



The Winslow Files

**THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD,
YET WITHOUT THE WORD
THERE WOULD BE NOTHING TO WRITE.
IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD,
AND IT REMAINS OMNIPOTENT!**

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FAITH WITHOUT FEAR

When that terrible pall of darkness settled down over Christianity following the death of the Apostles, one of its densest aspects was the humanly conceived limit which was placed upon the grace of God. A limit which said that salvation is restricted to those who believe before they gasp their last breath.

This concept of the Gospel has replaced love with fear as an incentive to believe and obey, or be lost forever in eternity. Although there is no evidence or scriptural authorisation anywhere in the Bible that the opportunity to obtain salvation through Christ is limited to this present life, it is into this gross darkness that all have been led.

This erroneous conception has been brought about through a misunderstanding of the reason for the 'Gospel Age' in conjunction with a misapplication of the 'time-period' concerning Matthew 25:31-46

So let us examine the context into which this really belongs. We can do this by checking through the internal evidence found in these verses. Two main questions are raised:

To whom does it apply?

During which time period?

During his ministry, Jesus referred to two groups who would eventually receive salvation. The first group are those who receive immortality in the heavens. These are the ones of whom Christ referred to as his 'little flock', chosen **before** the founding of the world and who would be 'born again' to enter the Kingdom of God. (Ephesians 1:4 John 3:5) Over these the 'second death' will have no authority.

The second group are those who receive everlasting life on the earth. These are the ones referred to as chosen **from** the founding of the world, the meek and righteous ones who inherit the earth and reside upon it forever. (Matthew 25:34 Psalm 37:11,29)

It is therefore interesting to note at this point that the Christian Greek scriptures (N.T.) have been written primarily for the 'Anointed Class' (little flock.) Anything else concerning salvation does not affect the rest of mankind (dead or alive) until Christ's Millennial Rule. (Matthew 25:31-46 paralleled with Revelation 20:1-15)

Now, concerning Matthew 25:31, we are told that when the Son of man arrives in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit down on his glorious throne. And all the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people from one another, just as shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

And he will put the sheep on his right hand but the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come you who have been blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the founding of the world.'

Then he will say to those on his left, 'Be on your way from me, you who have been cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and his angels.'

Verse 46 sums-up the whole thing with “And these will depart into everlasting cutting-off, but the righteous ones into everlasting life.”

To confirm the correct context into which this all belongs we must examine the internal evidence found in these verses.

First we must take into consideration Matthew 24:3 and the question contained there. “Tell us, When will these things be, and what will be the sign of your presence and of the system of things?” (N.W.T.)

This chapter deals with the presence of the Son of man and his cleansing of the heavens, thus restricting Satan’s power to the realm of the earth. Because his presence is an invisible heavenly event as far as the earth is concerned, a sign was therefore needed to herald this fulfilment.

If chapter 24 refers to his taking-up of kingly power over the dominion of the earth, why then would we need a sign?

It seems then, that although the sign given by Jesus is indeed an earthly one, the event is completely heavenly. This being the ousting of Satan from the heavens down to the vicinity of the earth, thus causing the composite sign leading to the great tribulation and the arrival in kingly power of the Son of man as he takes-up his Millennial Rule.

The evidence of this is borne-out in the words found in Matthew 25:31-33. Unfortunately, this and the rest of the chapter has applied, and is still being applied, to the latter end of the Gospel Age by many who have not discerned its correct application.

However if we apply Matthew 25:31-46 to this period before the Millennial Rule, then we are presented with a total contradiction of the hope held-out through the rest of the scriptures.

To sit down on his glorious throne in the capacity as stated in the verse requires the enemy Satan to be incapacitated. (Revelation 20:2) This has not occurred yet. (1 Peter 5:8)

For all the nations to be gathered before him will require a general resurrection of all those who have died from Adam to now. The scriptures indicate one judgement period only, and then only after the whole race has been brought back to perfection.

God does not judge imperfect people by a perfect law. This is shown in the example of Israel who, as an imperfect people, could only be condemned by the law under which they lived.

So too with the human race. To judge any individual now before Christ’s Millennial Rule would indeed invalidate it’s purpose. God, however, does not use two standards.

So who then is this chapter dealing with? Notice the wording in verse 34 to those who have been blessed: “.....inherit the kingdom prepared for you **from** the founding of the world.”

We are, therefore, not dealing with a heavenly class (before the founding of the world) but an earthly one (from the founding of the world.)

To those left he says: “Be on your way from me, you who have been cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and his angels.”

To confirm the end status of these two groups verse 46 sums it up – “These will depart into everlasting cutting-off, but the righteous ones into everlasting life.”

If we apply all this now to the Gospel Age, then we immediately invalidate the reason for the Millennial Rule. This is because as the verse states, the unrighteous must depart into everlasting cutting-off (Gehenna^o) while the rest are given everlasting life.

^o Gehenna, root γεηηνα, denotes a place of total annihilation.

Yet the scriptures teach us that in keeping with the Creator's pattern and parallel, this cannot occur until the end of the Millennium. (Revelation 20:5,12-14)

So if we adamantly apply it to now, we have some very difficult, if not impossible questions to answer. For instance the sheep **from** the founding receive everlasting life on earth, **not** immortality in the heavens. Where in the scriptures does it show this happening **before** the Sabbath Millennium?

Then there is the matter of the 'second death'. This applies to **all** except the anointed class. (Revelation 20:6) Yet if we apply the 'sheep and the goats' to now, before the Sabbath Millennium, we have just added another **two** classes over which the second death will have no authority. (Matthew 25:46) How can this be?

Also we have Paul's words at Acts 24:15 where he emphatically states that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous **and** the unrighteous without exceptions during the Sabbath Millennial Rule.

Yet if **we** apply Matthew 25:46 (which condemns the unrighteous to everlasting cutting-off [Gehenna]) to this Gospel Age, we invalidate this statement.

Matthew 25:32 states that **all** the nations will be gathered before him. This in itself will require a **general** resurrection. This was known even before Jesus' time, and is confirmed by Martha's words at John 11:24 where she refers to **the** resurrection on the **last** day. (This is the one thousand year 'day' of Christ's rule – Revelation 20:4)

This one-thousand-year reign and judgement period when the son of man sits upon his glorious throne at the appointed time is dealt with in the following quotes.

Quote:

"The conclusion of the world's coming judgement is clearly shown in the parable of the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25:31-46), in Revelation 20:15; 21:18 and in 1 Corinthians 15:25. These and other scriptures show that at its close the two classes will have been completely separated – the obedient and the disobedient; those in harmony with the letter and the spirit of God's law, and those out of harmony with it. They enter into everlasting life, and the others are remanded to death, extinction ("second death"), the same sentence as in the first judgement; from which they had been reckonedly released by Christ who secured the right to release them by the giving of their ransom – by his death. This will be their second death. No ransom will be given for them, and there will be no release or resurrection for them, their sin being a wilful, individual sin against full light and opportunity, under a most favourable, individual trial."

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Quote:

"It is manifest that this judgement, or rulership, cannot begin until Christ, whom Jehovah hath appointed to be the Judge or Ruler of the world, has come again – not again in humiliation, but in power and great glory: not again to redeem the world, but to judge (rule) the world in righteousness. A trial can in no case proceed until the judge is on the bench and the court is in session at the appointed time, though before that time there may be a great preparatory work. Then shall the King sit upon the throne of his glory, and before him shall be gathered all nations, and he shall judge them during that age by their works, opening to them the books of the Scriptures and filling the earth with the knowledge of the Lord. And by their conduct under all that favour and assistance, he shall decide who of them are worthy of life everlasting in the ages of glory and joy to follow. Matthew 25:31; Revelation 20:11-13

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As the resurrection is to determine who will receive 'everlasting life' and who will not, we can see now that Matthew 25:46, which is the sum-up of the previous fourteen verses and a direct parallel of Revelation 20:12-15, confirms the 'time period' for this event as occurring during the Millennial Rule of Christ.

Quote:

“The human race are God’s children by creation – the work of his hands – and his plan with reference to them is clearly revealed in his Word. Paul says that the first man (who was a sample of what the race will be when perfect) was of the earth, earthly; and his posterity, with the exception of the Gospel Church (Heavenly Anointed Class) will in the resurrection still be earthly, human, adapted to the earth. (1 Corinthians 15:38, 44)

David declares that man was made only a little lower than the angels, and crowned with glory, honour, dominion, etc. (Psalm 8:4-8)

And Peter, our Lord, and all the prophets since the world began, declare that the human race is to be restored to that glorious perfection, and is again to have dominion over the earth, as its representative, Adam, had. (Acts 13:19-21)

It is this portion that God has elected to give to the human race. And what a glorious portion!”

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So then, in view of this where does the anointed class fit in?

Quote:

“That the Christian Church, the body of Christ, is an exception to God’s general plan for mankind, is evident from the statement that its selection was determined in the divine plan before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 1:4, 5) at which time God not only foresaw the fall of the race into sin, but also predetermined the justification, the sanctification and the glorification of this class, which, during the Gospel age, he has been calling out of the world to be conformed to the image of his Son, to be partakers of the divine nature and to be fellow-heirs with Christ Jesus of the Millennial Kingdom for the establishment of universal righteousness and peace. (Romans 8:28-31)

This shows that the election or choice of the Church was a predetermined thing on God’s part; but mark, it is not an unconditional election of the ‘individual members’ of the Church. Before the foundation of the world God determined that such a company should be selected for such a purpose within a specified time – the Gospel Age.

While we cannot doubt that God could have foreseen the action of each individual member of the Church, and could have foreknown just who would be worthy and therefore constitute the members of that “little flock,” yet this is not the way in which God’s Word presents the doctrine of election.

It was not the thought of an individual predestination which the apostles sought to inculcate, but that ‘a class’ was predetermined in God’s purpose to fill the honourable position, the selection of which would be upon conditions of severe trials of faith and obedience and the sacrifice of earthly privileges, etc., even unto death.

Thus by an individual trial, and by individually “overcoming,” the individual members of the ‘predetermined class’ are being chosen or accepted into all the blessings and benefits predetermined of God for this class.”

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Before concluding, a further quote regarding the correct application of Matthew 25:31-46 confirms that which has been herewith stated.

Quote:

“Note our Lord’s parable of the sheep and the goats, applicable not to the Gospel Age, but to the world in the Millennium. It opens with “When the Son of Man shall come in all his glory” – and sit upon his glorious throne – a time when, according to his promise, the bride, the “elect” Church shall share his throne and glory – “then shall be gathered before him all nations,” and he shall judge them, separating the sheep to the right hand of his favour and the goats to the left hand of disfavour.

This separating and judging will occupy the entire Millennial age, and at its close the “sheep” will all be welcomed to the Father’s favour – everlasting life, and the disobedient “goats,” with Satan their leader, and all evil-doers, shall be punished with the “everlasting destruction,” everlasting cutting-off from life – symbolized by a lake of fire and brimstone – the Second Death.

The scriptures represent the judgement of that great Millennial Judgement Day as before a great white throne of purity and justice, and portray the decision of the Judge to the effect that those who have, during that time, cultivated and developed the spirit of the Heavenly Father, the spirit of

love, to perfection, shall be accounted as the Lord's people and be granted "the Kingdom prepared for them (the earthly Kingdom) from the foundation of the world.

Others, who during that favourable opportunity, shall fail to develop to the fullest extent the spirit of love as their character, in the likeness of the Lord, shall be accounted the Lord's opponents, and, with Satan, such shall be destroyed. Compare Revelation 20:9-13"

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This fresh trial secured for Adam and all his race will indeed be more favourable in some respects than was Adam's original trial, because of the large increase of knowledge. Man has had an opportunity to learn the exceeding sinfulness of sin, and will have an opportunity to learn the blessedness of righteousness and of God's grace in Christ. This knowledge will be of service to all who will use it during the fresh trial for eternal life in the Millennial age – when for a thousand years the whole world of mankind shall be in judgement, or trial, for eternal life, before the great white throne. – Revelation 20:4

It is this salvation **from** the “curse,” this recovery back to favourable opportunities of knowledge, that God wills; and on account of this he has appointed the Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

Not until physical perfection is reached (which will be the *privilege* of all before the close of the Millennial age) will absolute moral perfection to be expected. That new trial, the result of the ransom and the New Covenant, will differ from the trial in Eden, in that in it the acts of each one will affect only his own future.

But would not this be giving some of the race a *second* chance to gain everlasting life? We answer – The *first* chance for everlasting life was lost for himself and all of his race, “yet in his loins,” by father Adam's disobedience. Under that original trial “condemnation passed upon all men”; and God's plan was that through Christ's redemption-sacrifice Adam, and *all* who lost life in his failure, should, after having tasted of the exceeding sinfulness of sin and felt the weight of sin's penalty, be given the opportunity to turn unto God through faith in the Redeemer. If any one chooses to call this a “second chance,” let him do so: it must certainly be Adam's second chance, and in a sense at least it is the same for all of the redeemed race, but it will be the first *individual* opportunity of his descendants, who, when born, were already under condemnation of death. Call it what we please, the facts are the same; viz., all were sentenced to death because of Adam's disobedience, and all will enjoy (in the Millennial age) a *full opportunity* to gain everlasting life under the favourable terms of the New Covenant.

But what about the “other sheep” mentioned by Jesus in John 10:16? Concerning the promise to Abraham that his people (Israel) would be given the first opportunity to accept or reject the offer of immortality, Jesus referred to this “class” as his “little flock” (“Have no fear, little flock, because your Father has approved of giving you the kingdom”.) and knowing that only a limited number would be chosen said:

“I have other sheep (Gentiles), which are not of this fold (Jews); those also I must bring, and they will become one flock (Anointed Class), one shepherd.” (NWT)

If we apply this to the “Great Crowd” in Revelation 7:9, we end up with **two** flocks, one heavenly and one earthly.

Whereas these ones from **two** sources will become **one** flock (Luke 12:32) and one **shepherd** in which capacity they will rule (shepherd) the nations during the millennium.

It seems then that the great crowd (company) is also of the heavenly calling, but in a different capacity compared to the little flock.

“Yet not all of the great company who are nominally of the Church will receive this great prize, but only that “little flock” of over-comers who so run as to obtain it; who follow closely in the Master's foot-steps; who, like him, walk the narrow way of sacrifice, even unto death. These, when born free from the dead in the resurrection, will have the divine nature and form. This immortality, the independent, self-existent, divine nature, is the life to which the narrow way leads.

There are, however, many consecrated ones desirous of the ‘prize’, and who have been begotten of the spirit, who are partially overcome by the allurements of the world, the desires of the flesh, or the arts of the devil.

They will have everlasting spirit life as angels have it, but will lose the prize of immortality. They will serve God in his temple, and stand *before* the throne, having palms in their hands (Revelation

7:9-17); but though that will be glorious, it will not be so glorious as the position of the “little flock” of over-comers, who will be kings and priests unto God, seated with Jesus ‘in the throne’ as his bride and joint-heir, and with him crowned with immortality.”

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Study XI pages 211-214 (excerpt)

In conclusion then, men, not God, have limited to the Gospel age this chance or opportunity of attaining life. God, on the contrary, tells us that the Gospel age is merely for the selection of the Royal Priesthood, the anointed class (immortal heavenly government), through whom, during a succeeding age (Sabbath Millennium), all others shall be brought to an accurate knowledge of the truth and granted full opportunity to secure everlasting life on Earth under the New Covenant.

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Study VII page 131 (excerpt)

Conclusion:

TWO CLASSES IN THE CHURCH

“Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and earth; and some to honour, and some to less honour.” – 2 Timothy 2:19, 20

The scriptures clearly teach that when God’s plan concerning man is completed there will be four classes from among men; viz., (1) the little flock, who are to sit with Christ on his throne, reign with him in the regeneration of the human race, and who will forever be the recipients of God’s favour through Christ Jesus; (2) the great company class, born on the spirit plane, who are to be servants before the throne, like unto angels; (3) the ancient worthies, who will be princes or representatives of the Christ in the earth; and (4) restored human beings, who shall inherit the earth forever. All of these classes, when finally completed, will be perfectly happy in the position they gain.

The little flock is mentioned in the Scriptures under many names, such as, the bride of Christ, the body of Christ, the royal priesthood, etc. To such the Lord Jesus said, “I appoint unto you a Kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.” (Luke 22:29,30) These shall “bear the image of the heavenly” (1 Corinthians 15:49) and shall “shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom.” (Matthew 13:43)

Those who have sacrificed all things to follow in the footsteps of the Master, because of their love for God and his beloved Son, are anxious to awake in his likeness and be forever with the Lord. – Psalm 27:4



PATTERN AND PROPHECY

1 - Significance of Bible Prophecy

Quote:

“Faith is the assured expectation of things hoped for, the evident demonstration of realities though not beheld.”

Hebrews 11:1 – NWT

This in turn leads us to prophecy –

The Significance of Bible Prophecy

Prophecy is one of the outstanding features of the Bible. In its pages God is revealed as the “One telling from the beginning the finale, and from long ago the things that have not been done.” (Isaiah 46:10) Centuries in advance the Bible foretold which kingdoms would dominate the international scene, and the order in which they would appear. It named men before they were born and told in detail acts they would perform. It set out advance notice of acts of God. More strikingly perhaps than any other feature, prophecy distinguishes the Bible from all other ancient sacred writings. This has, as we shall see, great significance.

“But,” you may ask, “were there not other prophets in ancient times aside from the Hebrew prophets of the bible?” Yes, there were. However, as Professor G. R. Berry of Colgate University comments:

“No important written records of the utterances of any of these prophets outside of the Hebrew people have been preserved.... Prophecy among other nations aside from the Hebrews was ordinarily of the clairvoyant type, being given in answer to specific questions of individuals, and hence of no general or permanent value.”

CYRUS

(A foreshadow – leading to the Christ)

The founder of the Persian Empire and the conqueror of Babylon. Known as “Cyrus the Great”, he succeeded his father Cambyses I to the throne of Anshan during the 55th Olympiad (560/559 BCE.)

The Bible prophecies relating to Cyrus are very detailed, far-reaching and of immense importance. This prophecy was recorded well over one and a half centuries before Cyrus was even born.

The true Almighty God, the Divine One (Isaiah 46:9), the One telling from the beginning the finale (Isaiah 46:10), the One calling from the sunrising a bird of prey (Isaiah 46:11).

The One saying of Cyrus, “He is my shepherd –“ (Isaiah 44:28). By virtue of this advance appointment Cyrus becomes God’s “anointed one” (meaning ma•shi’ahh, messiah in Hebrew and khris•tos’(Χριστος), christ in Greek) (Isaiah 45:1).

In basic detail then, from out of the sunrising a bird of prey (Cyrus) would advance on Babylon. The watery deep (moat) and river (feeding it) would dry up and the two-leaved copper doors would be broken in pieces and the iron bars cut down, leaving the way open before him.

This prophecy was written by Isaiah in 732 BCE and was fulfilled in every detail in 539 BCE. The Persians bore an eagle fixed to the end of a lance, and the sun, as their divinity, was also represented upon their standards.

So like a “bird of prey” Cyrus, “from the sunrising” from Persia east of Babylon, swooped down onto the unsuspecting city. Diverting the river which fed the moat, he crossed the now fordable stretch and entered with his army through an open-doored passageway.

On that fateful night, Babylon was taken, Cyrus the Persian and Darius the Mede, marched into the city and slew Belshazzar king of Babylon. (Herodotus Book I sec. 191 – compare Isaiah 44:24 through to Isaiah 45:6 – also Daniel 5:1 through to verse 31.)

The prophecy and its fulfilment however, is not an end in itself. A careful examination of the scriptures has now revealed a detailed ‘pattern and parallel’ of this event, with a far-reaching implication regarding the title and identification of the ‘Christ’.

For example: Moses born the ‘appointed’ one, later became the ‘anointed’ (christ) one (Hebrews 11:24-26)

Cyrus born the ‘appointed’ one later became the ‘anointed’ (christ) one (Isaiah 45:1)

Jesus born the ‘appointed’ one in Bethlehem, later became the ‘anointed’ (christ) one at his baptism thirty years later. (Matthew 3:16,17; Matthew 16:16)

The tabernacle, the Temple of Solomon and Zerubbabel, plus the rebuilt temple by Herod, like the visionary temple of Ezekiel, all faced eastward. The coming of the ‘Christ’ would therefore be expected from the East.

The prophecy regarding the coming of ‘Shiloh’ (Genesis 49:10), also refers to the Messiah. The Targum of Onkelos states: “until the Messiah come, whose is the kingdom.” The Jerusalem Targum states: “until the time that the king Messiah shall come, whose is the kingdom.” The Babylonian Talmud states “What is Messiah’s name? His name is Shiloh, for it is written, Until Shiloh come.” [Commentary edited by F. C. Cook (Volume I page 233)]

The Messianic prophecy of the seventy weeks of years, states that at the end of the sixty-ninth week of years the Messiah (christ) would appear. The seventy weeks of years began in 455 BCE, therefore $69 * 7 = 483$ years. This brings us to the year 29 CE when Jesus at the age of thirty is baptized by John in the river Jordan and anointed with the Holy Spirit. The Messiah Jesus, the ‘anointed one’ (christ) whose name is Shiloh, had arrived on time!

But even now, the prophecy does not end with the anointed Jesus, the Christ. There is a great mystery which has been hidden from the all previous ages until now. It concerns the 'Christ' in both application and meaning. (Colossians 1:26-27)

This is the great mystery of God which has been hidden from all the previous ages, and remains hidden from all except those with insight and understanding. (Daniel 12:9,10)

So what is meant by "Christ in you?" We know that Jesus was anointed with the holy Spirit (Acts 10:38), and therefore we recognise him to be the Christ – the anointed – for the word 'Christ' signifies 'anointed'.

Now the Apostle John says that the 'anointing' which we (consecrated believers) have received 'abideth in us'. (1 John 2:27). Therefore the 'chosen ones' of this Gospel age are an anointed class – anointed to be kings and priests unto God (2 Corinthians 1:21; 1 Peter 2:9), and together with Jesus, their chief and Lord, they constitute Almighty God's Anointed – the Christ.

Their oneness with the Lord Jesus, as members of the Christ, the anointed class, is well illustrated by the figure of the pyramid.

The top-stone is a perfect pyramid of itself. Other stones may be built up under it, and, if in harmony with all the characteristic lines of the top-stone, the whole mass will be a perfect pyramid.

How beautifully this illustrates their position as members of "the seed" – "the Christ". Joined to and perfectly in harmony with their Head, they, as living stones, are perfect. Separated from him, they are nothing.

In an ordinary building there is no 'chief' corner-stone. But in **their** building there is one chief corner-stone, the 'top-stone', as it is written: "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner-stone, elect, precious" (1 Peter 2:4-6)

In his letter to the Galatians, Paul opens up the entire mystery, and shows how the Abrahamic covenant is to be fulfilled. He shows that the Law given to Israel did not interfere with the original covenant (Galatians 3:15-18), and that the seed of Abraham which is to bless all nations is Christ. (Verse 16)

Then, carrying out the idea already alluded to, that the Christ includes all anointed of the Spirit, he says: "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ;... and if ye be Christ's then are ye (together with Jesus) Abraham's seed, and heirs, according to the promise" (made to Abraham.) (Verses 27, 29)

Following up the same line of reasoning, he shows in Galatians Chapter 4 that Abraham was a type of Almighty God, Sarah a type of the covenant or promise, and Isaac a type of Christ (head and body); and then adds, "We, bretheren, as Isaac was, are the children of the promise." (Verse 28) Thus the plan of God was hidden in types until the Gospel age began the development of the Christ.

There has existed a necessity for keeping this mystery hidden, else it would not have been so kept. It was necessary, because to have revealed the plan in full to mankind would have been to frustrate it. Had men known, they would not have executed either the anointed Jesus or the anointed class which is his body. (1 Corinthians 2:8)

Not only would the death of Christ, as the price of man's redemption, have been interfered with, had not the plan been kept a mystery from the world, but the trial of the faith of the anointed ones, as sharers in the sufferings of Christ, would thereby have been prevented also; for "The world knoweth us not (as his joint heirs) because (for the same reason that) it knew him not." (1 John 3:1)

For the moment, the plan of God, and the Christ which is the very embodiment of that plan, remains a great mystery to the world.

Very soon now, the mystery of God will be finished. The secret, hidden plan will have sought out the full, complete number of the members of the body of Christ, and hence it (the body of Christ) will be finished. The plan will cease to be a mystery, because there will be no further object in perpetuating its secrecy.

The greatness of the mystery, so long kept secret, and hidden in promises, types and figures, and the wonderful grace bestowed on those called to fellowship in this mystery (Ephesians 3:9), suggest to us that the work to follow its completion, for which for six thousand years Almighty God has kept mankind in expectation and hope, must be an immense work, a grand work, worthy of such great preparations.

What may we not expect in blessings upon mankind, when the veil of mystery is withdrawn and the showers of blessing descend! It is this for which the whole of creation groans and travails in pain together until now, waiting for the completion of this mystery – for the manifestation of the Sons of God, the promised “seed”, the “Christ”, in whom all shall be blessed. (Romans 8:19-22)

The identity and composition of the ‘CHRIST’ revealed!

In the singular

MOSES	CYRUS	JESUS
CHRIST		

Hebrews 11:24-26

Isaiah 45:1

Matthew 16:16

In the plural

JESUS	ANOINTED CLASS
CHRIST	

Reference

SHILOH

1. In pronouncing a blessing upon Judah, the dying patriarch Jacob said: “The scepter will not turn aside from Judah, neither the commander’s staff from between his feet, until Shiloh comes; and to him the obedience of the people will belong.” (Genesis 49:10) Beginning with the rule of the Judean David, power to command (the commander’s staff) and regal sovereignty (the scepter) were the possessions of the tribe of Judah. This was to continue until the coming of Shiloh, indicating that the royal line of Judah would terminate in Shiloh as the permanent heir. Similarly, before the overthrow of the kingdom of Judah, Jehovah indicated to the last Judean king, Zedekiah, that the rulership would be given to one having the legal right. (Ezekiel 21:26, 27) This would evidently be Shiloh, as the name “Shiloh” is understood to signify “He Whose It Is,” or “He to Whom It Belongs.”

In the centuries that followed, Jesus Christ is the only descendant of David to whom kingship was promised. Before the birth of Jesus the angel Gabriel said to Mary: “Jehovah God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule as king over the house of Jacob forever, and there will be no end of his kingdom.” (Luke 1:32, 33) Therefore, Shiloh must be Jesus Christ, “the Lion that is of the tribe of Judah.” – Revelation 5:5 – compare Isaiah 11:10; Romans 15:12

In conclusion then, the stark reality of the identification of Shiloh in accord with the ancient Jewish view of Genesis 49:10 is that Shiloh is none other than the name of the Messiah (Christ.)

PATTERN AND PROPHECY

2 - The Jubilee

(The Key to Bible Chronology and Mankind's Inheritance)

Without the law there would be chaos. All creation is governed by natural law. Creative law brings stability and order. Even freedom cannot be achieved without law.

In Eden, even perfect Adam was governed by Theocratic law. His eventual disobedience of this law plunged him and his then unborn seed (mankind) into the bondage of sin (imperfection) and death, thereby losing for mankind the perfect freedom for the whole of the human race.

Would however, a loving and all-wise Creator allow this situation to remain, or has he perhaps already set in motion a 'Divine Plan' to reverse it and return mankind once more to a state of freedom and perfection in a world-wide Eden?

When Moses received the Ten Commandments and many other laws which he presented to the nation of Israel, it was not without purpose that included with them was a unique law defined simply as The Jubilee Law.

Until recently, it has always been assumed that this law given to Israel has no other purpose than its application regarding that nation. However, closer examination of it has now revealed a truth of momentous import.

Instead of being just another piece of dead history, it appears that this Jubilee Law contained a far more subtle reason for its existence than we have until now given it credit for. So what then is the real understanding of this law, and how will it affect us all in the very near future?

The painful reality of the bondage to disease and death, in which all human creation lies, presents us with an excellent reason to investigate more clearly the greater application of this law. To do this of course, we first need to know the wording and content of the law given to Israel.

“When you eventually come into the land that I am giving you, then the land must observe a sabbath to the LORD. Six years you should sow your field with seed, and six years you should prune your vineyard, and you must gather the land's produce. But in the seventh year there should occur a sabbath of complete rest for the land, a sabbath to the LORD. Your field you must not sow with seed, and your vineyard you must not prune... And you must count for yourself seven sabbaths of years, seven times seven years, and the days of the seven sabbaths of years must amount to forty-nine years for you. And you must cause the horn of loud tone to sound in the seventh month on the tenth of the month; on the day of atonement you people should cause the horn to sound in all your land. And you must sanctify the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty in the land to all its inhabitants. It will become a Jubilee for you, and you must return each one to his possession and you should return each man to his family. A Jubilee is what that fiftieth year will become for you. You must not sow seed nor reap the land's growth from spilled kernels nor gather the grapes of its unpruned vines. For it is a Jubilee. It should become something holy to you.”

Leviticus 25:1-12

Providing Israel remained obedient to the law, it would enjoy the perfect government and prosperity that only a true theocracy could provide. A perfect government with perfect laws including a law by which during its Jubilee, atonement for past misdemeanours was automatic. The person in bondage was set free and all debt cancelled, while those who had amassed wealth distributed it amongst the poor.

An intensive study and research into this along with the rest of the Holy Scriptures, has shed a new light on this whole issue. We now know that the Jubilee Law is actually a pattern and parallel of a

greater ‘time period’ and long-term ‘event’ which was already in force long before the nation of Israel came on the scene. Plus, this great ‘time period’ is still running!

Instead of the six days of creation and the seventh (sabbath) being only twenty-four hours long, they were in reality each of a duration of **seven thousand years**. This means that the sabbath on which the Creator rested from all his works on the earth, is still not yet complete.

This ‘seventh day’ was also divided-up into seven 1,000-year parts, just like the seven days in our week. In fact, this is of course where we get our seven day week from. So how exactly does this pattern and parallel of the Jubilee fit in?

Just like the Jubilee Law given to the Israelites, these six 7,000 year days of creation produced a perfect race enjoying a perfect earthly environment. Then like the nation of Israel which failed to keep the law and consequently suffered for it, so too, perfect man disobeyed his Creator thereby losing his right to everlasting earthly life in perfect health and happiness.

Subsequently the whole human race becomes subject to the bondage of pain, corruption and death! Even now, this condition continues today. A profound statement by the Apostle Paul confirms this when he said: “For the creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will but through him that subjected it, on the basis of hope that the creation itself also will be set free from enslavement to corruption and have the glorious freedom of the children of God. For we know that all creation keeps on groaning together and being in pain together until now.” (Romans 8:20-22)

In Genesis 1:26-31 we are informed that Adam was created toward the end of the sixth creative day. Therefore the period from his creation to the beginning of the seventh or ‘rest’ day – (sabbath), is known as the Adamic gap. Although we are able to calculate back to the date of Adam’s creation, we are unsure of the date on which the seventh, or ‘rest’, day began.

This is because the scriptures give us no indication as to the length of this gap. The significance of this is that if we knew the length of this gap, we could then pin-point exactly the date for the commencement of the Millennial Sabbath of the seventh 7,000 year day.

One thing however is certain. With the six days of creation complete and 6,000 years of the 7,000 year Sabbath closing fast, all that remains now for mankind is Christ’s Millennial Sabbath Rule to complete the foreshadowed 49,000 years. (Revelation 20:4; Matthew 6:10)

Once that is fulfilled, the 50th Millennium will, as portrayed by the parallel of the Jubilee Law, become a world-wide Jubilee for all mankind. Until then, we must continue to wait and watch with discernment.

DIVINE PATTERN & PARALLEL OF THE CREATOR’S WILL AND PURPOSE

Adam created	4026	BCE
End of 6000 years of man’s existence	1975	CE
Recent calculated date of the Flood	2370	BCE
Absolute date of Flood	2345	BCE
Difference	25	YRS

CALCULATION

	4025.25 plus
<u>1974.25</u>	
Man’s total existence on the earth	<u>6000.00</u> YRS
Adam’s creative date in figures	4025.25
Adamic gap	<u>...25.00</u>

Beginning of 7,000 year sabbath in figures? 4000.25

If correct, the following dates would therefore apply.

Beginning of 7,000 year Sabbath	4000 BCE
Beginning of 1,000 year sabbath	2000 CE
Beginning of World-wide Jubilee	3000 CE

JUBILEE LAW

(Israel)

6 days – work the land	6 days
7 th day – rest (Sabbath)	<u>1 day.</u>
Total	<u>7 days</u>

6 years – work the land	6 years
7 th year – rest (Sabbath)	<u>1 year.</u>
Total	<u>7 years</u>

This was done for seven consecutive periods $7 * 7$ years – 49 years.

The fiftieth year was a Jubilee year, thereby completing one full cycle.

All in bondage were released and all land returned.

This was a foreshadow of the fiftieth thousandth year Great Jubilee for all mankind, thereby completing the full creative cycle.

JUBILEE LAW

(Mankind)

6 days of creation	6 days
1 day of rest – Sabbath	<u>1 day.</u>
Total	<u>7 days</u>

Length of each day	..7000 years
6 days – creation	<u>..7000 years * 6</u>
Total	42000 years

7 th day – Sabbath	..7000 years * 1
Added together this gives us a grand total of	<u>49000 years</u>

The fiftieth thousand-year period will be a world-wide Jubilee for **ALL** mankind!

This great seven thousand year Sabbath is therefore divided into two periods:

Man's labour	6000 years
'Judgement Period'	<u>1000 years</u>
Total	<u>7000 years</u>

BRIEF CHART OF SIGNIFICANT DATES

DATE (BCE)	DATE (ANNO MUNDI)	EVENT	
4026		Creation of Adam (in early autumn)	Genesis 2:7
3896	..130	Birth of Seth – builds Great Pyramid	
3791	..235	Birth of Enosh (Man's features become 'ape-like'. His memory starts to deteriorate – he begins Writing things down.	
3096	..930	Death of Adam	Genesis 5:5
3026	1000	End of 1st 1,000-year day of man's existence	
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2970	1056	Birth of Noah	Genesis 5:28
2939	1087	Great Pyramid completed – Enoch 'taken'	
2886	1140	Death of Enosh	
2468	1558	Birth of Shem – eldest son of Noah	Genesis 6:10
2345	1681	Deluge descends (in November)	Genesis 7:6
2344	1682	Floodwaters subside	Genesis 8:13
2269	1757	Birth of Peleg (his name means – 'division, a measurement')	
2200	1826	World 'Ley' survey (grid division)	
2170	1856	Construction of Tower of Babel under Draconis influence is terminated by the confusion of tongues. (human division)	
2030	1996	Death of Peleg	
2026	2000	End of 2nd 1,000-year day of man's existence	
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DATE (BCE)	DATE (ANNO MUNDI)	EVENT	
2018	2008	Birth of Abraham	Genesis 11:26
1943	2083	Abrahamic covenant made	Genesis 15:18
1930	2096	Melchizedek (Noah's son Shem) king of Salem and possibly 'restorer' of the Great Pyramid (see Targums of Jerusalem)	
1600	2426	Egypt prominent as First World Power	Exodus 1:8
1513	2513	Passover; Israel leaves Egypt	
1026	3000	End of 3rd 1,000-year day of man's existence	
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..740	3286	Assyria established as Second World Power	2 Kings 17
..607	3419	Babylon rules as Third World Power	2 Kings 24:1-7
..539	3487	Medo-Persia becomes Fourth World Power	Daniel 5:30, 31
..336	3690	Greece takes over as Fifth World Power	Daniel 8:20
...30	3996	Rome under Augustus is now Sixth World Power	Luke 2:1 & John 19:15
...26	4000	End of 4th 1,000-year day of man's existence	
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.....2	4024	Birth of Jesus (Immanuel)	Matt. 1:23
DATE (CE)	DATE (Anno Mundi)	Event	
...29	4054	Jesus baptized – birth of Shiloh the Messiah (Christ) (See 'Aid to Bible Understanding' page 1492 under: SHILO)	Genesis 49:10
...70	4095	Jerusalem destroyed by the Romans	Luke 19:42-44
...73	4098	Masada falls to the Romans	
..131	4256	Emperor Hadrian rebuilds Jerusalem as the Roman colony Aelia Capitolina	
..325	4350	Roman Emperor Constantine legalises Christianity	
..378	4403	Damasus, bishop of Rome, takes over title of	

		Pontifex Maximus
..390	4415	Emperor Theodosius the Great declares that all who his new doctrine of the Trinity shall henceforth be known as Catholic. Birth of Catholicism.
..975	5000	End of 5th 1,000-year day of man's existence
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1763	5788	Great Britain emerges as Seventh World Power
1806	5831	End of Holy Roman Empire
1914	5939	World War 1
1939	5964	World War 2
1964	5989	"Spy satellites" and astronauts increase world tension
1966	5991	Threat of World War 3 grows more ominous
1975	6000	End of 6th 1,000-year day of man's existence
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1990	6015	Unemployment grips the western nations as many countries reach industrial saturation point
1993	6013	Carbon canopy continues to increase in density, thereby intensifying the greenhouse effect
1996	6021	Ozone layer continues to deteriorate while greenhouse effect is steadily forcing the Earth again into 'two' seasons. This time Summer and Winter, unlike the almost imperceptible alternation of Spring and Autumn during the Antedeluvian period
2975	7000	End of 7th 1,000-year day of man's existence (in early autumn)
N.B.	ANNO MUNDI	The year of the world
	BCE	Before the Common Era
	CE	Common Era
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SECOND CHANCE

1. A Legal Precedent

Since the creation of Adam, six thousand years of human history have produced a long record of suffering, tears and death. During this period the Devil and men alienated from God have had full opportunity to work out their wicked schemes.

By his course of action Satan set himself up as a rival ruler, challenging God's rulership. By inducing men to serve him, he has become their ruler and their god. For that reason he is called in the Bible "the ruler of this world" and "the god of this system of things."

In thus allowing the Devil and rebellious men time to carry their schemes to their limit, God has taken a long-range view of matters, a view that would benefit creatures throughout eternity.

Should the situation ever arise at any future time that any free moral agent abuses his freedom of choice and calls into question God's way of doing things, would it be necessary for God to grant him time to make good his theories or charges? Would God allow wickedness to exist again for thousands of additional years? Absolutely not!

Having on this occasion allowed rebels to continue for their allotted time of six thousand years, God will have established a clear legal precedent that can be applied anywhere in the universe and throughout all eternity.

It will already have been amply proved that nothing that is out of harmony with the Creator can prosper, that no independent scheme of man or spirit can bring benefits, but that chaos will be the result. God will then be fully justified before all intelligent creatures in swiftly crushing any rebel.

To all eternity our earth will bear a distinction such as no other planet throughout endless space will enjoy. Not that it will be the only planet that will ever be inhabited, the Creator could choose to put inhabitants on thousands, millions, even billions of other planets in due time.

But it will be the **only** planet where the issues were raised by rebellious men and spirit creatures, where they were settled, and where the legal precedent was established that can be used as a touchstone everywhere else, not just in the universe but in the whole of creation.

Even though the experience for us humans has been a painful one, it has been a beneficial one because of the issues that will be settled by it. Thus God will have established once and **for all time** the legal precedent that can be used for the benefit and happiness of living creatures throughout the endless ages of time ahead of us.

SECOND CHANCE

2. The Answer

Before the world was created the Word already existed. He was the first-born of all creation, the only-begotten 'spirit' son of the Creator. This means that he was the only creature to be fashioned personally by the hands of Almighty God himself.

After this, all things were created by and through the Word under the direction of his father Almighty God.

Adam and Eve were created and fashioned in the image of the Creator, and Adam became the first 'human' son of God. God is spirit, so to be created in God's image meant that although human they possessed the same four attributes as the Creator. These are Wisdom, Justice, Love and Power.

Once created, Adam and Eve were placed in a garden paradise to the East of an area called Eden. A spirit creature said to be the most beautiful in the heavens and known as the 'shining-one' was appointed as Covering Cherub to watch over them.

A small test of obedience was put upon the human pair to give them the chance of exercising their own free will. If successful, they would achieve 'everlasting life' for both themselves and the rest of the human race yet to be born.

Opposing the Creator, the Cherub turned Satan^o and deceiving Eve caused them both to disobey, thus losing the chance of everlasting life on the earth for themselves and the rest of the human race. Mankind has started on the Broad Way to destruction and death!

Satan and the angels that followed him were allowed to continue their rule over mankind until the appointed time of the Millennial Rule of the Anointed One (Christ.) As the creator cannot look upon anything imperfect without destroying it, mankind became dead in his eyes.

To confirm this, the Apostle Paul says that once he was alive, eating, drinking and sleeping but he was dead in the Creator's eyes. Then the **man** Jesus who had originally been the Word was born to choose for himself a little flock (144,000) to replace the angels that had followed Satan.

This anointed class would become the New (heavenly) Jerusalem and rule with Christ during the Millennium. So when the Apostle Paul was chosen as one of the anointed class he declared that he had now become alive in the Creator's eyes. The Narrow Way to immortality was opened!

Here then is where understanding applies. When he died, Jesus gave himself (his life) as a ransom in 'exchange' for 'many' (144,000) Matthew 20:28. At the same time, he also gave himself (his body) as a 'corresponding' ransom for all. (Adam and the rest of the human race)

To achieve immortality in the heavens, the anointed class needed the 'exchange' from a human body to a spirit one, whereas the 'corresponding' human body of Jesus paid the ransom for Adam and the rest of the human race to go forward into the Millennium. The Way to the Highway of Holiness was opened!

When Jesus was raised from the dead he did not have a resurrection (resurrection means **a re-standing of one's former self.**) Jesus' **human** body had to remain dead forever, otherwise there would be no corresponding human ransom for Adam and the rest of the human race.

The Bible tells us that Jesus was put to death in the **flesh** and raised as a **spirit**. He therefore had, not a resurrection but a **resurgence**. This is why, as the Apostle Peter says, he was able to preach to the spirit creatures who had been disobedient in Noah's day.

^o The meaning of the word 'Satan' (root Σατανας) means 'resister' or 'adversary'

These spirit creatures were among those who had followed Satan during the Edenic episode and then during Noah's day manifested human bodies, thus enabling them to co-habit with the beautiful women of the human race. This broke God's law that kind must not mix with kind.

Their punishment resulted in their being cast into Tartarus^o, a prison of dense darkness where they are to be reserved for judgement. It should be noted here that Tartarus is not a place but a state or condition. Never again will they be able to manifest human bodies.

It is because Jesus was raised a spirit creature that he needed to manifest a number of different human bodies during the short period before his ascension into heaven. As a spirit creature he would be invisible to humans, as the angelic realm is today.

This is why the account shows that those who met him failed at first to recognise him until he either spoke, broke bread or performed some other gesture for which he was well-known. Unlike the spirit creatures in Tartarus he had, and retains, the ability to do this.

Even though the whole of mankind (except the anointed class) remains dead in the Creator's eyes, Jesus, by his death, has provided the 'ransom of atonement' for Adam's disobedience. Thus obtaining absolution for the whole of the human race.

However this must not be confused with salvation. Absolution from Adamic death means that all mankind from Adam will be resurrected during Christ's Millennial Rule. This is the Highway of Holiness along which all mankind will be brought back into perfection.

Towards the end of the Millennial Rule mankind will have (as in Eden) once more attained absolute perfection along with full knowledge and understanding. Satan, who has been bound during this period, will be let loose to repeat his deception once more.

A perfect race in a perfect environment subject to a perfect law of obedience. The pattern and parallel of the original test will have come full-circle. It is during this time that the separating of the Sheep and the Goats takes place. (Matthew 25:31-46)

The totally incorrigible who are as numerous as the 'sands of the sea' and therefore classed as 'Goats' are sent into 'Everlasting Destruction' along with Satan. The rest of obedient mankind classed as 'Sheep' receive 'Everlasting Life' in fulfilment of the scripture at Revelation 20:5 which reads "The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were over."

At last, mankind once more becomes alive in the eyes of the Creator. Salvation has now been attained.

And there became evening and morning, the beginning of the eighth day!

^o Tartarus, root τ αρτ αροω, meaning a state of restriction.

SECOND CHANCE

3. The Three Ways

The Broad Way – Broad is the **way** to destruction
Along which mankind has been travelling since
Adam's transgression.

The Narrow Way – Narrow is the **way** to life
(immortality) and only a few (144,000) shall
pass through.

The Highway – The Highway of Holiness is the
Way along which all mankind (except 144,000)
Shall travel (during the millennium) at the end
of which those counted as sheep shall inherit
everlasting life.



A QUESTION OF TRANSLATION

1. Hebrew

The designation *Hebrew* was first used for Abram (Abraham) to distinguish him from his Amoritish neighbours. The origin and significance of the term is that *Hebrew* (Iv•ri') comes from the name Eber ('E'•ver), that of the great-grandson of Shem and an ancestor of Abraham.

Secular history does not reveal the origin of the Hebrew language or any of the other most ancient languages. This is because these tongues appear already fully developed in the earliest written records found. Therefore the Bible is the only historical source giving reliable evidence of the origin of the language we know as Hebrew.

The first human, Adam, was created with a vocabulary, as well as with the ability to coin new words and thus expand his vocabulary. Without a God-given vocabulary the newly created man would have been no more able to comprehend verbal instructions from his Creator than the unreasoning animals.

So, while only intelligent man of all earth's creatures has the ability of true speech, language did not originate with man but with man's *All Wise* Creator, Almighty God.

History is full of examples of languages changing over long periods of time. The English spoken in the time of Alfred the Great would seem like a foreign tongue to most English-speaking persons of today.

So like-wise with the Hebrew used by Moses to write Genesis. Although still the original *Adamic* language, it too must have changed substantially since the antediluvian era.

In fact, in reality, our knowledge today of ancient Hebrew is by no means complete. This is due to the fact that so few other contemporaneous writings in the Hebrew language have been found that could contribute to understanding of the word usage.

Among the evidences pointing to a rich vocabulary in ancient Hebrew are writings from the start of the Common Era. These include non-Biblical religious writings forming part of the Dead Sea Scrolls, and also the Mishnah, which employs hundreds of Hebrew words not found in the Bible.

So even in the field of etymology (the study of word origins), due to our own imperfect limitations in language, we still have no means of understanding much of that which is written in what was once the perfect language.

A QUESTION OF TRANSLATION

2. The Genesis Report

All the information contained in the book of Genesis relates to the events that took place prior to Moses' birth. He obtained most of this information from already existing writings or documents. There is no doubt that, even as men today are interested in an accurate historical record, so they have been from the start.

For this reason, it is now understood that the use of the word *tolehdohth* (*histories* or *origins*) in Genesis, refers to an already existing written historical document that Moses had in his possession from which he relied upon for the majority of the information recorded in Genesis.

Adam, who received the creation account from God, was interested in a record for his family, the human race. He wrote the first two documents. Present day controversy that rages around the authenticity of the Scriptures and how human life began on this planet, must pause to consider the Adam and Eve story.

The very fact that this story has pervaded the thoughts of ancient writers is seen in the large number of versions that exist. Not only is it the most ancient story in the world, it owes its survival to the fact that it embodies the basic fact of human life, the eternal struggle of human nature against the futility of imperfection.

A version still extant today has been translated into English and referred to as the first and second books of Adam and Eve. Although this document cannot be compared in every detail with the Genesis account, it does provide us with a new chapter. Starting where the Genesis story of Adam and Eve leaves off, it basically provides a colourful sequel to the other.

It is quite possible then that it was a document of this type and character which provided Moses with the source he needed to compose his work on Genesis. Concerning the value placed on this re-discovered work of antiquity, a critic has stated the following:

“This is we believe, the greatest literary discovery that the world has known. Its effect upon contemporary thought in moulding the judgement of the future generations is of incalculable value.”
“The treasure of Tut-ank-Amen's Tomb were no more precious to the Egyptologist than are these literary treasures to the world of scholarship.”

A QUESTION OF TRANSLATION

3. The Value of Genesis

Genesis is the only source known to humans which provides a logical coherent history of things back to the beginning. Without its factual history of the first man and woman, we would be left with the fanciful stories or allegorical explanations of man's beginning found in the creation accounts of pagan nations.

A comparison of the book of Genesis with the Pagan creation accounts clearly demonstrates the superiority of the Bible account. It informs us how the universe came into being. Then in a matter-of-fact way it describes the wonders of creation without making these overshadow the main purpose of the book.

Genesis shows the work of creation and God's purpose in creating man, the relationship of man to God and the relationship of man to the animals. It provides us with the reason for death and trouble experienced by mankind and the hope of deliverance.

It also points out that all humans descended from one man, Adam, who sinned and lost life for his posterity; thereby enabling us to understand how the ransom sacrifice of one man, Jesus Christ, could atone for the sins of mankind.

Genesis enables us to see how the issue of the rightfulness of God's sovereignty was raised by the Covering Cherub (Satan), thus corrupting World Theocratic Government and placing mankind in the hands of the *god of the system-of-things*.

The limited period (6,000 years) during which this *corrupt* government has been allowed to influence mankind's affairs, is fast drawing to a close. As foretold in Genesis and emphasised in the following later books of the Bible.

The New Theocratic Government which will overthrow this present corrupt one, is the kingdom which is *not of this world* spoken of by Christ Jesus. Just as the first *world system* was destroyed by the Noachian deluge, so the present one will also be terminated.

This will allow the Creator's original purpose for mankind to at last be fulfilled. Under the new heavenly Theocratic Government, the human race will at last enjoy everlasting life on the earth under perfect conditions.

The true meaning of life without imperfection and death will then be accomplished!

Genesis, then, provides a valuable basis for understanding all the other books of the Bible and is essential to Christianity. It sets the theme for the Bible, namely, the vindication of Truth by means of the Creator's Theocratic Government under Christ.

A QUESTION OF TRANSLATION

4. The Tetragrammaton and the Great Pyramid

For many centuries now since the Noachian Deluge, the sun on its untiring course continues to pass in all its blazing glory over the land of Egypt. A land full of mystery and intrigue, it holds those gifted with insight along with the esoteric minded in awe by its fascinating allure.

However this does not preclude the curious who merely out of general interest seek to unlock perhaps by chance, secrets still untold and awaiting discovery. Sometimes the answer to an age-old riddle is often staring us straight in the face while true to the saying 'hide in plain sight', we see nothing.

Then suddenly as if some unseen hand removes the veil, the eye of understanding sees all. This is particularly true concerning the Great Pyramid. Unequaled in its ties with the antediluvian past, the origin and purpose of this great wonder appear at times to be lost in the primeval mists of antiquity.

Yet for all its seemingly individual characteristic solitude, a link with an equally ancient nation slowly begins to emerge.

To erect a building so perfect and yet so enormous that its construction would tax even the skills and resources of today's technology almost to breaking point, raises the question concerning the originator of the whole project.

After all, it is one thing to align a building exactly with the earth's four cardinal points, yet quite another to site it at the exact centre of the geometrical quadrant formed by the Nile Delta. The issue concerning the controversial point that the Great Pyramid is also situated at the centre of the earth's visible land mass, must be dealt with at another time.

The key here, as with most other issues of antiquity, is in the original word translation. It is already well acknowledged that the Great Pyramid was built in the name of Khufu (Cheops) circa 2900 B.C.E. Immediately, one thing becomes clearly established. This date puts the erection of the Great Pyramid well-before the Noachian Deluge (2345 B.C.E.). Archeologists have already confirmed that the Great Pyramid is of a different origin to all the rest.

Because the human race was one family only before the Deluge, this means that the people who erected the Great Pyramid were of the same family origin as Noah. Also, all the inhabitants of the earth at that time spoke in the same tongue. This Adamic tongue was very similar to that which we term today as Ancient Biblical Hebrew.

As one might logically expect, God-fearing people before and after the Deluge performed all their acts in the name of The Creator. The oldest Hebrew manuscripts present this name in the name of four consonants, commonly called the Tetragrammaton (from the Greek *te'tra*, meaning 'four', and *gram'ma*, 'letter').

These four letters (written from **right to left**) are presented thus: יהוה and may be transliterated thus: YHWH (JHVH).

If this was all there is to it we could leave the issue where it stands, but on investigating the identity of the individual in whose name the Great Pyramid was built we are suddenly presented with an astonishing revelation.

Just as in ancient Hebrew and its sister language Aramaic, original ancient Egyptian is also written in consonants only. Therefore the transliteration of the Egyptian form of the Tetragrammaton is HWWF.

So when we lay out the etymological evidence concerning the originator of the Great Pyramid, it reads thus:

HEBREW	ARAMAIC	EGYPTIAN
JHVH	YHWH	HWFU
JEHOVAH	YAHWEH	KHUFU
יהוה		

The conclusion then is that the originator of the Great Pyramid is non other than the originator of the human race, the Creator himself!

A QUESTION OF TRANSLATION

5. Moses

(excerpt)

In the spring of 1473 B.C.E. , Moses announced to the people that, according to Jehovah's appointment, Joshua would succeed as leader. Joshua was then commissioned and exhorted to be courageous. (Deuteronomy 31:1-3, 23)

Finally, after reciting a song and blessing the people, Moses went up into Mount Nebo according to Jehovah's command, first to view the Promised Land from this mountain vantage point, then to die. (Deuteronomy 32:48-51; 34:1-6)

Moses was 120 years of age at the time of his death. He was buried by Jehovah in a location never since discovered. (Deuteronomy 34:5-7) Jude, the Christian disciple and half-brother of Jesus Christ, writes: "When Michael the archangel had a difference with the Devil and was disputing about Moses' body, he did not dare to bring a judgement against him in abusive terms, but said: 'May Jehovah rebuke you.'"

When Jesus Christ died he gave his body as a corresponding ransom in exchange for Adam's. This is why he was raised a spirit creature while his human body (which was never found) remained in payment for Adam's.

Moses foreshadowed Christ Jesus both in pattern and parallel therefore on his death in keeping with that which was to follow, his body too had to disappear never to be found again.

Today on Mount Nebo, a stone in memorial of Moses has been raised. Not to mark his place of burial, but to signify that here on this mountain Moses fulfilled his appointed task.

(picture)

A QUESTION OF TRANSLATION

6. Errors in Translation

It is a very responsible thing to translate the Holy Scriptures from their original languages, Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek, into modern speech. Translating the Holy Scriptures means a rendering into another language the thoughts and sayings of the Grand Creator and heavenly author of the sacred library of sixty-six books, which holy men of long ago put down in writing under inspiration for our benefit today.

There is recently a growing concern among theocratic scholars regarding the same errors still being carried forward in almost all the new translations of the Holy Scriptures, plus a growing number of additional ones. It is therefore felt that a clarification of certain words and material is necessary, along with additional information confirming the whole issue.

Of course it is well-known that language is ever-changing. Just as in foreign languages for example, no matter how many different words are used, each from its own tongue, they must all of them still portray the same article or sense which they are all describing. In the case of the word *gay*, as we now have here an adulteration of the word, a substitute would have to be used which still portrays its original meaning.

Now if we use the word *apple*, irrespective of colour, size or weight, the picture conveyed to the mind is the same to each individual. If however we use the word *fruit*, the picture conveyed would differ according to each individual's conception of that varied commodity.

This brings us then to the actual point in question. For example, the universal usage of the word *hell*. Unfortunately, from the beginning of its transliteration from the original Hebrew and Greek, due to the limitations of our later inferior languages this word has been used to generalise four original words and like the word *gay* has itself become adulterated.

Unlike the word *apple* the word *hell* today means different things to different people. To some it conjures-up a vision of a place of torment, to others it is a time of trial and tribulation that they have just undergone. It is even used as a swear word. Yet an accurate translation of these four words could never be used in this way.

These four original words are *SHEOL* (Hebrew), *HADES* (Greek), *GEHENNA* (Greek), *TARTARUS* (Greek). During the time of their being written, these words conveyed accurately each individual meaning as does the word *apple* today.

Professor Robert Young in his Analytical Concordance to the Holy Bible has, along with a number of others, provided us with enough evidence to correct this and a number of other errors brought to light in this report.

Removing the archaic word *hell* we can now replace the Hebrew word *SHEOL* and the Greek word *HADES* with the **correct** word *GRAVE*. This word has been used because in its own language it denotes a place from which man will obtain a resurrection.

The Greek word *GEHENNA*, unlike Sheol and Hades, denotes a place of **total annihilation** from which one will never obtain a resurrection.

The Greek word *TARTARUS* is even more interesting because this word is found in 2 Peter 2:4 only, and applies to the angels who had been disobedient in Noah's day. Tartarus is therefore not a place but a state or condition. Never again will these ones be able to manifest human bodies and co-habit with women as they did in Noah's day. (Genesis 6:2)

As we have no substitute words for Gehenna and Tartarus (just as we have no substitute in English for the word cheque), it is suggested that the originals are used with a foot-note.

In Genesis 1:6-8 we have a word which has been translated as Firmament, Dome and Expanse.

Quote:

The very first sentence of the first chapter of Genesis says “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” And further to this we are told in verses six to eight: “And God went on to say: ‘Let an expanse come to be in between the waters and let a dividing occur between the waters and the waters.’ Then God proceeded to make the expanse and to make a division between the waters that should be beneath the expanse and the waters that should be above the expanse. And it came to be so. And God began to call the expanse Heaven.”

At this point, it might be a good idea to dwell for a moment on the word ‘expanse’ and how it aptly describes this space between the waters.

Until recently, many translators rendered the word as ‘firmament’ or ‘firmamentum’ which of course conveys the idea of something solid and firm. One translator even used the word ‘ste•re’o•ma’, meaning “a firm and solid structure”.

The original Hebrew word however, is ‘ra•qi’a’ which means ‘extended surface, expanse’. This is born-out in a rather intriguing statement by the Hebrew historian Flavius Josephus from his ‘*Antiquities of the Jews*’ book 1, chapter 1, paragraph 1, where he writes: “After this, on the second day, he placed the heaven over the whole world, and separated it from the other parts, and he determined it should stand by itself. He also placed a crystalline vale around it, and put it together in a manner agreeable to the earth...”

In this point-blank statement by Josephus we have really clinched the issue, for he tells us in his account that the Heaven of the Hebrews was placed “over the whole world”, while the ‘crystalline veil’ was placed or ‘wrapped around’ the Heaven.

In his translation, professor William Whiston renders the piece as: “crystalline (firmament)”. The word is placed in brackets to signify that this is **his** own suggested interpretation of the Greek and Latin copies from which he had to work.

It is felt that commendation is due here for his excellent effort to clarify the understanding of what Josephus is saying, because in doing so, unlike some of the translators before him who rendered the ‘Heaven’ as ‘firmament’, he instead has used the word ‘firmament’ to describe the ‘Canopus Magnus’.

This shows immediately that someone got it ‘wrong’. It is all too evident that the ‘firmament’ could not be both the ‘Heaven’ and the ‘canopy’, and as we have been able to ascertain so far from the evidence here presented, as ‘firmament’ means ‘something of substance’, and this is precisely what the ‘canopy’ is, then professor Whiston is indeed the nearest in his rendering for that unique feature.

However, this still does not detract from the fact that the word firmament is still incorrect whichever of the two features it is applied to. Just as we are able to confirm from the original Hebrew word ‘ra•qi’a’ that the true rendering for the feature described as ‘Heaven’ is ‘expanse’, so now we must again turn to the original root-word in Hebrew for the true rendering of the ‘canopy’ feature.

In the quote from the Josephus manuscript, unlike professor Whiston, we have rendered it crystalline ‘veil’. The reason for this is simply because the Hebrew root word ‘pe•ri•bo’lai•on’ means just that. Different from a face vale or covering, this is something that is ‘thrown’ or ‘wrapped around’.

So then, God created a heavenly expanse and ‘divided the waters above from the waters below’. As we have now identified the location of these upper waters, we are driven to the realisation that a Hebrew cosmogony is rising from the rock of a ‘Canopy-world’ foundation.

The late professor Isaac Vale and professor Robert Young both confirm the word *expanse*. In particular, the word *expanse* conveys the exact mental portrayal of that which existed before the Deluge.

In the Good News Bible, which incidentally is well-phrased in comparison with many other translations today, the clean-up of scripture in Exodus 20 verse 5 and Exodus 34 verse 14 regarding the word *jealous* is welcomed.

Quote:

"I Jehovah your God am a God exacting exclusive devotion" (Exodus 20:5 - New World Translation)

"Do not bow down to any idol or worship it, because I am the LORD your God and I tolerate no rival." (Exodus 20:5 - Good News Bible)

"Do not worship any other God, because I, the LORD, tolerate no rivals" (Exodus 34:14 - Good News Bible)

"For you must not prostrate yourself to another god, because Jehovah, whose name is exclusive, he is a God exacting exclusive devotion." (Exodus 34:14 - Winslow Translation 1998)

In John 1:1, a scripture incorrectly translated by most, is correct in the New Testament 1993 (Good News Bible) and wrong in the 1994 Bible (Good News Bible). The original transliteration reads: "In a beginning was the Word, and the Word was with the God, and a god was the Word". (Emphatic Diaglot)

In Matthew 24:3 in the Good News Bible some phraseology is very good, but the same incorrect word *coming* is used instead of *presence* as rendered by the Greek word *PAROUSIA*. *Coming* implies that one is on the way, whereas *presence* states that one has arrived. This is also in context with the question asked by Jesus' disciples.

Jesus has been *coming* since his ascension, but his arrival will be heralded by the *sign* given in answer to their question concerning his *presence*.

The next point to-date, concerns one of its own making in the Good News Bible. In 1 Peter 3:19, 20 it states that Christ "preached to the imprisoned spirits." and that "These were the spirits of those who had not obeyed God" during Noah's day.

The two words "of those" place the whole line in an erroneous context. The *spirits* spoken of in this scripture are actually the same spirit creatures (angels) found in Genesis 6:2; 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 6.

In an effort to expand on Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning, when God created the universe," (Good News Bible), they have in fact *limited* this statement. The original word "heavens" in the plural, is of course the Hebrew word *shamayim*.

In referring to the whole of creation this word therefore includes all *three* heavens as listed below:

1st The heaven of the Angelic Realm – The Word, Cherubim, Seraphim and Angels.

2nd The physical heavens – containing every universe and galaxy throughout space.

3rd The immediate heaven or, expanse separating the water *vapour canopy* (Josephus refers to it as a crystalline veil) and the sea *basins* below. (until the collapse of the canopy by God's hand, causing the Deluge of Noah's day, there were no oceans, no rain and only two seasons. Heat and cold did not exist due to the environmental climate imposed by the vapour canopy.)

A commendation must be given to the translators of the Good News Bible for the complete deletion of the spurious text of 1 John 5:7 and 8, this has been needed for some time.

Concerning the Creator's words to Abraham at Genesis 22:15-18 whereby he refers to Abraham's *seed* by which all nations of the earth will be blessed. In the Good News Bible the word *seed* has been replaced by the word *descendants*. This shows a complete lack of insight and understanding of what is being said here.

If the promise was given to Abraham's descendants, then this would include the nation of Israel which is descended through his son Isaac, and the Arabic nation descended through his other son Ishmael.

This of course cannot be right, especially when this *seed* is the same *seed* referred to in Genesis 3:15 which will eventually destroy Satan. Again here, the word *seed* has been replaced in the Good News Bible by the word *offspring*. Again this cannot be right because this would include the whole of humanity.

The Apostle Paul gives us the first clue as to what this *seed* is when he says in Galatians 3:16 "Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. It says not: "And to seeds," as in the case of many such, but as in the case of one: "and to your seed," who is Christ." (New World Translation)

Now the Good News Bible states: "Now, God made his promises to Abraham and to his descendant." (Galatians 3:16) This time their scripture does **not** use the plural "descendants", meaning many people, but the singular "descendant", meaning one person only, namely, Christ.

So in the first instance, the word "descendants" (plural) used by the Good News Bible in the Genesis scripture, should not be there. Also, in using the singular word *descendant* to then refer to "one person only, namely Christ.", by which they no doubt mean Jesus, they have misunderstood that to which Paul is referring.

The great mystery of God which has been hidden from all previous ages, and still remains hidden from the majority even today, is the understanding of what is meant by "Christ in you." (Colossians 1:27)

We know that Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:38), and therefore we recognise him to be the Christ – the anointed – because the word *Christ* means *anointed*.

The Apostle John says that "the anointing" which "you" (anointed class) have received "remains in you" (1 John 2:27) Therefore the *chosen* of this Gospel Age are an anointed company – anointed to be kings and priests unto God (2 Corinthians 1:21; 1 Peter 2:9), and together with Jesus, their chief and Lord, they constitute the Anointed – the Christ.

In harmony with this teaching of John, that they also are *anointed*, Paul assures us that this mystery which has been kept secret in ages past, but which is now made known to them, is that the *Christ* (the Anointed) is "not one member, but many," just as the human body is one, and has many members; but as all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also the Anointed – the Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:12-28)

Jesus is anointed to be the Head or Lord over the Church, which is his body (or his bride, as expressed in another figure – Ephesians 5:25-30), and unitedly they constitute the **promised** "Seed" – the Great Deliverer: "Moreover, if you belong to Christ, you are really Abraham's seed, heirs with reference to a promise." (Galatians 3:29)

This same oneness Jesus also taught, saying, "I am the vine, you are the branches." (John 15:5)

Their oneness with the Lord Jesus, as members of the *Christ*, the anointed company, is well-illustrated by the figure of the pyramid.

The top-stone is a perfect pyramid of itself. Other stones may be built-up under it, and, if in harmony with all the characteristic lines of the top-stone, the whole mass will be a perfect pyramid.

How beautifully this illustrates their position as members of “the Seed” – “the Christ”. Joined to and perfectly in harmony with their Head, they, as living stones, are perfect; separated from him, they are nothing.

Therefore when Paul says “And to your seed,” he is of course referring to the composite body of the anointed (*Christ*) which together constitute the *seed* by which all nations of the earth will be blessed.

In the meantime, the word of God is continually made void through the application of the traditions and man-made doctrines of those who teach without an accurate insight and understanding of the Holy Scriptures.

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