Apostle John puts the same thing this "Way":

¹¹[Without doubt]! [Without doubt] [I tell] [You] [that] [We are speaking] [what] [We are familiar with], [and] [We are providing testimony about] [what We have seen], [and] [You are [not] **receiving**] [The Testimony] [We have]. ¹²[If] [I told] [You] [the [earthly] {things}] [and] [You do [not] believe], [how] [will you believe] [if it should happen to be that] [I am telling] [you] [the [heavenly] {things}]? ¹³[And] [nobody] [has gone up] [into]

[The Heaven] [except] [the {One} Who came down] [out of] [The Heaven]—[The Son] {of} [The Man]. ¹⁴[And] [just as] [Moses] [elevated] [The Snake] [in] [The Desert], [The Son] {of} [The Man] [has to] [be elevated] [like this], ¹⁵[so that] [everyone] [who] [believes] [can have] [an [eternally burning] Life] [in] [Him]. ¹⁶[For] [The {Living} God] [loved] [The World] [like this], [with the result that] [He gave] [The Son] [He has]—[the [only engendered] {One}]—[so that] [everyone] [who] [believes] [into] [Him] [would [not] be done away with], [but] [would have] [an [eternally burning] Life]. ¹⁷[For] [The {Living} God] [did [not] send] [The Son] [into] [The World] [so that] [He would judge] [The World] [but] [so that] [The World] [could be saved] through [Him]. ¹⁸[The {one} who believes] [into] [Him] [is [not] judged]; [but] [the {one} who does [not] believe] [into] [Him] [has [already] been judged], [because] [he has [not] believed] [into] [The Name] {of} [The [only engendered] Son] {of} [The {Living} God]. ¹⁹[But] [this] [is] [The Sentencing]: [That] [The Light] [has come] [into] [The World], [and] [The Men] [loved] [The Darkness] [more] [than] [The Light], [for] [The Works] [they had] [were] [nasty]. ²⁰[For] [everyone] [who] [continues to do] [bad {things}] [hates] [The Light], [and] [he does [not] come] [to] [The Light] [so that] [he is [not] exposed and rebuked for] [The Works] [he has]. ²¹[But] [the {One} Who is making] [The Truth] [comes] [to] [The Light] [so that] [it would be made apparent] [that] [The Works] [He has] [is] [worked] [by] [God].”

(John 3:11–21) —my interim translation

If you are aware of what I have explained concerning the things Jesus says in that passage, you already know there is a very strong undercurrent of meaning that is available only to those who are aware of the parabolic image of “The One” and “The Many.” There is no “Way” to convey that meaning in a standardized English translation of the text. His point is precisely the same point that James makes: If you are “in Christ” and the “Spirit” of Jesus Christ is “in” you, you will do. There are no *ifs*, *ands*, or *buts* about it. If you don’t do, you have merely provided evidence that you aren’t actually “in Christ” and the “Spirit” of Jesus Christ is not “in” you.

Neither Jesus nor James leaves any room for the prevalent nebulous notion that salvation depends on one doing this, that, or the other. The plan of salvation

doesn’t work that “Way.” One can only be saved by repenting and believing the Truth of the Gospel. At that point, the “Spirit” of Jesus Christ takes over and produces the “works” that are an outgrowth of the True Believer’s sincere belief in the Truth of the Gospel. My point is precisely the same point Paul makes in the epistle he wrote to the Galatians: A “false brother” is anyone who thinks someone *must do* or *must not do* something in order to be saved (Gal. 2:4).

That pharisaical dimwittedness that demands everyone do or not do things related to appearance, eating, drinking, or any other outward activity results in nothing more than a holier-than-thou attitude that is absolutely repugnant to God. Here’s “The Way” the Lord describes His view of such dolts:

¹“[I will be diligently sought]
[by those who did [not] ask];
[I will be found] [by those who did [not] seek Me]!
[I will say]: ‘[Look! Here I am!] [Look! Here I am!]’
[To] [a Gentile] [who is [not] called]
[by The Name I have]!
²[I have spread out] [My Hands] [all] [The Day]
[to] [a People] [who is stubbornly rebellious]:
[The ones who are walking] [The Way]
{that is} [not] [good]—
[Following] [The Thoughts they have].
³[The People] [who are [continuously]
exasperating] [Me] [to] [My Face]—
[Sacrificing communal sacrifices] [in The Gardens],
[And burning incense] [on] [The Bricks].
⁴[The ones who sit] [in The Tombs],
[And spend the night] [in the guarded {areas}].
[The ones who eat] [The Flesh] [of Pigs],
[And a Broth] [of Spoiled Meats],
{from} [The Containers they have].
⁵[The ones who say]: ‘[You must keep] [to Yourself]!
[You must [not] come close] [to me],
[because] [I am holier than You]!’
[These] {are} [Smoke] [in My Nostrils]—
[A Fire] [that will keep burning] [The [entire] Day].”
(Isaiah 65:1–5) —my interim translation

I do my best not to give advice, so that is not my purpose here. But I will tell you that, if I were you, and I was caught up in some stupid rule of conduct that has long been ridiculed as “I don’t drink, and I don’t chew, and I don’t go with the girls who do,” I would

reconsider where I stand with God. The Truth is, God is not looking at how many times a week you grace a pew with your most “holy” backside, He is looking at how you view others and whether or not you are doing “good works.” So, if you think everyone should live by the same behavioral strictures that you impose on yourself, you would be well-advised to back away from the idiotic judgmental attitude that stems from that legalistic viewpoint.

I’m not giving advice, mind you; I’m just telling you that a lot of folks who focus on what others *do* or *don’t do* rather than focusing on the “good works” the “Spirit” of the Lord seeks to accomplish through every True Believer are going to end up on the wrong side of the Lord on Judgment Day. I didn’t say that, He did:

³¹[But] [when] [The Son] {of} [The Man] [comes] [in] [The Glory] [He has]—[and] [all] [The Messengers] [with] [Him]—[at that time] [He will sit down] [on] [a Throne] {of} [His] [Glory]. ³²[And] [all] [The Gentiles] [will be gathered] [in front of] [Him]; [and] [He will set them] apart [from] [one another], [indeed, just as] [The Shepherd] [sets apart] [The Sheep] [from] [The Kid Goats]. ³³[And] [on the one hand], [He will make] [The Sheep] stand [at] [His] [Right Hand]; [but on the other hand], [The Little Kid Goats*] [at] [The Left Hand]. ³⁴[At that time], [The King] [will say to] [the {ones}] [at] [His] [Right Hand]: ‘[Come here]! [The {ones} who have been **blessed**] {by} [The Father] [I have], [you must **inherit**] [The Kingdom] [that was] [prepared] {for} [you] [from] [World’s] [Establishment]. ³⁵[For] [I was hungry], [and] [you gave] [Me] {something} [to eat]. [I was thirsty], [and] [you gave] [Me] a drink. [I was] [a Stranger], [and] [you gathered] [Me]; ³⁶[naked], [and] [you wrapped an overgarment around] [Me]. [I was weak], [and] [you went to see] [Me]. [I was] [in] [a Guard House], [and] [you came] [to] [Me].’ ³⁷[At that time], [the {ones who are} fair] [will respond to] [Him], [saying]: ‘[Your Majesty], [when] [did we see] [You] [being hungry] [and] [provide food for {You}], [or] [being thirsty] [and] [give {You} a drink]? ³⁸[But] [when] [did we see] [You]—[a Stranger]—[and] [we gathered], [or] [naked], [and] [we wrapped an overgarment around {You}]? ³⁹[But] [when] [did we see] [You] [weak] [or] [in] [a Guard House], [and] [we came] [to] [You]?’ ⁴⁰[And] [in response], [The King] [will say to] [them], ‘[Without doubt] [I tell] [you], [for] [as much as] [you did for] [one] {of} [these], [the least] {of} [The Brothers] [I have], [you did {it} for] [Me].’

⁴¹[At that time], [He will [also] say to] [the {ones}] [at] [The Left Hand]: ‘[You [who] [have been cursed], must go] [away from] [Me] [into] [The Fire] [that is] [burning], [the {one} that has been prepared for] [The False Accuser] [and] [The Messengers] [he has]. ⁴²[For] [I was hungry], [and] [you did [not] give] [Me] {anything} [to eat]. [I was thirsty], [and] [you did [not] give] [Me] a drink. ⁴³[I was] [a Stranger], [and] [you did [not] gather] [Me]; [naked], [and] [you did [not] wrap an overgarment around] [Me]; [weak] [and] [in] [a Guard House], [and] [you did [not] go to see] [Me].’ ⁴⁴[At that time], [they] [will [also] respond], [saying], ‘[Your Majesty], [when] [did we see] [You] [being hungry] [or] [being thirsty] [or] [a Stranger] [or] [naked] [or] [weak], [or] [in] [a Guard House], [and] [we did [not] serve] [You]?’ ⁴⁵[At that time], [He will respond to] [them], [saying], ‘[Without doubt] [I tell] [you], [for] [as much as] [you did [not] do for] [one] {of} [the] [least] {of} [these], [neither] [did you do {it} for] [Me].’ ⁴⁶[And] [these] [will go away] [into] [a [burning] Chastening], [but] [the {ones who were} fair] [into] [a [burning] Life].”

(Matthew 25:31–46) —my interim translation

One final comment before I move on to another rant: The “good works” that the *Living Word* of God seeks to accomplish through you will most likely not be the same “good works” that He seeks to accomplish through me. So you would also be well-advised to not fall into the trap of comparing your “good works” with the “good works” of others. That’s just another form of legalism.

Don’t misunderstand me. It is sheer stupidity for anyone to believe that all True Believers *must* or *must not do* certain things to be saved. I have already told you in *The Mystery of Scripture, Volume 1* (pp. 107 ff.) that the Ten Commandments are *apodictic law*. That is, they are a prohibition. What I didn’t tell you is, *apodictic commands* are simple statements of fact: “You will not.” The point is, the Ten Commandments are not describing what True Believers *must not do*; they are describing what True Believers *will not do*. That is, as I explained in *The Way, The Truth, The Life*, they are nothing more than a boundary that defines sin. So here’s something else for you to consider: In Acts 15, the Apostles outlined only three other prohibitions that pertained to the Gentile Church, and Paul negates two of those by things he states elsewhere. The only one that remains is the single prohibition against sexual promiscuity.

Everything else falls under what he calls “a customary religion” in this passage:

¹⁴[After wiping away] [The Hand Writing*] [against] [us], [which] [was] [opposed] {to} [us] {in} [The Decrees], [He has [even] taken] [it] [out of] [The Midst], [after nailing [it] to*] [The Cross]. ¹⁵[After completely stripping off] [The Beginnings] [and] [The Authorities], [He made an example of {them}] [by] [Plainspokenness] —[after triumphing over] [them] [in] [Himself]. ¹⁶[Therefore], [anyone] [must] [not] judge [you] [in] [a Meal] [and] [in] [a Drink], [or] [in] [Part] {of} [a Feast] [or] [a New Moon*] [or] [a Sabbath], ¹⁷[which {things}] [is] [a Shadow] {of} [the {things} that are going to be], [but] [The Body] {of} [The Anointing]. ¹⁸[Anyone] [who wants to] [must] [not] disqualify* [you] [with] [a Humility] [and] [Religion] {of} [The Messengers]—[one] who takes a stand on*] [what] [he has seen], [one] who is puffed up [for no reason] [by] [The Mind] {of} [The Flesh] [he has], ¹⁹[and] [one] who does [not] hold on to [The Head] [from] [Whom] [all] [The Body], [while being abundantly provided for] [and] [brought together] [through] [The Ligaments] [and] [Sinews], [causes growth]—[The Growth] {of} [The {Living} God]. ²⁰[If] [you have died] [away from] [The Elementary Beliefs] {of} [The World] [with] [an anointed {One}], [why] [are you submitting to decrees*] [like] [one] who is living [in] [the] World: ²¹“[You must] [not] touch! [Not even] [taste]! [Not even] [touch lightly]!” ²²[Which {commands}] [is] [all] {regarding} [The Consumption*] [into] [a Perishable Body] [in agreement with] [The Religious Precepts] [and] [The Teachings] {of} [The Men]. ²³[Which {commands}] [is] [indeed] [a Word] [that has] [Wisdom] [in] [a Customary Religion*] [and] [a Humility] [and] [Harsh Treatment*] {of} [a Body]—[not] [with] [any] [Value] [against] [Gratification*] {of} [The Flesh].

(Colossians 2:14–23) —my interim translation

So much for those who identify “Christians” by what they do or don’t do. They do that because they have no other “Way” to determine who is, and who is not, a legitimate “Child of God.” The Truth is, they should be looking at the things that are on the inside of the person rather than the things that are on the outside. So while I have the opportunity, I would like to say one other thing in regard to believing the Truth of

the Gospel: The point that James makes in the Scripture the woman quoted is just as valid today as it was in his day. If anyone thinks he will be saved by believing just anything and everything he wants to believe about the Scriptures, God, Jesus Christ, and the plan of salvation—which depends on nothing more than one’s belief in the Truth of the simple Gospel message—I dare say that individual is in for a rude “awakening” on Judgment Day.

The Truth is, the Apostles, Early Church Fathers, and Protestant Reformers all knew the Gospel holds a specific content. The Apostle Paul reveals that when he issues the following incredibly dire warning to anyone who would be so stupid as to change the content of the Gospel that one must *receive* in order to be born again:

¹[Paul], [an Apostle]—[not] [from] [Men] [nor] [through] [Men], [but] [through] [Jesus] [Anointed] [and] [God], [a Father], [the {One} Who raised [Him] up] [from] [dead {ones}]—²[and] [all] [The Brothers] [with] [me]. {To}: [The Ekklesias] {of} [Galatia]. ³[Favor] {to} [you], [and] [Peace], [from] [God] [our] [Father] [and] [His Majesty], [Jesus] [Anointed]—⁴[the {One} Who gave] [Himself] [for] [The Sins] [we have] [so thus] [He might take [us] out] [of] [The Age], [the [nasty] {one}] [that currently is], [in accordance with] [The Will] of [The {Living} God] [and] [Father] [we have]—⁵{to} [Whom] {is} [The Glory] [into] [The Ages] {of} [The Ages]. [Without doubt]! ⁶[I am amazed] [that] [you are being [quickly] taken back] [like this], [away from] [the {One} Who called] [you] [by] [a Favor] {of} [an Anointing] [into] [a [different] Gospel], ⁷[which] [is] [not] [another {gospel}], [except] [there are] [some]—[the {ones} who are disturbing] [you] [and] [wanting] [to turn back] [The Gospel] {of} [The Anointing]. ⁸[But] [even] [if it should happen to be that] [we], [or] [a Messenger] [from] [Heaven], [should preach {something} to [you] as the gospel] [besides] [what] [we preached to [you] as the gospel], [he must be] [One Under the Ban]. ⁹[As] [we have stated before], [I [also] say] [again] [at this time]: [If] [anyone] [preaches {something} to [you] as the gospel] [besides] [what] [you have taken to yourselves], [he must be] [One Under the Ban]. ¹⁰[For] [at this time], [am I convincing] [Men], [or] [The {Living} God]? [Or] [am I seeking] [to please] [Men]? [If] [I were [still] pleasing] [Men], [it might be that] [I would] [not] be] [a Slave] {of} [an Anointing]. ¹¹[For] [I make known

to] [you], [Brothers], [that] [The Gospel] [that was] [preached as the gospel] [by] [me] [is] [not] [in agreement with] [Man]. ¹²[For] [neither] [did I] [take it] to myself] [from] [a Man], [nor] [was I taught], [but] [through] [a Revelation] {of} [Jesus] [Anointed].

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

Let me point out the fly in that ointment, as far as this generation is concerned: If one compares what legitimate Evangelists were preaching sixty years ago with the ridiculous *pseudo-gospel* that is being preached in most churches today, it will immediately be evident that *somebody has changed the Gospel*. Pay attention! Numbskull “pulpit parrots” who have never actually experienced the phenomenal experience of the new birth are today preaching “another gospel,” a legalistic “gospel” just like the one the Apostle Paul condemns in his epistle to the Galatians.

The Gospel that legitimate Evangelists preached sixty years ago was not perfect, to be sure, but it had the essential ingredients and a whole lot more in common with the Gospel that the Protestant Reformers restored and legitimate Evangelists like John Wesley, Jonathan Edwards, and Charles Finney preached for hundreds of years, right up until that Gospel began to change sixty years ago. I’ll let you deduce how the Apostle Paul might feel about what has happened to the Gospel message since then. But I will tell you bluntly that if you can’t “see” that the Truth of the Gospel has been changed, you have no love at all for the Truth. That does not bode well for you going forward:

¹[But] [we are asking] [you], [Brothers], [for the sake of] [The Coming] {of} [The Lord] [we have], [Jesus] [Anointed], [and] [our] [Assembling] [to] [Him]: ²(1) [so that] [you] [would not] be moved back and forth] [quickly] [from] [The Mind] [nor] [are alarmed], [neither] [through] [a Spirit] [nor] [through] [a Word] [nor] [through] [a Letter] [as] [through] [us], [as] [though] [The Day] {of} [The Lord] [currently is]; ³(2) {so that} [someone] [would not] seduce [you] [by] [no] [Means]—[that], [if it should happen to be], [The Apostasy] [does not] come] [first] [and] [The Man] {of} [The Lawless Deed] [is revealed], [The Son] {of} [The Destruction], ⁴[who] [is opposed to], [and] [exalts himself] [over], [everything] [that is called] [a God] [or] [Object of Worship], [with the result that] [he] [sits down] [in] [The Sanctuary] {of} [The {Living} God], [presenting] [himself] as evidence

[that] [he is] [God]. ⁵[Do you not] remember] [that] [I was saying] [these {things}] to] [you] [while {I}] was] [still] [with] [you]? ⁶[And] [you are now] aware of] [what] [is holding fast] [so that] [he] [can be revealed] [in] [his own] [Time]. ⁷[For] [The Mystery] {of} [The Lawless Deed] [is already] working inside]—[which] [is] [only] holding fast] [at this time] [until] [he comes] [out of] [The Midst]. ⁸[And] [at that time] [the {one}] [without law] [will be revealed]: (1) [whom] [The Lord] [Jesus] [will put away] {by} [The Spirit] {of} [The Mouth] [He has] [and] [abolish] {by} [The Appearance] {of} [The Coming] [He has], ⁹(2) {of} [whom] [The Coming] [is] [in accordance with] [The Energy] {of} [Satan] [in] [all] [Power] [and] [Signs] [and] [Wonders]—[Lies]— ¹⁰[and] [in] [every] [Deception] {of} [Unfairness] {for} [the {ones} who are being done away with] [because] [they did not] accept] [The Love] {of} [The Truth] [so that] [they] [could be saved]. ¹¹[And] [for] [this {reason}] [The {Living} God] [will send] [them] [an Energy] {of} [a Deception] [so that] [they] [believe] [The Lie], ¹²[so that] [all] [those] [who did not] believe] [The Truth] [but] [delighted] in [The Unfairness] [would be judged].

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

If you honestly believe the Second Coming of Jesus Christ is right around the corner, what Paul says about the Antichrist in that passage should scare the pants off you. (That’s just an idiom, please don’t take it literally.) If it doesn’t at least make you check the validity of everything that “Christians” currently believe about their fictitious god of unconditional love—you know, the “god” who would never send any such delusion on his “children”—it may well be you don’t have any “pants” on to begin with. Just a thought. But if you are one of those who are absolutely certain they already know the Truth, you may well need to consider something Jesus told John to write for the benefit of some folks in his day who also thought they were covered:

¹⁵[I am aware of] [The Works] [You have]—[that] [You are] [neither] [cold] [nor] [boiling hot]. [I really wish] [You were] [cold] [or] [boiling hot]. ¹⁶[Because] [You are] [lukewarm*] [like this], [and] [neither] [boiling hot] [nor] [cold], [I am going to] [vomit*] [You] [out of] [The Mouth] [I have]! ¹⁷[Because]: (1) [You say] [that] [‘I am] [rich!’] [and] [‘I have become rich!’] [and] [‘I have] [no] [Need] at all!’] (2) [You are not] aware] [that] [You] [are] [the

[miserable], [wretched], [poor], [blind], [and] [naked] {one}! ¹⁸[I give [You] advice] [to buy] [from] [Me]: (1) [burned] [Gold] [out of] [a Fire] [so that] [You may become rich], [and] (2) [white] [Overgarments] [so that] [You may be wrapped], [and] [The Shame] {of} [The Nakedness] [You have] [might [not] be made apparent], [and] (3) [an Ointment*] [to apply as an anointing to*] [The Eyes] [You have] [so that] [You may see]. ¹⁹[I] [expose and rebuke] [and] [tutor] [as many as] [it should happen to be that] [I am fond of]. [Therefore], [you must be zealous*] [and] [apologize]. ²⁰[Look!] [I am standing] [at] [The Door], [and] [I am knocking]. [If it should happen to be that] [anyone] [hears] [The Voice] [I have] [and] [opens] [The Door], [I will [also] come in] [to] [him], [and] [I will have dinner] [with] [him], [and] [he] [with] [Me]. ²¹[The {one} who is triumphing]? [I will grant to] [him] [{the right} to sit down] [with] [Me] [in] [The Throne] [I have], [as] [I also] [triumphed] [and] [I sat down] [with] [The Father] [I have] [in] [The Throne] [He has]!"
(Revelation 3:15–21) —my interim translation

Editor: *The following email was sent to us with a request to forward it to "Allen Friess or head of the current ministry." He is somewhat upset with a letter Allen wrote that was included with his Free Offer booklet The AntiChrist, also your commentary in The AntiChrist, and would like to give you a little advice, along with asking if you, too, could be caught up in delusion. He has combined his remarks toward the material in Allen's letter along with your commentaries in the booklet itself when he makes his comments. In his mind, he is addressing one person so he hasn't noticed that there are two people involved:*

"Dearest Brother in Christ, I greet you with love and the blessings of our Lord Jesus Christ and His Father through the power of the Holy Spirit of God. I guess I am one of those whom you say is deceived by Satan, and by course, then, must be doing his works on this earth. I am a 'hated' prophecy teacher, and have been in (according to you) Satan's service for over 35 years. My colleagues are Hal Lindsey, Grant Jeffrey, Noah Hutchings, John Hagee, and many others; (and yes, Rexella Van Impe is just as lovably silly in person with Jack as she is on TV).

I want to show you something about your own work. You state in your 'The Voice of Elijah' titled 'Are These the last Days?', under the subtext 'Do You Understand The Old Testament?', that quite literally you

have contradicted your own statement, and I quote, '... That does not mean that Old Testament events didn't literally happen... God often orchestrated events in the Old Testament so they would carry parabolic significance. (and here is the killer) It also means that those who interpret the Prophets literally are barking up the wrong tree.' Parables are NOT dark sayings for us (believers), [but] they are and always will be for them who cannot or will not see. They are allegories used to describe a complex idea in a more simplified format.

I shudder every time I read or hear about someone stating they alone know the truth, and especially when they point a finger towards their own Brothers and Sisters in Christ and say those believers are under the deceptions of Satan's lies. I would tremble were I you. Understand that God will not preserve us from Satan's lies, but He will and always has preserved us in those temptations. Look to yourself first and ask yourself the hard questions. I am not saying that I am perfect. God forbid! But, this I do know. Spiritual warfare is the single biggest part of our Spiritual preparation in dealing with God's prophetic word, and has been since before you knew. You wield the sword of God's Word like a 5 year old child just finding their daddy's loaded gun in the nightstand drawer. I am annoyed at being referred to as a minion of Satan. I know that greater is He that is in me, than he that is in the world. I am indeed not perfect, but I do strive towards that perfection that I will someday know hereafter. Believe me when I say that I really do know the kingdom of Satan well. I try not to judge another by just a few words from them; however, I am truly saddened by your all-encompassing statements concerning those you do not agree with, your self-professed expertise in the prophetic word, and willingness to condemn others. **Who are your peers that hold you to account that you should not be misled by Satan?**

You speak of the prophet Isaiah's parabolic 'king of Babylon' as referring to Saddam Hussein. That is not parabolic. I know exactly who Isaiah was referring to, and it was NOT Saddam Hussein. From the time of Isaiah to the birth of Christ we reckon about 60 true kings of Babylon. Saddam was never considered a king, never by his own pronouncement or those of his followers. Prophecy cannot be twisted to some personal belief. **You must have peers that, through much prayer and love, can help you stay on track; so, I would like to know yours.** Please do not misinterpret what I am trying to accomplish here. I don't want to hurt you or your ministry. I believe you are very

sincere in your research. I am simply cautioning you to be very careful about what you say about anointed men of God publicly. Do not accuse us in something you have NO evidence for... only your personal bias.

Much of what you say about the last days is indeed true, and so I want to give you a test. I want you to explain your great prophetic wisdom in the answer to these very simple questions, all are prophetic in nature, there are no tricks, and you can take all the time you want. These are things that every gifted prophecy teacher will know instinctively by the Holy Spirit. It deals with only one subject, one person, one event, and several players. Pass the test and you have the gift of prophetic interpretation, or could it be that you have succumbed to Satan's lies... God forbid this in Jesus' name. Here I do not mean offence only to correct your assumption concerning me.

Matthew 1:23 and Luke 2:8-15 will tell us who is born, when He was born to the exact time and moment during the year, the announcing angel, and who the shepherds are, where they are and why they were out. It tells us also what the sheep were used for and to whom they belonged. By the way, you are allowed to use the Old Testament for support.

You state that we would never believe you about what Paul really meant by the 'mystery of lawlessness' and the 'deluding influence'.... try me! Show your evidence. I will happily have an open mind to hear with spiritual ears washed in prayer and the Spirit.

I have been born again through my belief in the price Jesus paid at the cross for my sin. I know I am saved by grace and not by any work that I could ever accomplish. **I cannot lose that gift no matter my good or poor works.** I know that Satan is NOT greater than my Lord in any arena he desires to play in. I was, before retirement, best known as the former Satanist High Priest for the Brotherhood. God, through His loving grace saved me from myself. He sent me to the seminary where I thought that I was once again in the seat of Satan's power. It wasn't true, but I was only 30 years old and just out of Satanism and born again for only a few years. I was very conflicted for a long time, but I have learned that we gain faith in the fire and wisdom through it. I cannot say the seminary experience gave me great knowledge, it didn't. I can say that it did give me longing for the truth. It taught me that I had a great deal left to learn. It was only one of the small steps the Lord led me to take for Him.

I write to you for only one reason and that reason is that I am truly concerned about your stance towards

others that only strive to know more and more about God's Word and through the sharing of this knowledge give the weak... strength for that which is surely coming. I received your work about the Anti-Christ. I was very busy and my wife picked it up and started reading the book. She read exactly two chapters and threw it down. Her reason was that she felt an evil from the book. I quizzed her at length concerning her feelings. Her first negative was that she felt she could not understand a thing that you were trying to say. I love and respect this very Godly woman, but she is not theologically trained and sometimes gets it wrong on the first knee jerk. So, I read your book. Some of what you say is true, but much of your assumptions concerning those early Church Fathers are just that... assumption, since you ignore what the other Father's say also. And, I include the Apostle Paul in that group.

I do not believe that your writings are evil or Satanic, but like us all... a growing period in learning the truth of God's Word. **I have certainly learned, over the years, that I can be wrong. We all can, but you will NEVER hear me bring the kind of accusations against others that you have.** You are clear that most are totally deluded in what they believe about the end times. Could that mean that you too could be caught up in this delusion to an extent even greater than I? Like you said, '... such a horrifying thought, I tried to tell myself it wasn't possible.' I ask you to please reconsider your position concerning your own belief system. I am not saying you're totally wrong; I could be the one totally wrong. I am willing to learn and look at what God always sets before me.

I believe that I have an advantage over many in that I lived in Satan's house for a long time before meeting Christ. I believe this experience has led me to discern truth from lies. I thank God that thousands will be with me in the Kingdom because of my ministry over the years. A ministry that was not of me, but of Christ, for it is for this cause that I labor.

I almost never write in response to what I hear or read; however, I felt compelled to do so this time. It is for you to seek the Lord in this meaning. I have sought His wisdom and know that if we should never meet this side of His Kingdom, we will do so in the future. **When we do, we shall both rejoice in our collective ignorance.**

May our Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you through all that you do for Him."

We receive similar emails fairly frequently. Would you mind responding to this one?

Elijah: There is really not all that much I could say to this “good fellow.” He is firmly ensconced in the lies he has *chosen* to believe, so far be it from me to “cast pearls before swine” by taking up his childish challenge or issuing one of my own. But I am not above using his nonsense as an occasion to point out some things directly related to what he says.

The very fact that the “good fellow” would take the time to write such a long diatribe yet make the claim that his “colleagues” are all well-known dispensationalists told me that he was most likely a small-time wannabe who had somehow gotten into trading on the sensationalism surrounding the tandem of Satanism and Dispensationalism that infiltrated the Church during the 1970s. So I did an internet search to see if his name was mentioned anywhere. It was. One time. But the article in which I found that single mention was all I needed to confirm my suspicions. Based on his publicly documented claims, this “good fellow’s” outrageous claims were summarized this way:

“Satanists had powers that would make Captain America look like a 3-year-old with a water pistol.”

It may be the “good fellow” read that and subconsciously passed it along to me this way:

You wield the sword of God’s Word like a 5 year old child just finding their daddy’s loaded gun in the nightstand drawer.

I won’t tell you where I found the article I mentioned, because I try not to disparage anyone by name. But in this case, I will tell you the “good fellow” is nothing but a fraud who made a career out of teaching Dispensationalism and making outrageous claims regarding the extent to which Satanism has made inroads in the United States. He apparently dubbed himself “the former Satanist High Priest for the Brotherhood,” yet based on public statements he has made, he doesn’t even know the difference between Satanists and Wiccans. So much for his claim to have been something more than he actually was.

In my humble opinion, the man is a pathetic agent of Satan who, along with all other Pretenders, has *chosen* to “rejoice in our collective ignorance.” But that is just my opinion. Everyone has to decide for themselves what they want to believe in that regard. By his own

admission, he has, for thirty-five years, not only been actively teaching “The Lie” of Dispensationalism, he has also been telling unsuspecting Believers that they can believe anything and everything and still be saved. That is, in and of itself, diametrically opposed to everything the Apostles believed and taught.

I must tell you at the outset that I am completely biased in regard to the nonsense this “good fellow” propounds due to the fact that I believe the Cursed have consistently tried to identify themselves as part of the Blessed—ever since the fiasco that occurred at the Tower of Babel. I have already explained those things in an earlier article. (See “So Why Would a Nomad ‘Build a House’ and Settle Down?” *The Voice of Elijah*®, October 1997.) So whenever someone calls me a “brother in Christ” and then vehemently disagrees with the things God has called me to teach, I immediately think “Pretender.” And right behind that comes a vivid recollection of an anecdote that Irenæus says Polycarp was in the habit of telling about the Apostle John:

4. But Polycarp also was not only instructed by apostles, and conversed with many who had seen Christ, but was also, by apostles in Asia, appointed bishop of the Church in Smyrna, whom I also saw in my early youth, for he tarried [on earth] a very long time, and, when a very old man, gloriously and most nobly suffering martyrdom, departed this life, having always taught the things which he had learned from the apostles, and which the Church has handed down, and which alone are true. To these things all the Asiatic Churches testify, as do also those men who have succeeded Polycarp down to the present time,—a man who was of much greater weight, and a more steadfast witness of truth, than Valentinus, and Marcion, and the rest of the heretics. He it was who, coming to Rome in the time of Anicetus caused many to turn away from the aforesaid heretics to the Church of God, proclaiming that he had received this one and sole truth from the apostles,—that, namely, which is handed down by the Church. There are also those who heard from him that John, the disciple of the Lord, going to bathe at Ephesus, and perceiving Cerinthus within, rushed out of the bath-house without bathing, exclaiming, “Let us fly, lest even the bath-house fall down, because Cerinthus, the enemy of the truth, is within.” And Polycarp himself replied to Marcion, who met him on one occasion, and said, “Dost thou know me?” “I do know thee, the first-born of Satan.” Such was the

horror which the apostles and their disciples had against holding even verbal communication with any corrupters of the truth; as Paul also says, "A man that is an heretic, after the first and second admonition, reject; knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself." There is also a very powerful Epistle of Polycarp written to the Philippians, from which those who choose to do so, and are anxious about their salvation, can learn the character of his faith, and the preaching of the truth. Then, again, the Church in Ephesus, founded by Paul, and having John remaining among them permanently until the times of Trajan, is a true witness of the tradition of the apostles.

(Irenæus, "Against Heresies," Book iii, Chap. iii, in Roberts and Donaldson (Eds), The Ante-Nicene Fathers (1867), Vol. 1, p. 416)

I readily identify with "The Way" that John felt about the Pretenders who were trading on Christianity in his day. I feel precisely the same way about the "good fellow" who wrote the ridiculous note to you. I do not consider him to be even remotely "a Brother in Christ." He is nothing more than a fraud who trafficked on the ignorance of True Believers who had no "Way" to see through his pretense. When he says the following, it is quite obvious the "good fellow" believes he can hide amongst a crowd of others who believe the same things that he has *chosen* to believe:

My colleagues are Hal Lindsey, Grant Jeffrey, Noah Hutchings, John Hagee, and many others; (and yes, Rexella Van Impe is just as lovably silly in person with Jack as she is on TV).

The "good fellow's" implied personal acquaintance with Jack and Rexella Van Impe tells me such relationships *mean* a lot to him; otherwise, he wouldn't have mentioned that one. But I somehow doubt a personal relationship with them or anyone else will substitute for an honest, personal relationship with "The One" Who is the Truth of the *Living* Word of God. I also seriously doubt he has that relationship simply because it is obvious from the following that he has not the slightest notion as to what it *means* to do battle with Satan:

I shudder every time I read or hear about someone stating they alone know the truth, and especially when they point a finger towards their own Brothers and

Sisters in Christ and say those believers are under the deceptions of Satan's lies.

That alone tells me the "good fellow" who wrote you his long diatribe against the things God called me to teach has no love at all for the Truth. How can he when he refuses to accept the fact that at least one of two opposing beliefs must be a lie that is deceiving the one who believes it? Look at what he says! He readily admits he attended a seminary of some sort but didn't learn anything. Given that admission, it seems fairly clear that he has never attributed any importance to the beliefs of the Early Church Fathers or the Protestant Reformers. If he has, he obviously has no appreciation at all of the fact that John Calvin was, like me, a solitary "someone" who claimed to know the Truth in regard to the Gospel at a time when the leaders of the Church were preaching lies that vehemently disagreed with the Truth that he believed.

Calvin was certainly not one to mince words, beat about the bush, or hesitate to call a spade a spade, as this "good fellow" is. One could say the same about Martin Luther and any number of others who boldly stood up and told the world that the leaders of the Church who called themselves "Brothers and Sisters in Christ" were nothing more than Satan's henchmen. I am saying exactly the same thing about Pretenders like this individual because God has called me to do so at this time. Believe that if you care to; disbelieve it if you dare to. *What you believe is your responsibility*, not mine. But common sense should tell any reasonable person that this "good fellow" has no more common sense than a slug.

The Truth is, many True Believers at the time of the Protestant Reformation gave their lives so that the simple Truth of the Gospel message could be *handed down* to following generations. Their stalwart defense of the Truth would not have had its intended result if John Calvin had been afraid to write accusations such as the following, not just against any "Brother or Sister in Christ," but against the very head of the Church as it existed in his day:

25. To some we seem slanderous and petulant, when we call the Roman Pontiff Antichrist. But those who think so perceive not that they are bringing a charge of intemperance against Paul, after whom we speak, nay, in whose very words we speak. But lest any one object that Paul's

words have a different meaning, and are wrested by us against the Roman Pontiff, I will briefly show that they can only be understood of the Papacy. Paul says that Antichrist would sit in the temple of God (2 Thess. 2:4). In another passage, the Spirit, portraying him in the person of Antiochus, says that his reign would be with great swelling words of vanity (Dan. 7:25). Hence we infer that his tyranny is more over souls than bodies, a tyranny set up in opposition to the spiritual kingdom of Christ. Then his nature is such, that he abolishes not the name either of Christ or the Church, but rather uses the name of Christ as a pretext, and lurks under the name of Church as under a mask. But though all the heresies and schisms which have existed from the beginning belong to the kingdom of Antichrist, yet when Paul foretells that defection will come, he by the description intimates that that seat of abomination will be erected, when a kind of universal defection comes upon the Church, though many members of the Church scattered up and down should continue in the true unity of the faith. But when he adds, that in his own time, the mystery of iniquity, which was afterwards to be openly manifested, had begun to work in secret, we thereby understand that this calamity was neither to be introduced by one man, nor to terminate in one man (see Calv. in 2 Thess. 2:3; Dan. 7:9). Moreover, when the mark by which he distinguishes Antichrist is, that he would rob God of his honour and take it to himself, he gives the leading feature which we ought to follow in searching out Antichrist; especially when pride of this description proceeds to the open devastation of the Church. Seeing then it is certain that the Roman Pontiff has impudently transferred to himself the most peculiar properties of God and Christ, there cannot be a doubt that he is the leader and standard-bearer of an impious and abominable kingdom.

26. Let the Romanists now go and oppose us with antiquity; as if, amid such a complete change in every respect, the honour of the See can continue where there is no See. Eusebius says that God, to make way for his vengeance, transferred the Church which was at Jerusalem to Pella (Euseb. Lib. 3 cap. 5). What we are told was once done may have been done repeatedly. Hence it is too absurd and ridiculous so to fix the honour of the primacy to a particular spot, so that he who is in fact the most inveterate enemy of Christ, the chief adversary of the Gospel, the greatest devastator and waster of the Church, the most cruel slayer and murderer of the saints, should be, nevertheless, regarded as the vicegerent of Christ, the successor of Peter, the first priest of the Church, merely because he

occupies what was formerly the first of all sees. I do not say how great the difference is between the chancery of the Pope and well-regulated order in the Church; although this one fact might well set the question at rest. For no man of sound mind will include the episcopate in lead and bulls, much less in that administration of captions and circumscriptions, in which the spiritual government of the Pope is supposed to consist. It has therefore been elegantly said, that that vaunted Roman Church was long ago converted into a temporal court, the only thing which is now seen at Rome. I am not here speaking of the vices of individuals, but demonstrating that the Papacy itself is diametrically opposed to the ecclesiastical system.

(John Calvin, Institutes of the Christian Religion, Book iv, Chapter vii, pp. 384–385, Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1989)

One would think that our “good fellow”—who was obviously offended that anyone would claim to know the Truth and frankly state that others who believe something else are being deceived—would never make the same “ridiculous” claim himself. Not so. Take a closer look at what this pompous, pious, preening parrot of the hogwash that Hal Lindsay popularized in the 1970s says about himself:

I believe that I have an advantage over many in that I lived in Satan's house for a long time before meeting Christ. I believe this experience has led me to discern truth from lies. I thank God that thousands will be with me in the Kingdom because of my ministry over the years. A ministry that was not of me, but of Christ, for it is for this cause that I labor.

So the Truth is, this “good fellow” is doing exactly the same thing for which he condemns me. He believes he knows the Truth. That is as it should be. If a person does not believe that *what they believe* is the Truth, they would have to be really stupid to go on believing it is true. But this silly fellow somehow thinks that just because so many of his “colleagues” believe the same things that he believes, that “group think” pooling of their ignorance somehow validates the truthfulness of the things they believe. That’s why I say he is trying to hide in a crowd. But while mentally hiding behind such theological “giants” as Hal Lindsay and Jack Van Impe, he is blithely doing the very thing for which he condemns me:

You wield the sword of God's Word like a 5 year old child just finding their daddy's loaded gun in the nightstand drawer.

That's a rather pompous accusation, isn't it? Make no mistake about it, he is saying I am deluded. But since he doesn't say it as bluntly as I do, he can claim he would never do such a thing. The Truth is, there is only one thing in the flyer he read that really got his dander up:

I am annoyed at being referred to as a minion of Satan.

The only thing I have to say about that is this:

The Truth hurts.

What I see in what this "good fellow" has written is an arrogant individual who doesn't know it, but he has been firmly ensnared by Satan's lie. What I don't see is someone who has ever been born again. As far as his arrogance goes, I will match him stride for stride simply because God has called me to do it. That is not something I *want to do*; it is what I *have been called to do*. But I certainly won't do it and pretend I am dealing with a "Brother in Christ" as he has. The Truth deserves better than that.

In what I say about the agents of Satan who are trafficking on the ignorance of True Believers, I do not normally name names or address my remarks to anyone *specifically* simply because I know my words will hit home with those who realize I am *talking about* them. This "good fellow," like his fellow Pharisees in Jesus' day, realized he fit the description perfectly:

³³[Listen to] [another] [Comparison]: [There was] [a Man]—[a Householder]—[who] [PLANTED] [A VINEYARD] [AND] [PUT] [A HEDGE] AROUND [HIM] [AND] [DUG OUT] [A WINE PRESS] [IN] [HIM] [AND] [BUILT] [A TOWER] [and] [rented [Him] out to] [Vinedressers] [and] [went abroad].
³⁴[But] [when] [The Time] {of} [The Fruits] [drew near], [He sent] [The Slaves] [He had] [to] [The Vinedressers] [to receive] [The Fruits] [He had].³⁵[And] [after] [The Vinedressers] took [The Slaves] [He had], [some of] [whom] [they punched] [and] [others] [whom] [they killed] [and] [others] [whom] [they stoned],³⁶[He [again] sent] [other] [Slaves]—[more than] [the [first] {ones}]—[and] [they did [the same thing] to] [them].³⁷[But]

[later], [He sent] [The Son] [He had] [to] [them], [saying], '[They will pay deference to] [The Son] [I have].'
³⁸[But] [when] [The Vinedressers] saw [The Son], [they said] [among] [themselves]: '[This {One}] [is] [The Heir]! [Come here]! [We could kill] [Him] [and] [have] [The Inheritance] [He has].'³⁹[And] [after taking] [Him], [they threw {Him} out]—[outside] [The Vineyard]—[and] [they killed {Him}].⁴⁰[Therefore], [when] [The Lord] {of} [The Vineyard] [comes], [what] [will He do to] [Those Vinedressers]?'⁴¹[They say to] [Him], "[He will do away with] {those} [awfully] [awful] {ones}, [and] [He will rent out] [The Vineyard] to] [other] [Vinedressers]—[those who] [will give back to] [Him] [The Fruits] [in] [The Times] [they have]."⁴²[Jesus] [says to] [them], "[Have you [never] read] [in] [The Writings]: '[A STONE] [WHOM] [THE {ones} WHO ARE BUILDING] [COMPLETELY REJECTED]? [THIS {One}] [WAS MADE TO BE] [FOR] [HEAD] {of} [A CORNER]. [THIS] [CAME ABOUT] [FROM] [HIS MAJESTY], [AND] [IT IS] [AMAZING] [IN] [OUR] [EYES].'⁴³[For] [this {reason}] [I tell] [you] [that] [The Kingdom] {of} [The {Living} God] [will be taken away] [from] [you] [and] [she will be given to] [a Nation] [that makes] [The Fruits] [She has].⁴⁴[And] [the {one} who falls] [on] [This Stone] [will be shattered]; [but] [on] [whomever] [it might be that] [He falls], [He will winnow [him] out]."⁴⁵[And] [when] [The High Priests] [and] [The Pharisees] heard [The Comparisons] [He had], [they knew] [that] [He was talking] [about] [them].
(Matthew 21:33–45) —my interim translation

Let me put this as bluntly as I possibly can on the basis of what Jesus says about Himself as *the Heir of the promise* in the parable He told the High Priests and Pharisees on that occasion: Anyone who believes the ridiculous notion that the Jews are still part of Corporate Israel is completely under the delusion that Satan plans to use to deceive the entire world at the time of the Antichrist. And anyone who teaches others that the Jews are still a part of the Corporate Israel Who is in possession of *what was promised* is an agent of Satan. The Truth is, Jesus Christ became Corporate Israel when all the other Jews were "cut off from" Corporate Israel so that He alone would remain as "The Remnant" of Israel Who *inherited what was promised* when He arose from the dead. The stupid eschatological fabrication known as Dispensationalism is actually nothing more than Satan's lie. Anyone who leaves any room for doubt as to its true origin is merely deceiving himself. ■

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therefore, *and pray* always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all those things, and to stand before the Son of man;" that is, no doubt, at the resurrection, after all these things have been previously transacted.

Therefore, although there is a sprouting in the acknowledgment of all this mystery, yet it is only in the actual presence of the Lord that the flower is developed and the fruit borne. Who is it then, that has aroused the Lord, now at God's right hand, so unseasonably and with such severity "shake terribly" (as Isaiah expresses it) "that earth," which, I suppose, is as yet unshattered? Who has thus early put "Christ's enemies beneath His feet" (to use the language of David), making Him more hurried than the Father, whilst every crowd in our popular assemblies is still with shouts consigning "the Christians to the lions?"

Who has yet beheld Jesus descending from heaven in like manner as the apostles saw Him ascend, according to the appointment of the two angels? Up to the present moment they have not, tribe by tribe, smitten their breasts, looking on Him whom they pierced. No one has as yet fallen in with Elias; no one has as yet escaped from Antichrist; no one has as yet had to bewail the downfall of Babylon. And is there now anybody who has risen again, except the heretic? He, of course, has already quitted the grave of his own corpse—although he is even now liable to fevers and ulcers; he, too, has already trodden down his enemies—although he has even now to struggle with the powers of the world. And as a matter of course, he is already a king—although he even now owes to Caesar the things which are Caesar's.

Tertullian, "On the Resurrection of the Flesh," Chap. xxii, in Roberts and Donaldson (Eds.), *The Ante-Nicene Fathers* (1885), Vol. 3, pp. 560–561.

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