



Restoring the hearts of the fathers to the children

Sometimes Terminology Just Confuses the Issue

The Scripture says that the serpent said to the woman: "Has God indeed said this, Ye shall not eat from every tree of the garden?" And when she had exposed the falsehood, and simply related the command, as He had said, "From every tree of the garden we shall eat; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die:" when he had [thus] learned from the woman the command of God, having brought his cunning into play, he finally deceived her by a falsehood, saying, "Ye shall not die by death; for God knew that in the day ye shall eat of it your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

In the first place, then, in the garden of God he disputed about God, as if God was not there, for he was ignorant of the greatness of God; and then, in the next place, after he had learned from the woman that God had said that they should die if they tasted the aforesaid tree, opening his mouth, he uttered the third falsehood, "Ye shall not die by death." But that God was true, and the serpent a liar, was proved by the result, death having passed upon them who had eaten. For along with the fruit they did also fall under the power of death, because they did eat in disobedience; and disobedience to God entails death. Wherefore, as they became forfeit to death, from that [moment] they were handed over to it.

2. Thus, then, in the day that they did eat, in the same did they die, and became death's debtors, since it was one day of the creation. For it is said, "There was made in the evening, and there was made in the morning, one day." Now in this same day that they did eat, in that also did they die. But according to the cycle and progress of the days, after which one is termed first, another second, and another third, if anybody seeks diligently to learn upon what day out of the seven it was that Adam died, he will find it by examining the dispensation of the Lord. For by summing up in Himself the

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A Note From the Editor

A few days ago I was sitting in a church pew, mourning the loss of a loved one, hearing a preacher mix truth with lies, and witnessing those I love finding comfort in a “reality” of their own making. Through it all, I was feeling an overwhelming surge of gratitude for all that the Lord has provided. The opportunity I have to hear, understand, walk in the Truth, and be created in the image and likeness of God is beyond phenomenal. Relatively few in that church, that town, state, country, and world know the Truth! That particular setting only accentuated the reality we face.

Early in the service I disengaged from what was being preached as I thought about the temporal nature of the flesh, the certainty of death, and the fierce battle in which True Believers are engaged while here on Earth. I thought about the Liar and the purpose of his lies, but most especially about the armor provided in the Truth of *The Teaching*, and in particular the information found in the main articles of the January and April 2017 issues of *The Voice of Elijah*®. If you haven’t read those two articles yet, I strongly recommend that you do. Here’s a glimpse of what is provided there:

Satan is a liar. Get that firmly fixed in your mind. Without it, the battle will be lost before you even begin.

The Voice of Elijah®, January 2017, p. 14

*The point of the Parable of the Sower is this: Only one out of three born-again Believers is actually going to triumph over the “winds” and **inherit what was promised**. So one would naturally assume that any reasonable, rational person who actually believes **the promise** would logically do as Paul suggested and assiduously seek to learn how to triumph over the “winds.”*

The Voice of Elijah®, January 2017, p. 21

The goal of the testing by the “winds” to which every True Believer must submit is actually quite easy to understand: The Lord is seeking to transform us through the renewing of our mind so that we would have good common sense in every situation we face. I didn’t say that, the Apostle Paul did: (Romans 12:1–3).

The Voice of Elijah®, January 2017, p. 26

*If you are an **heir of the promise** and intend to **inherit what was promised**, you are going to have to stand up and fight against the “winds” just as Paul admonished Timothy: (1 Timothy 6:9–12).*

The Voice of Elijah®, January 2017, p. 27

*The Truth is, everyone who intends to **inherit what was promised**—that is, creation in the image and likeness of God—is going to be called*

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upon to stand firm one final time in the face of a ferocious onslaught of the forces of darkness. Those few who triumph will gain everything the Lord **promised** so long ago; those who refuse to stand their ground and fight will receive exactly what they deserve.

The Voice of Elijah®, April 2017, p. 5

(Romans 12:1–6a) In that passage, the Apostle Paul lays out but two options for the Believer:

1. be shaped by this current age
2. be transformed by the renewing of your mind

Which of those two options are you, as a Believer, going to choose? I say “Believer” because the Believer has a choice; the unregenerate person has no choice simply because he has never believed the Gospel message, apologized to God for his sin, and been born again.

The Voice of Elijah®, April 2017, p. 9

Just as the Levites and the sons of Aaron guarded the Tabernacle in the wilderness, so also the True Believer must guard his own “tabernacle.” He does that by not allowing anything to contaminate the holiness of the Holy Spirit that resides within. How does he do that? By not allowing the “winds” access to his mind.

The Voice of Elijah®, April 2017, p. 20

The Lord expects every True Believer to master the Truth regarding **the promise** that he **received** when he was born again. Only then will he be able to overcome the training the “winds” instilled in him before he was born again. Mastering that Truth is a herculean task, and one that can only be accomplished through diligence and total submission to the Holy Spirit that resides within.

The Voice of Elijah®, April 2017, p. 26

Are you going to make the most of the opportunity you have been given, or are you going to choose to be shaped by “every wind of their teaching” as Paul says in Ephesians 4:14? Consider this:

(Ephesians 4:10–24) Paul’s point is, the new birth provides the True Believer the opportunity to gain an entirely new mind-set through the Truth of The Teaching, a mind-set that has the power to transform him from within, provided he is willing to put aside the lies that he previously believed and keep the demands of the physical body at bay.

The Voice of Elijah®, April 2017, pp. 24–25

If you do not appreciate the magnitude of the incredible opportunity you have to understand and believe the Truth of The Teaching of Moses here at the End of the Age, I can guarantee you that you do not actually believe the things I have been writing over the past three decades.

The Voice of Elijah® Update, June 2017, p. 17

When it’s our turn to vacate the shell of our flesh, True Believers who have triumphantly fought the good fight will have the opportunity to experience the reality of this wonderful old hymn:

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see. ...*

*Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace. ...*

*When we’ve been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise
Than when we’d first begun.
“Amazing Grace,” (John Newton, 1779)*

Mastering the Truth begins right here. But will you choose to do it? It’s your choice.

In Him,

Marcia Harper

Pay Now or Pay Later; Either Way, You Are Going to Pay

In the January 2017 issue of *The Voice of Elijah*® newsletter, I told you that the Apostle Paul makes a statement in the second chapter of 2 Corinthians that one can easily overlook if one doesn't know what he has in mind. But I also said that if one does know what he is *talking about*, it becomes a stark reminder of the pitched battle in which the Lord demands that each and every one of His Children not only participate but also come out triumphant. Therefore, I showed you what Paul says; and then I explained what he knows that you need to know if you intend to overcome the wiles of Satan here at the End of the Age.

In the April 2017 issue of *The Voice of Elijah*® newsletter, I first reviewed what I had told you in the January issue. Then I explained how the renewing of the mind that Paul mentions in Romans 12:2 fits together with the things I had already explained in those issues. But in both of those issues, I included the following statement:

Most folks who call themselves "Christians" today don't believe there is only one Truth to be found in the Hebrew Scriptures. Instead, they believe there is some sort of smorgasbord of "truths" from which one just picks and chooses whatever "truth" they find most acceptable. The Truth is, the Apostles fully understood the message of the Hebrew Scriptures and they made no bones about it. They also believed that anybody who believed something that contradicted the Truth they understood was not going to be saved. Paul states that emphatically in the first chapter of the Book of Galatians.

What Paul says in that passage should settle the issue for anyone with half a brain; but unfortunately, most "Christians" today are content to go on believing the

mishmash of contradictory beliefs they have heard in the distorted remnants of the Church established by the Apostles. It has never occurred to them that the New Testament clearly reveals the leaders of the Apostolic Church believed but one Truth, and they also believed the Truth that they possessed can be found in the Hebrew Scriptures.

After stating that, I gave you a summary of the message of the Old Testament:

1. Two "Adams" are mentioned in the Creation Account. The Apostle Paul *talks about* those two "Adams" in 1 Corinthians 15:45–49. Genesis 1 describes the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in the image and likeness of God on the sixth "day" of Creation; Genesis 2 describes the creation of our forefather on the third "day." I have already explained these things in the booklet titled *In the Image and Likeness of God*.

2. When God banned Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden, He gave them the promise that they could be created in the image and likeness of God if they would only believe the promise. He also expected them to *hand down the promise* from one generation to the next as an *inheritance* that each *heir of the promise* could bequeath to the next *heir of the promise* as an *oral blessing*. The Book of Genesis is an account of how the Patriarchs did that very thing. I have already explained these things in *The Inheritance of the Believer, Volume 1*.

3. The central purpose of the covenant God made with the sons of Israel at Mount Sinai was to unify the promise after Jacob divided it up when he blessed his sons and grandsons. Since there was no longer just one

heir of the promise as there had been up to that time, God used the Mosaic Covenant to create *Corporate Israel*, a *corporate* body that He claimed as His Firstborn Son. That *corporate* body functioned as a *mediator* to hold title to *the promise* until Jesus Christ became *Corporate Israel*, *the Heir of the promise*. I have also explained these things in *Not All Israel Is Israel* and *The Inheritance of the Believer*, Volume 1.

4. *Under the terms of The Law of Moses, an individual member of Corporate Israel could be "cut off from" Corporate Israel.* Various parts of that law demanded that ultimate punishment. If the sons of Israel were aware that someone had violated one of those, they were expected to execute the individual and thereby erase his name from Israel. Even if they did not do that, God would "cut him off from" *Corporate Israel*. That is, He would erase the individual's name from the census book of Israel that He maintained. For that reason God alone knew who had been "cut off from" *Corporate Israel*, and no one else had the right to say anyone was still a member of *Corporate Israel*. I have already explained these things in *Not All Israel Is Israel*.

5. *God made two covenants with the sons of Israel at Mount Sinai.* The first covenant required the perfect obedience of the *corporate* body and did not provide a means of atonement. If one individual sinned, every member of the *corporate* body became guilty. The second covenant provided a means of atonement for the *individual*. If an individual sinned, his sin could be atoned for through a sacrificial ritual, but the *corporate* body still remained guilty. I have also explained these things in *The Inheritance of the Believer*, Volume 1.

6. *Because the sons of Israel failed to adhere to the requirements of both the first and second Mosaic Covenants, the Prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel promised them God would offer a New Covenant to the individual members of Corporate Israel.* He did that through the ministry of John the Baptist. But the New Covenant that the Jews accepted at that time was just like the first Old Covenant their ancestors had accepted at Mount Sinai—it provided no means of atonement. If a person sinned, he would immediately be "cut off from" *Corporate Israel*. So God "cut off from" *Corporate Israel* all the members of *Corporate Israel* other than Jesus Christ because they could not keep the terms of the New

Covenant. I have also explained these things in *Not All Israel Is Israel*.

7. *When Jesus Christ was baptized by John and accepted the terms of the New Covenant, He became Corporate Israel, the Heir of the promise.* Therefore, when He died, He atoned for the sins of *Corporate Israel* by suffering under the curses of the Mosaic Covenant. But because of His obedience to the terms of the New Covenant, God was obligated to *fulfill the promise* and resurrect Him so that He could *inherit what was promised* to Adam and Eve—creation in the image and likeness of God. I have also explained these things in *Not All Israel Is Israel* and in the pages of *The Voice of Elijah*® newsletter and *The Voice of Elijah*® *Update* over the past quarter of a century.

8. *When Christ died, His death invoked the terms of the oral testament He had made prior to His death.* Under the terms of that *oral testament*, all anyone has to do to *inherit the promise* is believe it—and apologize to God for the sins they have committed. Those who do that will be declared not guilty by God; those who don't, won't. I have also explained these things in the pages of *The Voice of Elijah*® newsletter and *The Voice of Elijah*® *Update* over the past quarter of a century.

I told you that, if you intend to triumph over the enemy of your soul, you need to believe the things I outlined in the eight paragraphs above; and you also need to know why you have *chosen* to believe them. That is because the Truth they provide is a refuge in which your soul can hide whenever you face a fierce onslaught of enemy forces. Without them, you will have nothing you can use to defend against the lies that Satan propagates for the sole purpose of destroying the souls of men. I also told you that, for that reason, I planned to write a series of articles in which I provide a summary explanation of those eight parts of *The Teaching*. I also told you that would begin with this issue. And so it is.

What You Don't Know Can Kill You

Exactly five hundred years ago, on the very last day of this month, the month of October, Martin Luther (1483–1546)—a young German priest who taught moral theology at the University of

Wittenburg—sent a document he titled “Disputation on the Power of Indulgences” to his superior, Albert of Brandenburg, Archbishop of Mainz. In that document, which has become popularly known as his *Ninety-five Theses*, Martin Luther argued against the issuance of indulgences as they were being presented by priests and understood by laymen at that time. But to understand what Luther was up against, you first need to know what those indulgences were.

By the time Luther penned his ninety-five controversial propositions, the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church had somehow come up with the nonsensical notion that a person who has not done sufficient penance in this life may pay his dues in the next by suffering in some sort of silly limbo they called “Purgatory.” The popular belief was, after suffering for sin in Purgatory, a person would be released and move on into Heaven. Setting aside the question of whether penance—rather than *repentance*—is efficacious for sin, or whether the place called “Purgatory” even exists, I merely tell you the indulgences being *sold* by the priests at that time were documents that certified the holder had *paid* good money to do penance for himself or someone who was suffering in Purgatory.

The indulgence that Luther considered to be the most offensive was the one that had been granted by Pope Leo X two years earlier, in 1515. The pope needed money to finance the construction of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome; what better way to raise the money than to sell folks a little piece of pie in the sky by and by? Protestant Pretenders have been doing the same thing for years now, so there really isn’t anything new under the sun: “Send me a little money and the good Lord will do something really good for you; not my problem if He doesn’t.”

The practice of paying for an indulgence to satisfy penance has since been severely curtailed by the Roman Catholic Church, but one has to admit it would be a pretty nifty way to avoid eternal damnation and raise money for the Church at the same time—if it were true. A fellow could just live like Hell six days of the week and buy a little penance on the seventh. Not a bad deal for the wealthier wannabes who warmed the church pews every Sunday; they could cheat folks out of the money needed to pay for the remission of that particular sin, but the same did not hold true for those poor folk who used their rent or grocery money to buy a document that wasn’t worth the ink used to

print it. They *paid* good money for something the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church today are not absolutely certain would even work as advertised. If that is not the case, why would they have stopped *selling* them?

In the ninety-five propositions that Luther listed in the document he sent to his superior, he not only sought to convince the archbishop of the need to reform the practice of issuing indulgences, which he believed was being widely abused; he also challenged the belief that the pope had unlimited authority to issue the indulgences as they were being presented. Not surprisingly, that challenge did not sit well with the powers that held sway over the Roman Catholic Church at that time. Funny how fast bad news can travel—as Luther realized a short ten months later.

By the time Luther was summoned to appear on the carpet—in Rome, no less—in August of 1518, he had long since realized how naïve he had been in assuming the archbishop and the pope were not aware of how their indulgences were being presented by those who were selling them. He also discovered that he was expected to exonerate himself of the charge of heresy, since the pompous pious Pretenders who were selling the indulgences were already calling for him to be burned at the stake. It was a rude awakening for Luther, but True Believers have been known to be like that: Think the best of people, get the worst in return. But the jig is finally up in that regard, so it’s not going to be that way for True Believers here at the End. Not by a long shot. Those who know the Truth are going back to “*The Way*” it was at the beginning:

⁵[Jesus] [sent [These] [Twelve] out], [after giving [them] instructions], [saying]: “[Do [not] go] [in] [{the} Way] [of Gentiles], [and] [do [not] go in] [to] [a City] [of Samaritans], ⁶[but] [go] [instead] [to] [The] [Sheep] [of Israel’s] [House] [that] [have been done away with]. ⁷[But] [go]! [Preach], [saying] [that] ‘[The] [Kingdom] [of The] [Heavens] [has drawn near].’ ⁸[Cure] [those who are sick], [raise] [Those Who Are Dead], [cleanse] [Lepers], [cast out] [Demons]. [You have **received** {the good news of the fulfillment of the promise}] [as a bequest], [give {it}] [as a bequest]. ⁹[You should [not] acquire] [Gold] [or] [Silver] [or] [Copper] [for] [your] [Belts], ¹⁰[not] [a Bag] [for] [{your} Journey] [or] [two] [Undergarments] [or] [Sandals] [or] [a Staff]; [for] [The] [Worker] {is} [worthy] [of] [What [he] Eats]. ¹¹[But] [in]

[whatever] [City] [or] [Village] [it might be that] [you come into], [try to find out] [who] [within] [it] [is] [worthy], [and [stay] there] [until] [the time comes when] [you leave]. ¹²[But] [pay your respects to] [The] [House] [when {you} come in] [to] [it]. ¹³[And] [if], [on the one hand], [The] [House] [is] [worthy], [let [your] [Peace] come] [upon] [it]; [but [if], on the other hand], [it is] [not] [worthy], [let [your] [Peace] return] [to] [you]. ¹⁴[And] [whoever] [it might be who] [does [not] accept] [you] [or] [heed] [your] [Words], [shake [The] [Dust] off] [your] [Feet] [while coming] [out] [of] [That] [House] [or] [City]. ¹⁵[Without doubt] [I tell] [you], [it will be] [more endurable] [for {the} Land] [of Sodom] [and] [Gomorrhah] [than] [for That] [City] [on] [{the} Day] [of Sentencing]. ¹⁶[Guess what!] [I] [am sending [you] out] [like] [Sheep] [in] [The Midst] [of Wolves]. [Therefore], [be] [sensible] [like] [Snakes] [and] [harmless] [like] [Doves]. ¹⁷[But] [beware] [of] [Men], [for] [they will hand [you] over] [to] [a Council] [and] [scourge] [you] [in] [their] [Synagogues]. ¹⁸[And then] [you will [also] be led] [before] [Esteemed Leaders] [and] [Kings] [on account] [of Me], [for] [a Testimony] [to them] [and] [to The] [Gentiles]. ¹⁹[But then], [when] [they hand [you] over], [you should [not] be concerned about] [how] [or] [what] [you should speak], [for] [what] [you should speak] [will be given] [to you] [at] [That] [Hour]. ²⁰[For] [you] [are] [not] [the ones who] [are speaking], [but] [The] [Spirit] [of] [your] [Father] {is} [the One Who] [is speaking] [within] [you]."

(Matthew 10:5–20) —my interim translation

Martin Luther did not realize he was stirring up a virtual hornet's nest when he wrote his *Ninety-five Theses* and sent them off to his superior, thinking the Pope and the archbishop were not privy to the nonsense being preached in the local churches; but he was definitely aware of their shenanigans by the time the Pretenders in charge of the Roman Catholic Church excommunicated him in 1521. So much for ears to hear on the part of fools who were headed for Hell in a handbasket of their own making. But history certainly has a way of repeating itself, so it should come as no surprise to you that the same thing is coming down here at the End. The Liar is not going to allow his devotees to give up without a fight; but the Truth is, the only thing he has available to him are the lies he has been foisting off on the Church for centuries—and the dimwitted dullards who want to continue to believe

them. So you should not expect the Truth I am explaining to be accepted by all that many—just "The Many," if you know what I mean.

What You Do Know Can Cost You

What Martin Luther knew—and the Pretenders in the Roman Catholic Church at that time refused to believe—was exactly the same thing that True Believers are going to understand here at the End: Salvation is by faith. But that is faith in the sense of *what you believe*, not faith in the sense of *that you believe*. Face the facts: Everybody believes something about God, but only those who believe the Truth in that regard are going to be saved. Believing a lie will get you nothing but one Hell of an eternity of suffering for your unwillingness to apologize to a very angry God.

Luther's naïvete prevented him from seeing that Church leaders and the laymen whose ears they are scratching have a vested interest in believing any lie that tells them they have nothing to fear because they already have a ticket to Heaven. As a result of his naïvete, Luther could not see that some folks have no interest at all in the Truth; their only interest is using religion to make themselves feel comfortable believing a lie. That reminds me of something Isaiah said about the dimwits like that living in his time:

⁹[To [whom] would He teach] [Knowledge]?
[And to [whom] would He provide an understanding of]
[a Message]?

[Those who have been weaned] [from Milk]!
[{Those} too mature] [for Breasts]!

¹⁰[Because]:
"[A Command] {refers} [to a Command];
[A Command] {refers} [to a Command].
[A Line] {refers} [to a Line];
[A Line] {refers} [to a Line].
[A Little Bit] {is} [here];
[A Little Bit] {is} [there]."

¹¹[Because]:
[He will speak] [to] [This] [People]
[With a [sneering] Lip] [and in [another] Tongue],
¹²[What] [He said] [to them]:
"[This] {is} [The Resting Place]!
[You must give rest] [to {the} weary].
[And this] {is} [The Tranquility*]!"
[But he was [not] willing] [to listen].

¹³[So [The Word] [{of} His Majesty] [to them] will be]:
 “[A Command] {refers} [to a Command];
 [A Command] {refers} [to a Command].
 [A Line] {refers} [to a Line];
 [A Line] {refers} [to a Line].
 [A Little Bit] {is} [here];
 [A Little Bit] {is} [there].”
 [In order that] [they walk] [and stumble] [backwards]
 [And are broken] [and trapped] [and captured].
¹⁴[Therefore], [listen to] [The Word] [{of} His Majesty],
 [You [Scoffing] Mortal Men]
 [Who have control over] [This] [People]
 [Who] {is} [in Jerusalem]:
¹⁵[Because] [you have said]:
 “[We have cut] [a Legal Agreement] [with] [Death].
 [And [we have made] [a Vision] with] [The Sea of El].
 [When] [an [overflowing] Breaker] [passes over],
 [it will [not] come to us],
 [Because] [we have turned [a Lie] into] [our Shelter]
 [And [we have hidden ourselves] in a Falsehood]!”
¹⁶[Therefore], [this is what] [My Master], [His Majesty],
 [has said]:
 “[Look! I am] [going to lay] [a Stone] [in Zion]—
 [a [tested*] Stone]!
 [A [precious] Corner] [{of} a [solidly founded]
 Foundation]!
 [The one who believes] [will [not]
 make {it} move quickly].
¹⁷[I will turn] [a Decision Based on the Truth]
 [into a Line],
 [And a Declaration of Not Guilty] [into a Level].
 [Then Hail] [will sweep away*]
 [{the} Shelter] [{of} a Lie],
 [And Waters] [will overflow] [a Hiding Place].
¹⁸[Then [Your Legal Agreement] [with] [Death]
 will be covered up].
 [And Your Vision] [with] [The Sea of El]
 [will [not] stand].
 [When] [an [overflowing] Breaker] [passes over],
 [Then you will become] [What Is Trampled] [by Him].
¹⁹[Whenever] [He passes over], [He will take] [you].
 [He will pass over] [each and every Morning],
 [During {the} Day] [and during {the} Night],
 [To provide an understanding of] [a Message]
 {that is} [nothing but] [Sheer Terror]!”
 (Isaiah 28:9–19) —my interim translation

Isaiah's point in that passage is, you can go on lying to yourself if you want to, but that is just going to make the reality you face in the next life all the more terrifying. It's the epitome of the slogan, "You can pay me now, or you can pay me later." The point being, you are going to have to face the Truth at some point; so you would be better off doing it now, when you can still apologize to God and be forgiven, rather than being forced to "pay the fiddler" when all hope is gone. But that's your *choice*. I'm just doing what God called me to do, and what He called me to do is tell you the Truth you need to know to avoid the wrath of an extremely angry God. So let me get on with it.

Believe It if You Care To ...

Jesus frequently mocked the religious leaders of His day for their abject ignorance of things He knew were explained in the Hebrew Scriptures. One of the statements He made in that regard is this one:

³⁹“[You search] [The] [Scriptures] [because] [you] [assume] [that {you} have] [eternal] [Life] [in] [them], [and] [Those {Scriptures}] [are] [the ones that] [provide testimony] [about] [Me]! ⁴⁰[Yet] [you do [not] want] [to come] [to] [Me], [so that] [you may have] [Life]. ⁴¹[I do [not] accept] [Glory] [from] [Men], ⁴²[but] [I know] [you]—[that] [you do [not] have] [The] [Love] [of The] [{Living} God] [in] [yourselves]. ⁴³[I] [have come] [in] [The] [Name] [of] [My] [Father], [and] [you are [not] accepting] [Me]. [If] [another] [were to come] [in] [his] [own] [Name], [you would accept] [That Individual]. ⁴⁴[How] [can] [you] [believe {Me}] [when {you} are accepting] [Glory] [from] [one another], [and] [you are [not] seeking] [The] [Glory] [that is] [from] [The] [only] [{Living} God]? ⁴⁵[Do [not] assume] [that] [I] [will make an accusation against] [you] [to] [The] [Father]. [The one who] [is making an accusation against] [you] [is] [Moses], [in] [whom] [you] [have hoped]. ⁴⁶[For] [if] [you believed] [Moses], [you [would] believe] [Me]; [for] [That Individual] [wrote] [about] [Me]. ⁴⁷[But] [if] [you do [not] believe] [The] [Things [That Individual] Has Written], [how] [could you believe] [The] [Comments I] [Made]?”
 (John 5:39–47) —my interim translation

Right before He ascended into Heaven, Jesus told His disciples much the same thing:

⁴⁴[Then] [He said] [to] [them], “[These] {are} [My] [Words], [the ones that] [I spoke] [to] [you] [while {I} was] [still] [with] [you], [that] ‘[all] [the things that] [have been written] [about] [Me] [in] [The] [Law] [of Moses] [and] [The] [Prophets] [and] [Psalms] [have] [to be fulfilled].”’ ⁴⁵[Then] [He opened up] [their] [Mind] [to comprehend] [The] [Scriptures]. ⁴⁶[And] [He said] [to them]: “[So also] [it has been written] [that] [The] [Anointed One] would suffer] [and] [rise] [from] [Those Who Are Dead] [on The] [third] [Day], ⁴⁷[and] [an Apology] [for] [Forgiveness] [of Sins] [for] [all] [The] [Gentiles] [would be preached] [in] [His] [Name]—[beginning] [from] [Jerusalem]. ⁴⁸[You] {are} [Witnesses] [of These Things]. ⁴⁹[So] [guess what!] [I] [am going to send] [The] [Promise] [of] [My] [Father] [onto] [you], [but] [you] [must sit down] [in] [The] [City] [until] [you have slipped on] [a Supernatural Power] [from] [on high].” ⁵⁰[And then] [He led] [them] [out] [as far as] [to] [Bethany], [and] [after lifting up] [His] [Hands], [He **blessed**] [them]. ⁵¹[And] [while] [He] [was **blessing**] [them], [it happened that] [He went on a ways away] [from] [them] [and] [was taken up] [into] [Heaven].

(Luke 24:44–51) —my interim translation

Pay close attention to verse 45:

[Then] [He opened up] [their] [Mind] [to comprehend] [The] [Scriptures].

(Luke 24:45) —my interim translation

If you are one of the dimwitted dullards who have been deliberately doing what I have constantly warned you not to—taking the things I teach and explaining them to others—the resistance you have most likely encountered stems from the fact that the unregenerate mind does not have the ability to comprehend the Truth in the things I teach. The Apostle Paul states that plainly in this passage:

¹[Are we beginning] [to commend] [ourselves] [again]? [Or] [not]? [Do we, [like] [some], need] [Letters] [of Commendation*] [to] [you] [or] [from] [you]? ²[You] [are] [our] [Letter {of commendation*}]: (1) [one that has been inscribed] [in] [our] [Hearts], (2) [one that is known] [and] [read] [by] [all] [Men], ³(3) [one that is becoming well-known] [because] [you are] [a Letter] [from The Anointed One], (4) [one that was served] [by]

[us], (5) [one that has been inscribed]: (a) [not] [with Black Ink], [but only] [with a [living] God’s] [Spirit]; (b) [not] [on] [Tablets] [made of stone], [but only] [on] [Tablets] [of Hearts] [made of flesh].

⁴[But] [we have] [Confidence] [like this] [before] [The] [{Living} God] [through] [The] [Anointed One], ⁵[not] [because] [we are] [worthy of consideration] [of] [ourselves] [to reckon] [anything] [as] [from] [ourselves]; [but] [our] [Consideration*] {is} [from] [The] [{Living} God], ⁶[the One Who] [also] [made [us] worthy of consideration as] [Servants] [of a [new] Testament]—[not] [of Something That Has Been Written], [but] [of {the} Spirit]. [For] [The] [Thing That Has Been Written] [kills], [but] [The] [Spirit] [gives life].

⁷[But] [if] [The] [Serving] [of] [Death] [in] [Something That Had Been Written]—[that had been engraved*] [on Stones]—[came] [with] [Glory], [so] [The] [Sons] [of Israel] [could] [not] [stare] [at] [The] [Face] [of Moses] [because of] [The] [Glory] [of] [his] [Face], [which {glory}] [is going to be abrogated], ⁸[how] [could] [The] [Serving] [of The] [Spirit] [not] be [with] [even more] [Glory]? ⁹[For] [if] {there was} [Glory] [in The] [Serving] [of The] [Death Sentence], [The] [Serving] [of The] [Declaration of Not Guilty] [is going to exceed {that glory}] [with a lot] [more] [Glory]. ¹⁰[For] [even] [the {face} that] [had been glorified] [on] [This] [Part {of Israel}] [had] [not] {actually} been glorified] [on account] [of The] [extraordinary] [Glory {of God}]. ¹¹[For] [if] [the {face} that] [is going to be abrogated] {was} [with] [Glory], [the {face} that] [is going to remain] {is} [with] [a lot] [more] [Glory].

¹²[Therefore], [we [who have] [a Hope] [like this] use] [a lot of] [Candor], ¹³[and] {are} [not] [at all like] [Moses]; [he used to put [a Covering] down] [over] [his] [Face], [so that] [The] [Sons] [of Israel] [could] [not] [stare] [at] [The] [Consummation] [of the {face} that] [is going to be abrogated]. ¹⁴[But] [their] [Thoughts] [were turned to stone]; [for] [up to the time] [of] [Day] [Today], [at] [The] [Reading] [of The] [old] [Testament] [The] [same] [Covering]—[which has] [not] been uncovered]—[remains], [because] [it is abrogated] [in] [The Anointed One]. ¹⁵[But] [up to] [Today], [whenever] [it might be that] [Moses] [is read], [a Covering] [lies] [over] [their] [Hearts]; ¹⁶[but then] [whenever] [it may be that] [one turns back] [to] [His Majesty], [The] [Covering] [is removed]. ¹⁷[Now] [His Majesty] [is] [The] [Spirit], [so] [Freedom] {is} [wherever] [The] [Spirit] [of His Majesty] {is}.

¹⁸[But] [we] [who are looking at a reflection of [The] [Glory] [of His Majesty] in a mirror*) [with a Face] [that has been uncovered] [are [all] being transformed into] [The] [same] [Image] [from] [{one} Glory] [into] [{another} Glory], [even as] [a Spirit] [from] [His Majesty].
(2 Corinthians 3:1–18)—my interim translation

The point that Paul is making in that chapter revolves around the fact that everyone who has ever been born again—by believing the Truth of the Gospel and *sincerely* apologizing for their sins—has the *totality* of *The Teaching of Moses* written on their “heart.” That is, it has been stowed somewhere in their mental makeup. That Truth allows them to understand and readily accept the Truth of *The Teaching* when they hear it explained. I’m not pulling that concept out of thin air; the author of the Book of Hebrews confirms it when he says this:

⁷[For] [if] [That] [First {Testament}] [had been] [faultless], [a Place] [would] [not] [have been sought] [for a Second {Testament}]. ⁸[For] [finding fault with] [them], [He says]:

“[GUESS WHAT!] [DAYS] [ARE GOING TO COME],”
[SAYS] [HIS MAJESTY],
“[WHEN] [I WILL COMPLETE] [A [NEW] TESTAMENT] [WITH] [THE] [HOUSE] [OF ISRAEL]
[AND] [FOR] [THE] [HOUSE] [OF JUDAH];
⁹[NOT] [IN ACCORDANCE WITH] [THE] [TESTAMENT]
[THAT] [I MADE] [FOR] [THEIR] [FATHERS]
[ON] [A DAY] [WHEN] [I] TOOK HOLD [OF] [THEIR] [HAND]
[TO LEAD [THEM] OUT] [OF] [{the} LAND] [OF EGYPT];
[BECAUSE] [THEY] [DID NOT] CONTINUE ON]
[IN] [MY] [TESTAMENT],
[I ALSO] [NEGLECTED] [THEM],” [SAYS] [HIS MAJESTY].
¹⁰“[BECAUSE] [THIS] {is} [THE] [TESTAMENT] [THAT]
[I WILL MAKE AS A BEQUEST [TO THE] [HOUSE]
[OF ISRAEL] BY A TESTAMENT]
[AFTER] [THOSE] [DAYS],” [SAYS] [HIS MAJESTY]:
“[WHILE PUTTING] [MY] [LAWS]
[INTO] [THEIR] [UNDERSTANDING],
[I WILL [ALSO] INSCRIBE] [THEM] [ON] [THEIR] [HEARTS].
[AND] [I WILL BECOME] [THEIR] [GOD],
[AND] [THEY] [WILL BECOME] [MY] [PEOPLE].
¹¹[AND] [EACH ONE] [WILL [DEFINITELY NOT] TEACH]
[HIS] [FELLOW CITIZEN];
[AND] [EACH ONE], [HIS] [BROTHER], [SAYING],

‘[KNOW] [HIS MAJESTY],’
[BECAUSE] [ALL] [OF THEM], [FROM] [SMALLEST]
[UP TO] [LARGEST], [WILL KNOW] [ME].”
(Hebrews 8:7–11) —my interim translation

“The Way” that the Lord “writes” the Truth on the “heart” of the True Believer is by putting His Holy Spirit within the person. That supernatural experience is commonly called “the new birth”; and everyone who has ever been born again knows exactly what it feels like when that supernatural event occurs. That is, they have all experienced the sudden transformation that occurs when the Holy Spirit takes up residence within a person. So they know exactly what I am *talking about*, while everyone else is completely ignorant in that regard. That is why most “Christians” will vehemently deny the things I am explaining here; it is because they have never been born again. More power to those poor suckers in the short run; they are going to need it. In the long run, they have nothing but sheer terror waiting for them on the other side.

Unfortunately, a whole lot of false “Evangelists” have convinced a whole lot of counterfeit “Christians” that the new birth is not in any way associated with feelings of any kind. What a load of tripe! How can everything else that we experience have feelings associated with it and the new birth not have any? The folks who have *chosen* to believe that nonsense are caught up in one of Satan’s most insidious lies; their only “faith” is the nonsensical notion in which they *believe that they believe*. But fake “Christians” are not my concern here; my only concern is to explain the Truth for the benefit of those who have been born again. So let me explain a bit more about the Truth that you are going to need to know to triumph here at the End.

The Holy Spirit that you *received* when you were born again is well aware of the *totality* of *The Teaching of Moses*, but He is not going to make those things known to you until you hear them explained. At that point, He will chime in and confirm the Truth of what you have heard or read. That is what Jesus was *talking about* when He said this:

¹“[I have spoken] [These Things] [to you], [so that] [you would [not] be offended]. ²[They will cause [you] to be] [expelled from the synagogue], [but] [an Hour] [is going to come] [so that] [anyone] [who] [has killed] [you] [may assume] [{he} is bringing and presenting] [a

Priestly Service] [to The] [{Living} God]. ³[And] [they will do] [These Things] [because] [they have [not] known] [The] [Father] [or] [Me]. ⁴[But] [I have spoken] [These Things] [to you] [so that] [when] [their] [Hour] [comes], [you would remember] [that] [I] [told] [you] [about them]. [But] [I did [not] tell] [you] [These Things] [from] [The Beginning], [because] [I was] [with] [you]. ⁵[But] [now] [I am going] [to] [the One Who] [sent] [Me]; [and] [none] [of] [you] [asks] [Me], [‘Where] [are You going?’] ⁶[But] [because] [I have spoken] [These Things] [to you], [Anguish] [has completely filled] [your] [Heart]. ⁷[But] [I] [am telling] [you] [The] [Truth]: [It is advantageous] [to you] [that] [I] [go]. [For] [if] [I did [not] go away], [The] [Advocate] [would [not] come] [to] [you]; [but] [if] [I go], [I will send] [Him] [to] [you]. ⁸[And] [after coming], [That Individual] [will reprimand] [The] [World] [with regard to] [Sin] [and] [with regard to] [a Declaration of Not Guilty] [and] [with regard to] [Sentencing]. ⁹[On the one hand], [with regard to] [Sin], [because] [they do [not] believe God’s **promise**] [about] [Me]; ¹⁰[but on the other hand], [with regard to] [a Declaration of Not Guilty], [because] [I am going] [to] [The] [Father] [and] [you are [no longer] going to observe] [Me]; ¹¹[and then], [with regard to] [Sentencing], [because] [The] [Ruler] [of] [This] [World] [has been judged].

¹²[I **still** have] [Many Things] [to tell] [you], [but] [you can] [not] [bear {them}] [at this time]. ¹³[But] [when] [That Individual]—[The] [Spirit] [of The] [Truth]—[comes], [He will guide] [you] [into] [The] [whole] [Truth]. [For] [He will [not] speak] [of] [His Own accord], [but [He will speak] only] [as much as] [He hears], [and] [He will divulge] [to you] [the things that] [are going to come]. ¹⁴[That Individual] [will glorify] [Me], [because] [He will take] [some] [of what is] [Mine] [and] [divulge {it}] [to you]. ¹⁵[Everything]—[as much as] [The] [Father] [has]—[is] [Mine]; [for] [This Reason] [I said] [that] [‘He is going to take] [some] [of what is] [Mine] [and] [divulge {it}] [to you].’ ¹⁶[In a little while], [you will [no longer] even] [observe] [Me]; [and] [again] [in a little while], [then] [you will see] [Me].”

(John 16:1–16) —my interim translation

The fools who believe anyone and everyone can just pick up a Bible and understand everything they read are completely under a delusion that Satan has carefully woven into the fabric of Church doctrine over

the past two millennia. Consequently, what most “Christians” today believe ain’t true.

As I have repeatedly explained over the years, Jesus gave His disciples an *oral Teaching* and told them to **hand it down** from generation to generation *orally*. They failed. So for more than a quarter of a century now I have been working to *restore* that *oral Teaching*, and I will continue to do that until the time comes for me to vacate these premises. You can count on it. But I am not under any illusion; I am well aware of the fact that those who have not been born again will not understand and believe the things I explain. Only those who have been born again have the ability to understand. That is because they alone have the witness of the Holy Spirit within them, testifying to the Truth that I explain. I did not say that either, the Apostle John did:

¹[Anyone] [who] [believes] [that] [Jesus] [is] [The] [Anointed One] [has been engendered] [as part] [of The] [{Living} God], [and] [anyone] [who] [loves] [the One Who] [engendered {Him}] [also] [loves] [the one who] [has been engendered] [as part] [of Him]. ²[By] [This] [we know] [that] [we love] [The] [Children] [of The] [{Living} God]: [when] [we love] [The] [{Living} God] [and] [act in accordance with] [His] [Commandments]. ³[For] [This] [is] [The] [Love] [of The] [{Living} God]: [That] [we keep watch over] [His] [Commandments]; [and] [His] [Commandments] [are] [not] [hefty], ⁴[because] [anything] [that] [has been engendered] [by] [The] [{Living} God] [triumphs over] [The] [World].

[And] [This] [is] [The] [Triumph*] [that] [has triumphed over] [The] [World]: [Our] [Belief in God’s **Promise**]. ⁵[So then] [Who] [is] [the one who] [is going to triumph over] [The] [World]? [Only] [the One Who] [believes] [that] [Jesus] [is] [The] [Son] [of The] [{Living} God]. ⁶[This] [is] [the One Who] [came] [via] [Water] [and] [Blood], [Jesus], [The Anointed One]; [not] [only] [through] [The] [Water], [but] [through] [The] [Water] [and] [through] [The] [Blood]. [And] [The] [Spirit] [is] [the One Who] [provides testimony], [because] [The] [Spirit] [is] [The] [Truth]. ⁷[Because] [there are] [Three] [that] [provide testimony]: ⁸[The] [Spirit] [and] [The] [Water] [and] [The] [Blood]; [and] [The] [Three] [are] [in] [The] [One].

⁹[If] [we accept] [The] [Testimony] [of] [Men], [The] [Testimony] [of The] [{Living} God] [is] [more important], [because] [This] [is] [The] [Testimony] [of

The [*{Living}* God]: [*That*] [*He has provided testimony*] [*about*] [*His*] [*Son*]. ¹⁰[*The one who*] [*believes God's promise*] [*about*] [*The*] [*Son*] [*of The*] [*{Living}* God], [*has*] [*The*] [*Testimony*] [*in*] [*himself*]; [*the one who*] [*does not believe*] [*The*] [*{Living}* God] [*has made*] [*Him*] [*out to be*] [*a Liar*], [*because*] [*He has not believed God's promise*] [*in*] [*The*] [*Testimony*] [*that*] [*The*] [*{Living}* God] [*has provided*] [*with regard to*] [*His*] [*Son*]. ¹¹[*And*] [*This*] [*is*] [*The*] [*Testimony*]: [*That*] [*The*] [*{Living}* God] [*has given*] [*us*] [*eternal*] [*Life*], [*and*] [*This*] [*Life*] [*is*] [*in*] [*His*] [*Son*]. ¹²[*The one who*] [*has*] [*The*] [*Son*] [*has*] [*His*] [*Life*]; [*the one who*] [*does not have*] [*The*] [*Son*] [*of The*] [*{Living}* God] [*does not have*] [*His*] [*Life*].

¹³[*I have written*] [*These Things*] [*to you*]—[*to those who*] [*believe God's promise*] [*about*] [*The*] [*Name*] [*of The*] [*Son*] [*of The*] [*{Living}* God]—[*so that*] [*you would be aware*] [*that*] [*you have*] [*eternal*] [*Life*].

(1 John 5:1–13) —my interim translation

John's point is, every True Believer has the Holy Spirit within them, confirming the truthfulness of the things they hear. And some of those who have been born again know exactly what John was referring to when he wrote that because they have been experiencing it as they have read the things I have written over the past few decades. But I would be remiss if I did not point out a very important verity that John mentions:

[*Anyone*] [*who*] [*believes*] [*that*] [*Jesus*] [*is*] [*The*] [*Anointed One*] [*has been engendered*] [*as part*] [*of The*] [*{Living}* God].

(1 John 5:1a) —my interim translation

The statement "Jesus is The Anointed One" is much more powerful and far-reaching than it would appear to be at first glance. But the Apostle Paul says somewhat the same thing about those who have been born again by believing the Gospel and apologizing to God. He says this:

¹[*Brothers*], [*The*] [*Thing That Is Pleasing to*] [*my*] [*Heart*] [*and*] [*my*] [*Petition*] [*to*] [*The*] [*{Living}* God] [*for*] [*their*] [*sake*] [*is*], [*in fact*], [*for*] [*{their}*] [*Salvation*]. ²[*For*] [*I provide testimony about*] [*them*] [*that*] [*they have*] [*a Zeal*] [*for God*], [*but*] [*not*] [*in accordance with*] [*Full Knowledge of the Truth*]. ³[*For*], [*not understanding*]

[*The*] [*Declaration of Not Guilty*] [*of The*] [*{Living}* God] [*and*] [*seeking*] [*to make*] [*their*] [*own*] [*Declaration of Not Guilty*] [*stand*], [*they have not submitted*] [*to The*] [*Declaration of Not Guilty*] [*of The*] [*{Living}* God]. ⁴[*For*] [*The Anointed One*] [*is*]—[*in*] [*a Declaration of Not Guilty*]—[*The Consummation*] [*of Law*] [*for anyone*] [*who*] [*believes God's promise*]. ⁵[*For*] [*Moses*] [*writes*] [*The*] [*Declaration of Not Guilty*] [*that is*] [*on the basis*] [*of The*] [*Law*]—[*that*] "*[THE] [MAN] [WHO HAS ACTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH] [THEM] [WILL LIVE] [BY] [THEM]*." ⁶[*But*] [*The*] [*Declaration of Not Guilty*] [*on the basis*] [*of Belief in God's Promise*] [*says*] [*it*] [*this way*]: "*[DO NOT SAY] [IN] [YOUR] [HEART], '[WHO] [WILL GO UP] [INTO] [HEAVEN]'*" [*That*] [*is*], [*to bring*] [*The Anointed One*] [*down*]. ⁷[*Or*] "*[WHO] [WILL GO DOWN] [INTO] [THE] [ABYSS]'*" [*That*] [*is*], [*to bring*] [*The Anointed One*] [*up*] [*from*] [*Those Who Are Dead*]. ⁸[*But*] [*what*] [*does it say*]?" "*[THE] [COMMENT {He} MADE] [IS] [NEAR] [YOU]—[IN] [YOUR] [MOUTH] [AND] [IN] [YOUR] [HEART]*." [*That*] [*is*], [*The*] [*Comment {He} Made*] [*regarding*] [*The*] [*Belief in God's Promise*] [*that*] [*we are preaching*], ⁹[*that*] [*if*]: (1) [*You acknowledge*] [*Jesus*] [*as*] [*His Majesty*] [*with*] [*Your*] [*Mouth*], [*and*] (2) [*You believe*] [*in*] [*Your*] [*Heart*] [*that*] [*The*] [*{Living}* God] [*raised*] [*Him*] [*from*] [*Those Who Are Dead*], [*You will be saved*]; ¹⁰[*for*] [*one believes God's promise*] [*in*] [*his*] [*Heart*], [*resulting in*] [*a Declaration of Not Guilty*], [*but*] [*the truth*] [*of God's promise*] [*is acknowledged*] [*with*] [*the*] [*Mouth*], [*resulting in*] [*Salvation*]. ¹¹[*For*] [*The*] [*Scripture*] [*says*]:

"[*ANYONE*] [*WHO*] [*BELIEVES GOD'S PROMISE*] [*REGARDING*] [*HIM*] [*WILL*] [*NOT*] [*BE EMBARRASSED*]."

¹²[*For*] [*there is*] [*no*] [*Difference Between*] [*both*] [*Jew*] [*and*] [*Greek*]; [*for*] [*the*] [*same*] [*{Person}*] [*is*] [*Master*] [*of everyone*]—[*One Who is wealthy*] [*for*] [*all*] [*who*] [*make an appeal to*] [*Him*]; ¹³[*for*] "*[ANYONE] [WHO] [IT MIGHT BE WHO] [MAKES AN APPEAL TO] [THE] [NAME] [OF HIS MAJESTY] [WILL BE SAVED]*."

¹⁴[*How*], [*therefore*], [*could they make an appeal to*] [*the One*] [*about*] [*Whom*] [*they have not believed God's promise*] [*about the One Whom*] [*they have not heard*] [*And then*] [*how*] [*could they believe God's promise*] [*about the One Whom*] [*they have not heard*] [*And then*] [*how*] [*could they hear about*] [*{God's promise}*] [*without*] [*one who is preaching*]?" ¹⁵[*But*] [*how*] [*could they preach*] [*{God's promise}*] [*if*] [*they have not been sent*] [*Just as*] [*it has been written*], "*[HOW] [BEAUTIFUL] {are} [THE] [FEET] [OF THOSE WHO]*

[PROCLAIM [GOOD THINGS] AS THE GOOD NEWS OF THE FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISE!]" ¹⁶[But] [they did [not] [all]] attentively listen to [The] [Good News of the Fulfillment of the Promise] and comply with its demands]. [For] [Isaiah] [says]:

"[YOUR MAJESTY]! [WHO] [HAS BELIEVED] [THE] [NEWS] [WE HAVE]?"

¹⁷[So then] [your] [Belief in God's Promise] {is} [on the basis] [of Hearing], [but] [your] [Hearing] {is} [via] [a Comment Made] [regarding The Anointed One].

(Romans 10:1–17) —my interim translation

That's Faith in the Sense of What ...

Now that I have set the stage, let me point out something you may not have seriously considered up to this point in time: It is completely impossible for anyone to believe nothing at all. That is true simply because what you "know" depends on what you believe to be true. That being the case, everyone believes something about God, even if they only believe He doesn't exist; and everyone who has heard about Jesus Christ believes something about Him as well. The trouble is, as both John and Paul stated, only those who *choose* to believe the Truth that God has revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures regarding Jesus as "His Majesty," "the Anointed One," are going to be saved. So listen up, you might learn something you really need to know.

The story of how Jesus Christ came to be "His Majesty," "the Anointed One," begins in the first chapter of Genesis, which is an overview—nothing but a summary—of everything that God has in the past, and will in the future, accomplish in regard to the human race. The second chapter of Genesis is where the history of the human race actually begins. As I explained in the booklet *In the Image and Likeness of God*, the second chapter of Genesis tells us our forefather Adam was created on the third "day" of Creation—*before* the fish and birds were created on the fifth "day" of Creation and all the other animals were created on the sixth "day" of Creation. Then God created Eve on the sixth "day" of Creation—*after* He finished creating all the animals.

Those things are easy to understand and beyond dispute, unless one desperately wants to hold on to

the ridiculous notion that "The Man" mentioned in Genesis 1:26–27 is our forefather Adam. In which case, arguing with them on the basis of logic is futile. Dim lights like that will readily go on believing God was somehow able to create our forefather Adam both *before* and *after* He created the animals. Don't ask me how any rational person can believe that nonsense; it makes no sense at all to me, but I can tell you it proves they have never been born again. If they had, the Holy Spirit within them would be absolutely shouting at them, confirming to the truthfulness of the things that I presented in the little booklet titled *In the Image and Likeness of God*. Believe that if you care to; disbelieve it if you dare to. It makes not one whit of difference to me one way or the other; I am merely doing what God called me to do.

Enough sarcasm. The next thing you need to know and believe is what Moses states only cryptically in the third chapter of Genesis:

¹⁴[Then [His Majesty]—[God]—said] [to] [The Serpent]:

"[Because] [You did] [this],
[You] {are} [irrevocably cursed] [more than all]
[The Beasts],
[And more than all] [the Animals of] [The Field]!
[You will walk] [on] [Your Underbelly],
[And [You will eat] Dust]
[All] [{the} Days of] [Your Life];
¹⁵[But [I will put] a Mutual Hatred]
[Between You] [and] [The Woman],
[And between] [Your Seed] [and her Seed];
[He will bruise You] [{on the} Head],
[But You] [will bruise Him] [{on the} Heel]."
(Genesis 3:14–15) —my interim translation

The Church has long believed verse 15 refers to Jesus Christ—and it does—but the Lord told Adam and Eve a whole lot more about Jesus Christ than what is stated in that one verse. That bit of insight surfaces in this verse:

[Then The Adam] [knew] [his Woman] [Eve], [and she got pregnant] [and engendered] [Cain]. [And she said],
"[I have acquired] [a Man]—[His Majesty]."
(Genesis 4:1) —my interim translation

Look it up; that is what that verse actually says. And what Eve said speaks volumes concerning her

mind-set. She knew perfectly well that a virgin—whom she mistakenly assumed was her—would conceive and bear a Son Who would be none other than God Himself. Where did she get that information? She got it from the things that God told Adam right before He booted them out of the Garden. I say that because it becomes obvious from things that Moses tells us later on that God gave Adam and Eve a *promise* and told them to *hand it down* to the next generation with instructions that it was to be *handed down* from one generation to the next as an *inheritance* in the form of an *oral blessing* until the time came when God finally *fulfilled the promise* and bestowed on Jesus Christ *what was promised*. That is what the Apostle Paul says in the following passage, where he implies the Gospel message already existed before the Patriarch Abram came to be *the heir of the promise* who held title to *the promise*:

⁶{You are} [just like] [Abraham]: “[HE BELIEVED] [THE] [{Living} GOD], [AND] [IT WAS RECKONED] [TO HIM] [AS] [A DECLARATION OF NOT GUILTY].” ⁷[So then] [you know] [that] [those who are {children}] [on the basis] [of Belief in God’s **Promise**], [These Individuals] [are] [Abraham’s] [Sons]. ⁸[But] [when [The] [Scripture] saw beforehand] [that] [The] [{Living} God] [was going to acquit] [The] [Gentiles] [on the basis] [of Belief in God’s Promise], [it proclaimed the good news of the fulfillment of the promise *earlier to**] [Abraham], [that] “[ALL] [THE] [GENTILES] [WILL BE BLESSED] [IN] [You].” ⁹[So then] [those who are {believers}] [on the basis] [of Belief in God’s **Promise**] [are going to be **blessed**] [along with] [Abraham], [The] [One Who Believed God’s **Promise**].

(Galatians 3:6–9) —my interim translation

Granted, Paul’s statement regarding *the promise* is a bit convoluted, since he claims the Scriptures said things to Abram before they were written; but his point is, the Scriptures *talk about the promise* being *handed down* prior to the time when God told Abram he was *the heir of the promise* through whom the Gentiles would be included. My point is, *the promise* came out of the Garden with Adam and Eve, and it was *handed down* as an *inheritance* that was conveyed via an *oral blessing* until it came into the possession of Abram. That line of succession becomes the focal point of the biblical account in the fifth chapter of Genesis, which begins with this misunderstood statement:

¹[This] {is} [{the} Scroll] [of Adam’s] [Engenderings]: [In {the} Day] [when [God] creates] [Adam], [He will make] [Him] [in {the} Likeness] [of God]. ²[He will create them] [Male] [and Female], [and He will **bless**] [them], [and He will call] [their Name] “[Adam]” [in {the} Day] [when He creates them].
(Genesis 5:1–2) —my interim translation

One could easily take those two verses to be referring to our forefather Adam, but that would be a huge mistake since we already know the “Adam” mentioned in Genesis 1:26–27 is Jesus Christ. The Truth is, Moses is letting us know in those two verses that the purpose of the scroll he is writing is to give us the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the “Second Adam,” the “Adam” that Paul mentions in the following passage:

³⁵[But] [someone] [will say], “[How] [are [The] [Dead] going to be raised?” [And then] “[In what kind of] [Body] [are they going to come?” ³⁶[Fool!] [What] [You] [sow] [is [not] going to be given life] [if] [it does [not] die!] ³⁷[And] [whatever] [You sow], [you do [not] sow] [The] [Body] [that] [will come to be], [but] [a [naked] Grain], [whether] [it obtains {the body}] [of Wheat] [or] [of one] [of The] [Rest of {the seeds}]. ³⁸[And then] [The] [{Living} God] [gives] [it] [a Body] [just as] [He wants], [and] [to each] [of The] [Seeds] [its own] [Body]. ³⁹[All] [Flesh] {is} [not] [The] [same] [Flesh]; [but] {there is}, [in fact], [one {flesh}] [of Men], [and then] [another] [Flesh] [of Animals], [and then] [another] [Flesh] [of winged {creatures}*], [and then] [another {flesh}] [of Fish]. ⁴⁰{There are} [also] [Bodies] [in Heaven] [and] [Bodies] [on Earth]. [But] [The] [Glory] [of the {bodies}] [in Heaven] {is}, [in fact], [different than {the glory of other bodies in Heaven}]; [and then] {their glory is} [different than] [the {glory}] [of the {bodies}] [on Earth]. ⁴¹{There is} [one] [Glory] [of Sun], [and] [another] [Glory] [of Moon], [and] [another] [Glory] [of Stars], [for] [{one} Star] [matters more than] [{another} Star] [in] [Glory].

⁴²[So] [also] [The] [Resurrection] [of The] [Dead]: (1) [It is sown] [with] [a Perishable Body]; [it arises] [with] [an Imperishable Body]; ⁴³(2) [it is sown] [with] [Dishonor]; [it arises] [with] [Glory]; (3) [it is sown] [with] [Infirmary]; [it arises] [with] [Supernatural Power]; ⁴⁴(4) [it is sown] [a [soulish] Body]; [it arises] [a [spiritual] Body]. [If] [there is] [a [soulish] Body], [there is] [also] [a spiritual {body}]. ⁴⁵[It has [even] been written] [this way]: “[The] [first] [Man]—[ADAM]—[WAS TURNED]

[INTO] [A [LIVING] SOUL]"; [The] [last] [Adam], [into] [a Spirit] [that gives life]. ⁴⁶[But] [the] [spiritual {Man}] {is} [not] [first], [but] [the] [soulish {man}], [then] [the] [spiritual {Man}]. ⁴⁷[The] [first] [Man] {is} [out] [of Earth], [made of dirt]; [The] [second] [Man] {is} [out] [of Heaven]. ⁴⁸[The {man}] [made of dirt] {is} [of such a sort that] [those who are] [made of dirt] {are} [also] [like this one], [and] [the {Man}] [in Heaven] {is} [of such a sort that] [those who are] [in Heaven] {are} [also] [like this One]. ⁴⁹[And] [just as] [we have worn] [The] [Image] [of the {man}] [made of dirt], [we will also wear] [The] [Image] [of the {Man}] [in Heaven].

(1 Corinthians 15:35–49) —my interim translation

It should be obvious that Paul is talking about the two "Adams" that Moses mentions in the Creation Account. His point is, we all bear the image of our physical forefather at this time, but those who are saved will bear the same image that Christ bears when they are resurrected in the image and likeness of God. My only point in showing you what Paul said is the fact that he knew about the two "Adams" that Moses describes, and he was also aware that only the Second Adam was created in the image and likeness of God. So much for the "conventional wisdom" that would have us all believe our forefather was created in the image and likeness of God. That ignorant misconception is bandied about everywhere today, so it must be part of "the lie" that Paul mentions in this passage:

¹[So], [Brothers], [we are asking [you] {to do something}] [for the sake of] [The] [Coming] [of] [our] [Master], [Jesus], [The Anointed One], [and] [our] [Assembling] [to] [Him] ²[so] [that] [you] [would] [not] be [quickly] shaken [out] [of your] [Mind], [or] [be alarmed]—[not even] [by] [a Spirit] [or] [by] [a Word] [or] [by] [a Letter] [as if it were {written}] [by] [us]—[as] [though] [it is currently] [The] [Day] [of] [His Majesty]. ³[Do] [not] let [anyone] dupe [you] [in] [any] [Way] [at all], [that] [it may] [not] be that [The] [Apostasy] [must come] [first] [and] [The] [Man] [of The] [Lawless One]—[The] [Son] [of] [Eternal Damnation]—[must be revealed], ⁴[the one who] [is opposed to], [and] [exalts himself] [over], [everything] [that is called] [a God] [or] [Object of Worship], [with the result that] [he] [sits down] [in] [The] [Sanctuary] [of The] [{Living} God], [presenting himself] as convincing evidence [that] [he is] [God]. ⁵[Do you

[not] remember [that] [I was telling] [you] [These Things] [while {I} was] [still] [with] [you]? ⁶[So] [you are aware of] [what] [is holding {him} fast] [now] [so] [that] [he] [can be revealed] [in] [his] [own] [Time]. ⁷[For] [The] [Mystery] [of The] [Lawless One] [is] [already] working in {them}]—[the one who] [is] [only] holding {them} fast [at this time] [until] [he comes] [out] [of {their} Midst]. ⁸[And] [then] [The] [One Who Is Lawless] [will be revealed]: (1) [the one whom] [His Majesty], [Jesus], [will put away] [by The] [Spirit] [of] [His] [Mouth] [and] [abrogate] [by The] [Appearance] [of] [His] [Coming]; ⁹(2) [the one whose] [Arrival] [is] [in accordance with] [Satan's] [Energy], [with] [all] [Supernatural Power] [and] [Signs] [and] [Wonders]—[Lies]—¹⁰[and] [with] [all] [{the} Deceitfulness] [of Immorality] [for those who] [are going to be done away with] [because] [they did] [not] accept [The] [Love] [of The] [Truth] [so] [that] [they] [could be saved]. ¹¹[So] [for] [This Reason] [The] [{Living} God] [will send] [them] [a] [deceptive] [Energy] [so] [that] [they] [believe] [his] [Lie], ¹²[so that] [all] [who] [did] [not] believe [The] [Truth] [but] [were delighted with] [his] [Immorality] [can be judged].

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

My point is, if you do not know about the two "Adams" mentioned in the first two chapters of Genesis, you are certainly not going to understand what Moses says after that; and you are going to end up believing a lie. Trust me, Moses had a purpose in writing the things he wrote; and that purpose comes up front and center in the first two verses of Genesis 5:

¹[This] {is} [{the} Scroll] [of Adam's] [Engenderings]: [In {the} Day] [when God] creates [Adam], [He will make] [Him] [in {the} Likeness] [of God]. ²[He will create them] [Male] [and Female], [and He will bless] [them], [and He will call] [their Name] "[Adam]" [in {the} Day] [when He creates them].

(Genesis 5:1–2) —my interim translation

The "Adam" that Moses had in mind in those two verses is Jesus Christ. And the remainder of the Pentateuch is an account of how God went about doing precisely what He planned. For that reason Moses immediately begins tracing the lineage of Christ, confusing folks by referring to our forefather as "Adam" right after he refers to Christ as "Adam":

³[When [Adam] had lived] [a hundred and] [thirty] [Years], [he engendered {a son}] [in his Likeness]—[like his Image]—[and he called] [his Name] “[Seth].” ⁴[And [Adam’s] [Days] [after] [he engendered] [Seth] were] [eight] [Hundred] [Years], [and he engendered] [{other} Sons] [and Daughters]. ⁵[So [all] [{the} Days of] [Adam] [that] [he lived] were] [nine] [hundred] [and thirty] [Years]. [Then he died].

⁶[When [Seth] had lived] [a hundred and] [five] [Years], [he then engendered] [Enosh]. ⁷[Then [Seth] lived] [eight [hundred] and] [seven] [Years] [after] [he engendered] [Enosh], [and he engendered] [{other} Sons] [and Daughters]. ⁸[So [all of] [Seth’s] [Days] were] [nine [hundred] and] [twelve] [Years]. [Then he died].

⁹[When [Enosh] had lived] [ninety] [Years], [he then engendered] [Kenan]. ¹⁰[Then [Enosh] lived] [eight [hundred] and] [fifteen] [Years] [after] [he engendered] [Kenan], [and he engendered] [{other} Sons] [and Daughters]. ¹¹[So [all of] [Enosh’s] [Days] were] [nine [hundred] and] [five] [Years]. [Then he died].

¹²[When [Kenan] had lived] [seventy] [Years], [he engendered] [Mahalalel]. ¹³[Then [Kenan] lived] [eight [hundred] and] [forty] [Years] [after] [he engendered] [Mahalalel], [and he engendered] [{other} Sons] [and Daughters]. ¹⁴[So [all of] [Kenan’s] [Days] were] [nine [hundred] and] [ten] [Years]. [Then he died].

¹⁵[When [Mahalalel] had lived] [sixty]-[five] [Years], [he engendered] [Jared]. ¹⁶[Then [Mahalalel] lived] [eight [hundred] and] [thirty] [Years] [after] [he engendered] [Jared], [and he engendered] [{other} Sons] [and Daughters]. ¹⁷[So [all of] [Mahalalel’s] [Days] were] [eight [hundred] and] [ninety]-[five] [Years]. [Then he died].

¹⁸[When [Jared] had lived] [a hundred and] [sixty]-[two] [Years], [he engendered] [Enoch]. ¹⁹[Then [Jared] lived] [eight [hundred] [Years] [after] [he engendered] [Enoch], [and he engendered] [{other} Sons] [and Daughters]. ²⁰[So [all of] [Jared’s] [Days] were] [nine [hundred] and] [sixty]-[two] [Years]. [Then he died].

²¹[When [Enoch] had lived] [sixty]-[five] [Years], [he engendered] [Methuselah]. ²²[Then [Enoch] walked] [with] [God] [three] [hundred] [Years] [after] [he engendered] [Methuselah], [and he engendered] [{other} Sons] [and Daughters]. ²³[And [all of] [Enoch’s] [Days] were] [three] [hundred] [and] [sixty]-[five] [Years]. ²⁴[And [Enoch] continually walked] [with] [God]; [and he was not], [because] [God] [took him].

²⁵[When [Methuselah] had lived] [a hundred] [and] [eighty]-[seven] [Years], [he engendered] [Lamech]. ²⁶[Then

[Methuselah] lived] [seven] [hundred] [and] [eighty]-[two] [Years] [after] [he engendered] [Lamech], [and he engendered] [{other} Sons] [and Daughters]. ²⁷[So [all of] [Methuselah’s] [Days] were] [nine] [hundred] [and] [sixty]-[nine] [Years]. [Then he died].

²⁸[When [Lamech] had lived] [a hundred] [and] [eighty]-[two] [Years], [he engendered] [a Son]. ²⁹[And he called] [his Name] “[Noah],” [saying], “[This {one}] [will cause us to feel sorrowful] [because of What we Have Done] [and because of the Pain] [{of} our Hands] [because of] [The Ground] [that] [His Majesty] [irrevocably cursed].” ³⁰[Then [Lamech] lived] [five] [hundred] [and] [ninety]-[five] [Years] [after] [he engendered] [Noah], [and he engendered] [{other} Sons] [and Daughters]. ³¹[So [all of] [Lamech’s] [Days] were] [seven] [hundred] [and] [seventy]-[seven] [Years]. [Then he died].

³²[When [Noah] was] [five] [hundred] [Years] [old], [Noah] [engendered] [Shem], [Ham], [and] [Japheth]. (Genesis 5:3–32) —my interim translation

Moses stops at Noah because he is going to recount the occasion on which God decided to create a new “Adam” to replace the old one. He then says this:

¹[So it was] [that] [The Adam] [began] [to increase] [on] [{the} Surface of] [The Ground], [and Daughters] [were engendered] [for them]. ²[And [{the} Sons of] [The {Living} God] saw] [{the} Daughters of] [The Adam]—[that] [they] {were} [good], [so they took] [Women] [for themselves] [from all] [that] [they chose]. ³[So [His Majesty] said]: “[My Spirit] [will [not] adjudicate the case of] [The Adam] [for a Burning Eternity]. [When they were influenced], [he] {was} [Flesh]; [so [his Days] will be] [a hundred] [and] [twenty] [Years].” ⁴[The **Nephilim**] [were] [on {the} Earth] [in [those] Days] [and even] [after that]. [When] [the Sons of] [{the} {Living} God] [entered] [{the} Daughters of] [The Adam], [they engendered] {sons} [for them]. [These] {were} [The **Gibbors**] [who] {were} [from a Burning Eternity]—[Men of] [The Name].

⁵[When [His Majesty] saw] [that] [{the} **Bad Behavior of**] [The Adam] {was} [more than enough] [on {the} Earth] [and every] [Thing Formed in] [The Thoughts of] [his Heart] {was} [nothing but] [bad] [The [entire] Day], ⁶[so [His Majesty] was sorry] [that] [He had made] [The Adam] [on {the} Earth], [and He was grieved] [to] [His Heart]. ⁷[Then [His Majesty] said], “[I will wipe [The Adam] [that] [I created] off] [of]

[{the} Surface of] [The Ground]—[from {the} Adam] [to] [Beast], [to] [Crawling Thing], [and to] [{the} Flyer] [{of} The Sea of Waters]—[because] **[I am sorry] [that] [I made them].**" ⁸[But Noah] [found] [Favor] [in [His Majesty's] Eyes].

(Genesis 6:1–8) —my interim translation

That passage *means* exactly what it says; God was sorry that He had created the first Adam, and He had already made plans to wipe his descendants off the face of the Earth. He merely postponed the execution of His plan at that time, deciding instead to wait for an appropriate time to carry it out. If you didn't know that, you should probably read what the Prophet Zephaniah wrote. The fire of the angry God of Israel is waiting in the wings, and it will be here in its own good time. If you don't believe that, just wait and see. When you see those nuclear clouds of God's Glory billowing up all over the Earth, I have no doubt you will believe the things that God called me to explain—then. Won't do you any good, but you will believe.

You probably already know the story, but you may not know all the pertinent details. When God destroyed all those folks back then, He spared Noah and his lineage. Then, when Noah came out of the Ark on the other side of the Flood, God *promised* He would never again destroy civilization with a Flood. Nifty sleight of hand, that one; He said nothing at all about doing it with fire. So everybody focuses on the "covenant" that God made with Noah when He put the rainbow in the sky and completely overlook the passage with the most *significance*:

¹[Then [God] **blest**] [Noah] [and] [his Sons] [and said] [to them]: "[Bear fruit] [and become many], [and fill] [The Earth]. ²[And an Abject Fear of you] [and Trepidation of you] [will be] [on] [every] [Animal of] [The Earth] [and on] [every] [Flyer] [of The Sea of Waters], [on everything] [that] [crawls] [on The Ground] [and on all] [{the} Fish of] [The Sea]. [They have been given] [into your Hand]. ³[Every] [Crawling Thing] [that] [is] [alive] [will become] [Foodstuff] [for you]. [Like {the} [verdant] Vegetation], [I have given] [everything] [to you]. ⁴[But] [you must [not] eat] [Flesh] [with its Soul]—[its Blood]. ⁵[But also] [I will diligently seek] [your Blood] [for your Souls]. [I will diligently seek {it}] [from {the} Hand] [of every] [Living Being]. [But from {the} Hand] [of The Adam]—[from {the} Hand] [of each] [of His Brothers]—[I will diligently

seek] [{the} Soul] [of The Adam].

⁶[Anyone who sheds] [{the} Blood] [of The Adam], [His Blood] [will be shed] [by The Adam] [When] [He makes]

[The Adam] [in {the} Image] [of God].

⁷[But you] [must bear fruit] [and become many]; [You must reproduce] [on {the} Earth] [and become many] [in it]."

(Genesis 9:1–7) —my interim translation

The "Adam" that Moses mentions in that passage is Jesus Christ. It cannot be our forefather simply because Moses never told us our forefather was created in the image and likeness of God. Anyone who wants to believe otherwise can only do so by clinging to the completely illogical notion that our forefather was created both *before* and *after* God created the animals. Lacking that insane ability, one should just relax and face the facts: Jesus Christ is the only "Adam" God has ever created in His Own image and likeness; and the passage above—like Genesis 1:26–27 and 5:1–2—is referring to that "Adam." What Moses says in regard to the shedding of His blood on the cross is not pertinent here, but you do need to keep the following in mind:

The Truth regarding the biblical account of God's decision to create Jesus Christ—the Second Adam—in His Own image and likeness is this:

1. Genesis 1 is a summary overview of everything God has done with regard to His decision to create Jesus Christ in His Own image and likeness.
2. Genesis 2–4 explains some of the events that led up to God's decision to create Jesus Christ in His Own image and likeness.
3. The first two verses of Genesis 5 are an introduction to Moses' account of why God decided to create Jesus Christ in His Own image and likeness.
4. Moses' account of why God decided to create Jesus Christ in His Own image and likeness begins in Genesis 5:3 and goes through Genesis 8.
5. Genesis 9:1–7 is a summary of God's announcement of His intention to begin the process of creating Jesus Christ in His Own image and likeness. ■



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Editor: One of our readers submitted the following question to webmaster@voiceofelijah.org:

As I was eating dinner last night, I opened the bible that was on the table. I happened to land in Joshua and it got me thinking. I cannot recall any detailed teaching from VOE regarding Joshua. Now granted my wife and I only found VOE 2010–11 and I've not yet read all of the newsletters and Updates. My wife has read a lot more than me but she too was unable to recall any substantial reference by VOE to the book of Joshua. We are not part of the Next Step program and therefore cannot speak to anything that may have been shared with that group. Have I just missed it and it's somewhere in our pile of back issues? If not, is there a reason Joshua has been delayed, or is it simply not yet time for that part of the Teaching to be published?

Thank you for THE Truth you continue to make available to us.

Elijah: To my knowledge, I haven't explained much, if anything, about the Book of Joshua simply because the explanation of that information pertains to *The Teaching of Moses* and the things that Moses talks about in "The Song of Moses." The time has not yet come for those things to be *handed down* to those who honestly believe what I teach. But I have already told you that those who have insight at the End of the Age will sing "The

Song of Moses" with complete understanding just as John the Revelator mentions in his treatment of the topic, so you can count on it. Those who really want to know the Truth will eventually see everything God has done with perfect clarity. In the meantime, here is what the Prophet Daniel said about those who are going to have insight into the Truth at the End of the Age:

¹[At [that] Time], [Michael], [The [great] Commanding Officer] [who stands] [over] [the] Sons of] [Your People], [will stand up]; [and there will be] [a Time] [of Distress] [that] [has [not] been] [since there was] [a Nation] [until] [that] [Time]. [And at [that] Time], [Your People]—[everyone] [who is found] [written] [in {the} Scroll]—[will escape]. ²[And many] [of those who are sleeping] [in the] Ground of] [Dust] [will wake up]. [These]? [To an [eternally burning] Life]! [But these]? [To Disgrace]—[to an [eternally burning] Repulsion]. ³[But the ones who have insight] [will enlighten] [like {the} Brightness] [of The Expanse], [and those who declare [The Many] not guilty] [like {the} Stars] [for a Burning Eternity] [and Forever]. ⁴[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 12:1–4) —my interim translation

For the benefit of those who have not yet read everything I have written over the past three decades, here is what John the Revelator said:

¹[Then] [I saw] [another] [tremendous] [and] [amazing] [Sign] [in] [Heaven]: [Seven] [Messengers] [who have] [The] [last] [seven] [Lashes], [because] [The] [Rage] [of The] [Living} God] [was completed] [by] [them]. ²[And] [I saw {something}] [like] [a Sea] [made of glass] [that had been mingled] [with Fire], [and] [standing] [on] [The] [Sea] [that was] [made of glass] {were} [those who] [are going to triumph] [over] [The] [Beast] [and] [over] [his] [Image] [and] [over] [The] [Number] [of] [his] [Name]—[those who have] [Harps] [of The] [Living} God]. ³[And] [they were singing] "[The] [Song] [of Moses]"—[The] [Slave] [of The] [Living} God]—[and] "[The] [Song] [of The] [Little Lamb]," [saying]:

"[Your] [Works] {are} [tremendous] [and] [amazing], [Your Majesty], [The] [Living} God], [The] [Almighty];

[Your] [Ways] {are} [right] [and] [true],
 [The] [King] [of The] [Gentiles]!
⁴[Your Majesty], [who] [would] [definitely not] be afraid!
 [And] [glorify] [Your] [Name]?
 [Because] {You} [alone] {are} [devout];
 [Because] [ALL] [THE] [GENTILES] [WILL COME]
 [AND] [PAY HOMAGE] [IN] [YOUR] PRESENCE],
 [BECAUSE] [YOUR] [LEGAL REQUIREMENTS]
 [HAVE BECOME WELL-KNOWN]."
 (Revelation 15:1-4) —my interim translation

The point of that passage is, those who have insight into the same Truth that Moses understood when he wrote "The Song of Moses" will be singing that song with complete understanding of the things he wrote; and they will be saying:

"[Your] [Works] {are} [tremendous] [and] [amazing],
 [Your Majesty], [The] [{Living} God], [The] [Almighty];
 [Your] [Ways] {are} [right] [and] [true],
 [The] [King] [of The] [Gentiles]!
⁴[Your Majesty], [who] [would] [definitely not] be afraid!
 [And] [glorify] [Your] [Name]?
 [Because] {You} [alone] {are} [devout];
 [Because] [ALL] [THE] [GENTILES] [WILL COME]
 [AND] [PAY HOMAGE] [IN] [YOUR] PRESENCE],
 [BECAUSE] [YOUR] [LEGAL REQUIREMENTS]
 [HAVE BECOME WELL-KNOWN]."
 (Revelation 15:3b-4) —my interim translation

Here is my current translation of "The Song of Moses" that True Believers will be singing:

¹"[Give ear], [O Sea of Waters], [and I will speak];
 [Then [The Earth] will hear]
 [{the} Statements of] [My Mouth].
²[My Instruction] [will mist] [like Rain];
 [My Statements] [will flow down] [like The Dew]—
 [Like Droplets*] [on] [Green Grass]
 [And like Soaking Rain Showers] [on] [Vegetation].
³[When] [I proclaim] [His Majesty's] [Name],
 [Attribute] [Greatness] [to our God]—
⁴[The Rock]! [The Deed He Has Done] {is} [complete]—
 [Because] [all] [of His Ways] {are} [a Decision]
 [Of a God] [of Truth] [and without any] [Deviance],
 [He] {is} [One Who Is Not Guilty] [and upright].
⁵[A Slime Pit] {is} [for Him], [not] [His Sons];
 [Their Defect] {is} [a [distorted] [and perverted*]

Generation].
⁶[Would you cause] [this] [for His Majesty],
 [Senseless] [and not] [wise] [People]?
 [Is He] [not] [Your Father]—
 [{the} One Who acquired You]?
 [He] [will make You] [and prepare You].
⁷[Remember] [{the} Days of] [an Eternal Burning]!
 [Understand] [{the} Years of]
 [Generation] [after Generation]!
 [Ask [Your Father] about {it}], [and he will tell You];
 [Your Elders], [and they will say] [to You]:
⁸[When [Elyon] bestows an inheritance on]
 [Gentiles]—
 [When He separates] [{the} Sons of] [Adam]—
 [He will set up] [{the} Boundaries for] [Peoples]
 [According to {the} Number]
 [of {the} Sons of] [Israel].
⁹[Because] [His Majesty's] [Share] {is} [His People],
 [Jacob] {is} [{the} Region] [of His Inheritance].
¹⁰[He will find Him] [in The Earth]—[a Wilderness],
 [Even in {the} [howling*] Wasteland]
 [of a Desolate Region].
 [He will surround Him];
 [He will provide Him understanding];
 [He will guard Him] [like The Pupil] [of His Eye].
¹¹[He will wake up] [His Nest] [like a Griffon-Vulture];
 [He will hover] [over] [His Young Birds];
 [He will spread out] [His Wings]; [He will take Him];
 [He will carry Him] [on] [His Flight Feathers].
¹²[His Majesty] [alone] [will lead Him],
 [And there will not be any] [foreign] [God] [with Him].
¹³[He will make Him ride]
 [above] [Earth's] [High Places],
 [So that He may eat] [{the} Yield of] [Shaddai];
 [He will make Him suck] [Honey] [from a Crag]—
 [Even Oil] [from flint] [Rock],
¹⁴[Curds] [{from} Cattle] [and Milk] [{from} a Flock],
 [Along with {the} Fat] [of Young Rams] [and Rams]—
 [{The} Sons of] [a Snake]—[and Billy Goats],
 [Along with {the} Fat] [of {the} Kidneys] [of Wheat];
 [And [You will drink] [Fermenting Wine],
 {the} Blood] [of a Grape].
¹⁵[Then [Jeshurun] will grow fat] [and become obese];
 [You will grow fat]; [You will become thick];
 [You will be flabby*];
 [Then He will forsake] [{the} God] [Who made Him],
 [And He will treat [{the} Rock] [of His Salvation]
 foolishly].

¹⁶[They will make Him jealous] [with Strangers];
[They will exasperate Him] [with Abominations].
¹⁷[They will sacrifice communal offerings]
[to The Demons], [not] [God]—
[Gods] [whom they have [not] known];
[New {ones}] [will come] [from within];
[Your Fathers] [had [no] terror of them].
¹⁸[You will fail to remember*] [{the} Rock]
[Who engendered You],
[And You will forget] [{the} God]
[Who went through labor {with} You].
¹⁹[Then [His Majesty] will see],
[and He will treat {You} with contempt]
[Because of The Exasperating Activity] [of His Sons]
[and His Daughters].
²⁰[Then He will say]:
“[I will hide] [My Face] [from them];
[I will see] [what] [their Outcome] {is},
[Because] [they] {are} [a Generation]
[of perverse {ones}]—
[Sons] [in whom] {there is} [no] [Truthfulness].
²¹[They] [will make Me jealous] [by {what is} not] [God];
[They will exasperate Me] [with their Delusions].
[So I] [will make them jealous]
[by {what is} not] [a People]—
[I will exasperate them] [with a [senseless] Nation].
²²[Because] [a Fire] [will be kindled] [by My Anger],
[And it will keep burning],
[as far as] [The Lowest Parts] [of The Sea of El].
[And it will consume] [{the} Earth] [and her Produce]
[And set afire] [{the} Foundations of] [Mountains].
²³[I will sweep [Bad Things] up] [on them];
[I will finish off] [My Arrows] [on them].
²⁴[Against those] [emaciated*] [{by} Famine]
[and consumed] [{by} Flaming Arrow],
[I will send] [both a [bitter*] Stinging Rain]
[and {the} Teeth] [of Beasts],
[Along with] [{things} that slink back into] [{the} Dust].
²⁵[A Sword] [will cause bereavement] [on the outside];
[But on the insides], [Absolute Terror]—
[Both] [Chosen Son] [and] [Virgin],
[{One} who is nursing] [along with] [gray-haired] [Man].
²⁶[I will say], ‘[I will cut them into pieces];
[I will make [their Memory] keep Sabbath]—
[away from Mortal Man].’
²⁷[If it were not for] [{the} Exasperating Activity]
[of an Enemy], [I would reside temporarily],
[So that [His Adversaries] not] [recognize],

[So that they not] [say], ‘[Our Hand] [is raised up],
[And [His Majesty] has [not] put [all] [this] together.’
²⁸[Because] [their] [Plans]
[are] [a Nation] [going to Hell],
[But there is not any] [Understanding] [in them].
²⁹[If only] [they were wise],
[they would gain insight into] [this {song}];
[They would understand] [their Outcome].
³⁰[How] [could [One] pursue] [a Thousand],
[And two] [make [Ten Thousand] flee],
[If] [not] [that] [their Rock] [had sold them],
[And His Majesty] [had shut them up in prison]?
³¹[Because] [their Rock] {is} [not] [like our Rock],
[But our Enemies] {are} [Those Who Make Decisions].
³²[Because] [their Vine] {is} [from The Vine] [of Sodom],
[And from {the} Cultivated Fields of] [Gomorrhah];
[His Grapes] {are} [poisonous] [Grapes]—
[They have] [bitter] [Clusters].
³³[Their Wine] {is} [{the} Rage of] [Sea Serpents],
[And a [venomous] Poison] [of Cobras].
³⁴[Is [it] [not] stored*] [with Me],
[Sealed up] [in My Storehouses]?
³⁵[Vengeance] [and Retribution*] {are} [Mine],
[For a Time] [when [their Foot] slips];
[Because] [{the} Day] [of their Catastrophe] {is} [near],
[And [things gotten ready beforehand]
are moving quickly] [toward them].”
³⁶[Because] [His Majesty]
[will adjudicate [His People’s] case],
[And [He will feel sorry] for] [His Slaves],
[Because] [He will see] [that] [a Hand] [has gone away],
[And there is nothing] [held back] [or abandoned].
³⁷[Then He will say]: “[Where] {are} [their Gods],
[{The} Rock] [in whom] [they took refuge]?
³⁸[Who] [will eat] [{the} Fat]
[of their Communal Sacrifices]?
[Will drink] [{the} Wine] [of their Libations*]?
[Will rise up] [and help you]?
[Will be] [a Hiding Place] [for you]?
³⁹[See] [now] [that] [I]—[I]!—{am} [He],
[And there is not any] [God] [with Me]!
[I] [put to death], [and I keep alive];
[I strike with a perfect blow], [and I] [heal],
[And there is not anyone] [who can snatch {them}]
[out of My Hand].
⁴⁰[Because] [I will raise up] [My Hand]
[to] [{the} Sea of Waters]
[And I will say], ‘[I] {am} [alive]

[for a Burning Eternity]!’
⁴¹[If] [I sharpen] [{the} Lightning Flashes]
 [of My Sword],
 [And [My Hand] takes hold of] [a Decision],
 [I will return] [Vengeance] [to My Adversaries];
 [And [I will settle up by giving {it}]
 to those who hate Me].
⁴²[I will get [My Arrows] drunk] (1) [on Blood]—
 [And My Sword] [will consume] [Flesh]—
 (2) [On The Blood] [of {One} pierced] [and a Captive],
 (3) [On {the} Poison] [of an Enemy’s] [Representatives].
⁴³[Shout joyfully], [Gentiles]—[His People]—
 [Because] [He will avenge] [{the} Blood] [of His Slaves];
 [And [He will return] Vengeance] [to His Adversaries],
 [And He will atone for] [His Ground]—[His People].”

⁴⁴[Then [Moses] came] [and spoke] [all] [{the} Words of] [this] [Song] [in {the} Ears of] [The People]—
 [He] [and Hosea], [Son] [of Nun]. ⁴⁵[When [Moses] finished] [speaking] [all] [these] [Words] [to] [all] [Israel],
⁴⁶[then he said] [to them], “[Take] [to your Heart] [all] [The Words] [that] [I] [am testifying] [against you] [Today], [which] [you must command] [your Sons] [to stand watch over]—[to do] [all] [{the} Words of] [this] [Teaching]: ⁴⁷(1) [Because] [He] {is} [not] [an empty] Word; (2) [because] [He] {is} [your Life], [and by [this] Word] [you may extend] [{your} Days] [on] [The Ground] [where] [you] [are crossing over] [The Jordan] [to take possession of her].”

⁴⁸[Then [His Majesty] spoke] [to] [Moses] [that] [very same] [Day], [saying]: ⁴⁹“[Go up] [to] [this] [Mountain] [of The Abarim]—[Mount] [Nebo], [which] {is} [in {the} Land] [of Moab], [which] {is} [in front of] [Jericho]—[and see] [{the} Land] [of Canaan], [which] [I] [am giving] [to {the} Sons of] [Israel] [as Property].
⁵⁰[Then You must die] [there] [on The Mountain] [that] [You] [are climbing] [and be rounded up] [to] [Your People]—[just as] [Your Brother] [Aaron] [died] [on [Mount] Hor] [and was rounded up] [to] [His People]—
⁵¹[because of] [when] [you {two} betrayed [My] trust] [in the Midst of] [{the} Sons of] [Israel] [at {the} Waters of] [Meribah] [Kadesh], [Wilderness] [of Zin], [because of] [when] [you did not] treat [Me] as holy] [in the Midst of] [{the} Sons of] [Israel]. ⁵²[So] [You will see] [The Land] [right out in front of {you}], [but [You will not] go in] there—[to] [The Land] [that] [I] [am giving] [to {the} Sons of] [Israel].”
 (Deuteronomy 32:1–52) —my interim translation

Although the time has not yet come for me to explain *The Teaching of Moses* in detail, I can at least tell you how the information in the Book of Joshua fits into the *parabolic pantomime* that provides the basis for the things that Moses taught the sons of Israel during their forty-year trek through the wilderness. So pay close attention; otherwise, you might miss the one key bit of information that will give you the insight you will need if you intend to hold on to the Truth until the End.

As I explained in *The Inheritance of the Believer*, the Lord made two “covenants” with the sons of Israel at Mount Sinai. Under the terms of the first “covenant,” there was no provision of atonement for sin; if one member of *Corporate Israel* sinned, every other member became guilty. Since there was no provision of atonement, the first Old Covenant demanded that all the members of *Corporate Israel* suffer the penalty stipulated under the terms of that “covenant.” But when the Lord indicated that He intended to impose that penalty, Moses interceded for “The Many” members of *Corporate Israel*; and the Lord granted Moses what he requested; He “cut” a second “covenant” for the sons of Israel.

I also told you that, under the terms of the second Old Covenant, Moses held title to *the promise*; that is, he became *the heir of the promise*, and all the other sons of Israel *parabolically* became members of him so that they could still participate in *the inheritance of what was promised*. That is why the Apostle Paul says this:

¹[For] [I do not] want [you] [to not understand], [Brothers], [that] [all] [our] [Fathers] [were] [under] [The] [Cloud]; [and] [all] [passed] [through] [The] [Sea], ²[and] [all] [were baptized] [into] [Moses] [in] [The] [Cloud] [and] [in] [The] [Sea]. ³[And] [all] [ate] [The] [same] [spiritual] [Food], ⁴[and] [all] [drank] [The] [same] [spiritual] [Beverage], [for] [they were drinking] [from] [a [spiritual] Rock] [that followed {them}]. [But] [The] [Rock] [was] [The] [Anointed One]. ⁵[But] [The] [{Living} God] [was not] delighted [with] [The] [Majority] [of them], [for] [they were strewn all over*] [in] [The] [Desert]. ⁶[Now] [These Things] {are} [our] [Patterns]. [They occurred] [so] [that]: (1) [we] [would not] be [Those Who Desire*] [Awful Things] [just as] [Those Individuals also] [desired].

(1 Corinthians 10:1–6) —my interim translation

I went on in *The Inheritance of the Believer* to explain other things you need to know about *the inheritance of*

the promise that God made to Adam and Eve. But the only thing I explained there that you really need to know at this point is what I just told you: Moses became *the heir of the promise* under the terms of the second Old Covenant, and he transferred *the promise* to Corporate Israel by means of an oral *blessing* right before he died. The purpose of the following text is to record that for us:

¹[Now this] {is} **[The Blessing]** [{with} which] [Moses],
[{the} Man] [of The {Living} God], **[blessed]** [{the}
Sons of] [Israel] [before] [his Death]. ²[And he said]:

"[His Majesty] [will come in] [out of Sinai],
[And He will rise] [for them] [out of Seir];
[He will shine forth] [out of Mount] [Paran],
[And a Holy One] [will come] [out of Ten Thousand]—
[Out of His Right Hand], [{the} Fire] [of a Decree]
[for them].

³[He will [definitely] cherish*] [Peoples];
[All] [His Holy Ones] {will be} [in Your Hand],
[And they] [will follow*] [in Your Footsteps].
[He will carry] [some of Your Words].

⁴[Moses] [commanded] [a Teaching] [for us]
[As {the} Possession] [of {the} Congregation of] [Jacob],
⁵[So that there will be] [a King] [in Jeshurun]
[When he rounds up] [{the} Heads of] [{the} People]
[Together with] [{the} Branches of] [Israel].

⁶[Reuben] [will live] [and [not] die],
[But there will be]
[a small number of] [his Adult Males]."

⁷[But [then he said] This] [concerning Judah]:

"[Your Majesty], [Listen to] [{the} Voice] [of Judah],
[And [bring Him] to] [His People].
[He will argue] [for Him] [{with} His Hands],
[But You must be] [a Helper] [against His Adversaries]."

⁸[And concerning Levi] [he said]:

"[Your Thummim] [and Your Urim] [belong to a Man]
[{with} Your Virtue],
[The One that] [You tested] [at Massah],
[The One that] [You argued with]
[beside] [{the} Waters of] [Meribah],

⁹[The One Who will say] [to His Father]

[and to His Mother],
'[I have [never] seen him].'
[And] [He will [not] recognize] [His Brothers];
[And He will [not] acknowledge] [His Sons],
[Because] [they must stand watch over]
[Your Statements];
[And [they must safeguard] Your Legal Agreement].
¹⁰[They will teach] [Your Decisions Based on the Truth]
[to Jacob]
[And Your Teaching] [to Israel].
[They will assign] [Incense*] [for Your Nose]—
[Even a Whole Burnt Offering] [on] [Your Altar].
¹¹[Your Majesty], **[bless]** [His Entourage],
[And take great pleasure in]
[{the} Deed [His Hands] Have Done].
[Strike [{the} Loins] [of those who rise up against Him]
with a perfect blow],
[And of those who hate Him],
[so that] [they cannot rise up]."

¹²[Concerning Benjamin] [he said]:

"[{The} Beloved] [of His Majesty] [will reside] [securely]
[beside Him],
[Sheltered*] [beside Him] [all] [Day],
[Even residing] [between] [His Shoulders]."

¹³[And concerning Joseph] [he said]:

"[His Land] {is}
[part of {the} **Blessings** of] [His Majesty]—
[Part of The Best Produce] [of The Sea of Waters]—
[Part of {the best produce of the} Dew],
[Even part of {the best produce} of The Deep]
[that lies] [below]—

¹⁴[Even part of The Best Produce] [of {the} Crop]
[of The Sun],
[Even part of The Best Produce] [of the Edible Fruit*]
[of The Moons],

¹⁵[Even part of {the best produce of the} Top]
[of {the} Mountains of] **[Qodem]**,
[Even part of The Best Produce of]

[The Hills of] [a Burning Eternity],
¹⁶[Even part of The Best Produce of] [{the} Earth]
[and her Fullness],
[Even {the} Goodwill] [of {the} One Who resided]
[{in the} Prickly Bush]
[Will come] [to {the} Head] [of Joseph],

[Even to {the} Crown of the Head]
 [of {the} Nazirite] [of his Brothers].
¹⁷[Splendor] [belongs to him]—[{the} Firstborn]
 [of his Spring Wall]—
 [But [his Horns] {are} {the} Horns of] [a Wild Ox];
 [He will butt] [Peoples] [together] [with them],
 [{To the} Ends] [of {the} Earth].
 [And they] {will be} [{the} Ten Thousands of] [Ephraim],
 [And they] {will be} [{the} Thousands of] [Manasseh].”

¹⁸[And to Zebulun] [he said]:

“[Rejoice], [Zebulun], [when You go out];
 [And, Issachar], [in Your Tents].
¹⁹[They will summon [Peoples] to] [a Mountain];
 [They will sacrifice] [Communal Sacrifices of]
 [a Declaration of Not Guilty] [there],
 [When] [a Tremendous Number*]
 [nurse on] [{the} Seas],
 [Even {on} what is concealed in*]
 [what is hidden in] [{the} Sand].”

²⁰[And concerning Gad] [he said]:

“[**Blessed**] {is} [{the} One Who enlarges] [Gad].
 [He will reside] [like a Lioness With Cubs];
 [Then He will tear [an Arm] to pieces],
 [even] [{the} Crown of the Head].
²¹[But He will see {what}] [belonged to Him]
 [{at the} Beginning],
 [Because] [a Name]—[a Share of] [what was inscribed]
 [has been concealed].
 [So He will come] [{with the} Heads of] [a People].
 [He will make] [His Majesty’s]
 [Declaration of Not Guilty]
 [And His Decisions Based on the Truth] [for Israel].”

²²[And concerning Dan] [he said]:

“[Dan] {is} [The Cub] [of a Lioness];
 [He will leap out*] [of The Snake].”

²³[And concerning Naphtali] [he said]:

“[Naphtali] {will be} [satisfied with] [Goodwill]
 [And filled with] [{the} **Blessing** of] [His Majesty];
 [He will take possession of] [{the} Sea]
 [and {the} South Wind].”

²⁴[And concerning Asher] [he said]:

“[Asher] {is} [more **blessed**] than Sons];
 [He will be] [favored] [by his Brothers],
 [And he will dip] [his Foot] [in {the} Oil].
²⁵[Your Bolts] {will be} [Iron] [and Bronze],
 [And [Your Endurance*] {will be} equal to Your Days].

²⁶[There is nobody] [like {the} God] [of Jeshurun],
 [{The} One Who rides] [The Sea of Waters]
 [when He helps You],

[But [Dust Clouds] in His Pride].

²⁷[The {Living} God of] [**Qodem**] {is} [a Haven],
 [With [{the} [eternally burning] Arms] below].
 [So He will drive [an Enemy] away] [from before You];
 [And He will say], ‘[Wipe {him} out]!’

²⁸[So that [Israel] may reside] [securely],
 [Jacob’s] [Spring] [will be isolated]
 [To] [a Land] [of Grain] [and New Wine].
 [Even] [His Sea of Waters] [will mist] [a Dew].

²⁹[You, O Israel], {will be}
 [Those Who Attain the Resurrection]!

[Who is] [like You]?

[A People] [saved] [by His Majesty]—

[{By the} Shield] [that helps You]?

[Even {the} One Who] {is}

[{the} Sword] [of Your Pride].

[So [Your Enemies] will be denied the truth] [about You],

[And You] [will tread] [on] [their High Places].”

(Deuteronomy 33:1–29) —my interim translation

You need to keep in mind what I just told you about Moses as *the heir of the promise* who transferred *the promise* to the sons of Israel right before he died, because I am now going to tell you the second thing you need to know if you want to understand what is going on in the Book of Joshua. Here it is:

Standing behind everything you read in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, and the Book of Joshua is the *parabolic imagery* I explained briefly in an article I wrote for the July 1991 issue of *The Voice of Elijah*® newsletter. The title of that article is “The Passover Parable,” and that article was subsequently published in a booklet with that same title. If you have not read and understood the *parabolic imagery* that I explained in that article a little more than a quarter of a century ago, you will certainly not understand what I am going to tell you now. Nonetheless, I am going to

sketch the broad outlines of the *parabolic pantomime* of the Passover Parable for the benefit of those who are well aware of the fact that the Lord is once again giving His “People” insight into the Truth that fools have consistently contaminated and dimwitted dolts will deliberately deny. So much for those who have no hope.

In brief, this is the *parabolic imagery* that stands behind the *parabolic pantomime* the sons of Israel conducted under the direction of Moses, the Prophet of God, as they “walked in *The Way*” through the wilderness of the Sinai peninsula, carrying a funky tent that we commonly call a “Tabernacle”: When *Corporate Israel*, the Firstborn Son of God, made His Exodus out of Egypt on that first Passover night, He *parabolically* died and began a *parabolic* trek through the realm of the dead, just as the ancient Egyptians believed was the case with their king, the Pharaoh. But to understand the *parabolic pantomime*, you have to pay attention to how God set it up. Here’s where He started:

²¹[Then [His Majesty] said] [to] [Moses]: “[When You go] [to return] [to Egypt], [see] [all] [The Harbingers] [that] [I have put] [in Your Hand] [and do them] [in the presence of] [Pharaoh]. [But I] [will make [his Heart] strong], [and he will [not] let [The People] go]. ²²[But You must say] [to] [Pharaoh]: ‘[This is what] [His Majesty] [has said]: “[Israel] {is} [My Son], [My Firstborn]. ²³[Since I said] [to You], ‘[Let [My Son] go], [so that He may work for Me]’; [and You refused] [to let Him go]. [Guess what!] [I] [am going to kill] [Your Son], [Your Firstborn].”’”
(Exodus 4:21–23) —my interim translation

The point of that passage is, *Corporate Israel*—what the Hebrew Scriptures call “all Israel”—is depicted *parabolically* as God’s Firstborn Son. That should be obvious to even the most boneheaded bimbo in the bunch. What is not so obvious is how God intended to use the *parabolic imagery*. This next passage should give every boneheaded bimbo a big bunch to brood about:

⁴[Then [Moses] said], “[This is what [His Majesty] has said]: ‘[I] {am} [going to go out] [into the Midst of] [Egypt] [about Midnight]; ⁵[and [every] [Firstborn] [in {the} Land] [of Egypt] will die], [from {the} Firstborn] [of The Pharaoh] [who is sitting] [on] [his Throne], [up to] [{the} Firstborn] [of The Female Slave] [who] {is} [behind] [The Pair of Millstones]—

[even every] [Firstborn] [of Beasts]. ⁶[So there will be] [a [loud] Outcry] [in all] [{the} Land] [of Egypt] [{the} likes] [of which] [has [never] been brought about] [and {the} like of which] [will [never] happen again].”
(Exodus 11:4–6) —my interim translation

The key statement made in that passage is this one: “Every firstborn in the land of Egypt will die.” So I ask you this simple question: Was *Corporate Israel*—the Firstborn Son of God—still in Egypt at midnight, when the death angel passed over? If so, then *Corporate Israel* must have died—*parabolically*. But we don’t have to guess about that one, the text gives us a very big clue:

¹[Then [His Majesty] spoke] [to] [Moses] [and to] [Aaron] [in {the} Land] [of Egypt], [saying]: ²“[This] [New Moon] {is} [{the} Start] [of New Moons] [for you]; [it is] [for you] [{the} First] [{of the} New Moons of] [The Year]. ³[Speak] [to] [all] [{the} Assembly of] [Israel], [saying]: ‘[On {the} Tenth] [of [this] New Moon] [they must take] [for themselves]—[Each One]—[a Lamb] [for a House] [of Fathers], [a Lamb] [for a House]. ⁴[And if] [The House] [is fewer] [than being] [more than a Lamb], [then [he] [and [the nearest] Resident] [to] [his House] must take {a lamb}] [by a Calculation of] [Souls]; [you must compute*] [The Lamb] [in accordance with] [what [Each One] eats]. ⁵[Your] [Lamb] [must be] [a [Year]-[old] Male] [without defect]; [you may take {it}] [from] [The Sheep] [or from] [The Goats]. ⁶[Then it will become] [Guard Duty] [for you] [until] [{the} fourteenth] [Day] [of [this] New Moon], [then [{the} whole] [Congregation] [of {the} Assembly of] [Israel] must slaughter] [it] [between] [The Two Evenings]. ⁷[Then they must take] [some of] [The Blood] [and put {it}] [on] [two of] [The Doorposts] [and on] [The Lintel] [on] [The Houses] [in] [which] [they eat] [it]. ⁸[And they must eat] [The Flesh] [on [this] Night], [roasted] [{by} Fire]; [and [they must eat it] {with} Unleavened Bread] [along with] [Bitter Herbs]. ⁹[Do [not] eat] [any of it] [raw*] [or cooked*] [{by} cooking {it}] [in Water], [only] [roasted] [{by} Fire], [its Head] [along with] [its Legs] [and along with] [its Insides]. ¹⁰[And you must [not] leave a remnant] [of it] [until] [Morning], [so [you must burn up] [in a Fire] whatever [part of it] is left as a remnant] [until] [Morning]. ¹¹[And [you must eat] [it] like this]: [your Loins] [girded], [your Sandals] [on your Feet], [and your Club] [in your Hand]; [and you must eat] [it] [in a Hurry]. [It is] [a Passover] [for His Majesty], ¹²[so I will

pass through] [{the} Land] [of Egypt] [on [this] Night] [and viciously attack] [every] [Firstborn] [in {the} Land] [of Egypt], [from a Descendant of Adam] [even up to] [Beast]; [and [I] [will make] [Decisions Based on the Truth] against all] [{the} Gods of] [Egypt]—[I am] [His Majesty].¹³[But [The Blood] will be] [a Sign] [for you] [on] [The Houses] [where] [you are], [and I will see] [The Blood] [and skip] [over you] [so [{the} Destroyer] does [not] make] [a Savage Blow] [against you] [when I viciously attack] [{the} Land] [of Egypt].¹⁴[So [This] [Day] will be] [a Reminder] [for you], [and you must make [it] a pilgrimage to] [a Feast] [for His Majesty]; [throughout your Generations] [you must make it a pilgrimage] [as an [eternally burning] Statute].¹⁵[You must eat] [Unleavened Bread] [seven] [Days], [but] [on [the first] Day] [you must make [{the} Remnant of Leavened Dough] keep Sabbath] [away from your Houses]; [because] [anyone] [who eats] [What Is Leavened] [from [the first] Day] [until] [the seventh] [Day], [That] [Soul] [will be cut off] [from Israel].¹⁶[There will be] [a [holy] Convocation] [for you] [on [the first] Day], [and [a [holy] Convocation] on [the seventh] Day]; [there must [not] be [any] [Work] done] [on them], [nothing but] [what] [will be eaten] [by any] [Soul], [that] [alone] [may be done] [by you].¹⁷[And you must observe] [The Feast of Unleavened Bread], [because] [I brought] [your Armies] out] [of {the} Land] [of Egypt] [on [This] very same] [Day]; [so you must observe] [This] [Day] [throughout your Generations] [as an [eternally burning] Statute].¹⁸[In {the} first {New Moon}], [on {the} fourteenth] [Day] [of {the} New Moon] [at Evening], [you must eat] [Unleavened Bread], [until] [the twenty]-[first] [Day] [of {the} New Moon] [at Evening].¹⁹[A Remnant of Leavened Dough] [must [not] be found] [in your Houses] [{for} seven] [Days]; [because] [anyone] [who eats] [What Is Leavened], [That] [Soul] [will be cut off] [from {the} Assembly of] [Israel], [whether Temporary Resident] [or Native] [of The Land].²⁰[You must [not] eat] [anything] [That Is Leavened]; [in all] [your Places of Habitation] [you must eat] [Unleavened Bread].”

²¹[So [Moses] called out] [to all] [{the} Elders of] [Israel] [and said] [to them]: “[Pull back] [and take {one}] [of a Flock] [for yourselves]—[for your Families]—[and slaughter] [The Passover Lamb].²²[Then you must take] [a Bunch of] [Hyssop] [and dip {it}] [in {the} Blood] [that] {is} [in {the} Basin] [and make [some of] [The Blood] [that] {is} [in {the} Basin] make contact] [with] [The Lintel] [and with] [The [two] Doorposts]. **[And you must [not] go out]—[Anyone]—[of {the} Entrance] [of his**

House] [until] [Morning]. ²³[When [His Majesty] passes through] [to savagely strike] [{the} Egyptians], [He will see] [The Blood] [on] [The Lintel] [and on] [two of] [The Doorposts]; [and [His Majesty] will skip] [over] [The Entrance] [and [not] let] [The Destroyer] [come in] [to] [your Houses] [to strike {anyone}]. ²⁴[So you must guard] [This] [Word] [as an [eternally burning] Statute] [for You] [and for Your Sons] [as long as] [a Burning Eternity].”
(Exodus 12:1–24) —my interim translation

Think about it: If only firstborn sons were affected by the curse that God imposed on Egypt, it would make no sense at all for Him to prohibit *everyone* from going outside the houses in which the sons of Israel were hiding—unless they were all under the curse as members of Corporate Israel, the Firstborn Son of God Who was condemned to die that night. So Corporate Israel, the Firstborn Son of God, must have died—*parabolically*—right along with all the other firstborn in Egypt on that first Passover night. You need to know that, because it is the key to understanding the Passover Parable. Without it, you will be left to wander around in the realm of the dead—forever. Just sayin’.

If you have ever read your Bible—or gone to Sunday school—you probably already know the story of the Exodus, so I won’t bore you with the details. I will just include one small bit of information without which it is impossible for anyone to fully understand the point of the sons of Israel wandering around in the wilderness for forty years. So here it is:

At Mount Sinai, the sons of Israel were told to construct a Tabernacle in which the most important piece of furniture was a box that is commonly called “the Ark of the Covenant.” The Truth is, the Ark of the Covenant was actually a coffin—a coffin that *parabolically* contained the Body of Corporate Israel, the Firstborn Son of God Who *parabolically* died on the night the sons of Israel left Egypt to begin the *parabolic pantomime* of the Passover Parable. But, since the Passover Parable is just a *parabolic pantomime*, all that the coffin actually contained was just a few things that *parabolically* depicted the Living Word of God Who would eventually become Corporate Israel.

Inside the coffin were two stone tablets on which God Himself had written the “ten words” of the “covenant.” Those “ten words” *parabolically* depicted the unchangeable incorporeal nature of the God Who

would at some time in the future become incarnate, die on Passover night, and begin an actual trek through the realm of the dead—a trek that is depicted *parabolically* in the Passover Parable.

The Truth is, through the Prophet Moses, the *Living Word of God* used the Egyptian myth regarding the death of the Pharaoh (Horus) and his resurrection as Osiris to explain how Jesus Christ would one day become *the Heir of the promise* and *inherit what was promised*. Those who have read—and believed—what I have written and recorded over the past few decades should already know that *the promise* not only contained *the promise* of creation in the image and likeness of God Himself but also *the promise* of a permanent residence in the Promised Land. (See the booklets *The Passover Parable* and *In the Image and Likeness of God* as well as the book *Not All Israel Is Israel*.)

This is the point where the Book of Joshua comes in. That segment of the Hebrew Scriptures records the part of the *parabolic pantomime* of the Passover Parable in which Joshua divided up the land of Canaan as *the inheritance* of “The Many” members of *Corporate Israel* who “walked in *The Way*” through the realm of the dead and into the Resurrection of the Righteous. In case you are not familiar with the details, only two men came out of Egypt on Passover night and made it through the wilderness to *inherit* a share of the Promised Land. Those two men were Joshua and Caleb. I often refer to that duo as “Jesus and His dog” because Joshua and Jesus are the same name in both Hebrew and Greek, and the Hebrew name Caleb means “dog.”

To fully understand the *parabolic imagery* associated with the men named Joshua and Caleb, you need to know the constellation Orion is a man and his dog and the fact that the Egyptians believed that is the place where the blessed dead resided after resurrection. You also need to know Joshua was a member of the tribe of Ephraim; and Caleb, the tribe of Judah. But that is beside the point here. It is enough to know that the Book of Joshua records the part of the *parabolic pantomime* in which *Corporate Israel* *inherited what was promised*.

This is what Jeremiah tells us in the first chapter of the Book of Joshua:

¹[So it was [after] [{the} Death of] [Moses], [{the} Slave] [of His Majesty], that] [His Majesty] [said] [to] [Joshua], [{the} Son] [of Nun], [Minister of] [Moses], [saying]: ²“[My Slave], [Moses], [is

dead]; [so [get up] now], [cross over] [This] [Jordan]—[You] [and all] [This] [People]—[into] [The Land] [that] [I] [am going to give] [to them], [to {the} Sons of] [Israel]. ³[I have given] [you] [every] [Place] [on] [which] [{the} Sole] [of your Foot] [treads], [just as] [I spoke] [to] [Moses]. ⁴[Your Boundary] [will be] [from The Wilderness] [and [This] Lebanon], [even as far as] [The [great] River]—[{the} River] [Euphrates]—[all] [{the} Land] [of The Hittite], [even as far as] [The [great] Sea]—[{the} Entry] [of The Sun]. ⁵[No] [Man] [will position himself] [in front of You] [all] [{the} Days of] [Your Life]. [I will be] [with You], [just as] [I was] [with] [Moses]; [I will [not] leave You alone], [and I will [not] abandon You]. ⁶[Be resolute] [and unyielding], [because] [You] [will bestow on] [This] [People] as an **inheritance** [The] [Land] [that] [I swore an oath] [to their Fathers] [to give] [to them]. ⁷[Only] [be resolute] [and [totally] unyielding] [in observing]—[in acting] [in accordance with—all] [The Teaching] [that] [My Slave], [Moses], [commanded You]. [You must [not] turn aside] [from it]—[right] [or left]—[so that] [You may gain insight] [into all {the way}] [that] [You walk]. ⁸[This] [Scroll] [of The Teaching] [will [not] depart] [from Your Mouth]; [but You will coo] [over it] [by day] [and by night], [so that] [You stand watch over {it}] [by acting] [in accordance with everything] [that is written] [in it]; [because] [then] [You will make] [Your Way] [successful], [and then] [You will gain insight]. ⁹[Have I [not] commanded You]? [Be resolute] [and unyielding]! [You must [not] be terrified], [and You must [not] be intimidated]; [because] [His Majesty] [Your God] {is} [with You] [in all {the way}] [that] [You walk].” ¹⁰[So [Joshua] commanded] [the] [Overseers of] [The People], [saying], ¹¹“[Pass through] [in the midst of] [the] [Camp] [and command] [the] [People], [saying], ‘[Prepare] [Provisions] [for yourselves], [because] [in [three] more] [Days] [you] [are going to cross over] [This] [Jordan] [to go in] [to take possession of] [the] [Land] [that] [His Majesty] [your God] [is going to give] [to you] [to possess it].”

¹²[So [Joshua] spoke] [to The Reubenites] [and {the} Gadites] [and {the} half]-[Branch] [of Manasseh], [saying]: ¹³“[Remember] [the] [Word] [that] [Moses], [{the} Slave] [of His Majesty], [commanded] [you], [saying], ‘[His Majesty] [your God] [is going to give] [you] rest], [so He will give] [you] [This] [Land].’ ¹⁴[Your Women], [your Little Ones], [and your Livestock] [will dwell] [in {the} Land] [in {the} Area Beyond] [The Jordan] [that] [Moses] [gave] [you], [but you]—[all] [{the} **Gibbors** of] [The

Entourage]—[must cross over] [{in} Companies of Fifty] [in front of] [your Brothers], [and they must help] [them] ¹⁵[until] [His Majesty] [gives rest] [to your Brothers] [as {He did to} you], [and [they] [also] take possession of] [the] [Land] [that] [His Majesty] [your God] [is going to give] [to them]. [Then you may return] [to {the} Land] [of your Possession] [and take possession of] [it]—[what] [Moses], [{the} Slave] [of His Majesty], [gave] [you] [in {the} Area Beyond] [The Jordan], [The Place of the Rising] [of The Sun].”

¹⁶[They responded to] [Joshua], [saying]: “[We will do] [everything] [that] [You command us], [and [we will go] to] [everywhere] [that] [You send us]. ¹⁷[As] [we listened] [to] [Moses] [in everything]; [likewise], [we will listen] [to You]; [may [His Majesty] [Your God] [only] be] [with You] [just as] [He was] [with] [Moses]. ¹⁸[Any] [Man] [who] [rebels against] [Your Mouth] [and does [not] listen to] [Your Words]—[to everything] [that] [You command us]—[will be put to death]; [only] [be resolute] [and unyielding].”

(Joshua 1:1–18) —my interim translation

The point of the first two verses of that chapter is, Moses—the *heir of the promise*—has died; therefore, “The Many” in Corporate Israel may now *inherit what was promised* on the basis of the *oral blessing* of Moses that you find recorded in Deuteronomy 33. But the key to your accurate understanding of what is happening in the Book of Joshua depends on you keeping in mind the fact that it is describing the conclusion of the *parabolic pantomime* that Moses began conducting forty years earlier when Corporate Israel left Egypt in the dead of the night. That is, it is a *parabolic* depiction of an event that is still yet to come—at the conclusion of the sixth “day” of Creation, right before the seventh “day” begins. That is why the writer of the Book of Hebrews says the following about the *parabolic pantomime* in which Joshua *parabolically* distributed *the inheritance* of the Promised Land to the sons of Israel:

¹[Consequently], [holy] [Brothers], [Partners] [in an Invitation to] [What Is In Heaven], [take a close look] [at The] [Apostle] [and] [High Priest] [of] [our] [Confession], [Jesus], ²[Who was] [trustworthy] [to the One Who] [made] [Him], [even] [as] [Moses] {was} [in] [The Entirety] [of] [his] [House]. ³[For] [This Individual] [has been deemed worthy] [of [more] Glory] [than] [Moses]—[in] [as much as] [the One Who] [constructed] [it] [has]

[much more [Honor] than] [The] [House]. ⁴[For] [every] [House] [is constructed] [by] [someone], [but] [God] {is} [the One Who] [constructed] [everything]! ⁵[And] [on the one hand], [Moses] {was} [trustworthy] [as] [an Attendant*] [in] [his] [entire] [House] [as] [a Testimony] [of the things that] [were going to be spoken]; ⁶[but on the other hand], [The Anointed One] {is trustworthy} [as] [a Son] [over] [His] [House], [whose] [House] [we] [are]—[only if] [we firmly hold fast] [our] [Self-assurance] [and] [our] [Boast] [of our] [Hope].

⁷[Wherefore], [just as] [The] [Spirit] [that is] [holy] [says]:

“[TODAY], [IF] [YOU HEAR] [HIS] [VOICE],
⁸[DO [NOT] HARDEN] [YOUR] [HEARTS]
 [AS] {they did} [DURING] [THE] [PROVOCATION]
 [IN] [THE] [DAY] [OF THE] [TEST] [IN] [THE] [DESERT],
⁹[WHERE] [YOUR] [FATHERS] [TESTED {Me}]
 [FOR] [APPROVAL*]
 [AND] [SAW] [MY] [WORKS] [FOR FORTY] [YEARS].
¹⁰[WHEREFORE], [I WAS ANGRY WITH]
 [THIS] [GENERATION];
 [AND] [I SAID], ‘[THEY ARE BEING LED ASTRAY]
 [CONTINUALLY] [IN THEIR] [HEART],
 [SO] [THEY] [HAVE [NOT] KNOWN] [MY] [WAYS].’
¹¹[AS] [I SWORE AN OATH] [IN] [MY] [ANGER]:
 ‘[THEY WILL [NEVER] COME IN] [TO] [MY] [REST]!’”

¹²[Watch out], [Brothers], [lest perhaps] [there might be] [a [nasty] Heart] [in] [any] [of you] [because of a Lack of Belief in God’s **Promise**] [so] [that] [{you} withdraw] [from] [{the} [living] God]. ¹³[But] [encourage] [one another] [each and] [every] [Day] [within the span of time] [that] [is called] “[Today],” [so that] [none] [of] [you] [are hardened] [by {the} Deceitfulness] [of your] [Sin]. ¹⁴[For] [we have become] [Partners] [of The] [Anointed One], [only if] [we hold fast to] [The] [Beginning] [of our] [Certitude] [confirmed] [up to the time] [of The Consummation], ¹⁵[while] [{it} is said]:

“[TODAY], [IF] [YOU HEAR] [HIS] [VOICE],
 [DO [NOT] HARDEN] [YOUR] [HEARTS]
 [AS] {they did} [DURING] [THE] [PROVOCATION].”

¹⁶[For] [after [some] heard {what He said}], [they provoked {Him}*], [but] [not] [all] [who] [came out] [of] [Egypt] [with] [Moses]. ¹⁷[But] [with [whom] was He angry] [forty] [Years]? [{Was it} not] [those who]

[sinned]—[those whose] [Limbs*] [fell] [in] [The] [Desert]? ¹⁸[So then] [to whom] [did He swear an oath] [that {they} would [not] come in] [to] [His] [Rest] [except] [those who] [were not persuaded by God's **promise**]? ¹⁹[So] [we see] [that] [they could] [not] [come in] [because of] [a Lack of Belief in God's **Promise**].

¹[Therefore], [we should be afraid] [lest perhaps], [while [a **Promise**] is left behind] [that {we} may come in] [to] [His] [Rest], [any] [of] [you] [might seem] [to come up short]. ²[For] [we [also] are] [those who have had the good news of **the fulfillment of the promise** proclaimed {to us}], [even as] [Those Individuals also {did}]. [But] [The] [Word] [of The] [News] [did [not] benefit] [Those Individuals] [who, [when [they] heard {it}], were [not] mixed together with {it}] [by their] [Belief in God's **Promise**]. ³[For] [those who] [have believed God's **promise**] [are going to come in] [to] [His] [Rest], [just as] [He has said]:

"[As] [I SWORE AN OATH] [IN] [MY] [ANGER]:
[THEY WILL [NEVER] COME IN] [TO] [MY] [REST],"

[And yet] [His] [Works] [have been done] [since] [The Establishment] [of The World]. ⁴[For] [He has stated] [somewhere] [about] [The] [Seventh {day}] [like this]: "[AND] [THE] [{Living} GOD] [RESTED] [FROM] [ALL] [HIS] [WORKS] [ON] [THE] [DAY]—[THE] [SEVENTH]." ⁵[And] [again] [in] [This Instance], "[THEY WILL [NEVER] COME IN] [TO] [MY] [REST]!" ⁶[Therefore], [since] [it is left] [for some] [to come in] [to] [it], [and] [those who] [had the good news of **the fulfillment of the promise** proclaimed {to them}] [previously] [did [not] come in] [because of] [Apathy], ⁷[He stipulates] [a [specific] Day]—[Today]—[saying] [again] [by] [David] [so long] [a Span of Time] [later] [just as] [had been stated before]:

"[TODAY], [IF] [YOU HEAR] [HIS] [VOICE],
[DO [NOT] HARDEN] [YOUR] [HEARTS]."

⁸[For] [if] [Joshua] [had given [them] rest], [He] [would] [not] have talked] [about] [another] [Day] [after] [These Things]. ⁹[So then] [a Sabbath Day Rest*] [is left] [for The] [People] [of The] [{Living} God]. ¹⁰[For] [He]—[the One Who] [has come in] [to] [His] [Rest]—[has [also] rested] [from] [His] [Works], [indeed, just as] [The] [{Living} God] [from] [His] [Own {works}]. ¹¹[Therefore], [we must make every effort] [to come in] [to] [That] [Rest], [so that] [no]

[one] [would fall] [by] [The] [same] [Perfect Example] [of their] [Apathy].

(Hebrews 3:1–4:11) —my interim translation

I absolutely love those two chapters of the Book of Hebrews. They clearly state—for anyone with ears to hear—that the seventh “day” of Creation has not yet begun; therefore, anyone who hears and responds to the Truth of *the promise* can still become one of the most phenomenal Creatures God has ever created. That is, it is still possible for anyone who hears and honestly believes the Truth to become one of the Children of God who are going to be created in the precise image and likeness of their Father when they are resurrected from the dead. Too bad for those who stupidly believe the lie that tells them everyone is already one of God's Own. Not so; never has been; never will be.

But that is also beside the point I am making here, which is this: The Book of Joshua is an account of how Joshua concluded the *parabolic pantomime* of the Passover Parable that his mentor Moses had begun forty years earlier. A key part of that *parabolic pantomime* is the account of how one fool lost out at the last minute by stupidly assuming he could appropriate for his own use what God considers holy. Take a look:

¹[Now [the Sons of] [Israel] committed] [a Betrayal of Trust] [with regard to The Ban] [when [Achan], [Son] [of Carmi], [Son] [of Zabdi], [Son] [of Zerah], [of the Twig] [of Judah], took] [some of] [The Things Under the Ban]. [So [His Majesty's] [Anger] was inflamed] [against {the} Sons of] [Israel].

²[Then [Joshua] sent] [Men] [from Jericho] [{to} Ai], [which] {is}—[along with] [Beth-aven]—[toward Qedem] [from Bethel]; [and he spoke] [to them], [saying], “[Go up] [and reconnoiter] [The Land].” [So [The Men] went up] [and reconnoitered] [Ai]. ³[Then they returned] [to] [Joshua] [and said] [to him], “[All] [The People] [must [not] go up]; [about two thousand] [Men]—[or] [three] [thousand] [Men]—[can go up] [and viciously attack] [Ai]; [You must [not] tire out] [all] [The People] [there], [because] [they {are}] [just a few].” ⁴[So [some of] [The People]—[about three] [thousand] [Men]—went up] [there], [but they fled] [before] [{the} Men of] [Ai]. ⁵[And [{the} Men of] [Ai] viciously attacked] [some of them]—[about thirty]-[six] [Men]. [Then they avidly pursued them] [from in front of] [The

Gate] [as far as] [Shebarim*] [and viciously attacked them] [on {the} Steep Slope], [so [{{the} Heart] [of The People] was dissolved] [and became] [like Water].

⁶[Then [Joshua] tore] [his Cloak] [and fell down] [to {the} Earth] [on] [his Face] [in front of] [{{the} Coffin] [of His Majesty] [until] [The Evening]—[he] [and {the} Elders of] [Israel], [and they put [Dirt] up] [on] [their Head]. ⁷[Then [Joshua] said]: “[Oh! No!] [My Master], [Your Majesty], [why] [did You [insist on] making [This] [People] cross over] [The Jordan]? [To turn [us] over] [into {the} Hand] [of The Amorites]? [To send us to Hell]? [If only] [we had been pleased to {stay}]—[and had stayed]—[in {the} Area Beyond] [The Jordan]! ⁸[Excuse me], [My Master], [what] [can I say] [after] [Israel] [turned] [The Back of the Neck] [before] [His Enemies]? ⁹[Now [The Canaanites] [and all] [{{the} Inhabitants of] [The Land] will hear about {it}], [and they will surround] [us] [and cut off] [our Name] [from] [The Earth]. [So what] [will You do] [about Your [great] Name]?”

¹⁰[Then [His Majesty] said] [to] [Joshua]: “[Get up]! [What is it] [with You], [falling down] [on] [Your Face]? ¹¹[Israel] [has sinned]! [And (1) they have, [indeed], crossed over] [My Legal Agreement], [the one that] [I commanded] [them]; [and (2) they have, [indeed], taken] [some of] [The Things Under the Ban]; [and (3) they have, [indeed], stolen {it}]; [and (4) they have, [indeed], denied the truth about {it}]; [and (5) they have, [indeed], put {it}] [with their Things]. ¹²[So [{{the} Sons of] [Israel] will [not] be able] [to stand up] [before] [their Enemies]; [they will face toward] [The Back of the Neck] [before] [their Enemies], [because] [they have become] [The One Under the Ban]. [I will [not] continue] [to be] [with you] [if] [you do [not] wipe out] [from your midst] [The One Under the Ban]. ¹³[Get up]! [Make [The People] holy], [then say]: ‘[Make yourselves holy] [for Tomorrow], [because] [This is what] [His Majesty], [{{the} God of] [Israel], [has said]: “[One Under the Ban] {is} [in Your midst], [O Israel]. [You will [not] be able] [to stand up] [before] [Your Enemies] [until] [you remove] [The One Under the Ban] [from your midst].” ¹⁴[So you must come together] [in {the} Morning] [by your Branches], [and it will be that] [The Branch] [that] [His Majesty] [captures] [must come together] [by Families], [and The Family] [that] [His Majesty] [captures] [must come together] [by Houses], [and The House] [that] [His Majesty] [captures] [must come together] [by **Gibbors**]. ¹⁵[Then it will be that] [the one who is captured] [with {the} Things Under the Ban] [must be burned up] [in a Fire]—[him]

[and all] [that] [he has]—[because] [he crossed over] [the] [Legal Agreement] [of His Majesty], [and because] [he did] [Something Senseless] [in Israel].” ¹⁶[So [Joshua] got up early] [in {the} Morning] [and brought [Israel] together] [by His Branches], [and [{{the} Branch] [of Judah] was captured]. ¹⁷[Then he brought [the] [Family of] [Judah] together], [and He captured] [the] [Family of] [The Zerahites], [so he brought [the] [Family of] [The Zerahites] together] [by **Gibbors**], [and Zabdi] [was captured]. ¹⁸[Then he brought [his House] together] [by **Gibbors**]; [and [Achan], [Son] [of Carmi], [Son] [of Zabdi], [Son] [of Zerah], [of {the} Branch] [of Judah], was captured]. ¹⁹[So [Joshua] said] [to] [Achan]: “[My Son], [please], [assign] [Glory] [to His Majesty], [{{the} God of] [Israel], [and give] [Him] [Thanksgiving]. [But [please], tell] [me] [what] [You did]; [You must [not] hold back the truth] [from me].” ²⁰[So [Achan] responded to] [Joshua] and said: “[Without doubt], [I] [have sinned] [against His Majesty], [{{the} God of] [Israel] [when [I did] like this] [and like that]: ²¹[When I saw] [One] [good] [Mantle] [{{from} Shinar] [among {the} Plunder], [as well as two hundred] [Shekels] [of Silver] [and [one] Tongue] [of Gold], [fifty] [Shekels] [{{in} Weight], [I desired them]; [so I took them]. [But guess what! They are] [hidden] [in {the} Earth] [in the Middle of] [my Tent], [and The Silver] {is} [under it].”

²²[So [Joshua] sent] [Messengers], [and they ran] [to The Tent], [and guess what! It was] [hidden] [in his Tent], [and The Silver] {was} [under it]. ²³[So they took them] [from {the} Middle of] [The Tent] [and brought them] [to] [Joshua]—[as well as to] [all] [{{the} Sons of] [Israel]—[and poured them out] [before] [His Majesty]. ²⁴[Then [Joshua]—[as well as] [all] [Israel] [along with him]—took] [Achan], [{{the} Son] [of Zerah], [and] [The Silver] [and] [The Mantle] [and the] [Tongue] [of The Gold] [and] [his Sons] [and] [his Daughters] [and] [his Ox] [and] [his Jackass] [and] [his Flock] [and] [his Tent] [and] [all] [that] {was} [his], [and they brought [them] up] [to {the} Valley] [of Achor]. ²⁵[And [Joshua] said]: “[Why] [have You caused trouble for us]? [His Majesty] [will cause trouble for You] [on [This] Day].” [Then [all] [Israel] stoned] [him] [with Stones], [and they burned [them] up] [in a Fire] [after they stoned] [them] [with Stones]. ²⁶[Then they raised up] [a [huge] Pile] [of Stones] [over him] {that stands} [up to] [This] [Day], [and [His Majesty] turned back] [from {the} Burning] [of His Anger]. [Therefore], [{{the} Name] [of That] [Place] [has been

called] [{the} Valley] [of Achor] [up to] [This] [Day].
(Joshua 7:1–26) —my interim translation

If you intend to make it into the Resurrection of the Righteous, you would do well to keep that account in mind the next time you feel an overwhelming urge to explain the Living Word of God to someone who you think might be impressed by your great insight into the Scriptures. He is, after all, the only “thing” that is truly holy. Just sayin’.

This is how the Prophet Jeremiah records Caleb—the “carrier” of “The Name” of Judah—*inheriting what was promised*:

¹[Now these] {are} [what] [{the} Sons of] [Israel] [**inherited**] [in {the} Land] [of Canaan]—[what] [Eleazar] [The Priest] [and Joshua], [Son] [of Nun], [and {the} Heads of] [{the} Fathers of] [The Twigs] [of {the} Sons of] [Israel] [bestowed on [them] as an **inheritance**]
²[by {the} Allotment] [of their **Inheritance**], [just as] [His Majesty] [commanded] [by {the} Hand] [of Moses] [for The [nine] Twigs] [and {the} Half of] [The Twig],
³[because] [Moses] [had {already} given] [{the} **Inheritance** of] [Two of] [The Twigs] [and {the} Half of] [The Twig] [from {the} Area Beyond] [The Jordan]; [but he had [not] given] [an **Inheritance**] [in their Midst] [to {the} Levites].
⁴[Because] [{the} Sons of] [Joseph] [were] [{the} two] [Twigs of] [Manasseh] [and Ephraim], [and they did [not] give] [a Share] [in {the} Land] [to {the} Levites], [only] [Cities] [to dwell in] [as well as their Open Areas] [for their Livestock] [and for their Technical Knowledge].
⁵[Just as] [His Majesty] [had commanded] [Moses], [so also] [{the} Sons of] [Israel] [did]; [and they divided up] [The Land].
⁶[Then [{the} Sons of] [Judah] approached] [Joshua] [in Gilgal]; [and [Caleb], [Son] [of Jephunneh], said] [to him]: “[You know] [The Word] [that] [His Majesty] [spoke] [to] [Moses]—[{the} Man] [of The {Living} God]—[regarding me] [and regarding You] [in Kadesh-barnea].
⁷[I was] [forty] [Years] [old] [when [Moses], [{the} Slave] [of His Majesty], sent] [me] [from Kadesh-barnea] [to reconnoiter] [The Land]; [and I brought [him] back] [Word] [just as] {was} [with] [my Heart].
⁸[But my Brothers]—[those who] [went up] [with me]—[melted] [the] [Heart] [of The People]; [yet I] [was fully] [following] [His Majesty], [my God].
⁹[So [Moses] swore an oath] [on [That] Day], [saying], “[The Land] [on] [which] [Your Foot] [has trod] [will [most definitely] belong] [to You] [as an **Inheritance**]]—[and to Your Sons]

[as long as] [a Burning Eternity]—[because] [You were fully] [following] [His Majesty], [my God].’
¹⁰[So now] [guess what!] [His Majesty] [has kept [me] alive], [just as] [He spoke]. [This] {is} [forty]-[five] [Years] [from That Time]. [His Majesty] [spoke] [This] [Word] [to] [Moses] [when] [Israel] [was walking] [in {the} Wilderness]; [and now] [guess what!], [I] {am} [eighty]-[five] [Years] [old] [Today].
¹¹[I {am} still] [just as [strong] [Today] as] [on {the} Day] [Moses] [sent] [me]; [as my Power] {was} [at That Time], [so also {is} my Power] [now]—[for War], [even for going out] [and coming in].
¹²[So now] [give] [me] [This] [Mountain] [about [which] [His Majesty] spoke] [on [That] Day], [because] [You] [heard] [on [That] Day] [that] [{the} Anakim] {were} [there], [and [large] [enclosed] Cities]. [Perhaps] [His Majesty] {will be} [with me], [so that I may take possession of them] [just as] [His Majesty] [stated].”
¹³[So [Joshua] **blessed** him] [and gave] [Hebron] [to Caleb], [{the} Son] [of Jephunneh], [as an **Inheritance**].
¹⁴[Therefore], [Hebron] [has been] [{the} **Inheritance**] [of Caleb], [{the} Son] [of Jephunneh], [The Kenizzite], [up to] [This] [Day] [for the simple reason that] [he was fully] [following] [His Majesty], [God of] [Israel].
¹⁵[But {the} Name] [of Hebron] {was} [formerly] [Kiriath-arba]; [he was] [The [most important] Descendant of Adam] [among {the} Anakim]; [and The Land] [remained calm], [without War].

(Joshua 14:1–15) —my interim translation

From there, Jeremiah goes on to tell us how Joshua divided up the Promised Land among all the tribes of Corporate Israel. He begins with Judah:

¹[Now [The Allotment] [for {the} Twig] [of {the} Sons of] [Judah] [according to their Families] was] [up to] [{the} Boundary] [of Edom], [{the} Wilderness] [of Zin] [toward {the} **Negev**]—[at {the} [South] End].
²[So [their] [Boundary] was] [The **Negev**] [at {the} End] [of [The Salt] Sea], [from] [The Tongue] [that faces away] [toward The **Negev**].
³[Then it went out] [from {the} Negev] [towards] [{the} Ascent of Scorpions*] [and crossed over] [towards Zin]; [then it went up] [from {the} **Negev**] [to Kadesh-barnea] [and crossed over to] [Hezron]; [then it went up] [toward Addar] [and went around] [toward Karka].
⁴[Then it crossed over] [toward Azmon] [and went out to] [{the} Ravine] [of Egypt], [and [{the} Extent] [of The Boundary] will be] [at {the} Sea]. [This] [will be] [your] [**Negev**] [Boundary].
⁵[And {the} Boundary] [toward **Qedem**] {was} [The Salt] [Sea] [as far

as] [the] End] [of The Jordan], [and {the} Boundary] [for {the} Edge] [toward **Zaphon**] {was} [from {the} Tongue] [of The Sea] [at {the} End] [of The Jordan]. ⁶[Then [The Boundary] went up to] [Beth-hoglah] [and crossed over] [toward **Zaphon**] [to Beth-arabah], [then [The Boundary] went up to] [the] Stone] [of Bohan], [Son] [of Reuben]. ⁷[Then [The Boundary] went up] [toward Debir] [at {the} Valley] [of Achor]; [then—[facing] toward **Zaphon**]—[to] [Gilgal], [which] {is} [in front] [of {the} Way Up] [to Adummim], [which] {is} [toward {the} **Negev**] [of {the} Ravine]. [Then [The Boundary] went up] [to] [the] Waters of] [En-shemesh], [and [its Extent] was] [at] [En-rogel]. ⁸[Then [The Boundary] went up to] [the] Hollow] [of {the} Son] [of Hinnom], [with] [the] Shoulder] [of The Jebusite]—[that is], [Jerusalem]—[toward {the} **Negev**]; [then [The Boundary] went up] [to] [the] Top] [of The Mountain] [that] {is} [in front of] [the] Hollow] [of Hinnom] [toward {the} Sea], [which] {is} [at {the} End] [of {the} Valley] [of Rephaim] [toward **Zaphon**]. ⁹[Then [The Boundary] drew a line] [from {the} Top] [of The Mountain] [to] [the] Natural Spring] [of {the} Waters of] [Nephtoah] [and went out] [to] [the] Cities of] [Mount] [Ephron], [then [The Boundary] drew a line] [into Baalah]—[that is], [Kiriath-jearim]. ¹⁰[Then [from] Baalah] [The Boundary] turned around] [toward {the} Sea] [to] [Mount] [Seir] [and crossed over] [to] [the] Shoulder] [of Mount] [Jearim*] [toward **Zaphon**]—[that is], [Chesalon*]—[and went down to] [Beth-shemesh] [and crossed over to] [Timnah]. ¹¹[Then [The Boundary] went out] [to] [the] Shoulder] [of Ekron] [toward **Zaphon**]. [Then [The Boundary] drew a line] [toward Shikkeron*] [and crossed over] [Mount] [Baalah] [and went out to] [Jabneel]. [And {the} Extent of] [The Boundary] was] [at {the} Sea]. ¹²[Now {the} Sea] {was the} Boundary] [at The [great] Sea], [so [this] Boundary] {was} [a Boundary] [round about] [the] Sons of] [Judah] [according to their Families].

(Joshua 15:1–12) —my interim translation

Joshua eventually divided up the Promised Land among all the tribes of Israel. But if you intend to grasp the full significance of the parabolic pantomime of the Passover Parable, you need to remember that activity is just a parabolic depiction of True Believers *inheriting what was promised* when they are resurrected in the image and likeness of the Living Word of God at the very end of the sixth “day” of Creation. You can find that event described *parabolically* in Ezekiel 40–48.

¹³[This is what] [My Master], [His Majesty], [has said]: “[This] {is} [the] Boundary] [of The Land] [that] [you will receive as an **inheritance**] [for {the} twelve] [Branches of] [Israel]—[Joseph] [Regions]. ¹⁴[So you will **inherit**] [it], [Each One] [like his Brother], [as] [I raised] [My Hand] [to give it] [to your Fathers]; [and [this] [Land] will fall] [to you] [by **Inheritance**].

¹⁵[So this] {is} [the] Boundary] [of The Land] [to] [the] Edge], [toward **Zaphon**]: [from] [The [Great] Sea], [the] Way] [of Hethlon], [to going in to] [Zedad]. ¹⁶[Hamath], [Berothah*] [Sibraim*], [which] {is} [between] [the] Boundary] [of Damascus] [and] [the] Boundary] [of Hamath]; [Hazer-hatticon], [which] {is} [at] [the] Boundary] [of Hauran]. ¹⁷[And [a Boundary] will be] [from] [The Sea] [to] Hazar-enan] [at the] Boundary] [of Damascus] [and **Zaphon**], [toward **Zaphon**], [and [at the] Boundary] [of Hamath] [and] [the] Edge] [of **Zaphon**].

¹⁸[And [the] [eastern] Edge] [from between] [Hauran] [and] [Damascus] [and] [Gilead] [and] [the] Land] [of Israel], [you will measure] [The Jordan] [from] [the] Boundary] [beside] [The [**Qadmonite**] Sea], [also] [the] Edge] [toward {The} East Wind]. ¹⁹[But [the] Edge] [of The **Negev**] [toward {the} South] {is} [a Gully] [from Tamar] [up to] [the] Waters of] [Meribah]-[Kadesh] [to] [The [Great] Sea], [also] [the] Edge] [toward {the} South], [toward The **Negev**]. ²⁰[And [the] Edge] [of {the} Sea], [The [Great] Sea], {is} [from] [the] Boundary] [up to] [straight ahead] [of going in to] [Hamath]. [This] {is} [the] Edge] [of {the} Sea].

²¹[So you will allot [this] [Land] as a share] [to yourselves], [to {the} Branches] [of Israel]. ²²[And it will be that] [you will make it fall] [by **Inheritance**] [to yourselves] [and to {the} Temporary Residents], [the ones who are residing temporarily] [in your Midst], [who] [engendered] [Sons] [in your Midst]. [And they will be] [to you] [like a Native] [among {the} Sons of] [Israel]. [They will fall] [with you] [in {the} **Inheritance**] [in the midst of] [the] Branches of] [Israel]. ²³[And it will be] [in {the} Branch] [with] [which] [a Temporary Resident] [resides temporarily], [You will give him] [his **Inheritance**] [there],” [declares] [My Master], [His Majesty]. (Ezekiel 47:13–23) —my interim translation

Some believe, on the basis of Ezekiel 40–48, that Christ is going to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. To them I say, “Just keep on thinking those happy thoughts; that ‘Temple’ was ‘built’ 2000 years ago.” ■

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whole human race from the beginning to the end, He has also summed up its death. From this it is clear that the Lord suffered death, in obedience to His Father, upon that day on which Adam died while he disobeyed God. Now he died on the same day in which he did eat. For God said, "In that day on which ye shall eat of it, ye shall die by death."

The Lord, therefore, recapitulating in Himself this day, underwent His sufferings upon the day preceding the Sabbath, that is, the sixth day of the creation, on which day man was created; thus granting him a second creation by means of His passion, which is that [creation] out of death. And there are some, again, who relegate the death of Adam to the thousandth year; for since "a day of the Lord is as a thousand years," he did not overstep the thousand years, but died within them, thus bearing out the sentence of his sin.

Whether, therefore, with respect to disobedience, which is death; whether [we consider] that, on account of that, they were delivered over to death, and made debtors to it; whether with respect to [the fact that on] one and the same day on which they ate they also died (for it is one day of the creation); whether [we regard this point], that, with respect to this cycle of days, they died on the day in which they did also eat, that is, the day of the preparation, which is termed "the pure supper," that is, the sixth day of the feast, which the Lord also exhibited when He suffered on that day; or whether [we reflect] that he (Adam) did not overstep the thousand years, but died within their limit,—it follows that, in regard to all these significations, God is indeed true. For they died who tasted of the tree; and the serpent is proved a liar and a murderer, as the Lord said of him: "For he is a murderer from the beginning, and the truth is not in him."

Irenaeus, "Against Heresies," Book 6, Chap. xxiii, in Roberts and Donaldson (Eds.), *The Ante-Nicene Fathers* (1867), Vol. 1, pp. 551–552.

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