

COUNTDOWN TO JUDGMENT

TIME REMAINING

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DAYS

HOURS

MINUTES

SECONDS

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Calvary Chapel Portsmouth

Why Do The Wicked Prosper?

¹² Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches.

¹³ Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocence.

¹⁴ For all the day long have I been plagued, and chastened every morning.

¹⁵ If I say, I will speak thus; behold, I should offend against the generation of thy children.

Why Do The Wicked Prosper?

16 When I thought to know this,
it was too painful for me;
17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God;
then understood I their end.

Psalm 73:12-17

Judgment is Coming

- 'Judgment' occurs over 300x in the Bible
- Over 100x it points to a 'specific season of judgment'
- 'The day of the LORD' (25x)
- Isaiah speaks about this time...

The Day of the LORD

⁶ Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

⁷ Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:

⁸ And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames.

Isaiah 13:6-11

The Day of the Lord

⁹ Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

¹⁰ For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

Isaiah 13:6-11

The Day of the Lord

¹¹ And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

¹² I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

¹³ Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

Isaiah 13:6-11

The Day of the Lord

- Isaiah speaks of the coming Tribulation
- It's a time of God's wrath and judgment being poured out on a wicked, unbelieving and Christ-rejecting world
- But when will it begin?
- Jesus spoke of 'labour pains', a build up to Judgment
 - Wars, Rumours of Wars, Earthquakes, Famines, Pestilence
- But there is another Biblical indicator...
- The Church!

Judgment is Coming!

- 17 For the time *is come that* judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?
- 18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

1 Peter 4:17-18

“For the (specific) season of judgment will commence at the house of God”

- Why will it come?
- When will it come?

Why Will Judgment Come?

- 1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;
- 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

1 Timothy 4:1-2

Why Will Judgment Come?

- 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
- 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

2 Timothy 4:3-4

Why Will Judgment Come?

- 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:
- 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

2 Thess 2:11-12

When Will Judgment Come?

- 24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:
- 25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.
- 26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

Matthew 13:24-26

When Will Judgment Come?

- 27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?
- 28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?
- 29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

Matthew 13:27-29

When Will Judgment Come?

30 Let both grow together **until** the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together **first** the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Matthew 13:30

When Will Judgment Come?

- 38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;
- 39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.
- 40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

Matthew 13:38-40

When Will Judgment Come?

- 41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;
- 42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
- 43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Matthew 13:41-43

The Coming Apostasy

- Apostasy and deception are coming! (here!)
- Many will be deceived
- Many that look like true believers are growing alongside the true believers
 - Sadly, the presence of the Tares around the Wheat often stunts their growth!
 - It can even choke the life out – Matt 13:7
- As we approach the end, the Tares will be ‘grouped together’
 - The distinction between the true wheat and the tares will become more pronounced

The Coming Apostasy

- The physical tares Jesus spoke of look identical to wheat.
- It is only at the time of harvest they can be told apart, because the heads of wheat 'bow down', whereas the tares remain upright.



The Coming Apostasy



The Coming Apostasy

- 8 Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?
- 9 And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:
- 10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a *Pharisee, and the other a publican....*

Luke 18:8-10

- Jesus makes the distinction between true religion and self professed godliness

The Coming Apostasy

- All sin is bad!
- ...but that which masquerades as truth is an insidious disease!



Lessons From History



Repeating History

¹ The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 1:9

If there is one thing that history teaches us,
it's that man learns nothing from history.

Hagel

Already Revealed

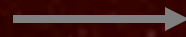
⁷ Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

Amos 3:7

Apostasy to Judgment

Enos

Gen 4:26



Flood

Gen 6-9

Cush/Nimrod

Gen 10:8-9



Babel

Gen 11:8

Molten Calf

Exodus 32

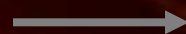


3000 died

Exodus 32:28

Balaam

Numbers 25:1-3

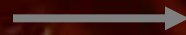


24,000 died

Numbers 25:9

Korah

Numbers 26:10

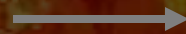


250 died

Numbers 26:10

Israel

Judges 13x

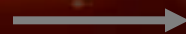


'Neighbours'

111 years in servitude

Israel / Judah

I & II Kings / I & II Chronicles



Assyria/Babylon

70 years + captivity

1 Corinthians 10:1-12

Repeating The Mistakes of the Past



Lessons To Learn

- 1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;
- 2 And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;
- 3 And did all eat the same spiritual meat;
- 4 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

1 Cor 10:1-4

Lessons To Learn

- Incredible beginning
- Amazing deliverance from bondage
- Passed through water to new life
- Sustained by the Bread of Life
- Watered by the Water of Life – Christ
- *How could anything possibly go wrong?*

Lessons To Learn

5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

6 Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

1 Cor 10:5-6

Q. What did they lust after?

A. That which was acceptable to the human palate

Q. Do you know any churches that have abandoned the bread God has provided, in favour of that which is 'acceptable' to the multitude?

Lessons To Learn

7 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

1 Cor 10:6

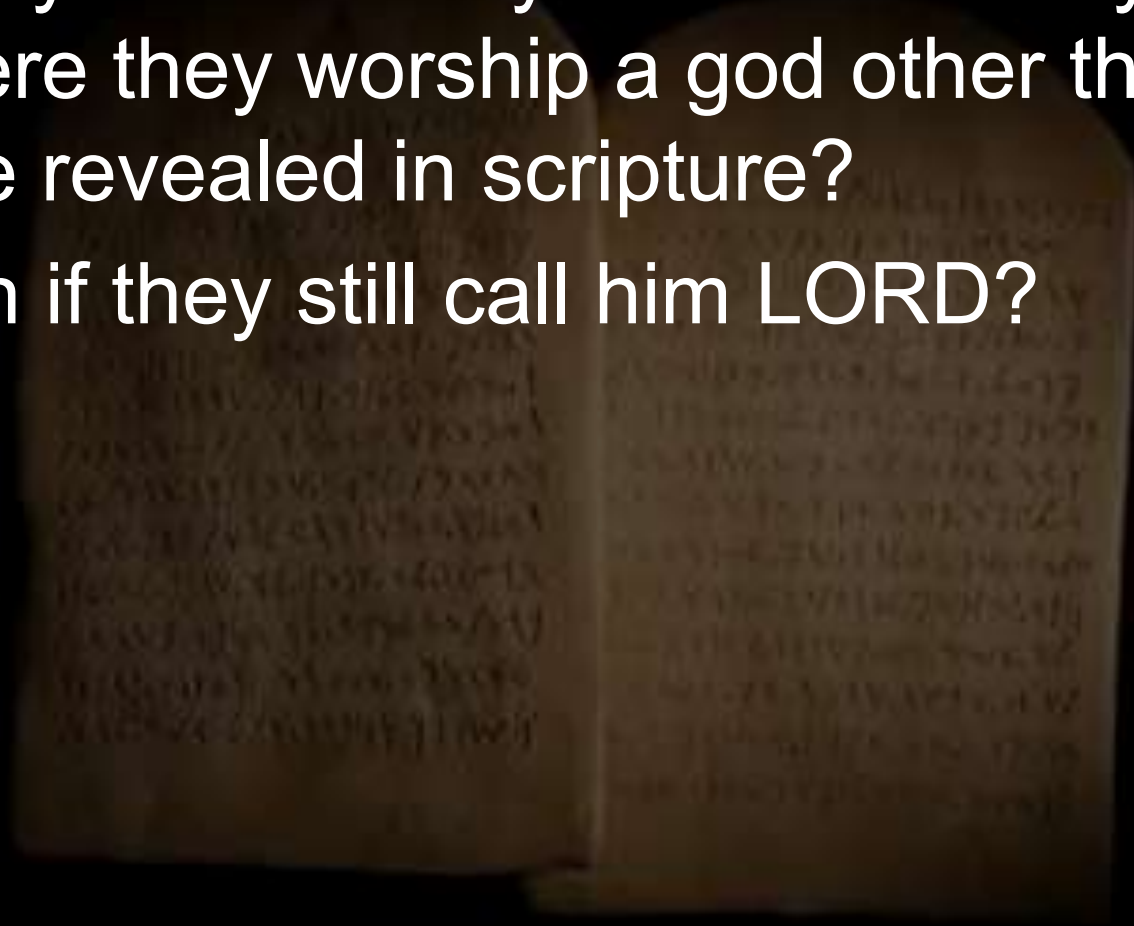
Q. What is idolatry?

2nd Commandment

- Issue of misrepresentation
- God is jealous of His name, character & attributes
- Anything that touches these is idolatry
- Idolatry –
 - making a God in your own image,
 - from your own imagination,
 - to suit your own desires
- Even if you call your god 'LORD'! (cf Ex 33)

2nd Commandment

Q. Do you know any churches today
where they worship a god other than the
One revealed in scripture?
- even if they still call him LORD?



2nd Commandment

- 'God won't send anyone to hell'
- 'God can be worshipped in the way you choose'
- 'God loves and accepts homosexuality'
- 'God would never punish His Son'
- 'God chooses to reveal Himself through 'fresh revelations' – experience is key'
- 'God says she doesn't want us to become gender exclusive'
- 'God's written word is not the be-all and end-all'

Lessons To Learn

8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

1 Cor 10:8

Q. What is fornication?

- A. An intimate relationship with someone other than the one you are espoused to
- Throughout Israel's history they committed spiritual fornication by going after (embracing) false god's

Fornication

"Standing before a crowd of devout Muslims with the Grand Mufti, I know that we're all doing God's work together... we're labouring hand in hand to repair the breach." "I believe in positive thinking. It is almost as important as the resurrection of Jesus Christ"

Robert Schuler

Fornication

Schuller's marketing methods laid the foundation for the Church Growth movement. He claims to have launched the mega-church movement through his Institute for Successful Church Leading.

“Here ministers are inspired to believe in their dreams”, says Schuller, “and to present the good news of the gospel in positive terms”

Fornication

And some of those students are well-known: Bill Hybels, previously the pastor of one of the largest churches in the United States - Willow Creek Community Church. *“Bill often said that there probably would not be a Willow Creek Church if he hadn’t been able to come to our pastors institute here. I’m so proud of him.”* Rick Warren was also a frequent visitor of the Institute. Schuller said: *“And there’s Rick Warren, a pastor who today is phenomenal. He came to our institute time after time.”*

Lessons To Learn

- 9 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.
- 10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

1 Cor 10:8-10

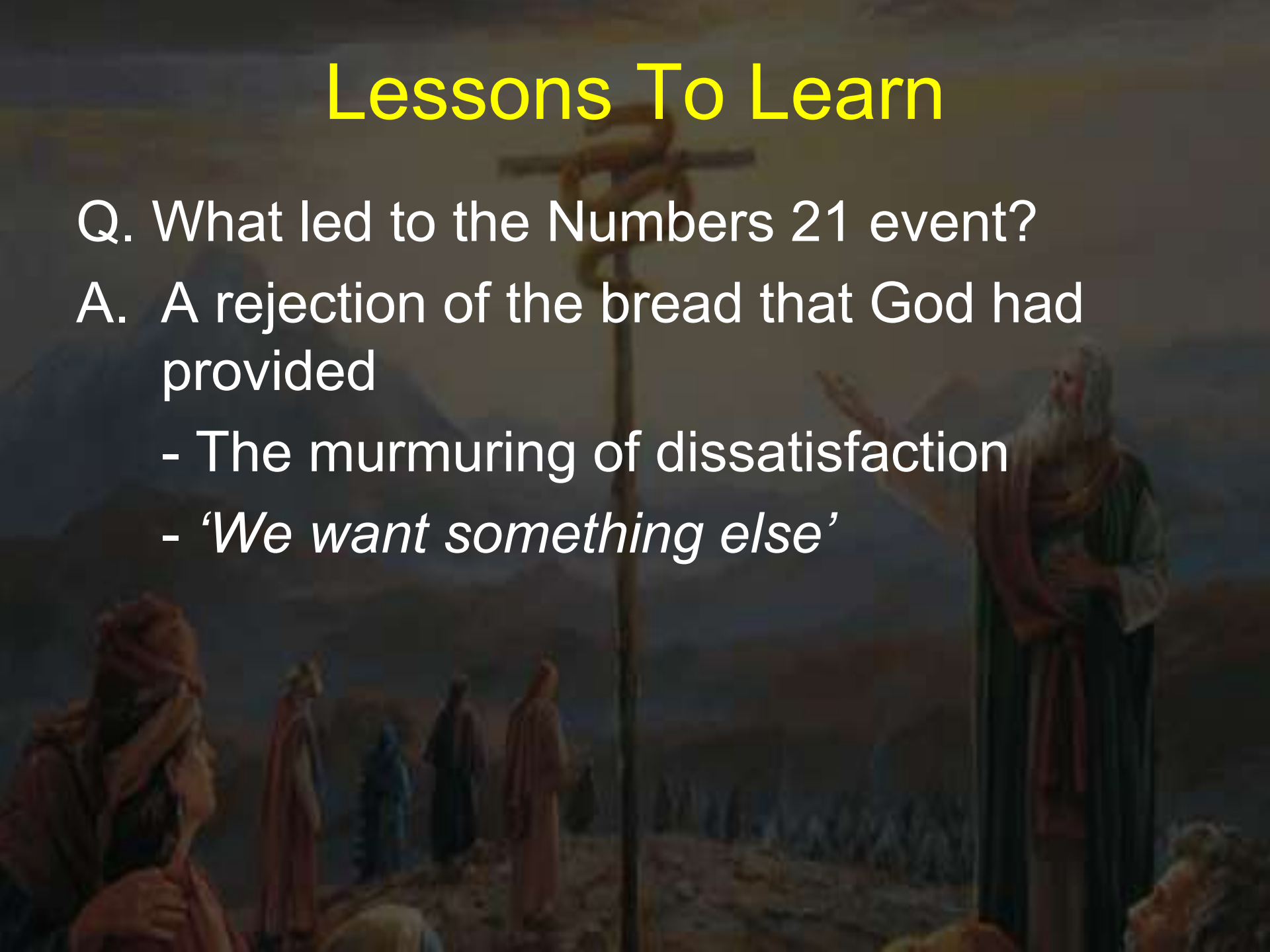


Lessons To Learn

Q. What led to the Numbers 21 event?

A. A rejection of the bread that God had provided

- The murmuring of dissatisfaction
- *'We want something else'*



Tempting Christ?

Rick Warren, former pastor of Sadleback Church in the USA and author of “The Purpose Driven Life” (selling over 50 million copies that influenced a generation of churches and pastors), in an article in a Philadelphia newspaper said that he:

‘despises fundamentalism in the church’.

Tempting Christ?

Warren predicts that fundamentalism, of all varieties, will be *'one of the big enemies of the 21st century'*.

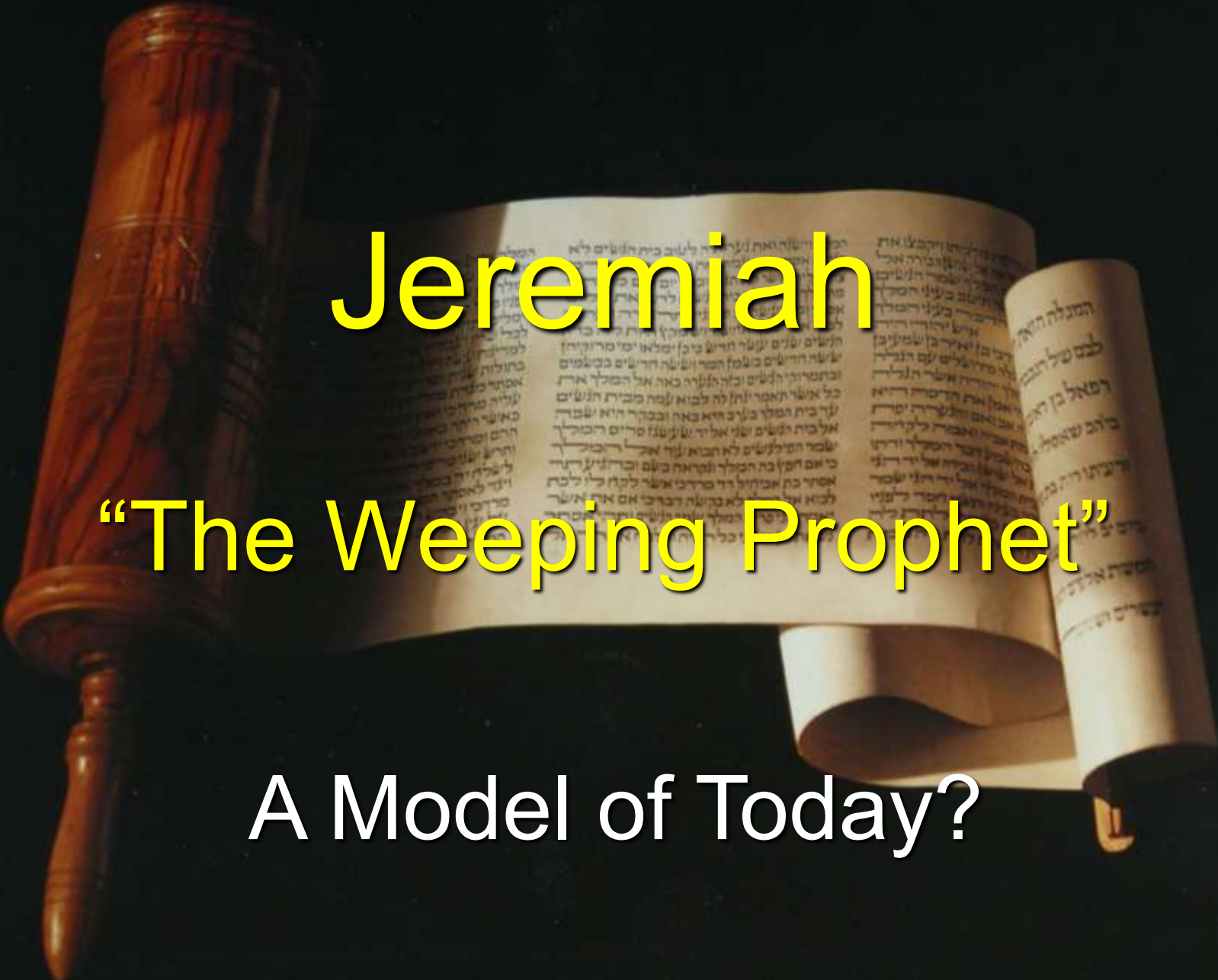
'Muslim fundamentalism, Christian fundamentalism, Jewish fundamentalism, secular fundamentalism - they're all motivated by fear. Fear of each other.'

(January 8th 2006 edition of the Philadelphia Inquirer).

Lessons To Learn

- 11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.
- 12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

1 Cor 10:11-12



Jeremiah

“The Weeping Prophet”

A Model of Today?

The History of the Kings Judah

Rehoboam 17y (991 B.C.)

Abijam 3y

Asa 41y

Jehoshaphat 25y

Jehoram 8y

Ahaziah 1y

Q. Athaliah 6y

Jehoash 40y

Amaziah 29y

Isaiah (Uzziah) Azariah 52y

Hosea
Amos

Micah
Hosea
Isaiah

Jotham 16y

Ahaz 16y

Hezekiah 29y
(722 B.C.) Israel go into captivity

Manasseh 55y

Amon 2y

Zephaniah

Jeremiah

Josiah 31y

Jehoahaz 3mts

(Eliakim) Jehoiakim 11y

Jehoiachin 3mts (606 B.C.)

Zedekiah 11y (587 B.C.)

Jeremiah's Call

⁴ Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ⁵ Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Jeremiah 1:4-5

Jeremiah's Concern

⁶ Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. ⁷ But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak. ⁸ Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 1:6-8

Jeremiah's Comfort

⁹ Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth. ¹⁰ See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

Jeremiah 1:9-10

The Watcher

¹¹ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree. ¹² Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.

Jeremiah 1:11-12

Judgment is coming

¹³ And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething pot; and the face thereof is toward the north. ¹⁴ Then the LORD said unto me, Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land.

Jeremiah 1:13-14

Why Judgment?

¹⁵ For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah. ¹⁶ And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands.

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**How to make it happen:
a beginners' guide**

by Paul Roberts 2002 [edited 2007]

Begin here

Building a team

Church support

Venues

Equipment - sound, light, scent

Equipment - visuals

Layout

Safety

Structuring a service

Ingredients of worship

Making your own resources

Music & sound

Video

Creative writing

Doing it

practice



Ingredients of worship

When you come to design a service, you will need a whole range of ingredients, which belong to one or more of the following categories:

- **WORD-BASED ingredients** - such as poems, prayers, meditations, song lyrics, incantations, chants, responses
- **SYMBOL-BASED ingredients** - on video, in sculpture, on paper, in gesture, in dance, in artifacts
- **ACTION-BASED ingredients** - creative activities, devotional acts (anointing, candle-lighting, etc), writing, praying aloud, singing, walking around, mime, body-sculpture, circus arts (juggling, firebreathing, etc)
- **SOUND-BASED ingredients** - backing tracks, background music, sound FX, radio/TV clips, sound loops, live music, singing, speaking and quoting, praying, bible-reading, spoken thoughts and meditations, conversation
- **VISION-BASED ingredients** - video and 35mm projections, sculptures, stations, pictures, installations
- **IMAGINATION-BASED ingredients** - guided fantasies, thinking, drawing, composing in real-time (words/music), meditations, praying
- **TACTILE/OLFACTORY-BASED ingredients** - anointing, laying-on of hands, incense, holding stones and other natural objects, molding clay, handwashing

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Love of espousal?

¹ Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ² Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown.

Jeremiah 2:1-2

Love of espousal?

¹ Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst *of the seven golden candlesticks*;...⁴ Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

Rev 2:1,4

Priests & Pastors

⁸ The priests said not, Where is the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.

Jeremiah 2:8

They that handle the law knew Me not

A major national poll...by one of America's leading researchers.. commissioned by Answers in Genesis, clearly shows that many have left the church because they no longer believe the Bible is the absolute Word of God

Source: Ken Ham, Answers Update, Vol 13:11:2

Pastors transgressed against Me

How do mainline Protestant clergy stand on theological issues such as biblical infallibility? Many take a decidedly nonconformist view, according to a survey of 7,441 ministers conducted by sociologist Jeffrey Haden.

Here are the percentages of ministers who answered “No” to the following questions, by denomination:

Pastors transgressed against Me

Question: *Do you accept Jesus' physical resurrection as a fact?*

Methodist ministers 51% said 'No!'

Episcopalian ministers 35% said 'No!'

American Baptist ministers 33% said 'No!'

Presbyterian ministers, 30% said 'No!'

American Lutheran ministers, 13% said 'No!'

Pastors transgressed against Me

Question: *Do you believe in the virgin birth of Jesus?*

Methodist ministers 60% said 'No!'

Presbyterian ministers, 49% said 'No!'

Episcopalian ministers 44% said 'No!'

American Baptist ministers 34% said 'No!'

American Lutheran ministers, 19% said 'No!'

Pastors transgressed against Me

Question: *Do you believe the scriptures are the inerrant work of God in faith, history and secular matters?*

Episcopalian ministers 95% said 'No!'

Methodist ministers 87% said 'No!'

Presbyterian ministers, 82% said 'No!'

American Lutheran ministers, 77% said 'No!'

American Baptist ministers 67% said 'No!'

Denial of God's Word

¹⁰ To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it.

Jeremiah 6:10

“The trouble with you is that you put too much trust in that book” – Minister of a church

What wisdom is in them?

9 The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?

Jeremiah 8:9

Degenerate Plant

²¹ Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?

Jeremiah 2:21

- A plant that has become something it should not have been?
- Haven't I read that before...

Degenerate Plant

³¹ Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:³² Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

Matt 13:31-32

- **Birds = ministers of Satan – in the branches!**

Uncleansable?

22 For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord GOD.

Jeremiah 2:22

Uncleansable?

¹⁸ Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Isaiah 1:18

- The difference is repentance!
 - No repentance, no forgiveness.

...like a thief?

²⁶As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets,

Jeremiah 2:26

...like a thief?

3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Rev 3:3

...like a thief?

³ For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. ⁴ But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

1 Thess 5:3-4

The Greatest Insult?

²⁷ Saying to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned their back unto me, and not their face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us.

Jeremiah 2:27

Evolution – *‘it rained on the rocks for millions of years...’*

The C of E have apologised to Darwin!!?

The Greatest Insult?

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“Arise, and save us”

²² Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? ²³ And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Matt 7:22-23

“I am innocent...I have not sinned”

³⁵ Yet thou sayest, Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will plead with thee, because thou sayest, I have not sinned.

Jeremiah 2:35

“I am innocent...I have not sinned”

17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

Rev 3:17

- The cry of the apostate church is the same as apostate Israel's

Broken Cisterns

¹² Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the LORD. ¹³ For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

Jeremiah 2:12-13

Idiomatically, water represents...

God's Word (Eph 5:26)

Broken Cisterns

- We have over 900 translations of the Bible in English
- All designed to make it easier to read and understand
- Yet we have the most biblically illiterate generation imaginable!

Broken Cisterns

SV - 1993

Scholars Version (The Five Gospels)

Four Gospels, Gospel of Thomas

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The sub-heading is: "The Search for the Authentic Words of Jesus." This new translation and commentary was prepared by Robert W. Funk, Roy W. Hoover, and the Jesus Seminar.

This is the collective report of gospel scholars working closely together for six years on a common question: "What did Jesus really say?" The Fellows and the Jesus Seminar represent a wide array of Western religious traditions and academic institutions and have been trained in the best universities of North America and Europe.

First, they inventoried all the surviving ancient texts for words attributed to Jesus. Next, they examined those words in the several ancient languages in which they have been preserved. Then, they produced a translation of all the gospels, known as the Scholars Version. Finally, they studied, debated, and voted on each of the more than 1,500 sayings in the inventory.

They used a color-coding of the translation of Jesus' words. Those words that are most probably spoken by Jesus are in red. Those that are less certain in being traced back to Jesus or have suffered modification in transmission are in pink. Those that did not originate with Jesus though they may reflect his ideas are in grey. Those that were given to Jesus to speak by his admirers (a few by his enemies) and are, therefore, inauthentic are in bold black. Explanations for the reasoning are given throughout.

- Voting on what Jesus actually said!

Broken Cisterns

NTUV - 1995

New International Version

New Testament: An Understandable Version

New Covenant

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William Paul, the translator, states that the purpose of this New Testament version is "to enhance the personal understanding and spiritual devotion of its publisher, his family members, and those persons especially interested in Bible versions." He acknowledges that the text does not guarantee to be exactly what the Holy Spirit inspired the original writers to record, but rather represents what he, the translator, understands those writers to be saying.

The version was produced by consulting the Greek text, notably in the Nestle-Aland 26th corrected edition (1986), and the United Bible Societies' 4th corrected edition (1993); also several Greek-English interlinear texts, and a large number of English translations. The meaning of each word was then confirmed from exegetical commentaries. Atlases and other reference works were used "to confirm historical, geographical, cultural, circumstantial and theological details." A list of reference works used is available on request.

Apart from chapter headings, no section headings or sub-headings are used in the text. Verse numbers follow the standard pattern; paragraph breaks appear to be the publisher's own. Simple explanatory notes appear - in small type and enclosed in square brackets - in appropriate places in the text. These provide helpful historical, geographical, cultural, or theological information, rendering the text accessible to the non-specialist reader.

- My opinion or God's?

The Renovare Spiritual Formation *Bible*
with Richard Foster and Eugene Peterson

Renovare

A Richard Foster Bible called the Renovare Study Bible, has been released by Harper SF in 2005. The Renovare "Bible" focuses on Richard Foster's six disciplines (from his book **Streams of Living Waters**), one of which is the contemplative practice. Thomas Kelly is quoted in that book as saying:

"Deep within us all [all human beings] there is an amazing inner sanctuary of the soul, a holy place, a Divine Center"

See Sample of the Renovare Study Bible

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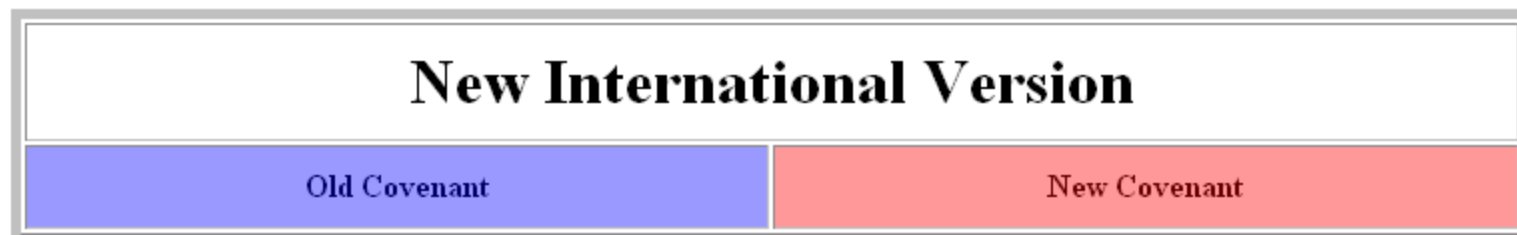
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We used this book for a gift for a high school graduate and will use it again with future graduates. It was also recommended by our pastor. The commentary is excellent for young people seeking to make their way through the world in a way that is pleasing to God.

- **Classes Gen 1-11 as Hebrew myth!**

Broken Cisterns

NIV - 1978



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This is a completely new translation of the Holy Bible done by over one hundred scholars. It followed several years of exploratory study by committees from the Christian Reformed Church and the National Association of Evangelicals. There were participants from the United States, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand in the translating process. The denominations included Anglican, Assemblies of God, Baptist, Brethren, Christian Reformed, Church of Christ, Evangelical Free, Lutheran, Mennonite, Methodist, Nazarene, Presbyterian, Wesleyan, and others.

Each book was translated by a team of scholars. An Intermediate Editorial Committee revised their work. A General Editorial Committee checked it in detail and revised again. The Committee on Bible Translation reviewed, revised, then released the translation for publication.

The goals were that the translation would be accurate and have clarity and literary quality so as to be suitable for reading, teaching, preaching, memorizing, and liturgical use. A concern was that the English be idiomatic but not idiosyncratic, contemporary but not dated.

Texts used for the Old Testament included the latest *Biblia Hebraica*, *Dead Sea Scrolls*, *Samaritan Pentateuch*, ancient scribal traditions, *Septuagint*, *Vulgate*, *Syriac Peshitta*, *Targums*, *Juxta Hebraica*, and others. For the New Testament, the best current Greek New Testament texts were used.

- NIV – from the Alexandrian manuscripts! ?

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AIV - 1995

An Inclusive Version

Psalms

New Covenant

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This revolutionary new version, adapted from the [New Revised Standard Version](#) and edited by six scholars -- three men and three women -- pushes the English language to new levels of inclusive expression. This work addresses such issues as race, gender, and ethnicity more directly than ever before.

There are two reasons for this new version. The languages into which the Bible is rendered are changing. New manuscripts are discovered that are older and more reliable, and new investigations into the meanings of words reveal that more accurate renderings are possible.

People who have disabilities are not referred to as "the blind" or "the lame," but as "people who are blind" or "those who are lame."

Because the church does not assume that God is a male being, in this version God is never referred to by a masculine pronoun, or by any pronoun at all. As the church does not believe that God is literally a father and understands "Father" to be a metaphor, "Father" is rendered in this version by a new metaphor, "Father-Mother." When Jesus is called "Son of God" or "Son of the Blessed One," and the maleness of the historical person Jesus is not relevant, but the "Son's" intimate relation to the "Father" is being spoken about, the formal equivalent "Child" is used for "Son," and gender-specific pronouns referring to the "Child" are avoided. This version uses "the Human One" as a formal equivalent to "the Son of Man." In the genealogy that begins the Gospel of Matthew, women's names, where they are known, have been added, e.g., David and Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah, were the parents of Solomon. These are a few examples of changes made in this version.

- Older & more reliable? Says who??

Judgment Will Come

4 Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou art the guide of my youth?

5 Will he reserve his anger for ever? will he keep it to the end? Behold, thou hast spoken and done evil things as thou couldest.

Jeremiah 3:4-5

Summary So Far...

- What has been will be (Ecclesiastes 1:9 / 2 Peter 2:1)
- Apostacy has always occurred
- Apostacy is met by God 's judgment
- Jesus, Paul, Peter, Jude etc all foretold apostacy
- Apostacy will 'creep in unnoticed'
- It will come from within the 'church'
- Many will be led astray with a false gospel
- The final apostacy will culminate in a one world, all-embracing church
- Those who oppose will be 'spoken evil of'
- God will finally judge this apostate church

Our Guard Against Error

9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Gal 1:9

Our Guard Against Error

28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. **29** For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

Acts 20:28-29

Our Guard Against Error

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.


31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

Acts 20:30-31

God's Word

³¹ If you abide in **My word**, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 8:31-32



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