



# THE VOICE of ELIJAH

Restoring the hearts of the fathers to the children

## The Primary Domain of Idiots: Obfuscation

1. I know that some will attempt to say that, even according to the declarations of our own Scriptures, God is a body, because in the writings of Moses they find it said, that "our God is a consuming fire;" and in the Gospel according to John, that "God is a Spirit, and they who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." Fire and spirit, according to them, are to be regarded as nothing else than a body.

Now, I should like to ask these persons what they have to say respecting that passage where it is declared that God is light; as John writes in his Epistle, "God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all." Truly He is that light which illuminates the whole understanding of those who are capable of receiving truth, as is said in the thirty-sixth Psalm, "In Thy light we shall see light." For what other light of God can be named, "in which any one sees light," save an influence of God, by which a man, being enlightened, either thoroughly sees the truth of all things, or comes to know God Himself, who is called the truth?

Such is the meaning of the expression, "In Thy light we shall see light;" i.e., in Thy word and wisdom which is Thy Son, in Himself we shall see Thee the Father. Because He is called light, shall He be supposed to have any resemblance to the light of the sun? Or how should there be the slightest ground for imagining, that from that corporeal light any one could derive the cause of knowledge, and come to the understanding of the truth?

2. If, then, they acquiesce in our assertion, which reason itself has demonstrated, regarding the nature of light, and acknowledge that God cannot be understood to be a body in the sense that light is, similar reasoning will hold true of the expression "a consuming fire." For what will God consume in respect of His being fire? Shall He be thought to consume material substance, as wood, or hay, or stubble? And what in this view can be called worthy of the glory of God, if He be a fire, consuming materials of that kind?

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## *A Note From the Editor*

Have you ever had the experience where something you are reading seems to jump out at you, as though it were written in bold type? Lately, I've had that experience with passages having to do with prayer. That experience has prompted me to share a few quotes on that subject from back issues of *The Voice of Elijah*® and *The Voice of Elijah*® Update. Well, that and the fact that the "success" of this ministry is completely in the Lord's hands. Even more critical than contributions to the success of the ministry of Voice of Elijah, Inc., is **prayer**. Those who have been studying The Apostolic Teaching they find in the pages of this newsletter know full well how the following verse applies:

*Unless the LORD builds the house,  
They labor in vain who build it;  
Unless the LORD guards the city,  
The watchman keeps awake in vain.  
(Psalm 127:1)*

Here's a taste of what's been taught through the years regarding prayer:

*If you are seeking to overcome sin in your own life, you will find the key in The Teaching. I challenge you to seek God diligently and **pray** for the divine wisdom that makes it all possible. Don't settle for less. **The promises** of God are for those who overcome (Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:5, 12, 21), not for those who merely aspire to overcome. The one who has ears to hear will hear.*

**The Voice of Elijah**®, July 1992, p. 11

*"The coastlands will wait for me." And wait they will. That's what true faith is all about—faithfully, patiently waiting for the One Who was, and is, in Himself the embodiment of the totality of The Teaching. In the meantime, while you are waiting for "The Way" to be "cleared" and "made smooth" as Isaiah foretold, I suggest you **pray** as the psalmist did:*

*O LORD, lead me in Thy righteousness because of my foes;  
Make Thy way straight before me.  
(Psalm 5:8)*

**The Voice of Elijah**® Update, November 1992, p. 12

*Be patient, and avoid the pretense of the Pretenders who gather in their boisterous assemblies for fleshly gratification. God does His best work in the quietness of your **prayer** closet. Prepare yourselves well now for the outpouring of His Spirit, and you can be certain God will use you later.*

**The Voice of Elijah**®, April 1993, p. 7

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Jesus is merely alluding to the fact that, even at the very End of the Age, there will be some who make it into the Kingdom by the skin of their teeth simply because they firmly believe God will respond to them. His point is, you must never say never when you go to God in **prayer**. You have to have the temerity to ask for whatever you want or need, just because you believe God will respond. But if you don't receive it, you also have to keep on asking, just to prove that you believe.

**The Voice of Elijah®**, January 2013, pp. 22–23

Let me be perfectly clear in my response to the questions that your reader asked. It demonstrates a complete lack of "faith" to even question whether it is appropriate to ask God for anything. Nothing is off-limits when it comes to **prayer**. But you also need to realize that your chances of receiving anything more than a resounding "No!" are somewhere between nil and zilch, if you are asking selfishly. James succinctly states the result of dimwitted folks "wanting" things that only serve to gratify themselves (James 4:1–3).

"Questions & Answers," **The Voice of Elijah®**, January 2013, p. 23

"Therefore do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need, before you ask Him. **Pray**, then, in this way:

'Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And do not lead us into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
[For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.]"

(Matthew 6:8–13)

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by **prayer** and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests

be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things; and the God of peace shall be with you.

(Philippians 4:6–9)

Devote yourselves to **prayer**, keeping alert in it with {an attitude of} thanksgiving.

(Colossians 4:2)

And the **prayer** offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and **pray** for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective **prayer** of a righteous man can accomplish much.

(James 5:15–16)

The above excerpts are, by no means, an exhaustive display of what we have been taught regarding prayer in the pages of **The Voice of Elijah®** and in the Scriptures. I have included these few references as a mere reminder before I ask you to pray for this ministry daily. Please ask that the Lord would intervene and respond to the prayers of True Believers: (1) that all hindrances to Larry Harper's progress in his fulfilling his calling would be removed from before him, (2) for the success of VOE's outreach so that True Believers will be led to the Truth as quickly as possible, (3) for wisdom in decision making, and above all, (4) that the Lord's will be done.

In Him,

*Marcia Harper*

# If You Don't Know How to "Stand Watch," There Is No "Way" You Can

**I**n the January 2012 issue of this newsletter, I began giving you my standardized 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] [and] [Voices] [and] [Rolling Thunder] [are coming out] [of] [The] [Throne], [and] [seven] [Lanterns] [{of} Fire] [that are burning] [before] [The] [Throne]—[which] [are] [The] [seven] [Spirits] [{of} The] [{Living} God].*

*(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 2012 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 standardized 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 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 what I told you, I pointed out the parallel passages that mention the recipients of the wrath of 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.

## Revelation 17

Regarding this chapter, I told you that, before going any further, you needed to know what "beast" John had in mind when he wrote this:

*[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*

I told you the "beast" John had in mind is the same "beast" that he describes in Revelation 12:13–13:4. Then I explained a bit more about the "beast" who is yet to come:

*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."*

*("Scoffers Delight in Scoffing; Fools Hate Knowledge," **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2013, p. 13)*

I told you the Greek term **therion** is normally translated "beast" throughout the New Testament, but I

also showed you Luke uses the term in Acts 28:5 to refer to a snake. Then I said this:

*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. ("Scoffers Delight in Scoffing; Fools Hate Knowledge," **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2013, p. 14)*

I then showed you Daniel 7:1–8, where Daniel describes four "beasts" who came up out of "the great sea." After I showed you that, I identified the "sea" from which the "beast" in Revelation 13 will emerge. I said this:

*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, ... 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.*

*("Scoffers Delight in Scoffing; Fools Hate Knowledge," **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2013, pp. 15–16)*

## Revelation 18

Concerning this chapter, I told you this:

*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. ("Scoffers Delight in Scoffing; Fools Hate Knowledge," **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2013, p. 17)*

I then showed you Zephaniah 1:2–3 and 3:8, where the Prophet describes the extinction of the civilization on Planet Earth.

## Revelation 19

Here is what I said about Revelation 19:

*In my comments up to this point, I have not been pointing out where the text of the Book of Revelation quotes or alludes to something stated in the Old Testament. I plan to remedy that in the future by providing a more comprehensive commentary on the text. In the meantime, what I say here will have to suffice.*

*In this chapter, there are various references to Old Testament passages, but I will only point out a few. I am going to quote those passages in full and point to their significance simply because it is absolutely impossible for anyone to fully appreciate the message of the Book of Revelation without a basic understanding of the things stated in the Old Testament passages to which the text points. John refers to both Psalm 19 and Deuteronomy 32 in verse 2.*

*("Beware of Sad-Sack Sea Serpents and Poisonous Grapes," **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 2013, p. 15)*

I then showed you my translation of Psalm 19 and told you this:

*Let me summarize what the psalmist is saying. It is quite easy to understand if you have insight into a simple Truth in regard to the relationship between "spirit" and light. That Truth goes directly to the heart of the things John says in Revelation 19 about Jesus Christ as the Living Word of God. I may not have explained the basis for the following statements in any context outside The Next Step program. If not, so be it. The time has come for me to state openly some of the things I have been explaining privately for many years:*

*"The 'Spirit' of the Living Word of God—the Truth of The Teaching—exists in the fifth dimension, which is nothing other than the light particles (photons) that flash*

*back and forth across the entire length of the universe ('like a Bridegroom'). When the Believer hears and believes the Truth of the Living Word of God that runs the entire length of that dimension ('like a Bridegroom'), his 'spirit' becomes 'one' with that 'Spirit' of Truth in the very small slice of the fifth dimension that exists within him, which is nothing other than the light particles (photons) that flash back and forth across the synapses in his nervous system. His belief in, and unity with, the Truth of the 'Spirit' of the Living Word that he has heard and believed will result in a declaration of not guilty and his acquittal before God on Judgment Day."*

*Now that I have stated that bit of Truth openly to tweak the nose of any ignorant numbskull who might happen to be reading this, let me go a bit further and see if I can't send him into a fit of absolute apoplexy. I have stated in various contexts that, at the End of this Age, the Redeemed of the Lord will sing "The Song of Moses" with complete understanding of the meaning and significance of the things Moses stated in that song. ("Beware of Sad-Sack Sea Serpents and Poisonous Grapes," **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 2013, p. 16)*

## Revelation 20

Regarding Revelation 20, I said this:

*In this chapter, John is giving a brief description of things that will happen after the civilization on Planet Earth has been wiped out by the "fire" of God's wrath. That is, he is giving a brief description of the beginning and end of the seventh "day" of Creation—which he parabolically depicts as a one-thousand-year span of time (read: "Age") before the Lord wraps things up all neat and tidy with the "circumcision" of His "Children" on the eighth "day." If you want more detail in regard to what will happen on the seventh "day," you are going to have to read what the Prophets say. They describe those things in much greater detail. In this case, John mentions Gog (a person) and Magog (his "multitude") so you will know where to start. When you do, you will find only one Prophet mentions those two names together. That Prophet is Ezekiel, and I am going to show you what he said.*

*Before you can understand what Ezekiel wrote in regard to the war with Gog and Magog at the end of the seventh "day," you must first understand a few things I have already explained. There is, first and foremost, the things I explained in Not All Israel Is Israel regarding*

the Hebrew idiom "cut off from." Then you also need a fairly good understanding of how the Egyptian myth of Osiris relates to the things I have explained in The Passover Parable. I have explained that in bits and pieces over the past two decades just to make sure dilettantes and the merely curious would never take the time to sort it all out. Those things relate primarily to the parabolic imagery in which Satan is depicted as a "sea serpent" who patrols "many waters," seeking unwary prey, constantly trying to prevent their resurrection to eternal life by loading up their "heart" with his lies. Finally, you need to know what happened at the Tower of Babel. I explained that in an article titled "So Why Would a Nomad 'Build a House' and Settle Down?" (See **The Voice of Elijah**®, October 1997.)

With those things readily at hand, you also need to know a few things about the ministry of the Prophet Ezekiel. Like the Prophet Jeremiah, Ezekiel was called to speak concerning God's "plan" for the "nations" at large (read: "Gentiles"), rather than just His "plan" for "The House of Judah" (read: "Jews"). That is evident from the fact that Ezekiel accounts for an astounding 57 percent of the occurrences (78 out of 138) of the phrase "House of Israel" in the Hebrew Scriptures. He accounts for nearly two-thirds of the occurrences (78 out of 116) of that phrase in the Prophets. The significance of that mundane fact may not be immediately obvious to you, so let me explain it for you.

After the division of the Kingdom of Israel as a result of Rehoboam's stupidity (1 Kin. 12), the phrase "House of Israel" was used to refer specifically to the Northern Kingdom (1 Kin. 12:21; 20:31), and the phrase "House of Judah" was used with reference to the Southern Kingdom (1 Kin. 12:21; 20:23). If you put that bit of information together with what Ezekiel says about the "tree" of "The House of Israel" and the "tree" of "The House of Judah" in Ezekiel 37, you should be able to connect the dots.

("The Eighth 'Day' Always Follows the Seventh," **The Voice of Elijah**®, October 2013, pp. 14–15)

After telling you that, I showed you what Ezekiel says in Ezekiel 4:4–6 and 37:15–19 and said this:

If you read what Ezekiel says in Ezekiel 37:11 very carefully, you should be able to see that he is not speaking in terms of "The House of Judah" (read: "Jews") being "gathered," he is instead describing the "grafting" of the

"tree" of "The House of Israel" (read: "Gentiles")—"The Remnant" of the "Nations" (read: "Gentiles" again)—onto the "tree" of "The House of Judah" (read: "Jesus Christ"). If you find that parabolic imagery intriguing, you will find Paul explains it a bit more fully in Romans 11. But you already knew that, provided you have read what I wrote in Not All Israel Is Israel. If not, too bad for you. Don't look back; the "sea serpent" is right behind you.

To understand why God would be interested in "gathering" "The House of Israel" (read: "fullness of the Gentiles") out of all the "nations," you need to keep in mind what I have already explained in The Inheritance of the Believer regarding Jacob giving Ephraim the honor of "carrying The Name" of the fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Gen. 48:16). After he assigned Ephraim the task of "carrying The Name" of the fathers of Corporate Israel, Ephraim's "seed" played the fool; so God ended up "cutting off" Ephraim, along with the other tribes of the Northern Kingdom (read: "House of Israel"), "from" Corporate Israel. And Hosea rather conveniently tells us Ephraim got himself all "mixed up" with the Gentiles (Hos. 7:8) after God sent him off into captivity. Without that bit of insight, you would never be able to understand how Ezekiel 29–39 is nothing more than a parabolic account of the things that John explains in Revelation 12–20, which is, as I have already explained, a parabolic account of the things that he describes in Revelation 6–11.

So now that you have those things firmly in hand, I am going to give you a brief explanation of some words and phrases that Ezekiel uses to depict parabolic images you need to pay close attention to as you read what he wrote about "Pharaoh"—that is, Satan the "sea serpent"—and the "multitude" of "Egypt" (Rev. 11:8) who are going to go on blindly believing his lies here at the End of the Age.

At the risk of sounding somewhat Freudian, I must first tell you the parabolic images of the Prophets that relate to "water" are basically the same as those related to the fifth dimension of light. That is, "river," "hollow," "channel," "sea serpent," "sea," "Sea of Waters," "Sea of El," "the Deep," and "muddied waters" are all parabolic images that depict various aspects of the same thing. That "thing" is what we commonly call "thought." Pure "water" (read: "Truth") falls to Earth from the "Sea of Waters" (read: "Heaven") as "rain" or "snow" (Is. 55) and flows back to a salty (thoroughly poisoned) "sea" through a vast network of "hollows," "channels," and "rivers." But on its way down to the "sea," pure "water" can also be contaminated with "mud" (read: "lies"), which then makes



it completely unfit for human consumption. That would be the case if the "sea serpent" (Ezek. 32:2) or those who believe his lies (Ezek. 32:13) happened to be intentionally "muddying" the "waters"—or adding a whole bunch of "wormwood" to it (Rev. 8:11).

The next set of parabolic images that Ezekiel had in mind relates to the Egyptian royal myth in which the Pharaoh "carried The throne Name" Horus to do his part in ensuring the resurrection of the deceased Pharaoh, who supposedly became "one" with "Osiris," the god of the dead, and ascended in the resurrection as the sun god each morning. At one point in the myth, the deceased Osiris floats across the Mediterranean Sea and finds himself firmly bound up in a tree at the foot of the mountains in Lebanon. So pay close attention when Ezekiel mentions "trees," especially the phrase "trees of the field." He is talking about beings—either physical or metaphysical. What Ezekiel had in mind can easily be determined from context—provided you know what he is talking about. ("The Eighth 'Day' Always Follows the Seventh," **The Voice of Elijah**®, October 2013, pp. 15–16)

I told you Jesus tacitly ridicules dimwits who have no insight into the Prophets' use of the parabolic image of the "trees of the field" in Matthew 7:15–20. Then I explained the source of the imagery:

The parabolic images related to "water" and "trees" are linked by the Canaanite myth related to the death and resurrection of the god Baal, and the Egyptian myth related to the death and resurrection of the god Osiris. The Canaanites considered Baal to be the water that came up out of the sea as rain and flowed back to the sea through a network of hollows, channels, and rivers. The Egyptians venerated Osiris as a vegetation (read: "tree") god who somehow became "one" with the sun god who died every night and arose in the resurrection every morning. The Prophets' mocking appropriation of the mythology related to the two gods is based on the fact that both gods had to elude the deadly "sea serpent" who lived in the "sea" from which they were forced to escape before they could be resurrected.

Another parabolic image you need to keep in mind is that of the "sword." Ezekiel mentions that parabolic image no less than forty times in Ezekiel 29–39. In many instances, he refers to those who have been "pierced" by it. ("The Eighth 'Day' Always Follows the Seventh," **The Voice of Elijah**®, October 2013, pp. 16–17)

I first told you the "sword" that the Prophet Ezekiel has in mind is the "saber" that John mentions in Revelation 19:11–16. Then I told you this:

Throughout the text of Ezekiel 31–39, you will find various names mentioned: Cush, Dedan, Egypt (Mizraim in some translations), Gomer, Magog, Meshech, Persia, Put, Rosh, Sheba, Tarshish, Togarmah, and Tubal. Some of them are further defined as those "pierced" by the "sword." Those who were "pierced" are also identified as a "multitude" or "congregation" rather than as a "people." That contrasts with God's "People," who are designated as His "Flock," "shepherded" by His "Shepherd."

If you know your Bible, you already know the nations I listed above are all mentioned in Genesis 10. You also know they are the descendants of Ham and Japheth (Gen. 10:1–20). But you may not know why Ezekiel singles out Asshur (Assyria) and Elam as those "pierced" by the "sword," so I should probably tell you why that is. It is because those two fellows were sons of Shem. Ezekiel wants you to key on the fact that, after the debacle at the Tower of Babel, **the promise continued to be handed down as an inheritance of a blessing** through the lineage of Arpachshad (Gen. 10:21–31; 11:10–32). He is telling you that, after the Tower of Babel, God considered the descendants of Asshur and Elam to be just another part of the Cursed.

Ezekiel's account of Satan's appearance as the "Sea Serpent" (read: "Antichrist") at the End of the Age actually starts in Chapter 16, where he talks about the New Covenant. From Chapter 23 on, he gets into more of the specifics as to why the wrath of God is headed our way, but he ratchets up the intensity when he gets to Chapter 29. That's when he parabolically depicts Satan as the "Sea Serpent" for the first time. Unfortunately, I did not have the space here to include Chapters 29–30, so I will begin with my translation of Chapter 31 and continue on through Chapter 39. To understand what Ezekiel is talking about in these chapters, you need only keep in mind the parabolic images I explained above. ("The Eighth 'Day' Always Follows the Seventh," **The Voice of Elijah**®, October 2013, p. 17)

I then gave you my translation of Ezekiel 31–39 along with the headings for each of those chapters. Those headings disclose that God "plans" to cast Satan out of Heaven because he drew "water" from an unending source of lies. After God casts Satan out,

Satan will foul the "waters"; and "multitudes" will die because of "wormwood." Fail to hear the sound of the "trumpet," and you will be on your own. Fools who claim to be "shepherds" won't know the Truth, but His "Flock" will. A fake "house of the Lord" built on a fake "Mt. Zion" will ultimately prove to be what it is—a fake. Imposters will claim to be *heirs of the promise*; but *the promise* now belongs to "The Remnant" of "The House of Israel." Since "The House of Judah" has already been resurrected, it's time for the resurrection of "The House of Israel," but the "Sea Serpent" will give it one last try. And when the time comes, they will make preparations for the "building" of the real "House of God."

## Revelation 21

Here is what I told you about Revelation 21 in the January 2014 issue of this newsletter:

*This chapter is a mocking description of events that will occur after Satan and his minions have been put in their eternal "resting" place. But it is mocking those who have no knowledge of the parabolic imagery that the Prophets used to explain the "birth" of the "Children" of God. To understand why that is, one first needs to know why John alludes to several verses from the Old Testament. Without an understanding of the significance of those verses, there is no "Way" one can understand what John is describing parabolically.*

*("Whose 'Name' Does He 'Carry?'" **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2014, p. 17)*

After giving you a list of the Old Testament passages that John refers to in Revelation 21, I said this:

*If you want to understand what John had in mind when he quoted from those passages, you must first know what the Prophets had in mind when they wrote what you find there. The reason for that is very easy to understand: When an author of Scripture quotes another part of Scripture, he does not have in mind a single verse or passage; he has in mind the entire context in which that verse or passage occurs. To put it another way: If you don't understand the context in which a verse occurs, you most certainly do not understand why the author of Scripture quotes it.*

*Except for 2 Samuel 7 and Leviticus 26, the only Prophets on the list above are Isaiah and Ezekiel. There is a*

*very good reason for that. In this and subsequent issues, I am going to give you my translation of each of the chapters on that list along with a brief explanation of the significance of each of those chapters so that you can understand what John had in mind when he wrote Revelation 21. He is describing the occasion on which "The Woman" will enter "The House" that the Living Word of God "built" when He resurrected Jesus Christ from the dead.*

*To put that another "Way," I am going to explain how John is parabolically describing the occasion on which the Living Word of God "redeems" "The Woman" who "engenders" the "Children" that the Living Word of God "engendered" when He resurrected Jesus Christ and transformed Him into "a Spirit that gives life." That Spirit is a "Seed" that God will "raise up" for Himself after He has done away with "Death."*

*("Whose 'Name' Does He 'Carry?'" **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2014, p. 18)*

After that, I showed you 1 Corinthians 15:12–57 and told you that passage is concerned with a series of three events that culminate in the conquest of "Death." I pointed out that John describes that same series of events in Revelation 20:7–15. I said he is describing what will happen after the Final Judgment, after the Wicked have been resurrected and judged. But he says the Resurrection of the Righteous will occur at the very beginning of the thousand-year reign of Christ.

I told you it should be obvious that Revelation 21 is describing events that are going to occur after "Death" has been vanquished at the end of the earthly reign of Christ. I said that may make it a bit easier for you to understand why Satan is going to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem and pretend to be Jesus Christ. But you also need to keep in mind the fact that John tells us in Revelation 21:22 that there is no "tabernacle" or "temple" in the new Jerusalem. I told you he says that to mock those who do not know "The House" of God will have already been "built" at that point in the process. That is so because "The House" that God desires is not a literal building of some sort or other. It is instead a family, a whole big bunch of "Children." I then began to explain why John tells us the "loud voice" said this:

*"[The one who triumphs] [will inherit] [these things]. [I will be] [his] [God], [and] [he] [will be] [My] [Son]!"*  
(Revelation 21:7) —my interim translation

I told you that is a quote from 2 Samuel 7:14, where the Prophet Nathan told David a bit about "The House" that God *promised* David He would "build" for him. I also said you will not be able to understand *why* the "loud voice" quoted 2 Samuel 7:14 if you do not understand what God *promised* David in 2 Samuel 7. So I went on to explain what God *promised* David, speaking in terms of the three Hebrew idioms "make a name," "raise up a seed," and "build a house."

In the April 2014 issue, I continued to explain John's references to the Prophets. I said this:

*I won't take the time to review what I told you in regard to 2 Samuel 7, Genesis 38, Deuteronomy 25, and Ruth 4. If you do not understand the meaning and significance of the three Hebrew idioms I listed, you might want to consider going back to read what I have written about those things over the past two decades. You can do that for yourself. In this issue, I am going to show you what John saw in some of the other chapters from which he quotes in Revelation 21. But I am going to go down the list of chapters in the order that John refers to them and give you my translation of the entirety of each chapter. That way, you should be able to get a feel for what John had in mind when he wrote this chapter of the Book of Revelation. ("Zion" Is Not a Place. She Is a 'Way' of Life." **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2014, p. 19)*

In the April issue, I said this regarding what John says in Revelation 21:

*In verse 1, and again in verse 4, John refers to things that Isaiah says in Isaiah 65:17–19. In the articles I have written for **The Voice of Elijah**® Update over the past few years, I have explained the parabolic imagery related to the sacred marriage ceremony that Isaiah had in mind when he wrote Isaiah 40–65, so I won't cover that ground again here. I will simply tell you that Isaiah uses the parabolic image of "Zion" to depict "The Many" who are "One" "in" the resurrected Body of Jesus Christ. That is, Isaiah has in mind the same parabolic imagery that Hosea uses in the first two chapters of Hosea. In that parabolic imagery, "The Many" who are "One" "in" Corporate Israel are viewed corporately as "The Woman" that God "takes" to "build a House," "raise up a Seed," and "make a Name" for Himself. ("Zion" Is Not a Place. She Is a 'Way' of Life." **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2014, p. 19)*

I then told you why John quotes Isaiah 65 in Revelation 21, verses 1 and 4:

*In that chapter, Isaiah explains how God is going to take every smug, self-righteous, "holier-than-thou" Pretender completely by surprise when He does something they would never expect. That is, God is going to quietly "gather" His "People" into "Zion," before all Hell breaks loose here on Earth, so that they will be completely protected from Satan's onslaught. ("Zion" Is Not a Place. She Is a 'Way' of Life." **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2014, p. 19)*

I said John quotes Isaiah 61:10 in Revelation 21:2 because he is alluding to the fact that the "Bride" of Christ is made of those True Believers who are viewed corporately as Corporate Israel. Then I said this:

*In Isaiah 61, Isaiah is describing God's "plan" for "The One" Who is Corporate Israel. But in verse 10, the verse to which John refers, Isaiah tacitly equates "The Man" and "The Woman," thereby letting the reader know the two parabolic images are actually depicting "One" and the same thing. ("Zion" Is Not a Place. She Is a 'Way' of Life." **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2014, p. 21)*

After giving you my translation of Isaiah 61, I told you why John quotes Ezekiel 37:27 in Revelation 21:3:

*I have already explained some of the parabolic imagery you need to keep in mind as you read what Ezekiel says in Ezekiel 31–39. (See "The Eighth 'Day' Always Follows the Seventh," **The Voice of Elijah**®, October 2013.) John refers to what Ezekiel says about the "Sanctuary" of God in Ezekiel 37:26–28 simply because that entire chapter describes that "Sanctuary" being "built." That is, Ezekiel is parabolically describing the Resurrection of the Body of Jesus Christ. That "Body" is, after all, the only "Sanctuary" in which God will ever reside; and those who are fortunate enough to be members of that "Body" will be eternally grateful to God for the opportunity they received. ("Zion" Is Not a Place. She Is a 'Way' of Life." **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2014, p. 22)*

After giving you my translation of Ezekiel 37, I told you John quotes Isaiah 25:8 in Revelation 21:4 because



he is following the same sequence of events that Isaiah follows:

*The destruction of the Earth:*

*Isaiah 25:2/Revelation 18:21*

*The Marriage Supper of the Lamb:*

*Isaiah 25:6/Revelation 19:7–9, 17–18*

*The Death of "The Death":*

*Isaiah 25:7–8/Revelation 20:11–14*

After giving you my translation of Isaiah 25, I told you why John quotes Isaiah 35:10 in Revelation 21:4:

*In Isaiah 35, Isaiah is describing the experience— and fate—of those True Believers at the End of the Age who have the opportunity to "see," "hear," "speak," and "walk in" the Truth of The Teaching of Moses one last time before God "completes" His "work" of Creation. ("Zion" Is Not a Place. She Is a 'Way' of Life." **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2014, p. 26)*

*If one does not know what "The Way" is, what Isaiah says won't make a whole lot of sense. I explained those things more than twenty years ago, so there is no need to cover them again here. (See The Way, The Truth, The Life.) I will summarize what Isaiah says about "The Way" in future issues of **The Voice of Elijah**® Update. ("Zion" Is Not a Place. She Is a 'Way' of Life." **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2014, p. 27)*

After giving you my translation of Isaiah 35, I told you why John quotes Isaiah 51:11 in Revelation 21:4:

*In the first four verses of Revelation 21, John refers to statements that Isaiah made in five different chapters (25, 35, 51, 61, and 65) because Isaiah is talking about "Zion" in every one of them. That much is obvious. Unfortunately, that "knowledge" doesn't do a whit of good if one does not have insight into the parabolic imagery Isaiah had in mind when he talks about "Zion." Maybe it is time to "wake up." ("Zion" Is Not a Place. She Is a 'Way' of Life." **The Voice of Elijah**®, April 2014, p. 27)*

After giving you a list of the remaining chapters in the Old Testament from which John quotes in Revelation 21, I said the following in the July 2014 issue of this newsletter:

*I will put off looking at Isaiah 55 until I have shown you what Ezekiel says in Ezekiel 40, 43, 44, and 48. Isaiah 55 should make a little more sense to you after you see what Ezekiel says about "The House" of God. I will also give you my standardized translation of Ezekiel 40–48 instead of dealing with just the four chapters John quotes. That way, you will have a complete account of what Ezekiel said.*

*I cannot say with confidence that my translation of Ezekiel 40–48 is completely accurate simply because Ezekiel appears to use more than one word to refer to the same thing, and he frequently omits crucial details where those details would make it easier to understand what he says. He also uses some extremely convoluted grammar because his prophecy is not only intended to reveal the Truth to those who sincerely want to know the Truth, it is also intended to conceal the Truth from those who want to use the Truth to confirm a lie they already believe. Believe me. He was successful. ("Jerusalem Is a Place; Both Above and Below," **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 2014, p. 20)*

I also told you the key to unraveling and understanding Ezekiel 40–48 can be found in Ezekiel 41:1:

*[Then he brought me in] [to] [The Temple] [and measured] [The Side Columns]: [six] [Lengths of a Forearm] [wide] [on one side] [and six] [Lengths of a Forearm] [wide] [on the other side]. [{The} Width] [{of} The Tent]. (Ezekiel 41:1) —my interim translation*

I said that is the only time that Ezekiel mentions a "tent." And I told you the King James Version translates the word as "tabernacle," which is precisely what it refers to. I showed you that earlier translations tended to follow the King James Version, but most modern translations ignore that part of the verse. I said this:

*The Hebrew text of Ezekiel 41:1 plainly says "the width of the tent," but most modern translations don't translate that phrase because it doesn't seem to fit the context. I will freely admit the sentence structure seems a wee bit strange if one does not know Ezekiel is giving the measurements of a heavenly structure in an ongoing series of convoluted and cryptic statements that are intended to confuse the uninformed. That's why most translators are left scratching their heads, wondering what the text is saying. But by the time they get to that*

verse, they have already started guessing about the meaning of words, "interpreting" instead of translating, and translating the same word in different ways, desperately trying to make their translation somewhat more "understandable" for the reader.

("Jerusalem Is a Place; Both Above and Below," **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 2014, p. 21)

I told you "scholars" don't know Ezekiel 41:1–4 is all that anyone needs to understand to grasp the meaning and significance of Ezekiel's vision. Then I said this:

Now that you know translators blithely ignore that part of the Hebrew text, you should be asking yourself why Satan would not want you to have access to that information. I am going to tell you why, so pay attention! If you know your Bible, you already know the Jews and the Dispensationalists use Ezekiel 40–48 as the "proof text" for their claim that the Messiah will rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem when he comes/returns. That is a major part of "The Lie" that Satan will have the "whole world" believing by the time he appears in the person of the Antichrist.

Since I have already shown you in *The Advent of Christ and AntiChrist* that the Early Church Fathers believed Satan, in the person of the Antichrist, is going to pretend to be Jesus Christ and rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem, your ears should have immediately perked up a bit when I said Ezekiel 40–48 is the text the Jews and Dispensationalists use as justification for their belief that God wants the Temple rebuilt. If your auditory apparatus showed no such response, you have undoubtedly already taken a great big swig of Satan's "Kool-Aid®." Too bad for you.

Ezekiel 40–48 has to do with the fact that Ezekiel was shown the Glory of God returning to the heavenly Tabernacle after it withdrew from Solomon's Temple. If you are not familiar with what Ezekiel said about the Glory of God leaving the Temple just prior to its destruction, not to worry. I am going to show you. In Ezekiel 8, Ezekiel gives a description of a vision he saw in which God explained why He was withdrawing His Glory from the Temple.

("Jerusalem Is a Place; Both Above and Below," **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 2014, pp. 21–22)

I then gave you my translation of Ezekiel 8 and told you Ezekiel's point is, God was justified in withdrawing His Glory from the Temple because the elders

of the Jews were saying He had already withdrawn from the Earth. I said that is made clear by what is said in Ezekiel 9, and I gave you my translation of that chapter. Then I said this:

Pay attention now. The Antichrist will be spouting that passage when he imposes "the mark of the beast." The point of verse 10 is, when the angry God of Israel is the One doing the killing—that is, when Jesus Christ returns—He is going to do precisely what the six men in that passage did: put a "mark" on those who are to be spared before He starts killing. And once He starts to kill, He will have no concern for, and take no pity on, anyone who has been worshiping a false god.

Since the Antichrist is going to pretend to be Jesus Christ, he will rightly appeal to the part about killing anyone who does not have a special mark on their forehead. The difficulty you will face is, nobody can take the mark of the beast without accepting the premise that the Antichrist may be Jesus Christ. No problem. True Believers will have already **received** the real "mark" (think: "seal") of the Living Word of God before the Antichrist begins his ridiculous charade. That's what Revelation 7 is explaining—parabolically.

That bit of information is a freebie. Those who believe the Truth they have learned from me are already aware they will have nothing to fear when the Antichrist appears. The point is, Ezekiel saw a vision in which the Glory of God withdrew from Solomon's Temple. If you do not know what he saw in that vision, it will be impossible for you to understand why he received the vision he recounts in Ezekiel 40–48.

("Jerusalem Is a Place; Both Above and Below," **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 2014, pp. 23–24)

After I told you that, I gave you my translation of Ezekiel 10 and said there are three significant facts you need to retain after reading Ezekiel 8–10: (1) The Glory of the Lord left the Holy of Holies and moved to the threshold of the Temple. (2) It then moved from the threshold of the Temple to get on board a "carriage" of some sort. (3) When that "carriage" took flight, it hovered over the "**Qadmonite**" gate, the east gate, of the Temple. I then showed you Ezekiel 11:22–25, where Ezekiel describes that "carriage" taking flight.

I told you other translations leave the Glory of the Lord hanging out over the Mount of Olives. But that is only because translators have overlooked the fact that

"Qedem" is a place the ancients thought was located east of Jerusalem. I told you it is the place mentioned in Genesis 2:8 and 3:24. Then I said this:

*What scholars have completely overlooked in regard to "Qedem" is the fact that, in Biblical Hebrew, all four cardinal points of the compass are designated by a geographical feature that is located, or thought to be located, in each of those directions. Therefore, "west" is "the place of the sunset" or "(toward) the sea," the Mediterranean Sea, west of Jerusalem. "North" is "(toward) Zaphon," the cosmic mountain on which the Canaanite gods supposedly met in the assembly of the gods. That mighty mountain was thought to be located somewhere in the far north. Likewise, "south" is most frequently "(toward) the Negev," a hilly desert region south of Jerusalem. But it is sometimes also "(toward) Teman," a country situated south of Jerusalem.*

*With those facts firmly in hand, does it make any sense at all that "east" would be the only direction not designated by a geographical location? I think not. But, just like the cosmic mountain of the gods that the ancients called "Zaphon," "east" is not designated by a geographical feature situated somewhere on Planet Earth. The place that the ancients used to refer to that direction is "Qedem," which is also located somewhere in the realm of the gods; and it is precisely the place that Ezekiel had in mind when he wrote this:*

[And [{the} Glory] [{of} His Majesty] went up],  
[away from] [{the} Middle] [{of} The City] **and stood] [over] [The Mountain] [that] {is} [part of Qedem], [at {the} City].**

(Ezekiel 11:23) —my interim translation

*The point is, Ezekiel did not leave the Glory of God hanging in limbo over the Mount of Olives. Not at all. He left it on a mountain located in "Qedem," right outside the Heavenly Jerusalem. So if you want to know where the Glory of God went from there, you have to read what he wrote in Ezekiel 40–48. To avoid any confusion, just keep in mind the ancients thought this realm and the realm of the gods were mirror images.*

*("Jerusalem Is a Place; Both Above and Below," **The Voice of Elijah**®, July 2014, pp. 25–26)*

I then told you John alludes to Ezekiel 40:2 in Revelation 21:10 because he was shown a vision of the

same reality that Ezekiel saw. That is, he was allowed a glimpse of some of the features of the place we call "Heaven." Ezekiel saw a vision of the Glory of God returning to Heaven; John saw a vision of it coming back to Earth. That is the link between what John says in Revelation 21 and what Ezekiel says in Ezekiel 40. That is confirmed by what John says in verses 15–16, where he describes a messenger using a "reed" to measure the Heavenly Jerusalem. The Greek word that I translated as "reed" in those two verses is *kalamos*, and the translators of the Septuagint used that same Greek word when they translated Ezekiel 40.

After telling you that, I gave you my translation of Ezekiel 40, but not before telling you a "reed" is what they use in Heaven to measure heavenly structures.

In the October 2014 issue, I continued to show you what Ezekiel wrote in Ezekiel 40–48. I gave you my interim translation of Ezekiel 41–45 and told you that you should ask yourself one very simple, but extremely important, question as you read what he wrote: Is he describing a Temple that has already been built or one that God expects someone to build? I told you the Jews and Dispensationalists *mistakenly assume* the latter. But I also told you that, if you hang around me long enough, you will eventually hear me say this: "Mistaken assumptions will kill you." In this case, the "death" we are talking about is the second "death."

I told you there is one other very important thing you need to keep in mind if you intend to avoid being taken in by "The Lie" that Satan is using to "deceive the whole world." It is something Isaiah says in Isaiah 66 about those who foolishly think they can "build a house" for God. I told you the point of Isaiah 66:1–2 is very simple: "The House" that God desires is a family, a "building" of a completely different sort than the Dispensationalists and Jews are thinking. True Believers (the "Children" of God) are the members of that "House." And dim lights who would build any other house for God have made some seriously *mistaken assumptions*.

I have already told you Ezekiel is describing the Glory of God returning to the Temple in the Heavenly Jerusalem in Ezekiel 40–48. When I gave you my own translation of Ezekiel 41–45 in the October 2014 issue, I told you to pay close attention to the term *reed*, which is what the messengers use to measure things in Heaven. When I gave you my standardized translation of Ezekiel 46–48 in the January 2015 issue, I told you to



keep in mind the fact that Ezekiel is describing events that will occur in the place we call "Heaven" at the time when True Believers enter into *the inheritance of what was promised*.

I told you to make note of what Ezekiel says in Ezekiel 47 about the healing nature of the river that flows out of "The House" he described earlier. And after giving you my translation of Ezekiel 46–48, I showed you what John says in Revelation 22:1–4 about that river. I said the two men are undoubtedly *talking about* the same thing. With that I turned to Isaiah 55 and gave you my translation of that chapter. Then I said this:

*In that chapter, Isaiah is emphasizing the need for True Believers to rely on the Truth of the Living Word of God that they have heard and believed rather than thinking their own thoughts and coming up with their own ideas as to what the Scriptures mean. His point is, after True Believers are resurrected, they will "drink" the "water" that is flowing in the "river" of life and be LIKE trees that have been planted on the banks of a constantly flowing river. That is not a parabolic image unique to Isaiah alone. It should be obvious that the psalmist who wrote the following psalm understood the parabolic imagery perfectly. ("Fresh Water and Salt Water Have But One Thing in Common," **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2015, p. 27)*

I then said this about Psalm 1:

*The psalmist's point is, there is only one "Way" to make it into the Resurrection of the Righteous. That is by making the Truth of The Teaching the central focus of this life. Pretenders will go on pretending right up to the bitter end, and they will have nary a clue that the End of the Age is closing in until it is too late to do anything about it. That is not true for the True Believers who understand, and love, the Truth of The Teaching. ("Fresh Water and Salt Water Have But One Thing in Common," **The Voice of Elijah**®, January 2015, p. 28)*

I concluded by showing you how the psalmist who wrote Psalm 46 described the End of the Age and telling you the Prophets also *talk about* the "distress" the psalmist mentions in that psalm. I said they have in mind the same "distress" that Daniel mentions in Daniel 12:1.

In the April 2015 issue, I commented on the last four Old Testament passages to which John alludes in

Revelation 21. I told you that, in Revelation 21:18–20, John is *talking about* the same *parabolic* "city" that Isaiah describes *parabolically* in Isaiah 54. I said Isaiah is speaking *parabolically* about Zion, the Heavenly Jerusalem, in Isaiah 49–54. But as I have already explained over the past several years in *The Voice of Elijah*® *Update*, Isaiah uses the *parabolic image* of two "women" in Isaiah 40–66 to describe the death and Resurrection of the Body of Jesus Christ. The earthly Jerusalem is "The Harlot"; the Heavenly Jerusalem is the "Virgin" Who engenders "Children" for God. That same *parabolic imagery* underlies the things that John says about "The Harlot" and the Heavenly Jerusalem in the Book of Revelation.

I told you that, in Revelation 21:22–26, John alludes to several verses in Isaiah 60. I gave you my translation of Isaiah 60 and told you that John and Isaiah are describing the same thing—*parabolically*. But if you do not know they are speaking *parabolically* to tell us how this reality IS LIKE another reality, and if you do not know what that other reality IS, that information won't help you all that much. I told you I had already explained those things in *The Voice of Elijah*® *Update*, so I would not dwell on them here.

Finally, I told you that, in Revelation 21:24–26, John alludes to what Isaiah says about "The Woman" in Isaiah 49:23; and I gave you my translation of Isaiah 49 to show you what Isaiah said. Then, in Revelation 21:27, John alludes to something Isaiah says in Isaiah 52:1. So I concluded the April 2015 issue with my translation of Isaiah 52.

In the July 2015 issue, I began commenting on the things John wrote in the final chapter of the Book of Revelation. Here is what he wrote:

## Revelation 22—Text

<sup>1</sup>[And] [He showed] [me] [a [splendid] River] [{of} a Water] [{of} Life] [like] [Crystal], [coming out] [of] [The] [Throne] [{of} The] [{*Living*} God] [and] [The] [Little Lamb] <sup>2</sup>[in] [The Middle of] [Her] [Thoroughfare]. [And] [on one side] [{of} The] [River] [and] [on the other] {was} [a Tree] [{of} Life], [which was producing] [twelve] [Fruits], [giving up] [His] [Fruit] [each] [and every] [Month]. [And] [The] [Leaves] [{of} The] [Tree] {are} [for] [Treatment] [{of} The] [Gentiles]. <sup>3</sup>[And] [there will [not] be] [any] [Accursed Thing\*] [any longer]. [And] [The]

[Throne] [{of} The] [{*Living*} God] [and] [The] [Little Lamb] [will be] [in] [Her], [and] [His] [Slaves] [will serve as priests for] [Him]. <sup>4</sup>[And] [they will see] [His] [Face], [and] [His] [Name] [will be] [on] [their] [Foreheads]. <sup>5</sup>[And] [there will [not] be] [Night] [any longer]; [and] [they will [not] have] [Need of] [a Light] [{of} a Lamp] [and] [a Light] [{of} a Sun], [because] [His Majesty], [The] [{*Living*} God], [will provide light] [for] [them]. [And] [they will be kings] [for] [The] [Ages] [{of} The] [Ages to Come]. <sup>6</sup>[And] [He told] [me], "[These] [Words] {are} [trustworthy] [and] [true]!" [And] [The One Who is] [His Majesty], [The] [{*Living*} God] [{of} The] [Spirits] [{of} The] [Prophets], [sent] [His] [Messenger] [to show] [His] [Slaves] [what] [must] [occur] [in] [a Hurry]. <sup>7</sup>"[And] [Look!] [I am coming] [quickly]! [The one who] [keeps watch over] [The] [Words] [{of} The] [Prophecy] [{of} This] [Scroll] {is} [fortunate]!" <sup>8</sup>[And I], [John], {am} [the one who] [heard] [and] [saw] [these things]! [And] [when] [I heard] [and] [saw] {them}, [I fell down] [to bow down] [in front of] [The] [Feet] [{of} The] [Messenger] [who] [showed] [me] [These Things]. <sup>9</sup>[And] [he tells] [me]: "[No]! [See]! [I am] [a Fellow Slave] [{with} You] [and] [Your] [Brothers]—[The] [Prophets] [and] [those who] [keep watch over] [The] [Words] [{of} This] [Scroll]. [You must bow down to] [The] [{*Living*} God]!" <sup>10</sup>[And] [he tells] [me]: "[You must [not] set a seal on] [The] [Words] [{of} The] [Prophecy] [{of} This] [Scroll] [for] [The] [Time] [is] [near]! <sup>11</sup>[Let] [the one who] [mistreats others] [still] mistreat others], [and] [let] [the one who is] [filthy] [still] be filthy\*", [and] [The] [One Who Has Been Declared Not Guilty] [still] [act in accordance with] [a Declaration of Not Guilty], [and] [The] [Holy One] [still] [be made holy]. <sup>12</sup>[Guess what!] [I am coming] [quickly]! [And] [My] [Wage] {is} [with] [Me], [to pay] [each one] [back] [as much as] [his] [Work] [is]. <sup>13</sup>[I] {am} [the] [A] [and] [the] [Z], [the] [first] [and] [the] [last], [The] [Beginning] [and] [The] [Conclusion]! <sup>14</sup>[Those] {are} [fortunate] who] [wash] [their] [Long Robes] [so that] [their] [Authority] [may be] [over] [The] [Tree] [{of} The] [Life] [and] [they may go] [into] [The] [City] [{through} The] [Gates]. <sup>15</sup>[The] [Dogs] [and] [The] [Drug

Dealers] [and] [The] [Sexually Promiscuous Individuals] [and] [The] [Murderers] [and] [The] [Idolaters] [and] [everyone] [who is fond of], [and] [acts in accordance with], [a Lie] {are} [outside]! <sup>16</sup>[I], [Jesus], [have sent] [My] [Messenger] [to provide] [you] [These Things] as testimony] [against] [The] [Summoned Assemblies]. [I] [AM] [The] [Root] [and] [The] [Kindred] [{of} David], [The] [Star] [that is] [splendid]—[The] [Early Morning Star]." <sup>17</sup>[And] [The] [Spirit] [and] [The] [Bride] [are saying], "[You are coming]!" [The one who] [is listening] [must [also] say], "[You are coming]!" [And] [the one who] [is thirsty] [must come]. [The one who] [wants to {come}] [must accept] [Life's] [Water] [undeservedly]. <sup>18</sup>[I] [am providing testimony for] [everyone] [who] [hears] [The] [Words] [{of} The] [Prophecy] [{of} This] [Scroll]: [If] [anyone] [places] {anything}] [on] [them], [The] [{*Living*} God] [will place] [on] [him] [The] [Beatings] [that] [have been written] [in] [This] [Scroll]. <sup>19</sup>[And] [if] [anyone] [takes away] [from] [The] [Words] [{of} The] [Scroll] [{of} This] [Prophecy] [that] [have been written] [in] [This] [Scroll], [The] [{*Living*} God] [will take] [his] [Part] away] [from] [The] [Tree] [{of} The] [Life] [and] [out of] [The] [City] [that is] [holy]. <sup>20</sup>[The One who] [is providing] [These Things] as testimony] [says], "[Yes], [I am coming] [quickly]! [Without doubt]!" [You are coming], [Your Majesty]—[Jesus]! <sup>21</sup>[The] [Favor] [{of} The One Who is] [His Majesty], [Jesus], {be} [with] [everyone].

## Revelation 22—Commentary

In the July 2015 issue, I told you John alludes to the following passages from the Old Testament in the first five verses of Revelation 22:

*Psalms 46:4*

*Ezekiel 47:1–12*

*Zechariah 14:8–11*

*Psalms 17:15*

*Isaiah 60:19–21*

I then gave you my interim translation of the five chapters in which those verses occur. I told you John's quotation or allusion is intended to remind his reader

of everything the Prophet said in the original context. I told you Psalm 46 is *talking about* the same *parabolic* "river" John is describing when he says this:

<sup>1</sup>[And] [He showed] [me] [a [splendid] River] [{of} a Water] [{of} Life] [like] [Crystal], [coming out] [of] [The] [Throne] [{of} The] [{Living} God] [and] [The] [Little Lamb] <sup>2</sup>[in] [The Middle of] [Her] [Thoroughfare]. [And] [on one side] [{of} The] [River] [and] [on the other] {was} [a Tree] [{of} Life], [which was producing] [twelve] [Fruits], [giving up] [His] [Fruit] [each] [and every] [Month]. [And] [The] [Leaves] [{of} The] [Tree] {are} [for] [Treatment] [{of} The] [Gentiles]. (Revelation 22:1–2) —my interim translation

I told you it isn't obvious in that context, but the *parabolic* "river" John describes is nothing more than the *parabolic* "flow" of the *Living Word* of God. I explained that *parabolic imagery* in my comments on the text of Ezekiel 32. (See "The Eighth 'Day' Always Follows the Seventh," *The Voice of Elijah*®, October 2013, p. 16.) I said there are several places in the Old Testament where the Prophets mention that *parabolic* "river," and Psalm 46:4 is but one. After giving you my current translation of Psalm 46, I said the psalmist who wrote that psalm is speaking *parabolically*, *talking about* the protection that the Truth of the *Living Word* of God will provide the True Believer in his battle against the lies of "Prince Sea" and "Judge River" at the End of the Age.

In the second verse of Revelation 22, John goes into even more detail regarding the *parabolic* "river" that *parabolically* "flows" out of the *parabolic* "city" of God—the Heavenly Jerusalem. I told you he is referring to the same things that Ezekiel describes in Ezekiel 47. As I have already told you, in Ezekiel 40–48 Ezekiel is *parabolically* describing the Heavenly Jerusalem. But in Ezekiel 47, he describes that "river." So I gave you my translation of what Ezekiel wrote.

I next told you that, in Revelation 22:3–5, John is summarizing what the Prophet Zechariah says in Zechariah 14:8–11. This is what John says:

<sup>1</sup>[And] [He showed] [me] [a [splendid] River] [{of} a Water] [{of} Life] [like] [Crystal], [coming out] [of] [The] [Throne] [{of} The] [{Living} God] [and] [The] [Little Lamb] <sup>2</sup>[in] [The Middle of] [Her] [Thoroughfare]. [And] [on one side] [{of} The] [River] [and] [on the other] {was} [a Tree] [{of} Life], [which was producing] [twelve]

[Fruits], [giving up] [His] [Fruit] [each] [and every] [Month]. [And] [The] [Leaves] [{of} The] [Tree] {are} [for] [Treatment] [{of} The] [Gentiles]. <sup>3</sup>[And] [there will not] be [any] [Accursed Thing\*] [any longer]. [And] [The] [Throne] [{of} The] [{Living} God] [and] [The] [Little Lamb] [will be] [in] [Her], [and] [His] [Slaves] [will serve as priests for] [Him]. <sup>4</sup>[And] [they will see] [His] [Face], [and] [His] [Name] {will be} [on] [their] [Foreheads]. <sup>5</sup>[And] [there will not] be [Night] [any longer]; [and] [they will not] have [Need of] [a Light] [{of} a Lamp] [and] [a Light] [{of} a Sun], [because] [His Majesty], [The] [{Living} God], [will provide light] [for] [them]. [And] [they will be kings] [for] [The] [Ages] [{of} The] [Ages to Come].

(Revelation 22:1–5) —my interim translation

I told you John quotes Zechariah 14 because Zechariah is describing events that occur after *the heirs of the promise inherit what was promised*. But I said some of those events take place at the Second Coming of Christ, some after.

After showing you what Zechariah wrote, I told you that John alludes to the last verse of Psalm 17 in Revelation 22:4. I explained that he does that because, in Psalm 17, the psalmist is asserting his firm belief that the *Living Word* of God will ensure his participation in the Resurrection of the Righteous. Then I told you why John refers to Isaiah 60 in Revelation 22:5. I said it is because Isaiah describes the same circumstances in much more detail. He is *parabolically* describing the "illumination" provided by the *Living Word* of God that "flows" out of the "city" of God. Then I gave you my translation of Isaiah 60.

In the October 2015 issue, I showed you my translation of three more Old Testament passages to which John alludes in Revelation 22, verse 5:

*Daniel 7:18, 27*

*Isaiah 24:23*

*Isaiah 30:26*

I told you Daniel is describing a vision in Daniel 7 in which he saw events related to the Ascension of Jesus Christ to the throne of God. In Isaiah 24, Isaiah is describing the same set of historical circumstances as Daniel 7, but he describes them from the perspective of how they affect those alive at that time. The *parabolic* "wine" he mentions in verses 9–11 are all the things



that make this life enticing to those who refuse to see things logically.

I told you that what Isaiah says about the "winter moon" and the "summer sun" in Isaiah 24:23 ties that chapter together with Isaiah 30 (cf. 24:23 and 30:26). I also said those two chapters, taken together, provide a substantial basis for the things John says in the Book of Revelation. Then I showed you that Isaiah goes into a little more detail in Isaiah 30 regarding God's reasons for His actions than he does in Isaiah 24. He tells us the *Living Word* of God is going to bring our civilization to a screeching halt simply because the overwhelming majority of folks alive today will not even consider the *possibility* that the Truth *might* be true. Therefore, God has no alternative other than to eradicate the problem.

I said if one is not willing to think *parabolically*, one cannot even begin to "see" what Isaiah says in Isaiah 30. I told you it is essentially the same thing John describes in the Book of Revelation. As Isaiah explains it, God has no other alternative. The problem is, and always has been, dimwitted folks who refuse to consider the possibility that *they don't know what they think they know*. It's not that the Truth is not available, because it is. God called me to make it available.

In the January 2016 issue, I showed you my translation of the final chapters in the Hebrew Scriptures that John alludes to in Revelation 22. The verses I commented on were these:

*Daniel 12:4*  
*Isaiah 29:7-14*  
*Isaiah 62:11*

I pointed out that John tells us in Revelation 22:10 that he was told not to seal up the *meaning* of the prophecy he wrote. I said common sense alone should tell you there would be no need to tell John not to seal his prophecy if the other prophecies in Scripture had not been sealed. Then I told you all of the Prophets sealed up the *meaning* of their prophecies and pointed out Daniel 12:4, where Daniel plainly tells us he was told to do just that:

*"[But You], [Daniel], [plug up] [The Words] [and seal up] [The Scroll] [until] [an [End] Time]. [Many] [will go out looking], [and [The Knowledge] will increase]."*  
*(Daniel 12:4) —my interim translation*

I said the point of Daniel 12 is, God has everything already planned out for those who have insight into the Truth at the End of the Age. Part of His plan is, some will understand what is happening and some won't. Then I told you that is precisely the same thing that Isaiah tells us in Isaiah 29. I said Isaiah is mockingly describing the dimwits in every generation who keep on drinking the mandragora wine of "*The Harlot*" that John describes in Revelation 17. That is, he is ridiculing those who can't stop "drinking" her "wine" long enough to consider the fact that what they believe about the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob might be seriously in error. They just keep on "drinking" whatever stupid notion Satan sends their "way" and get higher than a kite on the thought of how wonderful their fictitious god of unconditional love is. Isaiah knew their belief in that ridiculous lie is just a dream, but they can't "wake up" to the Truth because the angry God of the Old Testament is the One Who put them to sleep.

Fortunately, just like Daniel says in Daniel 12, Isaiah says there will be those few at the End of the Age who do understand:

*<sup>18</sup>[In [That] Day], [The Ones Who Are Deaf]  
 [Will hear] [{the} Words of] [a Scroll];  
 [And out of Nether Gloom] [and Darkness],  
 [{The} Eyes of] [Those Who Are Blind] [will see].  
<sup>19</sup>[And [Those Who Are Humble] [in His Majesty]  
 will add more] [Joy],  
 [And Those Who Are [Adam's] Needy]  
 [will be happy] [in Israel's] [Holy One]!  
 (Isaiah 29:18-19) —my interim translation*

I like what Isaiah says about the "deaf" hearing the words of that "scroll" and the "blind" being able to "see" what it says. I told you he is *talking about* the same "scroll" that he described earlier in the chapter as being "sealed up" so that nobody could "read" it. The "scroll" he had in mind is the same "scroll" that John describes being "unsealed" in Revelation 6. And I said that, now that the "sealed" "scroll" has been "unsealed," there is no "way" in this Hell we live in that the fools who choose to go on "drinking" "*The Harlot's*" "wine" are going to *inherit what was promised*. They are instead going to get exactly what they have coming.

I told you John sounds an ominous warning in Revelation 22:12 to anyone who thinks the *Living God* doesn't see and take into account the things they do.

And I told you that, in Isaiah 62, the Prophet Isaiah explains exactly what God is going to do to those who "blindly" go on believing anything and everything they hear pious, pedantic pulpit parrots preaching. I said Isaiah is describing what it will BE LIKE when Jesus Christ returns at the End of this Age. Those who have "worked" for a "reward" will receive what they have coming, and those who sat on their hands and did nothing, or the bare minimum, may find themselves in the predicament James describes in James 2:20–26. I told you James is merely saying: "Don't fool yourself. If you don't have works, you don't really believe."

I concluded the January 2016 issue by telling you the "highway" Isaiah mentions in Isaiah 62:10 is the same "highway" he mentions in Isaiah 11:16 and 49:11. And I told you one final mention of that "highway" can be found in a passage that is much more familiar to most people:

<sup>3</sup>[A Voice] {is} [going to call] [in {the} Wilderness]:  
**"[Put a surface on] [{the} Way] [{of} His Majesty]!**  
**[Make [a Highway] [for our God] straight]**  
**[through {the} Desert Plain]!"**  
<sup>4</sup>[Every] [Hollow] [will be raised up],  
 [And every] [Mountain] [and Hill]  
 [will be brought down]!  
 [And [The Steep Incline] will become] [a Plain];  
 [And The Narrow Gorges\*], [a Broad Valley]!  
<sup>5</sup>[Then {the} Glory] [{of} His Majesty]  
 [will be uncovered],  
 [And [all] [Flesh] [together] will see {it}],  
 [Because] [{the} Mouth] [{of} His Majesty] [will speak].  
<sup>6</sup>[A Voice] [will say], "[Proclaim]!"  
 [But he will say], "[What] [should I proclaim]?"  
 "[All] [Flesh] {is} [Grass]!  
 [And all] [His Loving-kindness] {is}  
 [like a Flower] [{of} The Field]!"  
<sup>7</sup>[Grass] [will dry up]; [a Flower] [will droop],  
 [When] [{the} Spirit] [{of} His Majesty]  
 [shoes [him] away]."  
 [The People] {is} [most definitely] [Grass]!  
<sup>8</sup>[Grass] [will dry up]; [a Flower] [will droop].  
 [But {the} Word] [{of} our God] [will rise up]  
 [to an Eternal Burning]!  
 (Isaiah 40:3–8) —my interim translation

That is what I have explained to this point. To conclude my survey of the Book of Revelation, I want

to show you a couple of verses that John paraphrases. He says the following:

<sup>18</sup>[I] [am providing testimony for] [everyone] [who]  
 [hears] [The] [Words] [{of} The] [Prophecy] [{of} This]  
 [Scroll]: [If] [anyone] [places {anything}] [on] [them],  
 [The] [{Living} God] [will place] [on] [him] [The]  
 [Beatings] [that] [have been written] [in] [This]  
 [Scroll]. <sup>19</sup>[And] [if] [anyone] [takes away] [from]  
 [The] [Words] [{of} The] [Scroll] [{of} This]  
 [Prophecy] [that] [have been written] [in]  
 [This] [Scroll], [The] [{Living} God] [will take [his]  
 [Part] away] [from] [The] [Tree] [{of} The] [Life] [and]  
 [out of] [The] [City] [that is] [holy].  
 (Revelation 22:18–19) —my interim translation

What John says about placing anything on his prophecy or taking anything away from it is a paraphrase of a statement Moses made in Deuteronomy 4:2 and again in Deuteronomy 12:32. Here is my interim translation of the things he told the sons of Israel:

<sup>1</sup>"[So now], [Israel], [listen] [to] [The Statutes] [and]  
 to] [The Decisions Based on the Truth] [that] [I] [am mak-  
 ing [you] learn] [to do], [in order that] [you may live] [and]  
 go in] [and take possession of] [The Land] [that] [His]  
 Majesty], [{the} God of] [your Fathers], [is going to give]  
 [to you]. <sup>2</sup>[In order to stand watch over] [{the}  
 Commandments of] [His Majesty], [your God], [that]  
 [I] [am commanding] [you], [you will [not] add {any-  
 thing}] [to] [The Word] [that] [I] [am commanding]  
 [you], [and you will [not] take {anything} away]  
 [from it]. <sup>3</sup>[Your Eyes] [saw] [what] [His Majesty] [did]  
 [in Baal-peor], [when] [His Majesty], [Your God], [wiped]  
 out] [of Your midst] [every] [Man] [who] [went] [after]  
 [Baal-peor]. <sup>4</sup>[But you], [all of you] [who are clinging to]  
 [His Majesty], [your God], [are] [alive] [Today].  
<sup>5</sup>[See]! [Just as] [His Majesty], [my God], [commanded]  
 me, [I have made [you] learn] [Statutes] [and Decisions]  
 Based on the Truth] [so that {you} would do] [likewise]  
 [in the midst of] [The Land] [in [to] [which] [you] are]  
 going] [to take possession of it]. <sup>6</sup>[So you must stand]  
 watch over {them}] [and do {them}]: (1) [Because] [that]  
 {is} [your Wisdom] [and your Understanding] [in the]  
 sight of] [The Peoples] [who] [hear] [all] [these] [Statutes].  
 [And they will say], '[This] [great] [Nation] {is} [nothing]  
 but] [a [wise] [and understanding] People]!' <sup>7</sup>(2) [Because]  
 [what] [great] [Nation] [has] [a God] [as [near] [to it] as

His Majesty], [our God], [when all of] [us call out] [to Him]? <sup>8</sup>[And what] [great] [Nation] [has] [Statutes] [and Decisions] [as [impartial] as all] [This] [Teaching] [that] [I] [am setting] [before you] [Today]?

<sup>9</sup>[You must [only] watch] [Yourself] [and stand watch over] [Your Soul] [exceedingly], [so that You do [not] forget] [The Things] [that] [Your Eyes] [saw] [and so that they do [not] go away] [from Your Heart] [all] [the] Days of] [Your Life]. [But You must make them known] [to Your Sons] [and to {the} Sons of] [Your Sons]—<sup>10</sup>[{the} Day] [that] [You stood] [before] [His Majesty], [Your God], [at Horeb], [when [His Majesty] said] [to me], '[Congregate] [The People] [for Me], [so that I may let them hear] [My Words], [so that] [they may learn] [to fear] [Me] [all] [The Days] [that they] [live] [on] [The Ground] [and make [their Sons] learn {to fear Me}].'<sup>11</sup>[Then you came together] [and stood] [at the foot of] [The Mountain], [and The Mountain] [was burning] [with Fire]; {there was} [Darkness], [a Cloud], [and Dense Fog] [up to] [{the} Heart] [{of} The Sea of Waters]. <sup>12</sup>[And [His Majesty] spoke] [to you] [from the Midst of] [The Fire]; [You] [heard] [{the} Sound] [{of} Words], [but [none of you] [saw] a Shape]—[{anything} other than] [a Voice]. <sup>13</sup>[Then He told] [you] [His Legal Agreement]—[The [ten] Words] [that] [He commanded] [you] [to do], [and He wrote them] [on] [two] [stone] [Slabs]. <sup>14</sup>[But [His Majesty] [commanded] me] [at [that] Time] [to make [you] learn] [Statutes] [and Decisions Based on the Truth] [for you to do] [in {the} Land] [to] [which] [you] [are crossing over] [to take possession of it].

<sup>15</sup>[So you must watch] [your Souls] [exceedingly] [because] [you did [not] see] [any] [Shape] [on {the} Day] [His Majesty] [spoke] [to you] [at Horeb] [from the Midst of] [The Fire]: <sup>16</sup>(1) [So that you do [not] corrupt {the Truth}] [and make] [for yourselves] [a Graven Image] [{in the} Shape of] [any] [Sculpture]—[{the} Pattern of] [Male] [or] [Female], <sup>17</sup>[{the} Pattern of] [any] [Beast] [that] {is} [on {the} Earth], [{the} Pattern of] [any] [winged] [Bird] [that] [flies] [in The Sea of Waters], <sup>18</sup>[{the} Pattern of] [anything] [that crawls] [on {the} Ground], [{the} Pattern of] [any] [Fish] [that] {is} [in {the} Water] [beneath] [{the} Earth]—<sup>19</sup>[and (2) so that You do [not] lift up] [Your Eyes] [toward The Sea of Waters] [and see] [The Sun] [and] [The Moon] [and] [The Stars]—[{the} entire] [Army] [{of} The Sea of Waters]—[and are banished] [and fall prostrate] [to them] [and become their slave], [{which is} what] [His Majesty], [Your God], [has allotted {as} a share] [to all] [The

Peoples] [under] [all] [The Sea of Waters]. <sup>20</sup>[But [His Majesty] [took] you] [and brought [you] out] [of [the iron] Furnace], [out of Egypt], [to become] [a People]—[an **Inheritance**]—[for Him] [as {you are} [this] Day].

<sup>21</sup>[But His Majesty] [became angry] [with me] [on account of] [your Words]; [and He swore] [that I would [not] cross over] [The Jordan], [that I would [not] go in] [to] [The [good] Land] [that] [His Majesty], [Your God], [is going to give] [You] [{as} an **Inheritance**]. <sup>22</sup>[Because] [I] [am going to die] [in [this] Land], [I am not] [going to cross over] [The Jordan]; [but you] [are going to cross over {it}], [and you will take possession of] [This] [good] [Land]. <sup>23</sup>[Watch] [yourselves], [so that you do [not] forget] [{the} Legal Agreement] [that] [His Majesty], [your God], [cut] [with you], [and make] [for yourselves] [a Graven Image]—[{the} Shape of] [anything]—[as] [His Majesty], [Your God], [commanded You]. <sup>24</sup>[Because] [His Majesty], [Your God], {is} [a [consuming] Fire]. [He] {is} [a [jealous] God].

<sup>25</sup>[When] [You engender] [Sons] [and Sons of] [Sons] [and fall asleep] [in {the} Land] [and corrupt {the Truth}], [and you make] [a Graven Image]—[{the} Shape of] [anything]—[and you do] [What Is Bad] [in the Sight of] [His Majesty], [Your God], [to exasperate Him], <sup>26</sup>[I have called] [The Sea of Waters] [and] [The Earth] [to testify] [against you] [Today], [that] [you will [certainly] go to Hell] [quickly] [away from] [The Land] [to] [which] [you] [are going to cross over] [The Jordan] [to take possession of it]. [You will [not] have extended] [Days] [on it] [because] [you will be [completely] wiped out]. <sup>27</sup>[Then [His Majesty] will disperse] [you] [among {the} Peoples], [and you will be left as a remnant of] [a small number of] [Adult Males] [in {the} Nations] [to] [which] [His Majesty] [drives] [you]. <sup>28</sup>[And [there] you will be slaves to] [Gods], [Things That [The Hands of] [Adam] Have Made]—[a Tree] [or a Stone], [which] [can [not] see] [and can [not] hear] [and can [not] eat] [and can [not] smell]. <sup>29</sup>[Then, [from there] you will seek] [His Majesty], [Your God], [and You will find {Him}] [when] [You diligently seek Him] [with all] [Your Heart] [and with all] [Your Soul]. <sup>30</sup>[When [You have] Distress] [and [all] [These] [Things] have found You], [then You will return] [to] [His Majesty], [Your God], [in The [last] Days], [and You will listen] [to His Voice]. <sup>31</sup>[Because] [His Majesty], [Your God], {is} [a [compassionate] God]. [So He will [not] slack off You], [but He will [not] destroy You], [and He will [not] forget] [{His} Legal Agreement] [with Your Fathers]—[what] [He swore] [to them].



<sup>32</sup>[So] [please] [ask] [about {the} [earlier] Days] [that] [were] [before You]—[about {the days} from] [The Day] [that] [God] [created] [Adam] [on] [The Earth], [and about {the days} from {one} End] [{of} The Sea of Waters] [even as far as] [{the other} End] [{of} The Sea of Waters]. [Has {anything} been brought about] [like [this] [great] Word], [or] [has {anything} been heard] [like Him]? <sup>33</sup>[Has [a People] {ever} heard] [{the} Voice] [{of} God] [speaking] [from the Midst of] [The Fire] [just as] [You] [heard], [and lived]? <sup>34</sup>[Or] [has [a God] {ever} tried] [to go in] [to take] [for himself] [a Nation] [from within] [a Nation] [by Tests], [by Signs], [by Harbingers], [by War], [by a [strong] Hand], [by an [outstretched] Arm], [and by [extremely] Scary Things]—[like everything] [that] [His Majesty], [your God], [did] [for you] [in Your Sight] [in Egypt]? <sup>35</sup>[You] [were made to see]—[to know]—[that] [His Majesty] [is] [The {Living} God]; [there is not] [anyone else] [besides Him]. <sup>36</sup>[He made You hear] [His Voice] [from] [The Sea of Waters] [to admonish You], [but [He showed You] [His [great] Fire] on] [The Earth], [and You heard] [His Words] [from the Midst of] [The Fire]. <sup>37</sup>[But because] [He loved] [Your Fathers] [and chose] [his Seed] [after Him], [He brought You out] [of Egypt] [in front of Him] [by His [great] Power], <sup>38</sup>[to dispossess] [Nations] [greater] [and more numerous] [than You] [because of You], [to bring You in] [to give] [You] [their Land] [{as} an **Inheritance**] [{on} this] [Day]: <sup>39</sup>(1) [So that You would know] [Today], [and bring {it} back] [to] [Your Heart] [that] [His Majesty] [is] [The {Living} God] [in The Sea of Waters] [above] [and on] [The Earth] [below]; [there is not] [anyone else]. <sup>40</sup>(2) [So that You would stand watch over] [His Statutes] [and His Commandments]—[what] [I] [am commanding You] [Today]—[so that] [it is good] [for You] [and for Your Sons] [after You] [and in order that] [You may [always] have extended] [Days] [on] [The Ground] [that] [His Majesty], [Your God], [is giving] [You]."

<sup>41</sup>[At that time], [Moses] [separated out] [three] [Cities] [in {the} Area Beyond] [The Jordan]—[toward The Rising of] [The Sun]—<sup>42</sup>[so that [a Murderer] [who]: (1) [murdered] [his Neighbor] [because of a lack of] [Knowledge], [and (2) he] [had [not] hated] [him] [previously] may flee] [there]. [So he may flee] [to] [one of] [these] [Cities] [and live]: <sup>43</sup>(1) [Bezer] [in {the} Wilderness], [in {the} Land] [{of} The Plain] [for {the} Reubenites], [and] (2) [Ramoath] [in Gilead] [for {the} Gadites], [and] (3) [Golan] [in Bashan] [for {the} Manassites].

<sup>44</sup>[So this] {is} [The Teaching] [that] [Moses] [set] [before] [{the} Sons of] [Israel]. <sup>45</sup>[These] {are} [The Testimonies] [and The Statutes] [and The Decisions Based on the Truth] [that] [Moses] [spoke] [to] [{the} Sons of] [Israel] [when they came out] [of Egypt], <sup>46</sup>[in {the} Area Beyond] [The Jordan], [in {the} Hollow] [in front of] [Beth-peor], [in {the} Land] [{of} Sihon], [King] [{of} The Amorites], [who] [was dwelling] [in Heshbon], [whom] [Moses] [and {the} Sons of] [Israel] [viciously attacked] [when they came out] [of Egypt]. <sup>47</sup>[They took possession of] [his Land] [and] [{the} Land] [{of} Og], [King] [{of} Bashan], [{the} two] [Kings of] [The Amorites] [who] {were} [in {the} Area Beyond] [The Jordan] [{toward the} Rising of] [The Sun], <sup>48</sup>[from Aroer], [which] {is} [on] [{the} Bank] [{of the} Arnon] [Ravine], [even as far as] [Mount] [Sion] —[that] {is}, [Hermon], <sup>49</sup>[and all of] [The Desert Plain] [{in the} Area Beyond] [The Jordan] [toward {the} Sunrise], [even as far as] [{the} Sea] [{of} The Desert Plain], [at the foot of] [{the} Slopes of] [Pisgah].

(Deuteronomy 4:1–49) —my interim translation

There are a couple of verses in that passage that are especially significant. The first is verse 32, where Moses tells the sons of Israel they should ask about the "earlier days," the "days" between the third "day" of Creation, the "day" when Adam was created (before the animals), and our own "day"—the sixth "day," the "day" in which Eve was created (after the animals). But that verse is not actually relevant to our discussion here. The only one that is relevant is verse 2:

"[In order to stand watch over] [{the} Commandments of] [His Majesty], [your God], [that] [I] [am commanding] [you], [you will [not] add {anything}] [to] [The Word] [that] [I] [am commanding] [you], [and you will [not] take {anything} away] [from it]."

(Deuteronomy 4:2) —my interim translation

Moses restates the second half of that verse in Deuteronomy 12. He says this:

"[You will stand watch over] [The [entire] Word] [that] [I] [am commanding] [you] [to do] [it]; [You will [not] add {anything}] [to it] [and You will [not] take {anything} away] [from it]."

(Deuteronomy 12:32) —my interim translation

John is deliberately paraphrasing the Septuagint translation of the second of those two verses when he issues his warning in Revelation 22:18–19, but the *parabolic image* he has in the forefront of his mind is the one found in both Deuteronomy 4 and Deuteronomy 12. If you are not aware of the *parabolic imagery* of the Passover Parable that stands behind not only everything Moses wrote in the Pentateuch but also everything John has written in “the words of the prophecy of this scroll,” you are most likely blithely unaware of the fact that the “sons of Israel” are finally on the verge of *inheriting the Promised Land*.

Unfortunately, if you do not do just as Moses warned *Corporate Israel* at that time, you are not going to be one of those who *inherit what was promised*. So let me point out something that may not be obvious to everyone: The following verse contains an extremely precise definition. That is, it explains how one goes about standing watch over the *Living Word of God*:

“[In order to stand watch over] [*the*] Commandments of [His Majesty], [*your God*], [*that*] [*I*] [*am commanding*] [*you*], [*you will [not] add {anything}*] [*to*] [*The Word*] [*that*] [*I*] [*am commanding*] [*you*], [*and you will [not] take {anything} away*] [*from it*].”  
(Deuteronomy 4:2) —my interim translation

Now that I have gotten that out of the way, let me point out something that should be patently obvious to everyone: Somebody must have added something to, or taken something away from, the Truth at some point along “*The Way*” the Church has “walked” over the past 2000 years. If that were not so, there would not be umpteen different denominations of churches in every village and town; and there certainly would not be the Heinz 57 varieties of Baptists around the world. ‘Nuf said about that; I’ll let the Apostle Paul say the rest:

<sup>6</sup>[*I am amazed*] [*that*] [*you are being taken back*] [*so*] [*quickly*] [*from*] [*the One Who*] [*invited*] [*you*]—[*by*] [*the*] Favor [*of The Anointed One*]—[*to*] [*a*] [*different*] Gospel], <sup>7</sup>[*which*] [*is*] [*not*] [*another {gospel}*]; [*except*] [*there are*] [*some*] [*who*] [*are disturbing*] [*you*], [*and*] [*wanting*] [*to alter*] [*The*] Gospel [*of The*] Anointed One]. <sup>8</sup>[*But*] [*even*] [*if*] [*we*], [*or*] [*a Messenger*] [*from*] [*Heaven*], [*should proclaim {something}*] [*to*] [*you*] [*as the gospel*] [*contrary to*] [*the {gospel}*] [*that*] [*we proclaimed to*] [*you*] [*as the gospel*], [*{you}*] [*must let him be*] [*One Under*

*the Ban*!] <sup>9</sup>[*As*] [*we have stated before*], [*I*] [*also*] [*say*] [*again*] [*at this time*], [*if*] [*anyone*] [*proclaims {something}*] [*to*] [*you*] [*as the gospel*] [*contrary to*] [*the {gospel}*] [*that*] [*you have taken to yourselves*], [*{you}*] [*must let him be*] [*One Under the Ban*]!

(Galatians 1:6–9) —my interim translation

What Paul had in mind when he used the Greek word I have translated as “one under the ban” is this: Anything or anyone placed under the ban could never be redeemed. Think Canaanites. Then take a look at all the pious, pontificating, pulpit parrots in our generation who have not the faintest clue they are taking so many down that “broad way” that leads to destruction. If you gain nothing else from everything I have explained about the Book of Revelation, you would do well to remember this:

<sup>12</sup>[*Guess what!*] [*I am coming*] [*quickly*]! [*And*] [*My*] [*Wage*] [*{is}*] [*with*] [*Me*], [*to pay*] [*each one*] [*back*] [*as much as*] [*his*] [*Work*] [*is*]. <sup>13</sup>[*I*] [*am*] [*the*] [*A*] [*and*] [*the*] [*Z*], [*the*] [*first*] [*and*] [*the*] [*last*], [*The*] [*Beginning*] [*and*] [*The*] [*Conclusion*]! <sup>14</sup>[*Those*] [*are fortunate*] [*who*] [*wash*] [*their*] [*Long Robes*] [*so that*] [*their*] [*Authority*] [*may be*] [*over*] [*The*] [*Tree*] [*{of}*] [*The*] [*Life*] [*and*] [*they may go in*] [*to*] [*The*] [*City*] [*{through}*] [*The*] [*Gates*]. <sup>15</sup>[*The*] [*Dogs*] [*and*] [*The*] [*Drug Dealers*] [*and*] [*The*] [*Sexually Promiscuous Individuals*] [*and*] [*The*] [*Murderers*] [*and*] [*The*] [*Idolaters*] [*and*] [*everyone*] [*who is fond of*], [*and*] [*acts in accordance with*], [*a Lie*] [*{are}*] [*outside*]! <sup>16</sup>[*I*], [*Jesus*], [*have sent*] [*My*] [*Messenger*] [*to provide*] [*you*] [*These Things*] [*as testimony*] [*against*] [*The*] [*Summoned Assemblies*]. [*I*] [*AM*] [*The*] [*Root*] [*and*] [*The*] [*Kindred*] [*{of}*] [*David*], [*The*] [*Star*] [*that is*] [*splendid*]—[*The*] [*Early Morning Star*].”

(Revelation 22:12–16) —my interim translation

Let me explain a simple Truth for those who do not believe so as to leave them no wiggle room at all. When John wrote the Book of Revelation, dimwits in the local churches were already corrupting the things the Apostles taught. That is obvious from the first three chapters of his prophecy. So a mere 1900 years later, what makes you so certain the individual you got your “knowledge” of the Scriptures from is not a spiritual descendant of those dimwits? *How would you know for certain one way or the other?* If you don’t know the answer to that question, that’s your first clue, Sherlock. ■

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But let us reflect that God does indeed consume and utterly destroy; that He consumes evil thoughts, wicked actions, and sinful desires, when they find their way into the minds of believers; and that, inhabiting along with His Son those souls which are rendered capable of receiving His word and wisdom, according to His own declaration, "I and the Father shall come, and We shall make our abode with him," He makes them, after all their vices and passions have been consumed, a holy temple, worthy of Himself.

Those, moreover, who, on account of the expression "God is a Spirit," think that He is a body, are to be answered, I think, in the following manner. It is the custom of sacred Scripture, when it wishes to designate anything opposed to this gross and solid body, to call it spirit, as in the expression, "The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life," where there can be no doubt that by "letter" are meant bodily things, and by "spirit" intellectual things, which we also term "spiritual."

The apostle, moreover, says, "Even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart: nevertheless, when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." For so long as any one is not converted to a spiritual understanding, a veil is placed over his heart, with which veil, i.e., a gross understanding, Scripture itself is said or thought to be covered: and this is the meaning of the statement that a veil was placed over the countenance of Moses when he spoke to the people, i.e., when the law was publicly read aloud. But if we turn to the Lord, where also is the word of God, and where the Holy Spirit reveals spiritual knowledge, then the veil is taken away, and with unveiled face we shall behold the glory of the Lord in the holy Scriptures.

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