



The Gospel of Mark

History Recorded in Advance

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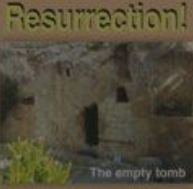

Amos 3:7

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- ...it foretells them.

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The Olivet Discourse

- Jesus' final major discourse
- He gives a dramatic glimpse into the future
- He foretells:
 - The destruction of the Temple
 - The coming world-wide deception
 - The events that must precede His 2nd Coming
- Jesus now gives this < 48 hours before He would be crucified

The Olivet Discourse

- 7 x reference is made to the new birth
- 50 x Baptism & repentance
- 300 x to the 'end times'
- In the NT, 1 in 10 verses related to 2nd Coming
- Historian Gibbon stated:
 - *“The reality & imminence of the Second Coming of Christ had the most profound affect on the lives and conduct of the early church”*



The Gospel of Mark

Chapter 13

¹ And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!

Mark 13:1



Herod's Temple

- Stones in the Temple 50ft x 20ft x 16ft
 - Josephus
- It had taken around 46 years to build this Temple
- Overlaid with white marble and plates of gold
- Could be seen for miles away glistening in the sun

Herod's Temple



- Solomon's temple was God's design

2 And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

Mark 13:2

- The disciples had grown up in a world where *'all things continue as they were'*
- We live such comparatively short lives that most are oblivious to the catastrophes that have befallen humanity
- For the disciples, an event such as Jesus described would surely signify the 'end of the world'

The Destruction of the Temple

- After a 3 year siege Jerusalem fell in 70 AD
- A torch was thrown into the Temple causing a fire so fierce the overlaying gold melted
- The Romans took the Temple apart stone by stone to recover the Gold
 - Note: the literal fulfilment of prophecy
- Titus gave orders not to destroy the Temple
- Titus walked outside the city and threw his hands in the air and said *“God don’t hold me responsible for this”*

Made to last?

- In the field of human endeavour, nothing will last...

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

¹¹ Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

2 Peter 3:10-11

Eternal Value

8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Isaiah 40:8

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Jerusalem during Solomon's Time

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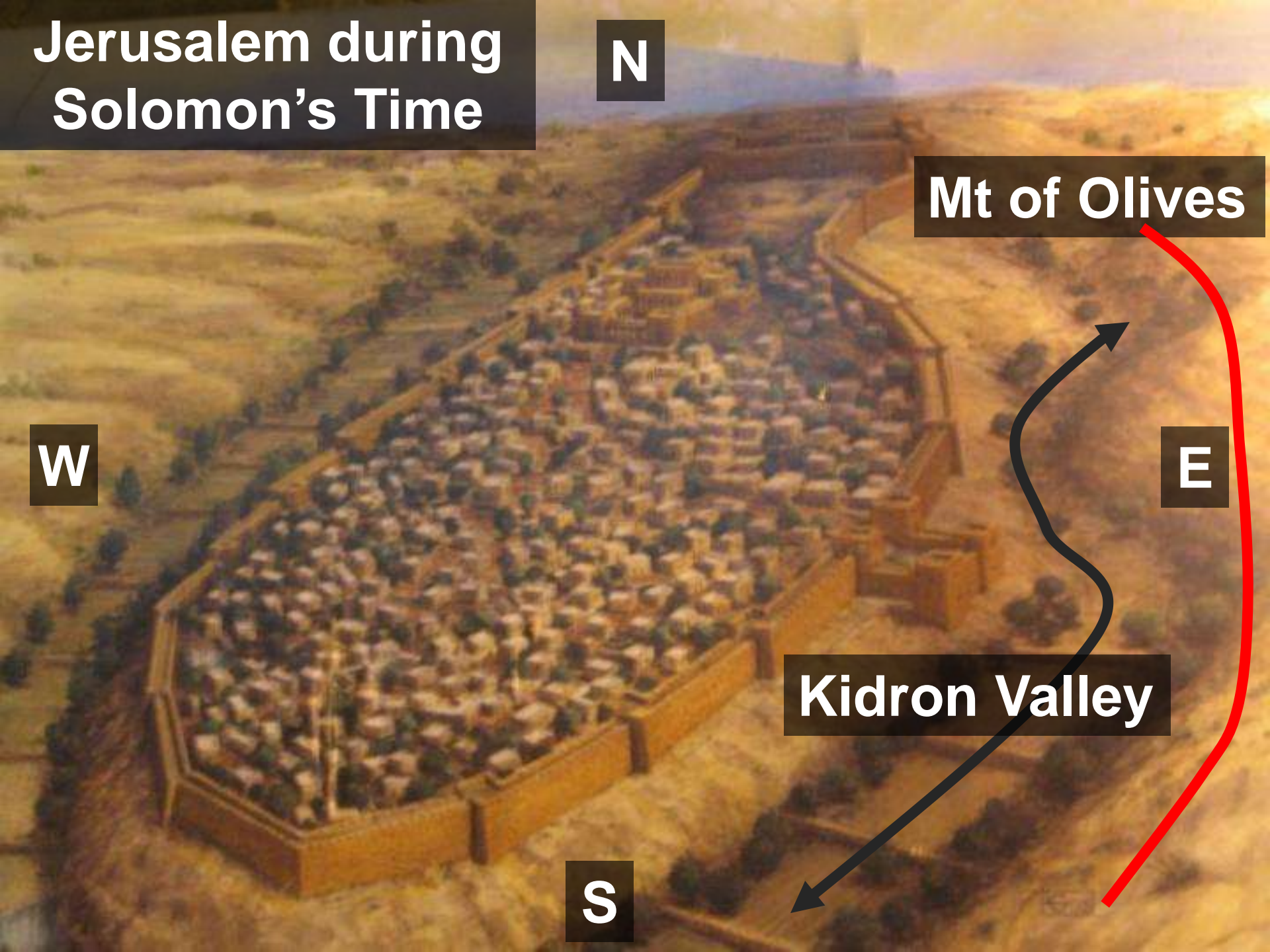
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3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,

4 Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?

Mark 13:3-4

- Longest answer to a question in the NT
- Three questions:
 - When will the Temple be destroyed?
 - What will be the sign of 'parousia' (advent)
 - When will the end of this age come?

The Signs of Thy Coming?

- False Messiahs (before the middle of the Week, or setting up of the 'Abomination of Desolation')
- False prophets, before the middle of the Week
- Wars & rumours of wars
- Nations against nations
- Famines, Pestilences & earthquakes
- Persecution of Jews by all nations
- Many offences & betrayals

The Signs of Thy Coming?

- Iniquity abounding & love waxing cold
- Gospel of the kingdom preached as a witness to all nations
- The Abomination of Desolation set up
- Flight of Israel into the wilderness
- The time of 'Great Tribulation'
- False Messiahs after middle of the Week
- False prophets after middle of the Week
- Conditions of days of Noah repeated

The Signs of Thy Coming?

- Fearful sights
- Distress on the earth
- Great signs in the heavens

5 And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you:

Mark 13:5

Many Deceived


- 13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and **many** there be which go in thereat:
- 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and **few** there be that find it.
- 15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Matt 7:13-15

Many Deceived

- 1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.
- 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

2 Peter 2:1-2



Jeremiah

“The Weeping Prophet”

A double fulfilment?

History Repeating?

- Jeremiah lived at a time when the spiritual leadership of the nation had been given over to compromise
- Love for God's Word was rare
- Though many professed to love and serve God a 'false gospel' was being proclaimed that promoted 'tolerance' & liberty
- The parallels with today are too stark to ignore!

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

Josiah 31y

Jehoahaz 3mts

(Eliakim) Jehoiakim 11y

Jehoiachin 3mts (606 B.C.)

Zedekiah 11y (587 B.C.)

Jeremiah

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

1. False Worship

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.

changing church in a changing culture

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

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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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2. Their First Love Forgotten

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

3. Corrupt Spiritual Leadership

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, as a follow-up to the results of an alarming Barna Research poll of 2002 and a Southern Baptist poll... clearly shows that ... many have left the church because they no longer believe the Bible is the absolute Word of God

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%

Episcopalian ministers 35

American Baptist ministers 33%

Presbyterian ministers, 30%

American Lutheran ministers, 13%

Pastors transgressed against Me

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

Methodist ministers 60%

Presbyterian ministers, 49%

Episcopalian ministers 44%

American Baptist ministers 34%

American Lutheran ministers, 19%

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%

Methodist ministers 87%

Presbyterian ministers, 82%

American Lutheran ministers, 77%

American Baptist ministers 67%

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

4. Rejection of God's Pure Word

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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 200 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?

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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??

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

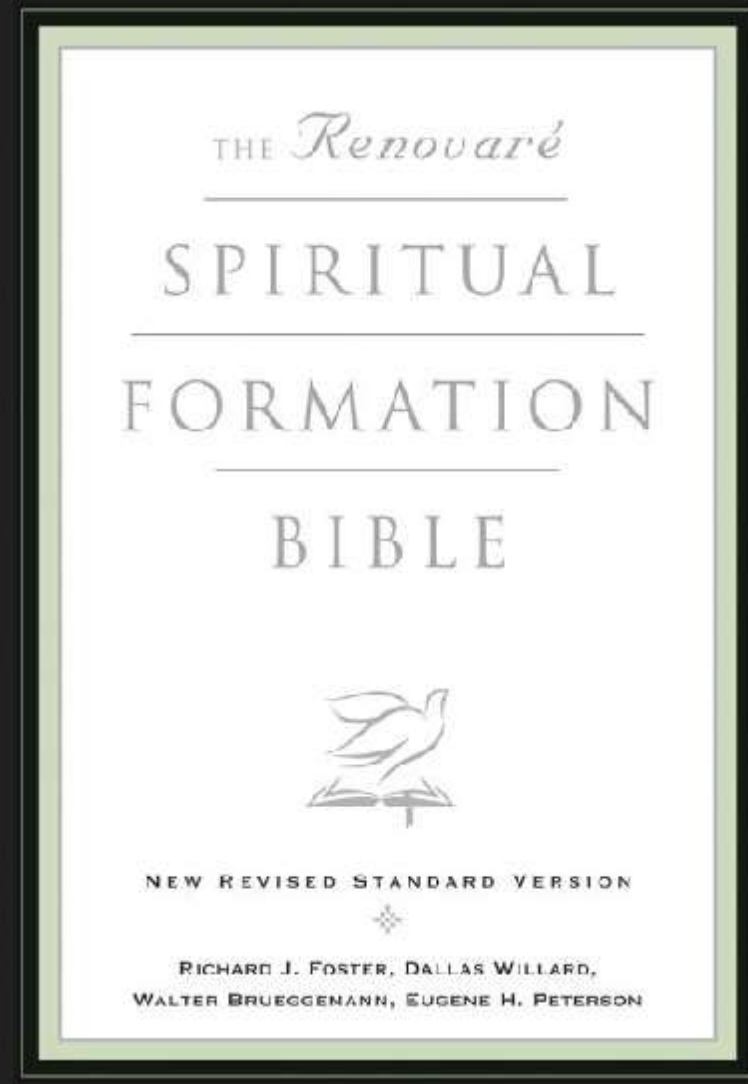
Renovare

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

Edited and compiled by universalists, catholics and contemplatives, this bible will be read by thousands of evangelical Christians.



★★★★☆ **Great Gift for Yourself or Others**, January 3, 2007

By [Nancy Penry](#) (Victoria, TX) - [See all my reviews](#)

REAL NAME™

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!**

Artistic Licence?

- Matthew 2:7-11

Modern Translation

⁷Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. ⁸Then he told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!"

⁹After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem.

It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! ¹¹They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.

KJV

9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

- There is no mention of Bethlehem in verse 9!

Artistic Licence?

- Matthew 2:7-11
- Why is this important?
- Because the Magi never went to Bethlehem!
- Following the birth of Jesus...
 - ...after 8 days He was circumcised (Luke 2:21)
 - ...after 41 days Mary & Joseph took Jesus to the temple to present Him to the Lord according to the Law (there they met Simeon & Anna) (Luke 2:22-39)
- They then returned home to Nazareth!

And when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth. (Luke 2:39)

Artistic Licence?

- John 2:34

Modern Translation

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Spirit.' ³⁴I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the
Chosen One of God.*'

and take it to the master of ceremonies. So the s
lowed his instructions.

1:34 Some manuscripts read *the Son of God*. 1:41 Messiah (a
(from Aramaic) and *Peter* (from Greek) both mean "rock." 1:49
"Son of Man" is a title Jesus used for himself. 2:1 Greek *On the*
God's house will be my undoing. Ps 69:9 3:3 Or born from a

- Is this important?
- Even a 9yr old can spot the problem here!
 - I know because I asked my 9 year old daughter what she thought!

Artistic Licence?

Modern Translation

- 1 Corinthians 1:18

¹⁸For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are **being saved** it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written:

- Isn't the message of the cross 'It is finished!?'
- Didn't Jesus offer "*one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God*" (Hebrews 10:12)

KJV

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which **are saved** it is the power of God. **Tense: Present Voice: Passive Mood: Participle**

- 'Being saved' implies not yet complete, still work to be done.
- The Greek states 'the recipient of the action'
- There is absolutely NO justification for this miss-translation!

The RSV's Bold Claim

into the making of the personal character and the public institutions of the English-speaking peoples. We owe to it an incalculable debt.

Yet the King James Version has grave defects. By the middle of the nineteenth century, the development of Biblical studies and the discovery of many manuscripts more ancient than those upon which the King James Version was based, made it manifest that these defects are so many and so serious as to call for revision of the English translation. The task was undertaken, by authority of the Church of England, in 1870. The English Revised Version of the Bible was published in 1881-1885; and the American Standard Version, its variant embodying the pref-

- The King James has 'grave defects'?
- KJV defects 'so many and so serious'?
- Does 'more ancient' mean better?
- **SOMEONE IS WRONG!**
 - Considering the corrupt Alexandrian manuscripts (re discovered in the 19th Century) on which the RSV is based, the above claim suggests an agenda by the translators of the RSV

Modern (Per)Versions?

- Modern translations change plural to singular and visa-versa
- Jesus and Paul both build doctrinal points on the grammar
- If these are changed the argument breaks down!
- In Today's NIV there are:
 - 2000 changes from single to plural
 - 1600 Gender changes

Modern (Per)Versions?

- In 1973, the New International Version (N.I.V.) was produced, which was offered as a “dynamic equivalent” translation into modern English. The N.I.V. was designed not for “word-for-word” accuracy, but rather, for “phrase-for-phrase” accuracy.
 - In other words, you are reading a commentary; it is what the translators *think* the text should say rather than what the text actually says.
- Now, that’s great *if* they get it right, but...

Modern (Per)Versions?

- ASV differed from the KJV in over 36,000 places,
- The Greek text underlying the translation of the ASV (the Westcott-Hort Text) differed from the *Textus Receptus* (underlying the KJV) in over 5,700 instances.

Modern (Per)Versions?

- The Good News Version:
- *“The blood of Christ, a most important and precious word and theme, was lacking in many key New Testament references. It was replaced by “death” or “costly sacrifice,” both good words in their own place but not what the Holy Spirit gave in the original text”*

Modern (Per)Versions?

- The Message Bible:
- “Oh! May the **God of green hope** fill you up with joy, fill you up with peace, so that your believing lives, filled with the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit, will brim over with hope!”

The Message, Romans 15:13

- The God of green hope????
 - No where in the Bible does God give Himself this title!

Modern (Per)Versions?

- The Message Bible:
 - Quotation by its author
- “Why do people spend so much time studying the Bible? How much do you need to know? We invest all this time in understanding the text which has a separate life of its own and we think we’re being more pious and spiritual when we’re doing it”

Eugene Peterson
Author of ‘The Message’

Modern (Per)Versions?

- The Message Bible:
 - Quotation by its author:
- “We should be studying it less, not more. You need just enough to pay attention to God....I’m just not at all pleased with the emphasis on Bible study as if it’s some kind of special thing that Christians do, and the more the better.”

Eugene Peterson
Author of ‘The Message’

Codex Vaticanus B



Resides in the Vatican Library since 15th century

Codex Sinaiticus



Partly resides in the British Library

Dean Burgon

- John William Burgon – became Dean of Chichester Cathedral
- Fought the Westcott & Hort corruption
- Regarding Codex A & B:

"It is in fact easier to find two consecutive verses in which these two MSS differ the one from the other, than two consecutive verses in which they entirely agree."

Sinaiticus & Vaticanus

- According to Herman C. Hoskier, there are, 3,036 textual variations between Sinaiticus and Vaticanus in the text of the Gospels alone
- Some estimate over 9000 discrepancies between these two principle Alexandrian manuscripts

5. Becoming something it
should never have been...

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!**

6. No Repentance

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.

6. Judgment will come like a
thief!

...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

7. Worshipping the creation
rather than the Creator!

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 recently apologised to Darwin!!?

8. A false cry for help!

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

9. A denial of sin

“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

“I am innocent...I have not sinned”

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 Tim 4:1-2

- Past feeling
- Numb to the truth

10. Judgment will come!

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

- The Lord is not slack concerning judgment... it will come.

Enter... The Catholic Church

6 The LORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding **Israel** hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot.

7 And I said after she had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it.

Jeremiah 3:6-7

A Chance To Repent

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Jeremiah 3:6-7

A Chance To Repent

18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;

21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

Rev 2:18,21

Enter...The Protestant Church

⁸ And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister **Judah** feared not, but went and played the harlot also. ⁹ And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks. ¹⁰ And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, **but feignedly,** saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 3:8-10

The Protestant Church

¹ And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

² Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

Rev 3:1-2

Thyatira vs. Sardis

¹¹ And the LORD said unto me, The backsliding **Israel** hath justified herself more than treacherous **Judah**.

Jeremiah 3:11

Thyatira (Catholic) – *“I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.”*

(Rev 2:19)

Sardis (Protestant) – Nothing good said!

The Protestant Church (aka Judah)

(Catholic – ‘more good works’)

Pope Benedict XVI and Anglican leader Rowan Williams acknowledged there were "serious obstacles" to closer ties between their churches, a blunt reference to Vatican disapproval of gay bishops, women priests and blessings of same-sex unions in the Anglican church. Benedict and the Archbishop of Canterbury, talking privately in the papal library and then praying together in a chapel, came together Thursday to celebrate 40 years of dialogue aimed at uniting the churches split apart in 1534 by King Henry VIII's anger over the Vatican's refusal to annul his marriage.



(Source – USA Today, Posted 11/23/2006)

A Final Warning

⁵ Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry, gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the defenced cities. ⁶ Set up the standard toward Zion: retire, stay not: for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction.

Jeremiah 4:5-6

11. *A way of Escape!*

A Final Warning

- Declaration of the coming judgment
- A trumpet blown
- A cry 'gather together' (cf. Ps 50:4-5)
- The faithful depart for the defenced cities
- Picture of the Rapture?

A Place Prepared

5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

Psalm 27:5

A Place Prepared

9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

1 Thess 5:9

36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Luke 21:36

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:3

12. A denial of God's Word

Denial of God's Word

¹² They have belied the LORD, and said, It is not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine: ¹³ And the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them: thus shall it be done unto them.

Jeremiah 5:12-13

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 speaking to a Calvary Chapel Pastor

13. A false Peace

Peace, Peace

- ¹³ For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.
- ¹⁴ They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace.

Jeremiah 6:13-14

Peace, Peace

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.

1 Thess 5:3

Neale Donald Walsch Peace Plan

"In October, 2005 Neale Donald Walsch stood before an audience in Deventer, The Netherlands and said, 'You give me 1000 people from across the globe who are as dedicated to Spirit as some people are dedicated to violence and we'll change the world.'" from Neale Donald Walsch's **website**.

Walsch's New Spirituality: "The New Spirituality is a global movement to create the space for humanity to experience its natural impulse toward the divine in a way which makes no one else wrong for the way in which they are doing it." Neale Donald Walsch, from the **Group of 1000 website**.

"These are the **Five Steps to Peace**, and if you take them, you can shift everything on our planet."

—**Neal Donald Walsch**

"The New Revolutions also contains a five-step plan for peace in the world. We call it the Five Steps to Peace.... We are suggesting that people become modern day Martin Luther's and take the five steps to peace and tack them up on church house doors, as Martin Luther did with his 95 theses in 1517 in Wittenburg, Germany, which started of course, **the first Reformation**. Our intention is to stimulate the **second great Reformation** of world religion. That is our intention, our goal and our purpose. We intend to, in fact, inspire the second great Reformation of world religion.... It is now time for a call to action.—**Living the New Spirituality, an interview with Neale Donald Walsch by Debbie Smoker**

Rick Warren's Peace Plan

By Don Koenig

The next phase of the game plan of the new evangelical gurus (Rick Warren, Robert Schuller, and Bruce Wilkinson) is "God's plan" to change the world through the purpose driven seeker-friendly churches that buy into Rick Warren's **global peace plan** that Warren says **WILL HAPPEN**.

P.E.A.C.E. stands for:

Plant churches **E**quip leaders **A**ssist the poor **C**are for the sick **E**ducate the next generation

This all sounds very noble but hasn't the church already been doing this p.e.a.c.e. program for 2000 years? Now all of a sudden because Rick Warren who is the guru of the seeker friendly purpose driven movement says they he is starting a global peace plan to change the world. **It becomes "Gods plan" and Warren says it has to come about!** If purpose driven seeker friendly churches are the example of the churches they intend to plant then maybe God is not in their global peace plan at all.

Rick Warren claims he will do this with **his billion man army. His billion man army from where I might ask?** there are only several hundred million true Christians on the whole earth. I guess General Warren's plan is to draft pseudo Christians and Moslems into his billion man army and expect everyone to follow his marching orders.

Robert Schuller's Peace Plan

"I'm dreaming a bold impossible dream: that positive-thinking believers in God will rise above the illusions that our sectarian religions have imposed on the world, and that leaders of the major faiths will rise above doctrinal idiosyncrasies, choosing not to focus on disagreements, but rather to **transcend** divisive dogmas to **work together to bring peace.**"

14. Morally Bankrupt!

No Shame

¹⁵ Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 6:15

No Shame

22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind:
it is abomination.

Leviticus 18:22

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Jesus might have been homosexual, says the first openly gay bishop

By Elizabeth Day

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The first openly gay Anglican bishop has sparked outrage for suggesting that Jesus might have been homosexual.

The Rt Rev Gene Robinson, the Bishop of New Hampshire in the Episcopal Church of the United States, said that Jesus was an unmarried, "non-traditional man" who did not uphold family values, "travelled with a bunch of men" and enjoyed an especially close relationship with one of his disciples.

His comments, made in a recent address at the Christ Church of Hamilton and Wenham in Massachusetts, have enraged traditional Anglicans who have suggested that the Bishop should be "struck down by thunder and lightning bolts". Bishop Robinson, whose consecration in 2003 triggered a schism between evangelicals and liberals in the worldwide Anglican Communion, was giving an address entitled "Homosexuality and the Body of Christ: Is There a New Model?"



Bishop Robinson, who married his partner, Mark, said that he had come to reconcile his sexuality with his faith and could feel "God's light and God's life ooze over me like warm butter".

Gay bishop invited to Anglican conference

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Gay bishop Gene Robinson has been invited to the Lambeth Conference of the Anglican Church for Summer 2008, prompting dissenting cries from Anglicans nationwide.

The controversial Robinson, who was consecrated as Bishop of US state New Hampshire in 2003, tried to visit the UK for an Anglican conference in 2004 but cancelled it at the last minute because of death threats and security fears.

At the time, Robinson withdrew and noted that his that his participation in the debate would "not be in the best interests of the Anglican Communion at this delicate moment in its history", referring to the ever-anticipated Anglican schism.

The invitation is likely to result in the withdrawal of support from ultra conservative Nigerian bishops.

Bishop Robinson, an official guest to the conference, will not however have the right to vote on motions at the conference. The 2008 conference marks the international meeting of the Anglican community that takes place every ten years.

15. Unwilling to heed Jesus'
warnings

Can you hear...?

¹⁷ Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.

Jeremiah 6:17

“When the disciples wanted to talk about prophecy, Jesus quickly switched the conversation to evangelism. He said in essence. “The details of my return are none of your business.” — Rick Warren, *The Purpose Driven Life*

Jesus actually said:

“Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.” (Matt 24:5)

“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. (Matt 24:25-26)

Now learn a parable of the fig tree..... (Matt 24:32)

So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near (Matt 24:33)

Therefore be ye also ready..... (Matt 24:44)

Watch therefore..... (Matt 25:13)

Take heed lest any man deceive you: (Mark 13:5)

But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that reads understand,) (Mark 13:14)

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Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. (Mark 13:33)

Watch ye therefore (Mark 13:35)

And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch (Mark 13:37)

Take heed that ye be not deceived (Luke 21:8)

And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. (Luke 21:28)

16. Where is all this heading?

The Final Judgment

- ³² Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter: for they shall bury in Tophet, till there be no place.
- ³³ And the carcasses of this people shall be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall fray them away.

Jeremiah 7:32-33

The Final Judgment

³⁴ Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be desolate.

Jeremiah 7:34

The Final Judgment

- Just as God's judgment came upon apostate Jerusalem...
- So God's judgment will come on the apostate religious system that bears his name

The Tribulation

Church
Raptured

Second
Coming

The Beginning of Sorrows
3 ½ Years

The Great Tribulation
3 ½ Years



**MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT,
THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND
ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH**



**Ten Kings
Ruling
under
Antichrist**

7 Years

The Final Judgment

16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

Rev 17:16-17

The Final Judgment

22 And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee; 23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

Rev 18:22-23

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.

Hegel

Israel

Espousal Jer 2:1-2
38 years Deut 2:14

“Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 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

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Victory through time of war
cf: Promised Land

“Be strong and of a good courage”
Joshua 1:6

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*“And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not utterly drive them out“
Then the Angel of the LORD... said...you have not obeyed My voice. Why have you done this? Therefore I also said, 'I will not drive them out before you; but they shall be thorns in your side, and their gods shall be a snare to you.'“
Judges 1:28, 2:1-3*

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“And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them“

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“And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith the LORD. And the LORD said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah“
Jeremiah 3:10-11

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“Know that thus saith the LORD of the king that sitteth upon the throne of David, and of all the people that dwelleth in this city, and of your brethren that are not gone forth with you into captivity; Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.”

Jeremiah 29:16-17

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*“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.*

1 Corinthians 10:11

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'burned with fire' **Matt 13:30 / Rev 17 & 18**

Israel



Church



An open scroll with Hebrew text is shown against a dark background. The scroll is unrolled, revealing text on both sides. A wooden handle is visible on the left side. The text is written in a traditional Hebrew script. The title 'The Gospel of Mark' is overlaid in large yellow letters with a black outline. Below the title, the text 'To be continued...' is written in white.

The Gospel of Mark

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