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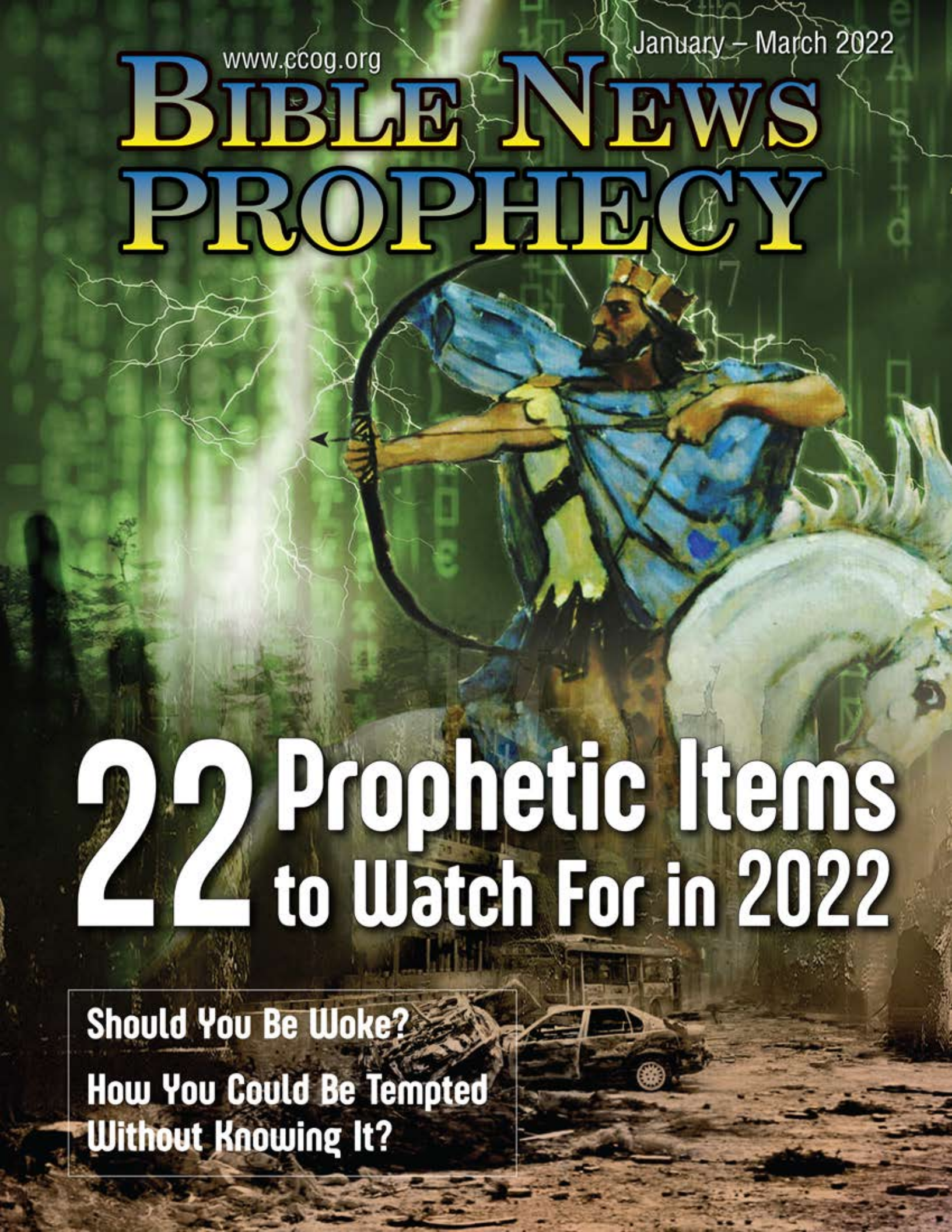
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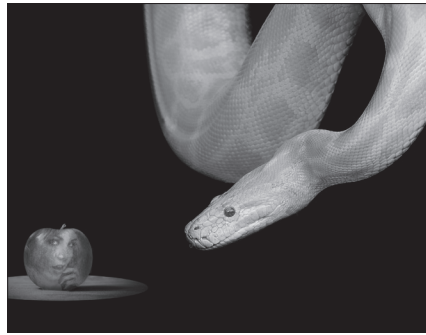
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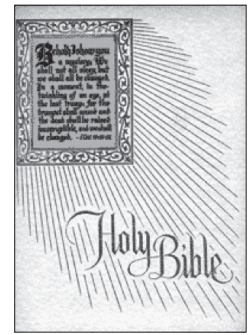
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22 Prophetic Items to Watch in 2022

Are properly understood biblical prophecies coming to pass?

Can you rely on Bible prophecy?

Well, God is clear that He makes prophetic statements and causes them to be fulfilled:

9 Remember the former things of old,
For I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like Me,
10 Declaring the end from the beginning,
And from ancient times things that are not yet
done,
Saying, 'My counsel shall stand,
And I will do all My pleasure,'
11 Calling a bird of prey from the east,
The man who executes My counsel, from a far
country.
Indeed I have spoken it;
I will also bring it to pass.
I have purposed it;
I will also do it. (Isaiah 46:9-11)

Fulfilled prophecy is part of the proof that God exists and should be real to your life EVERYDAY!

Between 1/5th and 1/3rd of the Bible is prophetic. Since, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God'" (Luke 4:4), knowing the prophetic word is important. All scripture, including prophecy, is important:

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God,
and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for
correction, for instruction in righteousness,
17 that the man of God may be complete,
thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2
Timothy 3:16-17)

If you do not understand relevant prophecy, you cannot "be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Notice something else from the New Testament:

9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are

those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God." 10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." (Revelation 19:9-10)

Yet, most in the world dismiss or misunderstand prophecy.

Jesus told His follower to watch (Mark 13; Luke 21).

There are many events that fall under this category.

Since the sermon I gave in December 2018, titled 19 items to prophetically watch in 2018, certain world events aligned with all 19 of them. Properly understood biblical prophecies are coming to pass. About the same can be said about a similar December 2019 sermon, where 20 items were pointed to and one in December 21 where 21 items for the next year were pointed to.

So now, let's look at 22 prophetic items to watch for further fulfillment steps in 2022.

1. Scoffers will Abound

We see a lot of scoffers this day on the internet.

The Apostle Peter was inspired to write the following:

1 Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), 2 that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, 3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." 5 For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old,

and the earth standing out of water and in the water, 6 by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. 7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:1-9)

There are many scoffers during these last days.

Many (mainly on the internet) have repeatedly and falsely called me a false prophet and said other bad things about me as well as the Continuing Church of God.

In 2020s, we have seen slurs that were posted related to CCOG evangelist Evans Ochieng, elder Sasha Veljic, deacon Richard Close, speaker Steve Dupuie, and myself.

While that turns some away from looking at us, we understand that Jesus said this was to be expected:

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (Matthew 5:10-12)

We are not to turn away from true understanding of biblical prophecies, but rejoice in the going through open door to proclaim the truth while holding fast to the truth (cf. Revelation 3:7-13).

2. Morality Prophecies Being Fulfilled

Some morality prophecies that were certainly being fulfilled in 2021 (and will also be in 2022) include something that the Apostle Paul wrote to the prophetic-evangelist Timothy:

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; (2 Timothy 3:13-14, KJV)

We see this being fulfilled, by politicians, media experts, academia, and even with scientists. Like so - Called scientists pushing aspects of evolution instead of creation, as people like the late Steven Hawking did (see also our free booklet, online at ccog.org, titled: Is God's Existence Logical?).

The pushing of sexual immorality will continue. Ultimately, that will end in death (Romans 1:18-32).

3. Internet and Other Censorship

More and more governments are putting in procedures and/or laws to restrict what is allowed on the internet. Various forms of media are doing this as well.

Furthermore, those pushing sexual immoral lifestyles do not want immoral behaviours labelled as sin. And they have persuaded a lot of 'Big Tech' companies to censor de-platform, and/or 'shadow ban' views that oppose sexual immorality.

Since those doing so do not believe what the Bible says about sin, one would think that they would not care that their lifestyles are considered by Christians as sinful.

Yet, they have been able to silence and/or intimidate many leaders who claim to believe the Bible as well as get laws and court decisions to support them.

Consider also the following:

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ... 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man — and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie ...

26 For this reason God gave them up to vile

passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. 27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; 32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them. (Romans 1:18,22-25a, 26-32)

Notice that the Bible teaches that even approving of forms of sexual immorality is wrong.

The Bible also teaches:

11 “Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord God, That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the Lord.
12 They shall wander from sea to sea, And from north to east; They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, But shall not find it. (Amos 8:11-12)

That does not mean that there will be no Bibles. But the time will come when those promoting various biblical teachings will no longer be able to have access to the internet, etc. as before. We are seeing more and more of this.

And this especially includes Europe, which has been pressuring social media companies to censor and remove ‘offensive’ materials.

Watch for moves to restrict rights to object to biblical sins as well as to explain certain biblical prophecies.

4. Weather Sorrows and Troubles

Of course, when thinking about prophecies, most people are concerned about prophecies such as those related to world events, the beginning of sorrows, the four horsemen of the apocalypse, the Great Tribulation, the rise of the Beast/Antichrist/666, Armageddon, etc.

Jesus said:

5 And Jesus, answering them, began to say: “Take heed that no one deceives you. 6 For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and will deceive many. 7 But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet. 8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles. These are the beginnings of sorrows. (Mark 13:5-8)

We have seen a lot of ‘extreme weather’ in various parts of the world in the past few years. Expect more to come:

19 Behold, a whirlwind of the Lord has gone forth in fury — A violent whirlwind!
It will fall violently on the head of the wicked.
20 The anger of the Lord will not turn back Until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly. (Jeremiah 23:19-20)

We have been seeing a lot of ‘extreme’ weather. As we get closer to the end, there will be more extreme weather in places.

5. Earthquakes

Jesus taught:

7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. (Matthew 24:7)

Expect serious earthquakes in 2022.

Though we will NOT have the earthquake of Revelation 16:18 as that happens during the Day of the Lord, that earthquake will be bigger than what the usual ‘experts’ have believed was possible. It will change

the planet and humble parts of humanity.

But understand, that an earthquake that triggers a massive volcano, such as the USA has in places like Yellowstone and New Zealand has in places like Rotorua, can dramatically change the world. There is also Iceland and the Cascades in the USA. And even without volcanos, the San Andreas, Wilimington, New Madrid, and other faults pose serious risks.

6. The White Horse of the Apocalypse

The Book of Revelation teaches about riders of four different coloured horses in its 6th chapter.

Notice the following about the first horseman:

1 Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."

2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer. (Revelation 6:1-2)

This horseman has to do with spreading false religion. The fact that the horse is white makes the religious message being spread look like it is good.

But the Bible warns about that:

12 But what I do, I will also continue to do, that I may cut off the opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the things of which they boast. 13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works. (2 Corinthians 11:12-15)

Jesus warned about false religion:

4 And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. (Matthew 24:4-5)

We are seeing the development of an interfaith, ecumenical religion which offers salvation to

humanity through a humanistic climate and social agenda.

This is a false gospel. Expect more and more to accept some version of it.

7. Strife and the Red Horse of War

Notice the following:

3 When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see."

4 Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword. (Revelation 6:3-4)

Consider that the opening of the second seal (Revelation 6:3-4) is to result in less peace on the Earth.

While this is commonly called the red horse (or horseman) of war, that is not quite what is stated. Notice that he "takes peace from the earth AND that people should kill one another." Could it be that events in 2020 and 2021, such as COVID-19 are consistent with taking "peace from the earth"?

Around the world people are AFRAID. The feeling of normalcy is gone for many around the globe. Consider that the travel restrictions are because of fear. The media and government officials are saying everything will not go back to how it was and that we need to accept what they have called "the new normal." Speculatively, could this be related to the opening of the second seal?

The literal Greek here for "peace" (εἰρήνη transliterated as eirēnē) in Revelation 6 can be interpreted to mean taking away prosperity as well (see BibleHub.com). COVID-19 has, to a degree, done that. People are afraid or at least uneasy to a degree we have not seen around the world anytime in the 21st century.

Barnes Notes on the Bible states:

The power given to him that sat on the horse: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another. This would seem to indicate that the condition immediately preceding this was a condition of tranquility, and that this was now

disturbed by some cause producing discord and bloodshed. This idea is confirmed by the original words - τὴν εἰρήνην tēn eirēnēn - “the peace”; that is, the previously existing peace. When peace in general is referred to, the word is used without the article: Matthew 10:34, “Think not that I am come to send peace - βαλεῖν εἰρήνην balein eirēnēn - upon the earth.”

So, this rider is not just a rider of war, but taking away THE peace.

Somewhat paralleling the ride of the second horseman of Revelation 6:3-4, Jesus warned about wars and disturbances:

6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. (Matthew 24:6-7a)

“Nation ... against nation” is literally “ethnos ... against ethnos” in the original Greek. Notice how the Orthodox Jewish Bible translates the first half of Matthew 24:7 -

For there will be an intifada of ethnic group against ethnic group,

So, look for ethnic and racial strife in various parts of the world.

We have seen issues with Israel and the Palestinians, and more is expected one day (Isaiah 9:11-12). And let's not overlook Syria and Iran (cf. Isaiah 17:1, 22:1-14). There are also issues between Pakistan and India as well as issues in many parts of the world. More division will one day hit the USA (impeachment and other matters related to its President Donald Trump could be factors) as well as parts of Europe.

8. Trade

Not all warfare is militaristic. There is also economic warfare.

This often involves trade.

USA tariffs, sanctions, and other ‘trade war’ matters have been prominent in the past few years. USA actions against many nations are also driving nations to look to Europe — as well as Europe looking to improve trade with other nations.

The Bible shows that Babylonian Europe will dominate trade (cf. Revelation 18:2-3). We have seen the Europeans making trade-related deals with various ones in Latin America and Asia. We also saw them, as well as other nations, upset with the USA and various aspects of its trade and tariff policies.

Look for Europe to work to make more trade deals.

Expect more trade issues in 2022.

9. The Deal of Daniel 9:27

A lot of fighting occurred between the Palestinians in Gaza and Israel in 2021.

Despite Palestinian and Israeli positions, a prophesied deal will happen.

The Bible teaches that a deal will be confirmed for a seven-year period by a European leader who will later rise up and stop animal sacrifices at the mid-point:

26 And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.

The end of it shall be with a flood,

And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week;

But in the middle of the week

He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.

And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate,

Even until the consummation, which is determined,

Is poured out on the desolate (Daniel 9:26-27).

The ‘one week’ time element has generally been understood by prophecy watchers to mean a seven year deal (2520 days, based on prophetic 360 day years), that will be broken in the middle of it (after 3½ years). The Hebrew word translated as ‘week’ literally means ‘sevened’ (OT:7620 literal, sevened. Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance with Expanded Greek-Hebrew Dictionary. © 2006).

While Daniel 9:26 calls the leader who confirms the deal a ‘prince’, he is later referred to as the king of the dominating European empire (Daniel 11:40).

One way to show this is a European empire is to realize that it was the people of the Roman Empire

of the 1st century that fulfilled the portion of Daniel 9:26 as they destroyed the city (Jerusalem) in 70 A.D.

Jewish sources, while not understanding all of this, also agree that it was Roman forces that destroyed the city and sanctuary as the following demonstrates:

“The people of the prince will come and destroy the city and the Sanctuary” Daniel 9:26, refers to the Roman legions of Vespasian and Titus, who destroyed Jerusalem. (Daniel 9 – A True Biblical Interpretation. Jews for Judaism. Accessed 07/30/16)

In the 21st century, the European Union includes much of the land and peoples that were part of the ancient Roman Empire. And it is the ‘prince’ coming from that people that verse 27 of Daniel 9 is referring to. Thus, this prophecy tells us that a lower-level European leader will somewhat officially start to rise up about 3½ years before the great tribulation (and yes, according to Jesus in Matthew 24:9, some ‘tribulation’ does happen prior to the start of the Great Tribulation).

Because of statements and actions by various American leaders, Europeans are even more interested in being part of a Middle East peace deal.

Expect to see, at least some, European efforts along those lines. Especially if we see a major conflict in that region that involves Iran (cf. Isaiah 22:6-8).

Now, once the deal is confirmed for one prophetic week (which could happen sometime AFTER a deal is made) by the ‘prince’, the seven-year countdown for the return of Jesus and the 3½ year countdown for the Great Tribulation (Matthew 24:21) will begin.

10. Knowledge Increasing

Notice something from ancient times:

6 And the LORD said, “Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. 7 Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.”

8 So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they

ceased building the city. 9 Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth; and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth. (Genesis 11:6-9)

While many languages came out of this, notice another prophecy for the end times:

4 “But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.” (Daniel 12:4)

We are seeing massive developments in health, robotics, and various sciences.

The arrival and use of ‘artificial intelligence’, automobiles, jet planes, computers, and the internet certainly align with that prophecy.

Computers have also made it easier to communicate, even among people of different languages.

Those who do not accept biblical prophecy seem to consider the knowledge explosion and ability to travel internationally irrelevant.

Yet, those of us who believe it consider this a confirmed prophecy. And this is a prophecy of around 2600 years old!

Expect to see more knowledge developments.

11. Debt

The Bible teaches that the result of debt accumulation will be far worse than even many pessimists believe.

Notice the first part of an end-time prophecy given to the prophet Habakkuk by God over 2600 years ago:

2 And the Lord answered me:

“Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.

3 For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end — it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay. (Habakkuk 2:2-3, English Standard Version)

So, this prophecy is so bad that God says people need to take action.

However, many are too puffed up, too arrogant to consider that it will really happen in the 21st century:

4 “Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.
5 “Moreover, wine is a traitor,
an arrogant man who is never at rest.
His greed is as wide as Sheol;
like death he has never enough.
He gathers for himself all nations
and collects as his own all peoples.” (Habakkuk 2:4-5, ESV)

So, a puffed up, arrogant, and greedy people are involved.

This is a people that is heavily indebted:

6 Shall not all these take up their taunt against him, with scoffing and riddles for him, and say,
“Woe to him who heaps up what is not his own — for how long? — and loads himself with pledges!”
(Habakkuk 2:6, ESV)

Treasury bills are a form of pledges that the USA has continued to heap up. The USA is the most indebted nation in the history of humanity and those in it should try to understand this prophecy. More debt will hit the USA and debt will be a factor in its destruction.

(Perhaps it should be noted that both the United Kingdom and Canada have very high per capita debt levels.)

Notice what will happen:

7 Will not your debtors suddenly arise, and those awake who will make you tremble?

Then you will be spoil for them. (Habakkuk 2:7, ESV)

When it is time, destruction will be sudden!

Why?

8 Because you have plundered many nations,
all the remnant of the peoples shall plunder you,
for the blood of man and violence to the earth,
to cities and all who dwell in them. (Habakkuk 2:8; ESV)

The USA has plundered many nations by borrowing and importing without the intention to truly pay back.

The USA has had violent bloody interventions around the world.

Should interest rates ever rise to historical levels, this will cause massive financial problems for the USA.

When foreigners finally have had enough, it will not end well for the USA.

God told Habakkuk that this should be a very serious matter.

Have you been paying attention to this?

12. US Dollar Dominance will Decrease

Consider the following curse from the Book of Leviticus:

19 I will break the pride of your power; (Leviticus 26:19)

While the above undoubtedly has military & economic possibilities, consider that the US dollar is the pride of the USA's power.

It is backed by nothing.

So, it is a prideful thing — plus it does project US power around the world.

Debt, trade, weather, morality, leadership, sanctions, and other issues have given various nations motivations to work to dethrone the US dollar as the world's primary trade and reserve currency.

The economy of the USA has been financed, to a significant degree, by foreigners willing to provide goods to the USA on credit as well as the USA profiting from much of the rest of the world's international trade that is dollar - Based.

Yet, because of recent US actions which many believe have 'weaponized' its dollar, more nations are looking for ways to bypass the US dollar in trade. The EU, for example, came up with its Instex system to bypass the US dominated SWIFT system for processing international transactions.

The time will come when the US dollar is dethroned and this will inflict great pain on the USA. But near the time the US dollar becomes close to worthless, the great tribulation (Matthew 24:21) will come and the USA will then be no more. The Europeans, BRICS's (Brazil, Russia, China, India, South Africa) nations, Iran, Venezuela, Turkey, North Korea, and many others

want to dethrone the USA dollar.

Dethroning the US dollar will cause massive economic problems for the USA. Much more than almost anyone believes. The standard of living in the USA has been raised/subsidized for years because of the status of the US dollar.

That status is weakening. This will ultimately severely hurt the USA.

13. Cash and 666

Notice the following prophecy:

16 He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, 17 and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666. (Revelation 13:16-18)

It will be a European power that will truly fulfill the above prophecy of 666. In 2019, the EU announced that it was intending setting up an enforcer of financial matters that may now be in place. Europe will need to have some type of enforcer for Revelation 13:16-17 to be fulfilled — and it is intending to have one.

Even the COVID scare is pushing some towards cashlessness. And when a much more deadly pandemic hits (cf. Revelation 6:7-8, which will not happen in 2022), more and more will be scared to use cash out of fear of contagion.

Furthermore, it will likely take computers aided with artificial intelligence to aid in the fulfillment of the scriptures in Revelation 13:15-18, as well as cyber-spying/monitoring.

This type of financial surveillance could not have happened during the time of the Apostle John as there was no real way to monitor many financial transactions then. The same was true for all the centuries that followed until the late 20th and now the 21st century. But now not only does the technology exist to monitor most financial transactions, the political will is there as well.

While 2022 will not see a completely cashless world, expect to see more movements towards monitorable payments.

14. Gold

The fall of the US dollar and the trend towards digital money will concern many.

While some economists have called gold a 'relic', it still has value internationally.

The old Worldwide Church of God published the following:

Of course, since gold is regarded as a disaster hedge by many investors, prudence might dictate that perhaps a small fraction of your liquid assets be in gold: (Caulkins J. WHEN MONEY FAILS. Good News, October-November 1979)

In Revelation 18, we are given a graphic description of Europe at its future economic peak. Remember this prophecy occurs after the United States, Canada and other Israelitish nations have been conquered and brought into subservience. ...

In verse 11, Europe's coming economic wealth and scope is described as John sees it, shortly before the final crisis (to occur at Christ's coming) takes place.

"And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her, for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: The merchandise of gold and silver ... (Catherwood CA. Europe and Our Prophetic Message. Good News, October-November 1979)

Yes, gold will outlast the US dollar and the European Beast power will have it.

The Bible prophesies that the King of the North will get gold which end time Babylon will also trade with:

37 He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all. 38 But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things. 39 Thus he shall act

against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain. 40 “At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, ... 43 He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt ... (Daniel 11:37-40,43)

10 ... ‘Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.’ 11 And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: 12 merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble; ... 15 The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, 16 and saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls! (Revelation 18:10-12,15-16)

While the Bible is clear that gold will, for a time, not be wanted but tossed (Ezekiel 7:19) — hence it will be worse than useless for a time — it obvious that into the beginning years of the Great Tribulation (Matthew 24:21-22), which starts in verse 39 of Daniel 11, gold will have value.

Now, understand that Germany has been repatriating gold — and even did so ahead of schedule. Other European nations such as the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Belgium, and Hungary have been or are in the process of repatriating gold and/or increasing their gold reserves as well.

Furthermore, Russia and China have greatly increasing their gold reserves.

Russia, Turkey, and China have been looking to use gold for trade to bypass the USA dollar.

While the price of gold will likely have ups and downs in 2022 (it hit an all-time high in August 2020), gold will have value after the USA dollar does not.

15. Unrest, Terror, and the Dividing of the USA

There have been many protests in the USA.

Some protested racial, economic, and policing matters. Some have called for a “civil war.”

The Bible prophesies, “There shall be terror within” (Deuteronomy 32:25).

Will that happen to the USA?

Yes.

Jesus taught:

25 Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. (Matthew 12:25)

We are seeing more divide in the USA and parts of it certainly appear to be intentional. Much of it is ideological. The USA is becoming less and less united and more polarized.

In 2021, US President Joe Biden rescinded “Donald Trump’s travel bans on travellers from 13 countries, most either majority-Muslim or African nations.”

That travel ban specifically included Syrians.

Notice the following from the Book of Isaiah:

8 The Lord sent a word against Jacob, And it has fallen on Israel. 9 All the people will know — Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria — ... 11 Therefore the Lord shall set up The adversaries of Rezin against him, And spur his enemies on, 12 The Syrians before and the Philistines behind; And they shall devour Israel with an open mouth. (Isaiah 9:8-9, 11-12)

Syrian refugees are a potential problem. The Bible clearly is prophesying problems from Syrians and Palestinians. And this would be expected to include terrorism. While Donald Trump slowed down the flow of Islamic migrants to the USA, there are already many here — and under Biden-Harris more look to come (particularly from Afghanistan). And while most are not immediate terrorist threats, biblically some will become active terrorists.

The old Worldwide Church of God (WCG) taught:

Many nations make no bones about their connections to terrorist groups. Syria, Libya, Iraq and South Yemen all see no objection in directly aiding terrorism. (Taylor D. *TERRORISM the Worst Is Yet to Come!* Plain Truth, May 1984)

And yes, more terror is prophesied to hit the USA. The same is true for Australia, Canada, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom.

16. Europe Will Work to Reorganize

The Bible shows that Europe will have problems with truly being united:

41 Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay. 42 And as the toes of the feet were partly of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly fragile. 43 As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. (Daniel 2:41-43)

Expect to see problems, as well as opportunities, with European unity in 2022.

Despite problems, the Bible also shows that Europe will reorganize:

12 The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. 13 These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. (Revelation 17:12-13)

Various ones are calling for a version of that in Europe. Even Pope Francis has called for Europe to be creative and think beyond national boundaries.

Back in 2011, Ursula von der Leyen (who was elected as the new EU Commission President in 2019) said: "My aim is a united states of Europe."

The idea of a United States of Europe has been something that Church of God leaders have written about for decades. United Europe will appear for a time, even though Ursula von der Leyen backed off her statement in 2019.

The prophesied reorganizations in Revelation 17:12-13 will not happen in 2022, but expect calls to reorganize Europe and improve European unity.

17. Europe Will Develop its Military

The Bible shows that Europe will become a major military power:

24 He shall enter peaceably, even into the richest places of the province; and he shall do what his fathers have not done, nor his forefathers: he shall disperse among them the plunder, spoil, and riches; and he shall devise his plans against the strongholds, but only for a time. 25 He shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the South with a great army. (Daniel 11:24-25)

40 ... the king of the North shall come ... with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships ... (Daniel 11:40)

Notice that the 'he', which is the King of the North European power, will first seem peaceful, but will end up having a lot of naval ships and a great army!

Europe is working on developing its own army. It even has an umbrella structure called PESCO (PERmanent Structured COoperation). Nearly all the EU nations are officially part of PESCO. The plan is to develop military technology and a unified European military.

The withdrawal of USA troops from Afghanistan has led to more calls by European leaders to have a more effective, and unified, military.

One that is independent of the USA.

Furthermore, Europe has been working on technology, like the Large Hadron Collider and its Galileo satellite system, in order to give it capabilities independent of the USA.

Germany will take steps to promote a stronger military.

While most do not believe that Europe can or ever will destroy the USA, consider the following prophecies:

5 "Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger And the staff in whose hand is My indignation. 6 I will send him against an ungodly nation, And against the people of My wrath I will give him charge, To seize the spoil, to take the prey, And to tread

them down like the mire of the streets. 7 Yet he does not mean so, Nor does his heart think so; But it is in his heart to destroy, And cut off not a few nations. ... 11 As I have done to Samaria and her idols, Shall I not do also to Jerusalem and her idols?’ 12 Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Lord has performed all His work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, that He will say, “I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his haughty looks.” (Isaiah 10:5-7,11-12)

39 Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain. (Daniel 11:39)

In Isaiah 10, the reference to ‘Assyria’ is pointing to a German - Dominated European power in the 21st century. The reference to ‘Samaria’ is pointing to the USA in the 21st century.

Related to Daniel 11:39, consider that in the 21st century, it is the USA with the strongest fortresses. The power with the strongest fortresses will be taken over by the European Beast power. Technology, as well as deception, will be factors in the military takeover of the USA.

This will cause the world to marvel:

3 And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. 4 So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?” (Revelation 13:3-4)

People will be shocked when Europe shows it is a militarily successful power. It is now taking steps that will lead to the fulfillment of various warring prophecies.

But it is too soon for the USA to be taken over in 2022. There are still other events (like the confirmation of the deal of Daniel 9:27) that still must take place first (cf. Matthew 24:4-16).

With Europeans concerned about the USA and NATO, expect more steps by the EU to develop a powerful military. Ursula von der Leyen has also called for that.

18. Steps Towards the Formation of the King of the South Will Occur

The formation of the King of the South is something to look out for.

Psalm 83 prophesies a confederacy:

3 They have taken crafty counsel against Your people,
And consulted together against Your sheltered ones.

4 They have said, “Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation,
That the name of Israel may be remembered no more.”

5 For they have consulted together with one consent;

They form a confederacy against You:

6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites;
Moab and the Hagrites;

7 Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek;
Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;

8 Assyria also has joined with them;
They have helped the children of Lot. (Psalm 83:3-8)

Most of the peoples listed above are currently in the Middle East and North Africa, with the exception of Assyria — which is mainly in Europe.

Notice that a deal is alluded in Daniel 11 and will be broken:

15 ... the king of the North ... 25 ... the king of the South ... 27 Both these kings’ hearts shall be bent on evil, and they shall speak lies at the same table; but it shall not prosper, for the end will still be at the appointed time. (Daniel 11:15,25,27)

So, these powers will have made lying deals.

After the USA is taken over (Daniel 11:39), they will then turn on each other:

40 “At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through. 41 He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but

these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. 42 He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. 43 He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels. (Daniel 11:40-43)

US and European politicians have called for a confederation or coalition of nations in the Middle East and North Africa to suppress terrorism as well as deal with migrant issues.

Saudi Arabia, Egypt, and others have taken steps that will help the ultimate formation of the King of the South. There now is a military alliance among most Muslim nations in the Middle East and North Africa. There has even been a call from the USA for Middle East-North Africa 'Arab NATO'. The Bible tells of a coming confederacy coming to those lands.

While the confederacy is not expected be fully formed in 2022, watch for events that will point in its direction. A King of the South will arise, be involved in some deals, later do damage, and later be destroyed (see also Ezekiel 30:1-8).

19. The Time of the Gentiles will Lead to Armageddon

The New Testament teaches:

24 ... Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. (Luke 21:24)

2 But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months. (Revelation 11:2)

More Gentile - Dominated groups and projects are appearing to get the world to move away from an Anglo - American dominated world order. Basically, part of the objective of the BRICS, EAEU (Eurasian Economic Union), Shanghai Cooperation Organization, and even the European Union is to establish a new world order — one no longer dominated by the USA and its Anglo-Saxon allies, like the UK.

Some few years after that new order is in place in

Europe, Eurasian powers will take military steps against it:

16 Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. 17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. (Revelation 9:16-17)

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. 15 "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame." 16 And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon. (Revelation 16:13-16)

It is only a force which includes significant involvement with Asia that could put together an army so massive in the 21st century. Actually, when the above was written in the 1st century, there were not even believed to be that many males on planet Earth. But there are clearly enough now.

Consider, further, that with its One Belt, One Road (AKA Silk Road) project, China is working on making roads that will transport troops to Armageddon. China has over 60 nations involved and, on an inflation - Adjusted basis, is expected to pour ten times the amount of money into this than the USA did for its Marshall Plan, which mainly helped 6 European nations.

The gathering of Armageddon will not happen in 2022, but some events to make that gathering happen will.

20. Jews Ready to Sacrifice

The Bible teaches the following:

27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week;
But in the middle of the week

He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.
And on the wing of abominations shall be one
who makes desolate,
Even until the consummation, which is
determined,
Is poured out on the desolate. (Daniel 9:27)
31 And forces shall be mustered by him, and
they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then
they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and
place there the abomination of desolation.
(Daniel 11:31)

Now, in order for the sacrifices to stop, they must start.

Essentially, since the destruction of Jerusalem and what is called the Second Temple in A.D. 70, the Jews stopped sacrificing animals.

Some claim that this will require what is called a Third Temple in Jerusalem. Biblically, the Jews do NOT need a rebuilt Temple to sacrifice. They only need an altar, a qualified priest, and implements.

Groups like the Temple Institute and Reconstituted Sanhedrin claim to have all of that.

Notice that the Bible recorded the following:

6 From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto the LORD. But the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not yet laid. (Ezra 3:6)

One may argue that since it takes the participation of Jewish religious leaders in order for Jewish animal sacrifices to be resumed, that the above scripture is a moot point.

As it turns out, representatives of both the Sanhedrin and the Temple Institute have told me that they only need government permission to sacrifice, as they are basically otherwise prepared.

They did a trial sacrifice to cleanse a new altar on December 10, 2018. Israeli politics are such that one day, probably to form a coalition government, a strongly pro-sacrifice political party will get the concessions it wants to resume regular sacrifices.

So, despite what may happen in Jerusalem with the area called the Temple Mount, the Jews will one day reinstitute animal sacrifices and they do not need a Third Temple to do that (cf. Ezra 3:6).

21. Totalitarian Steps

The 13th chapter of the Book of Revelation tells about a totalitarian leader called the Beast rising up and controlling buying and selling (cf. Revelation 13:16-18).

But he does more than that. He and the Antichrist (also, verse 11, called the “beast coming up out from the earth”) also tries to control worship.

During 2021, governments around the world imposed new limits on buying and selling as well as travel and worship. Never in the history of humanity have so many governments imposed so many totalitarian steps so quickly.

This is helping set the stage for the rise of the Beast who will gain power after the 4th seal of Revelation (which is the ride of the pale horse of death) is opened.

While many totalitarian steps are expected to be relaxed in 2022, government planners and others are feeling justified to consider more in the future. And more will come in the future. We may see various new totalitarian steps implemented and/or proposed in 2022. But even if such moves are not public, many are becoming more accepting of totalitarian steps.

Totalitarian will grip Europe and much of the planet around the time that the USA is no more.

22. The Fulfillment of Matthew 28:19-20 and Matthew 24:14

Jesus taught:

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20)

In the Continuing Church of God sermons, I have gone over everything that the Bible records that Jesus spoke in the New Testament.

Additionally, this is something I instructed our ministers in Africa and Europe to do while visiting them in Nairobi, Kenya in February 2017.

We also have made literature available, not only on the internet, but in printed form and in multiple languages.

Jesus also taught:

14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. 15 “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. 17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. 18 And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. 19 But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! 20 And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. 21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened. (Matthew 24:14-22)

Notice that the Great Tribulation happens after Matthew 24:14 has been fulfilled to God’s satisfaction.

In the Continuing Church of God, we have a booklet, The Gospel of the Kingdom of God, available in over 100 languages. They can be found at ccog.org.

The late artist Andy Warhol was known for getting the idea out that people are entitled to their ‘fifteen minutes of fame’.

The Apostle Paul wrote that God would have a short work:

28 For He will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness, Because the Lord will make a short work upon the earth. (Romans 9:28)

In the Continuing Church of God, we are preparing for this through the development of articles and booklets, and in numerous languages.

We believe that when we publicly identify the coming King of the North and explain that he is pushing a false peace and false gospel, and that he will destroy the USA and its Anglo-Saxon dominated allies, as well as an Islamic power, that media attention will be focused on us and what we teach.

This will be the short work, and will lead to the fulfillment of Matthew 24:14.

Are you going to watch or support the work?

Jesus praised the Philadelphians for their work (Revelation 3:7-13), while condemning the Laodicean Christians for being lukewarm about the work (Revelation 3:14-22).

But when will the end come?

When God determines that Matthew 24:14 has been fulfilled, and we of the Continuing Church of God continue to diligently work on this.

Summary

Many events we have seen in the 21st century align with a proper understanding of Bible prophecy.

Notice what Jesus said:

33 Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. 34 It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. 35 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming — in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning — 36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch! (Mark 13:33-37)

This article has given you at least 22 things to watch for in 2022

Should You Be Woke?



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By Bob Thiel

Many people in the media, government, academia, and general public consider themselves to be ‘woke’?

What is “woke”? Dictionary.com defines woke as follows:

adjective, Slang.(often used in the phrase stay woke)

having or marked by an active awareness of systemic injustices and prejudices, especially those related to civil and human rights:

While all should support human rights and be aware of various injustices and prejudices, sadly many who consider themselves woke support aspects of social injustice, racism, and violation of human rights. Furthermore, the woke crowd does not tend to properly support religious rights as well as various other individual rights.

Many people go along with them because the woke crowd because they are afraid they will be embarrassed or somehow harmed by standing for the truth when it goes against the ‘consensus of experts.’

Well, this is fine when the woke actually are experts and they are actually right.

But this is not fine when they are wrong. Even in the Apostle Paul’s day, he had to warn about, “oppositions of science falsely so called” (1 Timothy 6:20). Yes, just

because something is called ‘science’ does not mean that it is science or even true.

One story I like to tell in the 21st century about people who went along with the crowd was written by Hans Christian Anderson in the early 19th century.

Here is a summary of the story from Wikipedia:

“The Emperor’s New Clothes” ... is a short tale written by Danish author Hans Christian Andersen, about two weavers who promise an emperor a new suit of clothes that they say is invisible to

those who are unfit for their positions, stupid, or incompetent — while in reality, they make no clothes at all, making everyone believe the clothes are invisible to them. When the emperor parades before his subjects in his new “clothes”, no one dares to say that they do not see any suit of clothes on him for fear that they will be seen as stupid. Finally a child cries out, “But he isn’t wearing anything at all!” (The Emperor’s New Clothes, Wikipedia, accessed 06/01/19)

Why mention this now?

First of all, it seems to confirm the view everyone has self - Doubts and often will like to rely on the crowd.

But consider that the ‘crowd’ is currently wrong on many matters.

Furthermore, deceit from leaders/experts is part of Satan’s plan to discredit the Bible and biblical morality. The Bible itself warns that if the children of Israel sinned and did not repent, the following would happen:

12 ... Those who lead you cause you to err, And destroy the way of your paths. (Isaiah 3:12)

16 For the leaders of this people cause them to err, And those who are led by them are destroyed. (Isaiah 9:16)

Since multiple millions of the physical descendants of Israel reside in the United States and we are getting close to the end, it is interesting to note that the above prophecies have already been fulfilled, to a degree, in the past 50 or so years. But they have worsened lately.

In general, the 'woke' crowd, which normally includes most of the major media, asserts the following are true:

1. Life does not begin at conception.
2. People cannot change their sexual orientation, and should not be helped if they want it to change.
3. Racists can only (or mainly) be white caucasians.
4. Life originally spontaneously generated.
5. Believing in a supernatural creation is unscientific.
6. Gender is fluid.
7. Heterosexual intercourse should not be considered as normal.
8. Pornography is harmless free speech.
9. The Bible is a book in the same category as the Qu'ran or I Ching.

But they are wrong on each of those points.

1. All biologists realize that a new life starts at conception. And in the case of human beings, the new life is human. Consider that since the ovum will be discarded by a women's body if not fertilized and all sperm cells from a man's body die except the one(s) that fertilize, a new life does not start before conception. And because the fertilized egg does not change into a non-human, it does not become a human life after conception — it was one from conception.
2. There are reports from many people that they changed their "sexual orientation" and/or stopped committing sexual immorality. Furthermore, that was the case even in New Testament times as the Apostle Paul wrote:
- 9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor

sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

3. Racism has existed throughout human history and it has not been limited to one racial group. Only by ignoring historical facts can one conclude otherwise. Furthermore, I have confirmed this with my own personal experience. Before marriage, I have had roommates of African, Hispanic, Caucasian, and Asia ethnicity and can speak from experience on that.

The Bible also shows that Christians are not to take the position that one race is better than the other. At least three times the Apostle Paul made that clear. Here is one of those times:

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (Galatians 3:28-29)

As far as science goes, even Charles Darwin made an interesting admission in his book, *The Origin of the Species*:

If it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down. (Darwin C. *The Origin of Species*. In Chapter 6, Difficulties on Theory. Cricket House Books LLC, 2010, p. 124)

And although Darwin did not believe that was demonstrated to his satisfaction when he wrote that, the truth is that cellular life was simply much more complex than he at that time realized (DNA was discovered shortly after he wrote the above).

But most of the modern 'educated' act contrary to biological reality. The shadow of

the Emperor story is manifest today.

4. Spontaneous generation of original life is impossible. Notice a concurring statement from Nobel Prize winner Dr. George Wald, from Harvard University related to the origin of life:

The reasonable view was to believe in spontaneous generation (life from nothing); the only alternative, to believe in a single, primary act of supernatural creation. There is no third position ... One has only to contemplate the magnitude of this task to concede that the spontaneous generation of a living organism is impossible. (Scott I. The God Solution: Are You Ready? Xlibris Corporation, 2013, p. 41)

Believing something that is impossible is not scientific.

5. Thus, the acceptance of a supernatural creation (Genesis 1) is the only scientific option according to statements like the above. The fact that there was no past eternity of matter is also consistent with that.

Nothing did NOT become something or everything on its own, despite people who call themselves scientists asserting that some version of that lie is so.

The Bible warns:

22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,
23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man — and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. (Romans 1:22-23)

The above covers evolutionist and certain other woke positions.

6. While feelings are fleeting and can be fluid, gender is not. Jesus stated that God made humans male and female (Matthew 19:4), which is consistent with the biological fact that in over 99.99% of the cases, 100% of the chromosomes of a woman are XX and 100% of the chromosomes of a man are XY. Surgeries, hormone injections, and feelings

do not change the scientific facts. There are also brain, structural, and other differences as well.

Furthermore, a study by Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science, "looked closely at around 20,000 protein - Coding genes, sorting them by sex and searching for differences in expression in each tissue. They eventually identified around 6,500 genes with activity that was biased toward one sex or the other in at least one tissue, adding to the already major biological differences between men and women." Those differences are not fluid.

7. Heterosexual intercourse is how all people after Adam and Eve and into the late 20th century came to be born. As well as the overwhelming majority of people in the 21st century were conceived to be born. That is normal. The woke crowd tends to not like to admit that as they feel it implies that other forms of sexuality that that Bible condemns are also normal. They are not. The Bible only condone sexual relations between a male married to a female.
8. While certain courts in the USA have declared that pornography is free speech and basically harmless, that is not the case. Pornography is about making money promoting lust. Many studies have shown that it is harmful for both males and females. It should be condemned by those interested in a just and better society.

The Bible warns:

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; 32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them. (Romans

1:20-32)

9. The woke crowd does not want people to think that the Bible is the word of God. If they acknowledged that it was, then they would have to change their position on many matters. So, instead they try to basically say it is a cultural book that is unreliable, not written when it was, and that it is basically a document of men. They also do not wish to pay attention to its warnings or other prophecies. If so, they would have to change.

The Bible warns:

2 You shall not follow a crowd to do evil;
(Exodus 23:2)

That does NOT mean that YOU have to publicly speak against them every time you encounter them:

13 Therefore the prudent keep silent at that time, For it is an evil time. (Amos 5:13)

Woke-type people were prophesied for these days:

12 There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes,

Yet is not washed from its filthiness.

13 There is a generation — oh, how lofty are their eyes!

And their eyelids are lifted up. (Proverbs 30:12-13)

How do you know what is true?

The Bible teaches:

160 The entirety of Your word is truth, (Psalm 119:160)

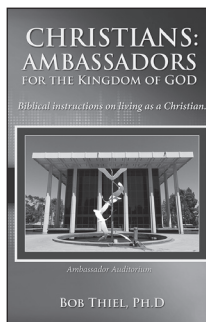
4 Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. (Romans 3:4)

Believe the word of God.

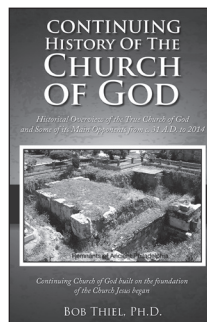
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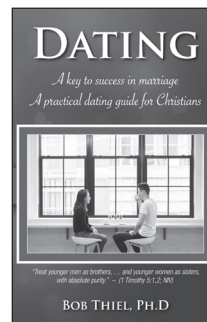
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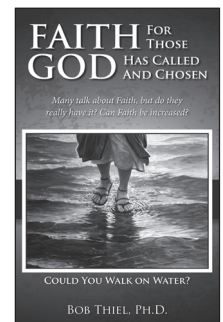
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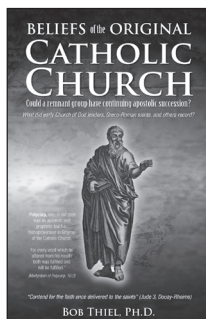
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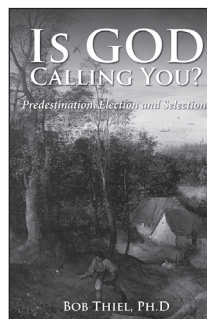
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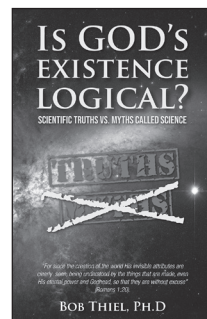
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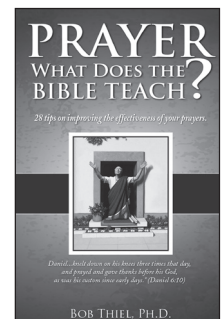
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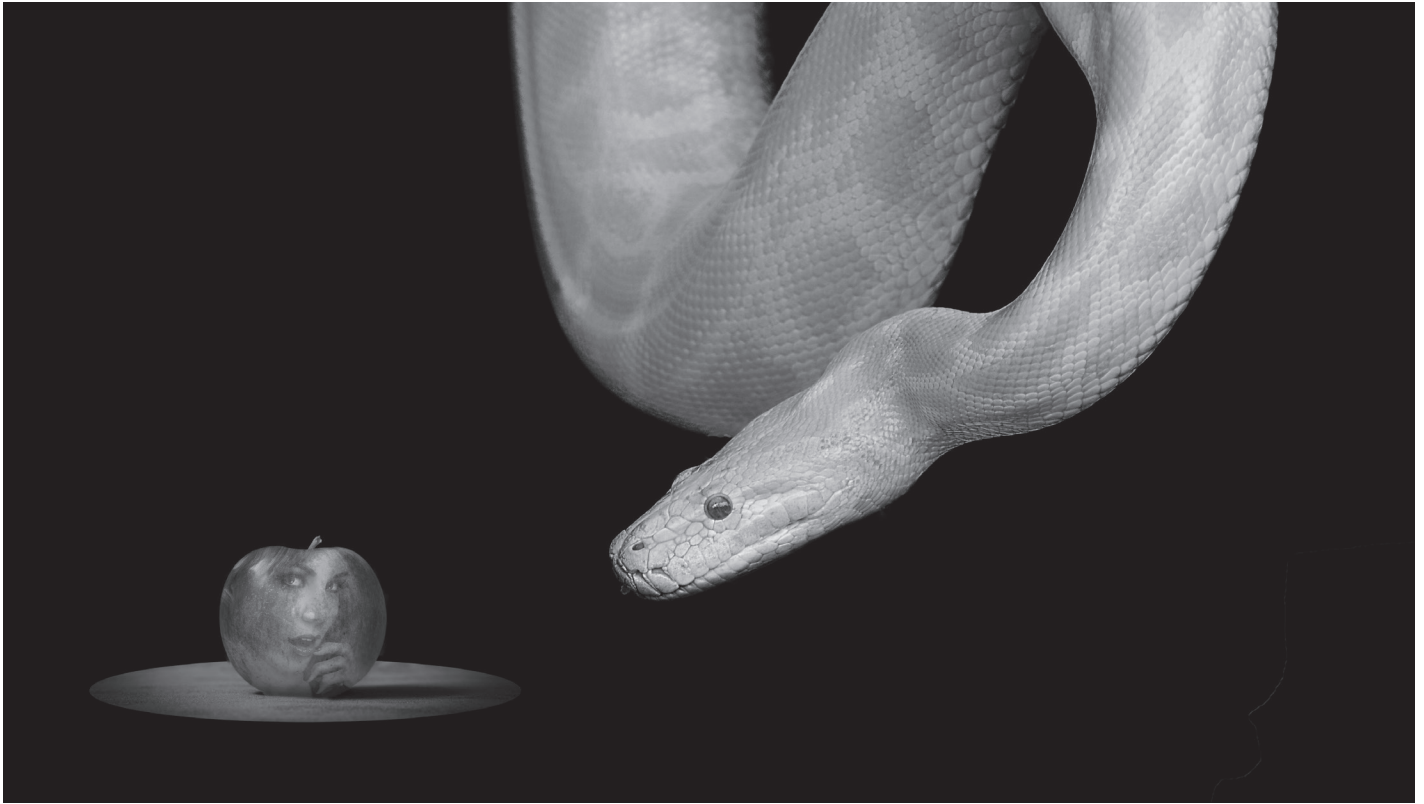


Is God's Existence Logical?



Prayer: What Does the Bible Teach?

How You Could Be Tempted Without Knowing It



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YOU may right now be tempted of Satan — and yet be totally unaware of it. You may even have yielded to his temptation — be sinning — and not know it!

Here's How

Deceived people do not know they are deceived. Christians are warned not to be deceived. This warning would not be necessary if Christians never could be deceived. But this warning is necessary because you may be caught off guard and get into a wrong spirit or attitude without knowing it! Before we were converted Satan had deceived each one of us in one way or another.

In fact he has deceived the whole world (Revelation 12:9) and has blinded the minds of all unbelievers (2

Corinthians 4:3-4). Just how has he done this? Not only by the false religions of this world, that appear right. Or by politics aid wholly governments. Or by secret societies, lodges, fraternities and by “false science.” But above all, he deceived each of us by appealing to our vanity, to our lusts, and our carnal desires.

He, before we were converted, led us to ACCUSE OUR NEIGHBORS AND TALK BEHIND THE BACKS OF OTHERS. Or the devil let us become dejected, discouraged, seduced us to want to quit living! Yet he made it appear to be the right thing to do. We have all done what seems right to a man (Proverbs 14:12).

But has Satan found since our conversion that he is no longer able to deceive us?

No! Many of you, unaware of Satan's devices and wiles, are perhaps being caught off guard and yet you may not even know it! We need to learn of these satanic devices, and not be ignorant of them.

The apostle Paul was not ignorant of Satan nor his devices, as we read: "For we are not ignorant of his devices" (Revelation 2: 11). Yet some in God's Church still are!

Spiritual Warfare

Everyone has problems. At times some blame God or even brethren in the Church for these problems.

We are not in a physical battle only, but in a spiritual battle. The apostle Paul explains it in Ephesians 6:12: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness (that is wicked spirits) in high places."

The apostle Paul recognized Satan's devices and he knew when Satan hindered him. We have an example of this in 1 Thessalonians 2:18. Here Paul mentions that "Satan hindered us."

When Satan hinders us today, we often blame physical conditions only. Some who are delayed or prevented from going to Church on the Sabbath, or to one of the Holy Days, blame the weather, financial problems, car trouble, or a host of other things. Satan is not recognized as a hindrance.

Yet Satan is angry with our Church as the apostle John reveals in Revelation 12: 12. Here is God's Church, the Church that keeps the commandments of God, and has the testimony of Jesus Christ. Satan is not angry with those who are still deceived by his many devices, but he is angry with you and with me. He is angry with the Church of God. He knows that he has but a short time left. He will do all he can to hinder this work, to hinder any of those in God's Church. It is his desire to sift us as wheat too (Luke 22:31), or to divide us against each other.

Signs of Satan

Just what are the signs or fruit of Satan's work? We can recognize the work of God by the fruits. They are the fruits of the Holy Spirit of God. But the fruits of Satan are entirely different. One of the "fruits" of Satan is found in Revelation 12:10. He is here called the accuser of our brethren. He accuses the saints before God, day and night. But Satan does not stop there. He also accuses us to each other.

An example of Satan's accusation is found in Zechariah 3:1. "And he showed me Joshua the High Priest standing before the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him."

In this place, the RSV renders the word "resist" with accuse. A Lexicon will bring out this fact. Satan was here, not only resisting Joshua the High Priest, but he was accusing him. Here was Satan at his usual business of accusing the brethren. Satan does not appear in bodily form to accuse us before our brethren. If he did, Christians would not be deceived by his devices. They would then know that the lies were coming from Satan. Instead, Satan puts thoughts in the mind against a brother. They appear very logical and right in every respect. The thought of accusation seems entirely correct, and yet it has been devised by "the Father of lies." He has twisted the facts in our minds so that they appear logical and right. Yet in almost 99 times out of 100, these accusations are completely wrong, and without actual basis.

Here is another example of Satan and his accusations. Way back in the garden of Eden, he said (Genesis 3: 1) "Hath God said."

Here Satan accused God. He was imputing wrong motives to God. He wanted Eve to think that God had made a mistake, or was unreasonable, or had not given due consideration to the problems of Adams and Eve. It appeared right in every respect to Eve. She was deceived, and yet she was wrong!

Has a thought ever come to your mind about a brother, "Hath your brother said certain things?" If so, he had a wrong motive, your mind will reason, influenced by Satan or his demons. He was sinning. Satan may even use scripture as he did to Christ in the 4th chapter of Luke. He may twist scripture in accusing your brother before you.

You may think it is impossible for Satan to put such thoughts in your mind, but let's see what the scriptures say about this. Notice 1 Chronicles 21: 1 "And Satan stood up against Israel and provoked David to number Israel." Notice, Satan stood up against Israel. He is standing up against God's Church today, against you and me! Satan provoked David to number Israel, a great sin in God's sight.

And how did he do it?

He first had to put a thought in David's mind. This thought appeared right and logical to David. It was a way that seemed right to him. There were probably 1,001 reasons why it was the right thing to do, and yet it was wrong, it was sin. Satan still does this today! Are you aware of such devices?

Another example is in John 13:2. Notice, Satan put it into the "heart" of Judas. It must have seemed logical and right to Judas, so Judas too was deceived by the lies and logic of Satan the Devil. When accusations come to our mind against a brother, they appear logical and reasonable. Satan would not make them appear any other way. We may have such accusations come to our mind against a brother, against God's ministers, or against the Church as a whole. But they are almost always wrong.

Satan or his demons put wrong thoughts in our minds. Instead of putting these thoughts out immediately, some continue to think about it and dwell upon it. Then this idea within us grows and brings forth fruit — sin and evil. Instead of bringing every thought into captivity, our thoughts take us captive (2 Corinthians 10:5).

If a thought of accusation comes to your mind against a brother, you should put it out of your mind immediately, unless you are certain that the person involved is sinning. Then if you believe that the person is sinning, you must go to him and point out his fault immediately (Matt. 18:13-17).

Another Device

Another very effective device of Satan is discouragement. If we are obedient to God in everything and yet become hopelessly discouraged, Satan has won his battle. He has caused some to come to the point where they no longer even wanted to live — where they felt it would be better to die, since that would give them rest from their problems, than to continue on under such a terrific load.

The book of Job gives us some valuable lessons on this.

Notice what happened. In the first chapter it is recorded that Satan appeared before God. God asked Satan if he had considered His servant Job. God pointed out the good points in Job, how that

there was none like him on the earth, a perfect and an upright man that feared God and shunned evil. Is that the way we do, when we look at our brother in the Church? Do we look at the good points, or do we follow the example of Satan? He accused Job, saying, "Doth Job fear God for nought?" Here was Satan at his job of accusing!

You know the result of this accusation. Satan afflicted Job with severe boils or ulcers, and this, after he had taken everything away from Job.

Now if you were in the place of Job, what would you say? Would you say "God is punishing me?" Or would you say "Satan is hindering me?" When troubles beset you, are you quick to blame God for it instead of acknowledging that Satan and his demons are fighting against you, or that you may be suffering from your own carnal sins.

In the 3rd chapter of Job we find how discouraged Job became. He was sorry for the day that he was born, wishing he had never been born. He said that he would like to receive death, since in death there is rest.

Have you ever felt like that?

If so, you can be sure that Satan was at work. But, if this has ever happened to you, did you think it was Satan that caused it, or did you blame the physical circumstances involved only? It is time to be aware of these Satanic devices.

It is absolutely necessary that we recognize the works of Satan and his demons. Otherwise, how can we fight against them? Then, when we recognize that our warfare is with these unclean spirits, we should follow the examples and instructions given in the Bible.

Christ commanded Satan to get behind Him (Matthew 16:23). Most of us are afraid of Satan and his demons and yet the exact opposite should be so!

Notice James 4:7 "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the Devil and he will flee from you."

Have you resisted Satan when he came against you? Or did you shrink back in fear, letting Satan win the victory?

How to Fight

The apostle Paul actually says the same thing, notice Ephesians 4:27 “Neither give place to the devil.”

In other words, don't give in, or fall backward in your warfare against Satan. Satan is going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he can devour, and he is devouring many by his deceit, by his accusations, and by his lies. Peter tells us, “Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.” (1 Peter 5:9).

Are you resisting, and are you steadfast in the faith? Finally, we must put on the whole armour of God (Ephesians 6:13). Remember, you have the whole armour of God? (Ephesians 6:14-18).

Do you have the truth of God, or are you still somewhat deceived by your former teachings? Do you have the righteousness which is obedience to God?

Do you have the “true gospel,” which is the gospel of peace, or one of strife and trouble?

Do you have faith? You must have it in order to fight off these wicked spirits. You must have the helmet of salvation, or complete repentance of your sins, baptism, and God's Holy Spirit.

Then you must have the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God, not just by carrying your Bible with you, but making God's word a very part of your being. You must study and learn what it says and then obey it. In addition to all of these things, you must pray always — and watch!

You must watch world events; you must be ever

watchful for the work of Satan and his demons. The only way that you will be able to recognize these works are by the fruits of what is happening. With this armour, and firm resistance, you will win your battle over Satan and his demons.

If you lack in any of these “weapons,” cry out to God, ask him in faith believing and he will supply what you lack or need. YOU need to be aware that the accusations which may come to your mind, are probably used by Satan or his demons. You need to put these wrong thoughts out immediately, bringing them into captivity.

Do not become discouraged through the work of Satan. As you look back now, you may see where Satan has used you, with his lies and accusations. You may have falsely accused your brother in your mind, even possibly telling others. That is behind now.

You should not be deceived any longer. You should recognize this Satanic device and not be deceived by it again.

Can you now say with the apostle Paul — “We are not ignorant of Satan or his devices?”

Editors note: Keep the following scriptures in mind:

32 Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. (Luke 12:32)

4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. (1 John 4:4)

7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)

STUDY THE BIBLE COURSE

Preface: This course is highly based upon the personal correspondence course developed in 1954 that began under the direction of the late C. Paul Meredith in the old Radio Church of God. Various portions have been updated for the 21st century (though much of the original writing has been retained). It also has more scriptural references, as well as information and questions not in the original course. Unless otherwise noted, scriptural references are to the NKJV, copyright Thomas Nelson Publishing, used by permission. The KJV, sometimes referred to as the Authorized Version is also often used. Additionally, Catholic - Approved translations such as the New Jerusalem Bible (NJB) are sometimes used as are other translations.

TEST NUMBER FIVE

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This examination is given to help you better understand your Bible. It is related to lessons 17 through 20 of this course.

Note that there are 81 questions and that they are numbered consecutively 1, 2, 3 etc. Note also that there are four possible answers given under each question. These are labeled A, B, C, D. ONLY ONE of these four possible answers is considered to be the RIGHT one! — the other three are false unless stated otherwise.

YOU ARE TO SELECT THE ONE RIGHT ANSWER FROM AMONG THESE FOUR POSSIBLE ANSWERS.

You are to repeat this process for each of the questions asked. This comprises your test. (Generally speaking, the incorrect answers are false ideas which are taught and believed about the subject.)

Our objective is to give all who have determination to know God's Word the opportunity to understand the true meaning of the Bible.

By the answers you give to our examination questions, you help show if you have the desire to learn and are doing your best. We are here to aid just such people and we are thrilled to do so.

The final judge as to whether you know your Bible



and are living by it will be God Himself. He is the One you had better seek to please. It is HE who is able to give you eternal life.

Your eagerness to study and to make the most of your opportunity is what really counts. The exact grade you might make is not too important to you or to us. Naturally, however, we expect a somewhat high percentage of correct answers from you.

Answer as many questions as you can without referring to the previous lessons you have studied. If you find any difficult questions, then refer to the lessons. We expect you to do so!

Notice that these questions are divided into four parts — corresponding to the four lessons. We advise you not to cover more than one lesson at a sitting. Take sufficient time to understand each question.

Here are two EXAMPLES TO SHOW YOU HOW to answer the questions:

Read the first question of this test. The right answer to select, of course, is "C." Here is the second example: Notice question number 2. The correct answer is "B." That is all there is to it! It is very simple and fast.

The procedure is always the same. Now continue with question 3 in the same manner...

LESSON 17

WHAT IS SIN?

1. To receive eternal life, we must
 - A. just believe on the Lord Jesus.
 - B. follow the dictates of our conscience.
 - C. repent, believe that Jesus Christ is our Savior, and begin to keep God's commandments.
 - D. just join the church of our choice and shake the preacher's hand.
2. The law of God
 - A. is cruel, harsh and enslaving.
 - B. is the supreme, eternal, SPIRITUAL law of love.
 - C. was the Old Covenant; therefore it has been done away.
 - D. was "nailed to the cross" by Christ; therefore we don't have to keep it today.
3. In this modern age
 - A. ministers everywhere are proclaiming obedience to God's Laws.
 - B. God's spiritual laws have nothing to do with our everyday life.
 - C. only your human conscience can be a true guide to joyful living.
 - D. the world is unhappy because of our rejection and transgression of God's spiritual laws.
4. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?
 - A. The Ten Commandments are a part of the RITUALISTIC law of Moses.
 - B. The Ten Commandments are the SAME as the RITUALISTIC law of Moses.
 - C. The Ten Commandments did not exist until God gave them to Moses at Mount Sinai.
 - D. The Ten Commandments have been in full force and effect since no later than Adam.
5. Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE?
 - A. Love summarizes the supreme spiritual law of God.
 - B. Love is the fulfilling of the law.
 - C. The Holy Spirit of God imparts God's love to man.
 - D. We were BORN with the love that enables us to keep God's laws.
6. Sin is
 - A. the violation of the Ten Commandments.
 - B. something to be desired.
 - C. the keeping of the law.
 - D. the transgression of our conscience.
7. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?
 - A. Human beings instinctively know right from wrong.
 - B. Human nature teaches us right from wrong.
 - C. Our conscience tells us right from wrong.
 - D. God must REVEAL to man right from wrong.
8. God first revealed His spiritual Law to humans via
 - A. Moses at Mount Sinai.
 - B. Adam by direct teaching in the Garden of Eden.
 - C. Adam in the Garden of Eden, but it was not made binding until Mount Sinai.
 - D. in the days of Jesus.
9. The transgression of the law produces
 - A. permanent high wages.
 - B. true happiness.
 - C. suffering, sorrow, and death.
 - D. eternal life.
10. Has God given humans the right to CHOOSE whether or not we will obey His law?
 - A. Yes, it is totally up to us to decide.
 - B. No, we have no choice at all in the matter.
 - C. We don't know since this is a philosophical question.
 - D. The Bible does not reveal the answer.
11. Cain
 - A. obeyed God's laws perfectly.
 - B. loved his brother Abel.
 - C. sinned by murdering Abel.
 - D. never transgressed God's Law.
12. Was idolatry a SIN long before Moses?
 - A. Absolutely not!
 - B. There is a possibility it might have been a sin.
 - C. We can't know for sure since there is no record of it.
 - D. Yes, the Bible clearly shows that it was.
13. God
 - A. reveals that we may tell a "white lie" occasionally.

- B. reveals that the serpent deceived Eve and was punished for lying (Genesis 3:145-15, cf John 8:44)
 - C. revealed to the Israelites that they didn't have to keep His laws and commandments.
 - D. revealed only a few of His Ten Commandments before Sinai.
14. Dishonoring a parent was a sin in the days of Noah because
- A. "good common sense" revealed that it was.
 - B. God's commandments had revealed it to be so.
 - C. Noah said it was.
 - D. Noah's grandson, Canaan, said it was.
15. Adultery
- A. was encouraged by God in Joseph's time.
 - B. was committed by Joseph and Potiphar's wife.
 - C. was not imputed as sin before Moses' time.
 - D. was avoided by Joseph because he knew it was a sin.
16. Coveting
- A. was a sin being committed before the flood.
 - B. was not a sin before the flood.
 - C. is not a sin today.
 - D. is the opposite of lusting.
17. Abraham, who lived between the time of Adam and Moses,
- A. discovered God's laws accidentally.
 - B. was a lawless man.
 - C. knew nothing at all about God's laws.
 - D. was taught God's spiritual law by God's own voice.
- revealed in them.
- B. Because they reveal represent the very essence of the plan whereby God is fashioning man His supreme creation – very Sons of God to be BORN into His own Family!
 - C. So we can know that God's spiritual law has been done away since Christ's coming.
 - D. There is no particular reason.
20. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?
- A. We were born with a loving, spiritual attitude.
 - B. It is preposterous to think that God would share His very own divine nature with us.
 - C. We have a promise from God that our natures can be miraculously changed.
 - D. It would be natural for people today to love each other if there was not so much strife in the world.
21. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?
- A. Human beings, by nature, tend to be loving.
 - B. Some people say the Bible reveals that a human's natural mind is enmity toward God, but these people have read this into God's Word, since it is not there.
 - C. The natural mind is just what the Bible says it is – enmity against God.
 - D. Even though the natural mind is enmity against God, man can overcome this by his own power.
22. God
- A. requires obedience to His laws today.
 - B. no longer requires obedience to His laws since Christ came, because by then He knew that humans would never be able to keep them.
 - C. no longer abides by the principles of His laws, therefore He does not expect man to keep them either.
 - D. realizes that love of fellowman profits no one.
23. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?
- A. Humans should not surrender to God, but rather be rugged, self-willed individualists.
 - B. To surrender one's self to God would be a sure sign of weakness.
 - C. To surrender ourselves to God's calling so that He may change our nature is the only wise course of action.
 - D. The Bible teaches to lean to your own

LESSON 18

THE OLD COVENANT AND NEW COVENANT?

18. By examining your Bible, you can see that it has
- A. five major divisions.
 - B. two great/major divisions.
 - C. no divisions at all.
 - D. innumerable major divisions.
19. Why is it important to understand the PURPOSE of these two great divisions of the Bible?
- A. Certainly not because our salvation depends on how well we understand and APPLY what is

understanding as you know what is best for you.

24. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

- A. Humans will eventually EVOLVE into a superbeing similar to God.
- B. Humans can never become a member of the very Family of God.
- C. God finished His creation of human beings in the Garden of Eden.
- D. God is still in the process of creating humans SPIRITUALLY here on this earth by placing His Holy Spirit within those who repent and OBEY Him!

25. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

- A. God has allowed it to be demonstrated to humankind that it is impossible for someone, of themselves, to keep God's Royal Law of Love.
- B. God had no purpose in mind when He made the Old Covenant with the Israelites.
- C. God does not have a master plan, nor does He know the "end from the beginning."
- D. There is no relationship between the first and last parts of the Bible, and the first part is not meant to teach us a LESSON TODAY.

26. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

- A. It is not advisable to pray before you begin studying the Bible with the Study the Bible Course.
- B. Occasionally reviewing previous lessons is a recommended practice for retaining God's Word in your mind.
- C. Writing down scripture references in answer to questions does not aid retention.
- D. It is safe to accept what anyone teaches about the Bible without checking it by the scriptures.

27. A covenant is

- A. not an agreement.
- B. no one knows what it is — the dictionary does not tell us!
- C. an agreement between two or more parties.
- D. something that concerned the Old Covenant people only.

28. Death

- A. of one of the parties is involved in a covenant.

B. of the testator is not involved in a will or testament.

C. is involved in a will.

D. has nothing to do with a will or testament.

29. In a covenant between two parties,

- A. neither party has any responsibilities to perform.
- B. one party has a responsibility to perform, but the other party does not.
- C. the mention of responsibilities is carefully avoided.
- D. both parties have responsibilities to perform.

30. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

- A. God made a covenant with ancient Israel.
- B. God made a testament with ancient Israel.
- C. God made a testament and covenant with ancient Israel.
- D. God made a covenant with the ancient Gentiles.

31. Jesus never married because

- A. Jewish men of his day were always single.
- B. His mother would not approve of it.
- C. He was worried about divorce.
- D. He was symbolically married to Israel via the Old Covenant.

32. The wages of sin

- A. is an exciting and satisfying life.
- B. should be at least double the minimum wage.
- C. is death.
- D. always an abundance of gold and silver.

33. The Supreme Law of God is

- A. the rigmarole of rituals given to ancient Israel.
- B. the Royal Law of Love.
- C. non-existent — there is no such thing.
- D. nothing more than just thinking good thoughts.

34. The Royal Law of Love

- A. constitutes only one of the Ten Commandments.
- B. is of no value in a "civilized" world.
- C. has no connection with the Ten Commandments.
- D. is the SUMMARY of the Ten Commandments.

35. The people of ancient Israel were made to realize

- A. their ability to keep God's Law.
- B. God would lower His standards to meet their

- inability to keep it.
- C. their own inability to keep God's Law.
- D. that THEIR way of living contrary to God's Laws brought no punishments upon them.
36. Was Israel's failure to keep God's Law intended as a LESSON for us today.
- A. Yes, that's what the Bible says.
- B. Definitely not!
- C. God did not intend us to learn that we can't obey Him without His Holy Spirit.
- D. Since Christ came, the first part of the Bible is of no value to us today.
37. A wife is bound to her husband by the law until
- A. she thinks a better man comes around.
- B. she finds women more attractive.
- C. her death or her husband's death.
- D. for eternity.
38. Must we YEARN TO follow God's Royal Law of Love perfectly and actually STRIVE TO do so with God's help?
- A. That would be silly since God's Law is done away.
- B. It is not necessary since everyone is already following it.
- C. Yes, with all of our heart and mind!
- D. We might yearn to, but not really STRIVE to do so.
39. What was the purpose of the rigmarole of rituals God gave ancient Israel?
- A. They had no purpose whatsoever.
- B. To impress upon humans their inability to keep God's Spiritual Law of themselves, and our NEED of a Savior so we may receive God's forgiveness and His Holy Spirit.
- C. For God's amusement.
- D. They were an unjust and cruel punishment from God.
- C. the Crucifixion.
- D. the Covenant.
41. Jesus' blood of the New Covenant
- A. was actually blue in color.
- B. was shed for many for the remission of sins.
- C. should be placed on the forehead of the baptized.
- D. must be part of ordination ceremonies.
42. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?
- A. We need God's miraculous help now.
- B. We do not need God's spiritual help now, or at any other time in the future.
- C. We can place our confidence in our own human power to overcome our nature and obey God.
- D. Humans are not a free moral agents, therefore they are not free to choose to accept the miraculous help God freely offers humankind.
43. Did Christ teach we are to depend upon OUR OWN power to make ourselves eligible to enter the Kingdom of God?
- A. Yes, His teaching clearly shows that we should.
- B. He was indefinite about this point.
- C. He did not say.
- D. He emphatically warned people not to do so.
44. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?
- A. God said, "I will never make man in my image."
- B. It is presumptuous for humans to think they may become like God.
- C. It is impossible for God to make humans like Himself.
- D. God said, "Let us make man in our image."
45. What is the power that can make us a new SPIRITUAL creation?
- A. Our human physical power.
- B. The power of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Our own human mental power.
- D. We can't become a SPIRITUAL creation, for nowhere in heaven or earth can there be found a promise that we can ever be anything but just ordinary mortal human beings.
46. Which ONE is true? When we cease to exist in our present mortal state,
- A. we will be dead forever.

LESSON 19

WHY A NEW COVENANT?

40. The last major section of the Bible could properly bear the title
- A. the Apostles.
- B. the New Covenant and Testament.

- B. we will be merely angels.
 - C. we will be tortured forever in Gehenna fire.
 - D. we can be married to Christ at His coming, provided we have been begotten of God's Spirit and grown in His character before death.
47. Where was the 'fault' with the Old Covenant?
- A. With God.
 - B. The Bible does not say.
 - C. With the people.
 - D. The Bible says no one was at fault.
48. Who came to herald the terms of the New Covenant to the world?
- A. Adam.
 - B. Moses.
 - C. Matthew.
 - D. Jesus, the Christ.
49. The New Covenant offers humankind
- A. forgiveness of past sins only.
 - B. a miraculous change in nature only.
 - C. forgiveness of past sins AND a miraculous change in nature.
 - D. nothing of lasting value.
50. Are there any steps you must take in order to enter into this New Covenant with God?
- A. None at all.
 - B. Yes, just one step. Be baptized.
 - C. Yes, but changing your way of living is not necessary.
 - D. Yes — believe and repent, and be baptized.
51. The New Covenant is to be made with
- A. all nations.
 - B. the blood descendants of Israel only.
 - C. those who have lived since Christ only.
 - D. those who have firmly decided they will never change their way of life.
52. The last part of the Bible is called a testament because
- A. Christ testified against the Pharisees.
 - B. Christ testified against the Sadducees.
 - C. Christ, by means of His death, left to those who surrender themselves to God, a will — a testament — which makes them HEIRS TO the promises God made to Abraham, and spells out what they must DO NOW TO become inheritors.
 - D. by Peter's death we can now inherit the promises made to Abraham.
53. Christ will ESTABLISH the New Marriage Covenant
- A. with mortal human beings.
 - B. with those who are changed into Spirit beings at His coming — those born of God's Spirit.
 - C. with Israelites only.
 - D. with Gentiles only.
54. What should be our goal now?
- A. To live riotously and recklessly.
 - B. To prepare ourselves so we can enter the New Covenant relationship with Christ when He returns.
 - C. Not to have a goal.
 - D. To ask the first minister you meet what HE thinks about the New Covenant.
55. Did Christ come to destroy God's law?
- A. Yes, He said so!
 - B. No, He merely fulfilled it for us so we need not keep it today.
 - C. No, He came to magnify it.
 - D. The "Law" does not exist, therefore He could not destroy it.
56. To "magnify" the law means
- A. to make the law less strict.
 - B. to do away with the law.
 - C. to change the law.
 - D. to explain the spiritual intent and purpose of God's law.
57. TRUE happiness comes only from
- A. robbing the other fellow.
 - B. lusting after men and/or women.
 - C. lusting after money.
 - D. keeping God's Royal Law of Love.
58. You can obtain correct information on how to enter the New Covenant from
- A. any claimed minister.
 - B. any church or denomination.
 - C. religious pamphlets you may find on park benches.
 - D. your Bible and God's True Church.

59. Down through the ages since Christ came, which church has best represented God?

- A. The true "Church of God."
- B. The Eastern Orthodox Church.
- C. The Roman Catholic Church.
- D. The Lutheran Church.

60. Does God warn us not to receive any other spirit than His Holy Spirit?

- A. Emphatically yes!
- B. He vaguely hints at it.
- C. No, for there's no chance of that.
- D. We should pay no attention to warnings from God.

61. The headquarters of the *CONTINUING* "Church of God" is located

- A. in Geneva, Switzerland.
- B. in South America.
- C. in Chicago, Illinois.
- D. in Grover Beach, California.

Lesson 20

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ACTION!

62. The Holy Spirit is

- A. a "third person" with Christ and the Father.
- B. our "inner consciousness."
- C. the spiritual nature and power of God that we must RECEIVE from Him.
- D. the spiritual nature and power of God that we were BORN WITH.

63. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

- A. The Holy Spirit of power can only be in ONE place at a time.
- B. The Holy Spirit is the very essence of God — it is His mind, nature and power.
- C. The Holy Spirit is the THIRD person of a "trinity."
- D. The Holy Spirit is a figment of the imagination.

64. As a result of Adam's sin,

- A. God immediately made the Holy Spirit available to all humankind.
- B. almost all of humankind was cut off from access to the POWER of God's Spirit until Christ came.
- C. Satan thwarted forever God's plan of salvation for humankind.
- D. he became far happier by going his own way

instead of God's way.

65. God promised

- A. that He would never make His Holy Spirit available for humankind again.
- B. that everyone in Old Testament times would receive the Holy Spirit and thus be "saved."
- C. that only Jesus Christ would ever receive His Spirit of power.
- D. that He would later give His Spirit of POWER to all those who would hunger and thirst for it.

66. Jesus Christ

- A. kept God's laws PERFECTLY by the POWER of the Holy Spirit within Him.
- B. was not born as human flesh and blood with carnal, sinful nature.
- C. did away with His Father's commandments.
- D. performed amazing miracles by His OWN power.

67. Christians today

- A. are to keep God's laws by their own HUMAN power.
- B. are to follow Jesus Christ's perfect example of obedience.
- C. are to keep only the LETTER of the law.
- D. cannot possess the power of the Holy Spirit so necessary to obey God.

68. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

- A. The Bible does not teach about God's SPIRITUAL law.
- B. Christ came so He could keep the law of God in our stead.
- C. We don't have to keep the SPIRITUAL law.
- D. Jesus, with human nature, was tempted in all points as we are, but was able to RESIST sinning because He had the full power of the Holy Spirit within Him.

69. What did Christ promise to send to Christians — His followers — after His ascension to heaven?

- A. Not a thing.
- B. An intensified carnal nature.
- C. The Holy Spirit of power to MIRACULOUSLY STRENGTHEN them.
- D. The Holy Spirit which would selfishly work for the good of only themselves.

70. Which ONE IS FALSE? Upon the miraculous arrival of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2,
- A. the New Testament church began.
 - B. brilliant flames of FIRE sat upon the disciples.
 - C. a sound as of a rushing mighty wind filled the house.
 - D. it did NOT MANIFEST much power.
71. The disciples' receipt of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost
- A. was of great significance to the disciples only.
 - B. is proof that we, who are mortal beings as the disciples were, can never receive the Holy Spirit today.
 - C. marked the BEGINNING of the time when God's power became available to all who would repent and be baptized in the church age.
 - D. caused them to become demon-possessed.
72. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?
- A. Peter was converted long BEFORE the Holy Spirit of POWER came.
 - B. Christ's disciples BRAVELY delivered Him from the Roman soldiers before they received the Holy Spirit.
 - C. The disciples received GREAT spiritual strength upon receiving the Holy Spirit.
 - D. There was no apparent change in Peter or the other disciples after they received God's power.
73. To what extent was the power of the Holy Spirit MANIFESTED through Peter?
- A. It wasn't.
 - B. It did not manifest very much power through him.
 - C. To the extent that just his SHADOW passing over the sick HEALED them.
 - D. It caused him to deny Christ three times.
74. Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE?
- A. God's Holy Spirit-empowered Church was established on the Day of Pentecost, shortly after Christ's death.
 - B. God's Spirit-empowered TRUE Church exists today.
 - C. The Continuing Church of God is a God's Spirit-empowered true Church.
 - D. The true Spirit-empowered Church no longer exists.
75. Man was created
- A. very good.
 - B. a perfect spiritual creation.
 - C. possessing divine spiritual power within him.
 - D. in such a manner that he could never have God's Holy Spirit placed within him.
76. God, by placing His Spirit of love and power within human beings, is in the process of creating
- A. mere automatons.
 - B. just better HUMAN BEINGS.
 - C. ultimate perfect SPIRITUAL characters and very Children of God!
 - D. angels with perfect character.
77. How must the lives of spirit - Begotten Christians become CHANGED?
- A. They must go through a "reformation" process solely brought about by their own will.
 - B. They don't have to change in any way, but just continue living in sin as before.
 - C. Their minds must be miraculously RENEWED and advanced toward perfection by the power of the Holy Spirit, thus becoming more like God's mind every day.
 - D. By resisting the changing power of the Holy Spirit.
78. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?
- A. No prior conditions need to be met before one may receive the Holy Spirit of power.
 - B. We may have direct access to the Father in heaven through the Holy Spirit.
 - C. Emotional outcries lead to the pouring of God's Spirit by those who do not keep the Commandments.
 - D. God is stingy about giving us His Holy Spirit of power.
79. The Holy Spirit of POWER we can possess
- A. will cause us to become mentally unbalanced.
 - B. is a miracle-producing dynamo which can give us mortals continual power WITHOUT further contact with God.
 - C. is the power needed for self-mastery, abundant joy, and true happiness.
 - D. will never bring us lasting happiness.

80. Which ONE of these four statements is TRUE?

- A. The Father resurrected Jesus from death to immortal life merely because he led a carnal-minded "good life."
- B. The Father raised Christ to immortality because He obeyed and the Holy Spirit resided in Jesus until death.
- C. We can expect the Father to raise us to immortality if the Holy Spirit does NOT dwell in us.
- D. The Father will raise us to immortal life as long as we had the Holy Spirit at sometime during our mortal lives.

- A. We can ultimately receive the COMPLETE use of God's tremendous power without FIRST preparing to control it now.
- B. This life is the training ground in which we are learning to RIGHTLY direct the vast Spiritual power God will give us when we are born of God.
- C. We need to have God's powerful Holy Spirit clean us up spiritually.
- D. At the resurrection we shall receive the FULL POWER and nature of God and thus be able to keep His laws perfectly FOREVER.

81. Which ONE of these four statements is FALSE?

Now That You've Finished ...

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Keep this question section. File it in your notebook at the end of the Lessons it covers. Review these questions now and then. Why? Because the review will give you the opportunity to impress the true answers more firmly upon your mind.

Also, a review of the three false answers, given here for each question will aid you to realize more clearly some of the false ideas which you may have taken for granted. You will thereby grasp and retain the truth much better when it is presented to you.

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Grade Yourself:

Simply count the number of questions you missed. Your grade percentage will be next to that number below:

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Brief Answer to a Scriptural Question



Q. What does 1 Corinthians 7:1 mean? Is it a sin to remain single?

A. The Apostle Paul wrote:

1 Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. (1 Corinthians 7:1)

Among other things, that single males should be careful about touching females.

It is NOT against marital relations as verses 2-3 make clear.

The passage is also consistent with something that the Apostle Paul wrote in the previous chapter:

18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have

from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. (1 Corinthians 6:18-20)

By having single males touching females (and we are talking about more than a simple handshake or something), this can lead to sin.

In his book, the Mystery of the Ages, the late Herbert W. Armstrong also addressed 1 Corinthians 7:

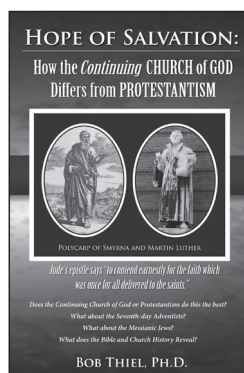
Chapter 7 continues the instruction from GOD of the true God-intended use of sex.

Notice verses 1 and 2: "Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband."

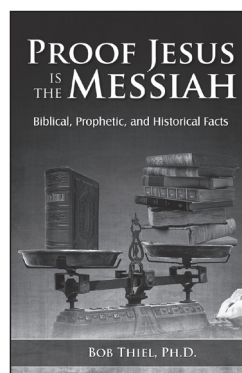
NOTICE THAT! Get its real meaning! Every man and woman should marry — but WHY? Because it is a sin to remain single? No — verse 1 says it would be good for "a man not to touch a woman" — that is, to remain free from sex, and unmarried. It is not WRONG to remain single.

It is not wrong to remain single, but touching that leads to, or may lead to, fornication, should not be done.

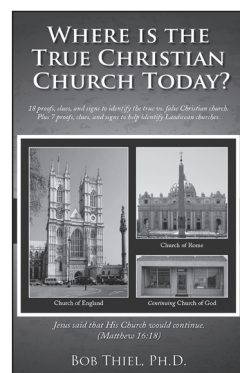
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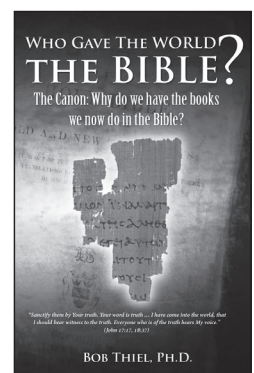
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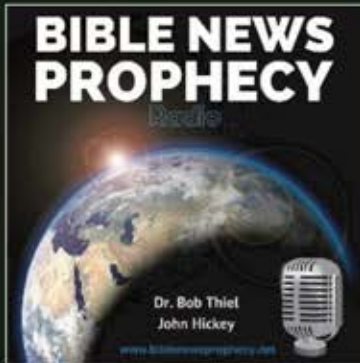
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