

Revelation 2 Part 2

Table Revelation 2:12-17

- 12 *And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;*
- 13 *I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.*
- 14 *But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.*
- 15 *So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.*
- 16 *Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.*
- 17 *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.*

See Dr Ruckman's commentary *The Book of Revelation* pp 51-59 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 89, 128-129, 752, 766, 818-819, 1067, 1196, 1466, 1513, 1646-1647, 1657-1658.

1. **Revelation 2:12.** *"These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;"* refers to *"the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God"* Ephesians 6:17 of which Paul declares *"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart"* Hebrews 4:12.

Therefore the Lord uses the expression *"let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches"* Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29, 3:6, 13, 22 seven times i.e. one for each church showing that whatever the spiritual condition of a church it *always* needs:

"the word of God" 1 Samuel 9:27, 1 Kings 12:22, 1 Chronicles 17:3, Mark 7:13, Luke 3:2, 5:1, 8:11, 21, 11:28, John 10:35, Acts 4:31, 6:2, 7, 8:14, 11:1, 12:24, 13:5, 7, 44, 46, 17:13, 18:11, 19:20, Romans 9:6, 10:17, 1 Corinthians 14:26, 2 Corinthians 2:17, 4:2, Ephesians 6:17, Colossians 1:25, 1 Thessalonians 2:13 twice, 1 Timothy 4:5, 2 Timothy 2:9, Titus 2:5, Hebrews 4:12, 11:3, 13:7, 1 Peter 1:23, 2 Peter 3:5, 1 John 2:14, Revelation 1:2, 9, 6:9, 19:13, 20:4, 46 references

"the words of God" Numbers 24:4, 16, 1 Chronicles 25:5, Psalm 107:11, John 3:34, Revelation 17:17

"the word of the LORD" Genesis 15:1, 4, Exodus 9:20, 21, Numbers 3:16, 51:4:45, 15:31, 22:18, 36:5, Deuteronomy 5:5, 34:5, Joshua 8:27, 19:50, 22:9, 1 Samuel 3:1, 7, 21, 15:10, 23, 26, 2 Samuel 7:4, 22:31, 24:11, 1 Kings 2:27, 6:11, 12:24 twice, 13:1, 2, 5, 9, 17, 18, 20, 26 twice, 32, 14:18, 16:1, 7, 12, 34, 17:2, 5, 8, 16, 24, 18:1, 31, 19:9, 20:35, 21:17, 28, 22:5, 19, 38, 2 Kings 1:17, 3:12, 4:44, 7:1, 16, 9:26, 36, 10:10, 14:25, 15:12, 20:4, 16, 19, 23:16, 24:2, 1 Chronicles 10:13, 11:3, 10, 12:23, 15:15, 22:8, 2 Chronicles 11:2, 12:7, 18:4, 18, 30:12, 34:21, 35:6, 36:21, 22, Ezra 1:1, Psalm 18:30, 33:4, 6, 105:19, Isaiah 1:10, 2:3, 28:13, 14, 38:4, 39:5, 8, 66:5, Jeremiah 1:2, 4, 11, 13, 2:1, 4, 31, 6:10, 7:2, 8:9, 9:20, 13:2, 3, 8, 14:1, 16:1, 17:15, 20, 18:5, 19:3, 20:8, 21:11, 22:2, 29, 24:4, 25:3, 27:18, 28:12, 29:20, 30, 31:10, 32:6, 8 twice, 26, 33:1, 19, 23, 34:4, 12, 35:12, 36:27, 37:6, 39:15, 42:7, 15, 43:8, 44:24, 26, 46:1, 47:1, 49:34, Ezekiel 1:3, 3:16, 6:1, 3, 7:1, 11:14, 12:1, 8, 17, 21, 26, 13:1, 2, 14:2, 12, 15:1, 16:1, 35, 17:1, 11, 18:1, 20:2, 45, 47, 21:1, 8, 18, 22:1, 17, 23, 23:1, 24:1, 15, 20, 25:1, 3, 26:1, 27:1, 28:1, 11, 20,

29:1, 17, 30:1, 20, 31:1, 32:1, 17, 33:1, 23, 34:1, 7, 9, 35:1, 36:1, 4, 16, 37:4, 15, 38:1, Daniel 9:2, Hosea 1:1, 2, 4:1, Joel 1:1, Amos 7:16, 8:12, Jonah 1:1, 3:1, 3, Micah 1:1, 4:2, Zephaniah 1:1, 2:5, Haggai 1:1, 3, 2:1, 10, 20, Zechariah 1:7, 4:6, 8, 6:9, 7:1, 4, 8, 8:1, 18, 9:1, 11:11, 12:1, Malachi 1:1, Luke 22:61, Acts 8:25, 11:16, 13:48, 49, 15:35, 36, 16:32, 19:10, 1 Thessalonians 1:8, 4:15, 2 Thessalonians 3:1, 1 Peter 1:25, 258 references

“the words of the LORD” Exodus 4:28, 24:3, 4, Numbers 11:24, Joshua 3:9, 24:27, 1 Samuel 8:10, 15:1, 2 Chronicles 11:4, 29:15, Psalm 12:6, Jeremiah 36:4, 6, 8, 11, 37:2, 43:1, Amos 8:11, 18 references plus Acts 20:35 **“the words of the Lord Jesus.”**

Paul therefore exhorts today’s believer according to 2 Timothy 1:13 **“Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.”**

2. **Revelation 2:13.** The Lord states **“I know thy works”** Revelation 2:2, 9, 13, 19, 3:1, 8, 15 seven times, once for each of the seven churches. The statement for the Church Age believer points to 1 Corinthians 3:11-15 **“For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man’s work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is. If any man’s work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire”** that depict what happens at **“the judgment seat of Christ”** concerning believers’ works not their salvation as Paul states in 2 Corinthians 5:10 **“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”**

“gold” is steadfast commitment **“to worship the King, the LORD of hosts”** Zechariah 14:16, 17 because gold is associated with royalty in scripture according to 1 Kings 10:18 **“Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold.”**

Note further **“the golden sceptre”** with respect to royal authority.

“All the king’s servants, and the people of the king’s provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live...And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre” Esther 4:11, 5:2.

“silver” is steadfast commitment to redeeming or ransoming souls as depicted in Exodus 30:11-13 **“And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, When thou takest the sum of the children of Israel after their number, then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul unto the LORD, when thou numberest them; that there be no plague among them, when thou numberest them. This they shall give, every one that passeth among them that are numbered, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary: (a shekel is twenty gerahs:) an half shekel shall be the offering of the LORD”** **“the shekel of the sanctuary”** identified as **“shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary”** Leviticus 5:15, 27:3.

“precious stones” is the actual redeeming of precious souls as the Lord describes them in Malachi 3:17 **“And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.”**

“wood, hay, stubble” is an attitude of **“For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ’s”** Philippians 2:21 **“And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful”** Mark 4:18-19 and **“...that which**

beareth thorns and briars is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned
Hebrews 6:8.

“gold, silver, precious stones” instead merit reward for service according to the heavenly hymn of praise to the Lord Jesus Christ **“...Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth”** Revelation 5:10-11.

Today’s believer can make preparation for **“the judgment seat of Christ”** by considering how he would answer the six questions of Job 26:2-4 **“How hast thou helped him that is without power? how savest thou the arm that hath no strength? How hast thou counselled him that hath no wisdom? and how hast thou plentifully declared the thing as it is? To whom hast thou uttered words? and whose spirit came from thee?”** i.e. **“the Spirit of the Lord GOD”** Isaiah 61:1, **“the spirit of man”** Proverbs 20:27, Ecclesiastes 3:21, Zechariah 12:1, 1 Corinthians 2:11 or **“a spirit of an unclean devil”** Luke 4:33, noting that the when the Lord next met the devil after Luke 4:13 **“...when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season”** it was in a *fundamentalist church* where no-one disputed the statement **“...Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God.”** Note the fundamentalist devil’s three-point outline with respect to John 14:30, Hebrews 2:14, Acts 2:27, 3:14, 13:35, 1 John 2:20.

With respect to **“the Spirit of the Lord GOD”** versus **“the spirit of man”** independent of God that Paul equates to **“the spirit of the world”** Paul explains **“For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual”** 1 Corinthians 2:11-13.

“the spirit of man” independent of God in accordance with **“the spirit of the world”** acting via **“man’s wisdom”** 1 Corinthians 2:12, 13 is called Humanism defined as follows:

www.dictionary.com/browse/humanism

Philosophy. a variety of ethical theory and practice that emphasizes reason, scientific inquiry, and [human](#) fulfilment in the natural world and often rejects the importance of belief in God

www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/humanism, site’s italics

a doctrine, attitude, or way of life centered on human interests or values; *especially* : a philosophy that usually rejects [supernaturalism](#) and stresses an individual's dignity and worth and capacity for [self-realization](#) through reason

The Bible says:

“And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” Genesis 6:5.

“Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit? there is more hope of a fool than of him” Proverbs 26:12.

“...yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead” Ecclesiastes 9:3.

“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ” Colossians 2:8.

“a spirit of an unclean devil” is as indicated a *fundamentalist* unclean spirit that preaches the fundamentals after the manner of 1 Kings 22:23-24 **“Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concern-**

ing thee. *But Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee?*” with 2 Chronicles 18:22-23.

“*a spirit of an unclean devil*” like the one that got agitated by the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ is identified in a preacher by an attitude of “*Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee*” Psalm 50:17 with respect to the 1611 Holy Bible “*the book of the LORD*” Isaiah 34:16 “*the scripture of truth*” Daniel 10:21 “*the royal law*” James 2:8 and “*All scripture*” that “*is given by inspiration of God*” 2 Timothy 3:16 such that no other book is *while still professing Christian fundamentals* as in the words of the King James translators www.jesus-is-lord.com/pref1611.htm, this writer’s emphases **self-conceited Brethren, who run their own ways, and give liking unto nothing, but what is framed by themselves, and hammered on their Anvil.**

The statement “*I know...where thou dwellest...*” is a reminder of the Lord’s omnipresence and omniscience especially with respect to His intimacy with the saints as King David describes and in which today’s believer can take comfort according to Psalm 139:2-3, 5-6 “*Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.*”

The statement “*I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan’s seat is...where Satan dwelleth*” is a reminder that the devil “*...the great dragon...that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan*” Revelation 12:9 has a seat that becomes the centre of world-wide worship in the End Times as John shows with respect to “*...that man of sin...the son of perdition*” 2 Thessalonians 2:3 in Revelation 13:2-4 “*And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority...and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?*”

The answer to the second question is Revelation 17:14 “*These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.*”

Note that the King James translators www.jesus-is-lord.com/pref1611.htm identified “*...that man of sin...the son of perdition*” in the dedicatory epistle to the 1611 Holy Bible, this writer’s emphases. *No modern version editors dare raise the subject.*

And this their contentment doth not diminish or decay, but every day increaseth and taketh strength, when they observe, that the zeal of Your Majesty toward the house of God doth not slack or go backward, but is more and more kindled, manifesting itself abroad in the farthest parts of *Christendom*, by writing in defence of the Truth, (**which hath given such a blow unto that man of sin, as will not be healed,**) and every day at home, by religious and learned discourse, by frequenting the house of God, by hearing the Word preached, by cherishing the Teachers thereof, by caring for the Church, as a most tender and loving nursing Father...So that if, on the one side, **we shall be traduced by Popish Persons at home or abroad, who therefore will malign us, because we are poor Instruments to make GOD’S holy Truth to be yet more and more known unto the people, whom they desire still to keep in ignorance and darkness;** or if, on the other side, we shall be maligned by self-conceited Brethren, who run their own ways, and give liking unto nothing, but what is framed by themselves, and hammered on their Anvil; we may rest secure, supported within by truth and innocency of a good conscience, having walked the ways of simplicity and integrity, as before the Lord; and sustained without by the powerful protection of Your Majesty’s grace and favour, which will ever give countenance to honest and Christian endeavours against bitter censures and uncharitable imputations.

Revelation 17:14 is one incentive to be among those to whom the Lord will say **“thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith.”** For the End Times they are those described with respect to Revelation 14:12 **“Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”** The Church Age saint by contrast is defined in Romans 8:9 **“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his”** with a sharp distinction drawn between believers and non-believers with *no* reference to keeping God’s commandments *or even keeping the faith* as such in order to qualify for sainthood as Paul makes clear in 2 Timothy 2:13 **“If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.”**

Note further Ephesians 1:12-14, 5:30 **“That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory...For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones”** with respect to the definition of the Church Age saint.

Today’s believer should nevertheless in the light of Revelation 17:14 aim to apply 2 Timothy 4:7-8 **“I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.”**

Concerning **“Antipas...my faithful martyr, who was slain among you”** see the attached items **ANTIPAS MY FAITHFUL MARTYR** and **Antipas of Pergamum**. Daunting though it is in the light of those accounts today’s believer should nevertheless aim to abide by 2 Timothy 1:7-8 **“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God.”**

3. **Revelation 2:14-15.** **“the doctrine of Balaam”** is based on a most compelling verse of scripture that Balaam himself spoke, namely Numbers 23:19 **“God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?”**

“Balaam the son of Bosor...loved the wages of unrighteousness” 2 Peter 2:15 and though he declared **“How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed? or how shall I defy, whom the LORD hath not defied?...Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it”** Numbers 23:8, 20, he devised his doctrine so that he could still get his wages.

Balaam knew the truth of Deuteronomy 8:19-20 **“And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish. As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.”**

Balaam’s aim and in turn his doctrine to Balak was to entice Israel to *disobey* Deuteronomy 8:19-20 so that *God* would destroy Israel and Balaam would get his reward from Balak. Revelation 2:14 summarises the steps that Balak followed according to Balaam’s doctrine. The outcome is found in Numbers 25:1-5 **“And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab. And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods. And Israel joined himself unto Baalpeor; and the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel. And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel. And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that were joined unto Baalpeor”** and context, showing that **“the doctrine of Balaam”** achieved partial success.

“the doctrine of Balaam...to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication” infested the early church and continues to this day through the machinations of **“MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH”** Revelation 17:5.

See www.chick.com/catalog/books/0187.asp.

Note however the final outcome of **“the doctrine of Balaam.”** His doctrine was **“the error of Balaam”** Jude 11 and it was fatal **“For the wages of sin is death...”** Romans 6:23.

“And they slew the kings of Midian, beside the rest of them that were slain; namely, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian: Balaam also the son of Beor they slew with the sword” Numbers 31:8. As King Solomon states **“Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in an evil way, he shall fall himself into his own pit: but the upright shall have good things in possession”** Proverbs 28:10.

The lesson for today’s believer and indeed all saints and also concerning **“the doctrine of the Nicolaitans,”** see below, is Colossians 3:25 **“But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.”**

See next study *Revelation 2 Part 3* with respect to Revelation 2:20 on eating **“things sacrificed to idols.”** Concerning Revelation 2:15 **“So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate”** note first this extract from [www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/Revelation 2 Part 1](http://www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/Revelation%20Part%201) p 4:

Revelation 2:6. See **Appendix – the Nicolaitans, “being lords over God’s heritage” 1 Peter 5:3** for details, particularly on the Biblical derivation of the term **“Nicolaitans”** and see remarks under Revelation 2:2-3 with respect the so-called primacy of Peter.

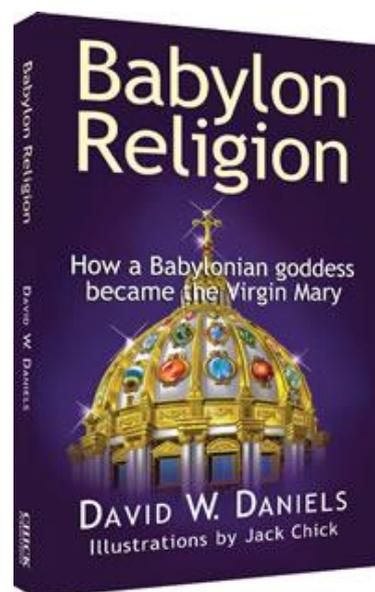
The Lord hates **“the deeds of the Nicolaitans”** as today’s believer should because they violate the priesthood of all believers as set out by Peter himself in 1 Peter 2:9 **“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.”**

King Solomon had **“the deeds of the Nicolaitans”** pegged in his time and the Lord’s perception of them, noting especially the last two phrases.

“These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren” Proverbs 6:16-19.

For an overview of countering **“the deeds of the Nicolaitans”** see the attached study **Revival – A Seven-Point Plan**. Then see the attached studies in this work:

- **Countering “the doctrine of the Nicolaitans”** for opposing this heresy in its current form. That study reveals how in effect **“the doctrine of the Nicolaitans”** enables **“the deeds of the Nicolaitans”** Revelation 2:6 to be implemented to gain ascendancy of scholars, so-called, over ordinary believers in violation of the priesthood of all believers, 1 Peter 2:9.
- **The Greek versus the Scripture.** This study summarises how both **“the deeds of the Nicolaitans”** and **“the doctrine of the Nicolaitans”** Revelation 2:6, 15 were devised and gives further insight into how they assail Bible believers today. In sum like **“the doctrine of Balaam”** today they may be traced to **“MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH”** Revelation 17:5.



4. Revelation 2:16 **“Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.”** See remarks and the attached studies under Revelation 2:15 **“So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate”** with respect to Nicolaitanism as bound up with Revelation 17:5 **“MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.”**

Note therefore that the Lord enlarges upon the exhortation **“Repent”** in Revelation 18:4 **“And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”** The Lord Jesus will fight against her and **“will fight against them with the sword of my mouth”** at the Second Advent as shown in Revelation 19:1-2, 21 **“And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand...And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.”**

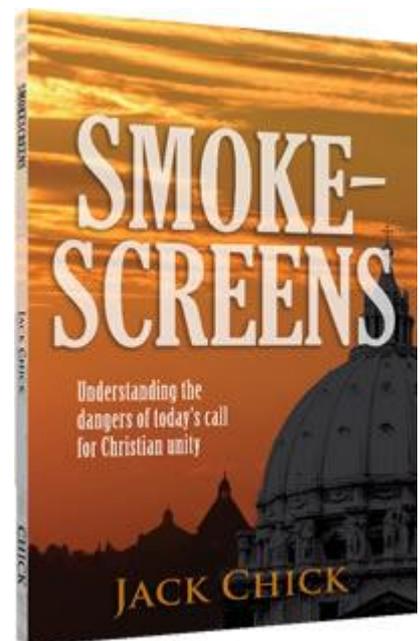
For now, resistance to **“the great whore”** Revelation 19:2 that spawned **“the deeds of the Nicolaitans”** and **“the doctrine of the Nicolaitans”** Revelation 2:6, 15 is explained in the work *Smokescreens* as Bro. Jack Chick explains.

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Dangers of the Ecumenical movement

Many Christians are joining the ecumenical movement, thinking God has ordained it to bring all Christians into unity. But this book reveals that the ecumenical movement is nothing more than a smokescreen, hiding the Vatican’s real intent, to stamp out religious freedom and rule the world.

Our fight is not with the Roman Catholic people who have been betrayed by their church. Our job is to rip the mask off her face, and let the poor Roman Catholics see what they’re really tied to. They have to find Christ as the answer and it’s our job to try to win them to Christ.



“Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves” Matthew 10:16.

5. Revelation 2:17. Concerning **“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches”** in the context of Revelation 2:15-17 see remarks under Revelation 2:7 *Revelation 2 Part 1* p 4 www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/.

The exhortation **“He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches”** applies *in context* as Paul states in 1 Timothy 4:1 **“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”** the context of Revelation 2:7 indicating that **“doctrines of devils”** include **“the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.”** See remarks under Revelation 2:6.

The exhortation *in principle* applies according to John 16:13 **“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.”**

Concerning the statement **“To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it”** devotional/practical/spiritual application may be made with respect to them that overcome by obedience to Romans 12:16 **“Be of the same mind one toward another.**

Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits” according to Luke 10:21 **“In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.”**

Doctrinally and prophetically **“To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna”** would refer to the faithful remnant in the End Times **“which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands”** particularly Jewish End Times saints whom the Lord feeds miraculously when they flee into the wildernesses from the papal Antichrist i.e. the beast of Revelation 13 as these scriptures reveal.

“And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness there lay a small round thing, as small as the hoar frost on the ground. And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, It is manna: for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat” Exodus 16:14-15.

“Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail, Which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?” Job 38:22-23 with respect to *hidden treasure that looks like “hoar frost.”*

“Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness” Psalm 74:14 revealing the actual source of manna.

“Our persecutors are swifter than the eagles of the heaven: they pursued us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness... We gat our bread with the peril of our lives because of the sword of the wilderness” Lamentations 4:19, 5:9.

“Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily in the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old. According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I shew unto him marvellous things... He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea” Micah 7:14-15, 19 in which today’s believer can take great comfort.

“And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days... And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent” Revelation 12:6, 14. **“They”** in this writer’s view are God and the devil. See Psalm 74:14 above.

Those scriptures summarise the End Times prophetic fulfilment with respect to **“...the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)”** Genesis 49:24 of Deuteronomy 8:16 **“Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end”** and the provision to His people of **“the hidden manna.”**

Concerning **“a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it”** white is for purity according to Isaiah 1:18 **“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.”**

“a white stone” would be a diamond. Diamond White is a recognised colour in the automotive industry. See www.carwow.co.uk/blog/mercedes-gle-coupe-colour-guide-0146. Diamond is the sixth stone listed for the breastplate that Aaron wore and corresponds to Benjamin as these scriptures reveal.



“And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually...they made the breastplate double: a span was the length thereof, and a span the breadth thereof, being doubled. And they set in it four rows of stones: the first row was a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this was the first row. And the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond...And the stones were according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet, every one with his name, according to the twelve tribes” Exodus 28:29, 39:9-11, 14.

Note the New Testament counterpart to Exodus 28:29 that is applicable to the Lord Jesus Christ now as it was to Paul then **“Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace”** Philippians 1:7.

“These shall stand upon mount Gerizim to bless the people, when ye are come over Jordan; Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin” Deuteronomy 27:12.

Note now this statement by Judah about Benjamin who typifies the Lord Jesus Christ for today’s believer remembering that **“...it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda”** Hebrews 7:14. Judah intercedes for Benjamin as the Lord **“maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God...who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us”** Romans 8:27, 34. **“For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father for ever”** Genesis 44:32.

“a white stone” as a diamond therefore signifies to the recipient that his sin is cleansed, that the Lord has him in His heart with a special name and that the Lord became surety for him and intercedes for him as Judah did for Benjamin and forever as Paul reveals in Hebrews 7:22, 25 **“By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament...Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.”**

Conclusion

“But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy” 1 Peter 1:15-16. See www.jarofquotes.com/view.php?id=because-it-is-written-be-ye-holy-for-i-am-holy.

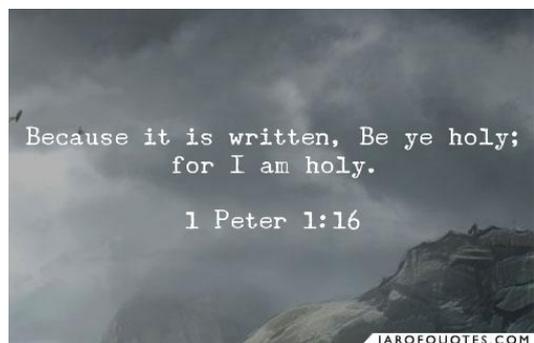
Revelation 2:12-17 Study Questions and Sample Answers

Study Questions

1. What do the Lord’s words to Pergamos tell us?
2. What could be applicable today?
3. How could it be put into practice?

Sample Answers

1. **“Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall”** 1 Corinthians 10:12.
2. **“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it”** 1 Corinthians 10:13.
3. Separate from Christian farce-damentalism. See attached study **Modern Christian FARCE-damentalism** and note 2 Corinthians 6:17-18 **“Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.”**



ANTIPAS MY FAITHFUL MARTYR

www.revelation107.com/antipas-my-faithful-martyr/

Revelation 2:13 “I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan’s seat is: and thou holdest fast My Name, and hast not denied My faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.”

ANTIPAS MY FAITHFUL MARTYR: There is no other record in the Word or in any profane history concerning this brother. But surely there need not be. It is more than enough that he was fore-known and known of the Lord. It is more than enough to see his faithfulness unto the Lord recorded in the living Word. He was a Christian.

He had the Name of Jesus. He had the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ and he was amongst those who lived by it. He had responded to the words of James, “**Have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ with respect of persons.**” Full of the Holy Ghost and faith as was Stephen, he respected no one, he feared no one; and when death was pronounced upon all who would take that Name and walk in the faith of Jesus Christ he took his stand with those who would not turn back. **Yes, he died, but like Abel, he obtained a witness from God (his name is written in the Word), and though dead, his voice still speaks in the pages of God’s Divine Record.** Another faithful martyr was carried to his rest. But Satan did not triumph then, even as he did not triumph when he killed the Prince of Peace, for as Satan was despoiled at the cross, even so now will the blood of Antipas cry out to hundreds more who will take up their crosses and follow Him.

Pergamean Church Age

Antipas of Pergamum

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antipas_of_Pergamum

thepauls.wordpress.com/2009/04/07/me-against-the-world-as-was-antipas/

Antipas: Many Christian traditions believe **Saint Antipas** to be the Antipas referred to in the [Book of Revelation](#), [Revelation 2:13](#), as the verse says: “I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan’s seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.” The “faithful martyr” of [Pergamon](#), “where Satan dwelleth”. According to [Christian](#) tradition, [John the Apostle](#) ordained Antipas as [bishop of Pergamon](#) during the reign of the Roman emperor [Domitian](#). The traditional account goes on to say Antipas was [martyred](#) in ca. 92 AD by burning in a [brazen bull-shaped altar](#) for casting out demons worshipped by the local population...

Antipas is one of the few martyrs mentioned in the Bible by name. Not only is he mentioned in the Bible, he was spoken of by God. Rev 2:13 records the martyrdom of Antipas, who did not deny the Faith and was faithful to the point of death. His martyrdom cannot be refuted and the most accepted version of his death as recorded in 92 A.D. by Simeon Metaphrastes is that he was roasted alive in a copper bull-shaped altar. Antipas refused to deny Jesus Christ and worship the Roman Emperor...

Antipas, whose name means “against all”, was advised that “the whole world is against you!” before he was sentenced to be martyred. His response was “Then I am against the whole world”.



**Antipas of Pergamum
Martyr and Bishop**

Countering “the doctrine of the Nicolaitans”

From www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/ ‘O Biblios’ – *The Book* pp 27-29

5.7.7. *The AV1611 can be tolerated but surely any translation is satisfactory so long as it contains the fundamentals of the faith and we win souls.*

The ‘fundamentals of the faith’ can be written on the back of an envelope and found even in a JB, NJB or NWT, New World Translation of the Jehovah’s Witnesses. This does not mean that they are Bibles. The AV1611 will always give greater emphasis on the ‘fundamentals’ than the modern versions. As Gail Riplinger shows [*New Age Bible Versions*], progressive modern versions for the ‘New Age’ will continue to undermine fundamental doctrine until it is no longer ‘fundamental.’ See also comments by Dr Gipp, [*An Understandable History Of The Bible*] pp 181-182*²⁰¹².

*²⁰¹²See pp 285-288 of Dr Gipp’s 2004 Edition, samgipp.com/historybook/.

A young preacher once said that he could preach from ANY Bible on “justification by faith”, even if we could only be sure of “98%” of God’s words. Not only are there no scriptures to support this view but a 2% uncertainty in the scriptures yields approximately 600 doubtful verses. Any concordance will show that the word “**justify**” or its equivalent with respect to faith, occurs in no more than about 30 verses in the New Testament. Are THESE verses among the doubtful 600? Who decides and by what authority?

Concerning ‘soul winning’, see Sections 1.7, 5.5 and George Whitfield’s experience at Bedworth.

Finally, if a bible is to be selected on the basis of preference, which is what the above criticism implies, perhaps one should ask what Bible does GOD prefer?

5.7.8. *The AV1611 may be tolerated but it is still inferior to “the Greek.”*

To this criticism, it may reasonably be asked WHICH Greek, because there are about two dozen*²⁰¹² different Greek texts [*The Christian’s Handbook of Biblical Scholarship* Dr Peter S. Ruckman, Bible Baptist Bookstore, P.O. Box 7135, Pensacola FL. 32504, 1988, www.kjv1611.org/index.html, now *Biblical Scholarship* store.kjv1611.org/biblical-scholarship/] p 150, [*The Christian’s Handbook of Manuscript Evidence* Dr Peter S. Ruckman, Pensacola Bible Press, P.O. Box 86, Palatka, Florida 32077, 1976] p 176, [*Famine In The Land* Norman Ward, Which Bible? Society Inc.] pp 3-4. *²⁰¹²Dr Mrs Riplinger in *Hazardous Materials* p 578 cites Philip Schaff as listing in his *Companion to the Greek Testament and English Version* 666 (!) different Greek New Testament editions published between 1514 and 1883.

Today’s most prominent Greek editions can roughly be divided into three groups:

1. The ‘Received Text,’ such as the editions of Erasmus, Stephanus etc.
2. The ‘Alexandrian text’, such as those of Tregelles, Tischendorf, Griesbach, Hort and Nestle, who is the probably the best known editor.
3. The ‘Majority text’ of which there are two rival editions, by Farstad and Hodges, 1982 and Robinson and Pierpont, 1991 [*A Brief History of English Bible Translations* Dr Laurence M. Vance, Vance Publications, 1993] pp 73-74.

The 26th Edition of Nestle (1979) restored 467 Receptus readings which had been deleted in previous editions for the past 100 years [*The Christian’s Handbook of Biblical Scholarship*] p vi, [*The Bible Babel* Dr Peter S. Ruckman, The Bible Baptist Bookstore, 1981] pp 7-8. Nestle’s editors supposedly did this on the basis of evidence from the papyri, indicating that Receptus readings actually pre-date Alexandrian readings [*The Christian’s Handbook of Biblical Scholarship*] p 329. Moreover, while Nestle will use Codex B repeatedly to alter Receptus readings, he may abruptly switch to another manuscript if B agrees with the Receptus. “**Him**” is omitted from John 14:7 by Nestle’s 21st edition using B but all of Luke 24:12 is omitted using Codex D, although B agrees with the Receptus [*The Christian’s Handbook of Manuscript Evidence*] Chapter 7, [*The Bible Babel*] pp 71-85. Note that these omissions bear on the Deity of Christ and the resurrection of Christ. Ricker Berry’s text

retains the Receptus readings. See also [*The Christian's Handbook of Biblical Scholarship*] pp 328-331. Similar inconsistencies exist in the selection of the texts for the NIV and other modern versions [*New Age Bible Versions*] pp 499-503.

This criticism really amounts to a denial of the promise of God to preserve His word, Psalm 12:6, 7 [*The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever*]. Similar comments apply where the critic insists that the AV1611 is inferior to 'the originals', with the added observation that the originals no longer exist, *have never been specified as a single, perfect, finally authoritative, inspired Hebrew/Aramaic/Greek text between two covers* and that the verses usually used to justify this criticism, 2 Timothy 3:15, 16, are NOT a reference to the originals! They refer to "the holy scriptures," copies of Old Testament Books that Timothy had known "from a child."

There are at least 8 reasons why the AV1611 is in fact superior to 'the Greek' - and to 'the Hebrew' [*The Christian's Handbook of Biblical Scholarship*] pp 332-343:

1. The AV1611 uses "synagogues" in Psalm 74:8, instead of the Hebrew "meeting places," showing that the reference is yet future, to the Great Tribulation, Matthew 24:21, Revelation 7:14.
 2. The Pre-millennial order of the books from 2 Chronicles to Psalms in the AV1611 preserves the order of events in the history of Israel from the destruction of Jerusalem, 70 AD, to the Second Advent. This order is superior to that of the Hebrew Bible.
 3. In an age ruled by the television, "pictures" in Numbers 33:52 is far superior to the original Hebrew of "carved stones."
 4. The AV1611 alone uses "forces" in Daniel 11:38 instead of the literal Hebrew "fortresses." The AV1611 reading is superior because it is a reference to the use of electricity, Luke 10:18, the highest form of energy, especially in the Tribulation. See Revelation 13:13.
 5. The AV1611 has "churches" in Acts 19:37, showing where pagans devoted to "the queen of heaven" Jeremiah 7:18 (!), 44:17, 18, 19, 25 actually WORSHIP. This is far superior to the 'original Greek,' which gives "temples."
 6. The AV1611 has "Easter" in Acts 12:4 instead of the literal Greek equivalent "Passover." Herod was an Edomite and would therefore observe Easter, not the Passover. See also Dr Gipp's comments, [*The Answer Book* Samuel C. Gipp, Th.D., Samuel C. Gipp, 1989, samgipp.com/] pp 3-8*²⁰¹².
- *²⁰¹²See samgipp.com/answerbook/ Question 2.
7. The tense of the Greek in Galatians 2:20 is "I have been crucified" but Luke 9:23 shows that a man is to take up the cross DAILY. The AV1611 reading "I am crucified" is therefore both correct and superior to 'the Greek.'
 8. The AV1611 alone has "corrupt" in 2 Corinthians 2:17, where the 'original Greek' is "peddle," according to the modern revisers, *who thereby condemn themselves because they all support publishing houses that "peddle" or sell their versions*. There is no danger in selling the AV1611, because it isn't corrupt. However, there could be a great danger in the selling of CORRUPT 'bibles.' It would be rather like selling contaminated milk, 1 Peter 2:2!

For detailed discussions of the superiority of the AV1611 to 'the Hebrew' and 'the Greek', with over 60 examples, see [*The Christian's Handbook of Biblical Scholarship*] Appendix 7 and *Bible Believers' Bulletin*, February, March 1989, November 1991. See also Dr Gipp's discussion of the distinction that should allegedly be drawn between the Greek words "phileo" and "agape," which are both translated as "love" in the AV1611 [*The Answer Book*] pp 124-131*²⁰¹². The English Bible's comment on this alleged distinction is found in John 21:17 and comparison of 'the Greek' with the English in Luke 11:43, John 5:20, 42, 16:27, 1 Corinthians 16:22, Titus 3:4, 15, Revelation 3:19 will yield valuable further insight.

[See www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ 1 John 4 Part 2 p 2 and this extract. For detailed comments see Dr Ruckman's commentary *The Books of the General Epistles* Volume 2 pp 133-161 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* p 1425 on John 21:15-17 for debunking the Christian fundamentalist urban myth about *agape* and *phileo* as superior and inferior forms of love respectively. See John 21:15, 16 for "*lovest*" *agape* twice and John 21:17 "*lovest*" *phileo* "the third time." See also Matthew 23:6/Luke 11:43 *phileo/agape*, John 5:20, 11:3, 16:27 *phileo* each time, 2 Timothy 4:10 *agape*, 2 Peter 2:15 *agape*, 1 John 2:15 *agape* each time.]

*²⁰¹²See samgipp.com/answerbook/ Question 47.

Many critics of the AV1611 may still insist with Ricker Berry that "*Without some knowledge of Greek and Hebrew, you cannot be an independent student, or reliable interpreter of the word of God.*" The Lord's comment on this type of condescension is in Luke 10:21.

"In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight."

Ricker Berry's statement can also be "interpreted" as follows:

1. All translations are made by men who are imperfect and therefore their translations are imperfect (see above).
2. Any translation is therefore inferior to the original which was perfect.
3. The original was in Greek (and so is the LXX which Christ and the Apostles (allegedly) used).
4. I KNOW GREEK AND YOU DON'T. THEREFORE YOU WILL HAVE TO COME TO ME (OR BUY MY BOOKS) TO FIND OUT WHAT GOD ACTUALLY SAID.

By contrast, note 1 Peter 5:2-3 "*Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.*"

The Greek versus the Scripture

Extract from *In Awe of Thy Word* by Gail Riplinger pp 30-31 and Evaluation

Professor Kermode of Cambridge University agrees, noting that words in, “works transmitted inside a canon are understood differently from those without” (*Literary Guide To The Bible*, p. 609). Wycliffe too recommends “putting aside foreign ...grammars, submitting instead to the grammar and logic of scripture” (Levy, p. 15). Greek text editors such as “Erasmus, Theodore Beza, and Estienne (Stephanus) drew attention to the difference between biblical and classical Greek [used by lexicons], a primary issue still” (*Cambridge History of the Bible*, vol.3, p. 522). Erasmus warned of the font from which lexicons are taken and their “danger of taking words in a sense they may well have in classical Greek, but which is not the sense in which they are used in the New Testament.” Sometimes, “The new words implied a new theology.” This was the thesis of *New Age Bible Versions* (*Cambridge History of the Bible*, vol. 2, p. 366 et al.). Erasmus recommends only the Bible’s built-in dictionary, where one can “compare texts fruitfully one with another” (*Cambridge History of the Bible*, vol. 2, p. 504).

Erasmus stands in sharp contrast to his contemporary Greek text editors who promote the *false* notion that “Scripture remains full of meanings “which are not able to be understood in any way other than from the very fount of the original languages” [*quae nequeant aliunde quam ex ipso archetypae linguae fonte cognosci*]. This quote is taken from the preface of the Catholic *Complutensian Polyglot* produced by Cardinal Ximenez in 1517; this Catholic ‘father’ spawned “the first” Greek New Testament lexicon, which bred today’s mongrels (*Pelikan*, p. 110; *The Cambridge History of the Bible*, vol 3, p. 525).

Our generation has worn out so many eyes spying what man says about the scriptures, that we are blind to how popish we have become. The homage which was once lavished on Catholic ‘saints’ has in our generation been redirected to the ancients and others whose quotes become the revered relics of our religion. According to St. Strong, ‘the Bible is wrong’; according to St. Vine, ‘correct that line.’ What happened to “...according to thy word”? (Psa. 119:41)

SECTION 2

Q. What methods and resources were used by the King James Bible translators?

PREVIEW CHAPTER 15

KING JAMES BIBLE TRANSLATORS'
HIDDEN NOTES & PUBLIC VIEWS

A. For hundreds of years, the methods and thoughts of the KJV translators remained lost, until our generation, when every attack possible has buffeted the KJV. “But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound” (Rom. 5:20). The revealing translation notes of the King James Bible committee have been found. These include three documents: Manuscript 98, the Annotated Bishops’ Bible, and the handwritten notes from the decisive and final translation committee meeting. This author’s word-for-word collation of these documents demonstrates that the KJV translators considered and *rejected* words used in today’s new versions. These documents also reveal the translators’ use of a treasure trove of ancient Greek codices and vernacular translations that may not be available to today’s translators. The KJV translators’ method of translation is shown, which includes the use of the Bible’s built-in dictionary, looking for a word’s “brother” or “neighbor.” The translators believed men could “hear **Christ speaking** unto them in **their mother tongue**...by the written word translated.” The scriptures foretold that with—

“**other tongues** and other lips will **I speak**...” (1Cor. 14:21).

God said, “I have not spoken in secret,” in lexicons hidden on scholars’ bookshelves, but “in the volume of the book” in “other tongues,” such as English (Isa. 45:19, Heb. 10:7). The phrase, “in the Greek” and “in the Hebrew” is too often immediately followed by echoes from the “bottomless pit,” warns Rev. 9:11. Unlike today’s editors, the KJV translators’ final authorities were Bibles, not lexicons. They saw the KJV as the final “perfected” and “finished” English Bible. “Satan,” they warned, benefited from “various editions.”

Rome's Strategy via "in the Greek" versus the Scripture

The extract from *In Awe of Thy Word* shows that Rome via Cardinal Ximenes was first to propagate the supposed supremacy of the Greek over the authority of faithful vernacular Bibles such as the pre-Reformation Tepl Bible¹ from the Waldensian Text that were encouraging a widespread break with Rome. The extract shows that Rome's strategy of "**in the Greek**" was from "**the bottomless pit**" Revelation 9:11 and a direct assault on the priesthood of all believers, 1 Peter 2:5, 9 by a Renaissance counterpart of "**Mattan the priest of Baal**" 2 Kings 11:18, 2 Chronicles 23:17, who encouragingly came to a bad end.

Ximenes' Greek New Testament was no doubt part of Rome's Greek-supreme strategy against vernacular Bibles and Rome's intention would probably have been to conform Ximenes' text to Jerome's Latin Vulgate once the Greek-supreme strategy had triumphed over vernacular versions.

That strategy was forestalled by God's providential provision of an abundance of Greek New Testament manuscripts in Western Europe in the 16th century that served as valuable witnesses to the Traditional Text and enabled Erasmus and other editors to publish Greek Received Text New Testaments independently of Rome. Rome's Greek-supreme strategy leading to Jerome's Vulgate overall supremacy was delayed three hundred years until the Oxford Movement and the Westcott-Hort minority Catholic text that brought to evil fruition the Catholic texts of Griesbach, Lachmann, Tischendorf, Tregelles, Alford, Wordsworth and spawned today's Vatican versions.

See Bro. Kinney's articles brandplucked.webs.com/kjbarticles.htm *Undeniable Proof the ESV, NIV, NASB are the new "Vatican Versions"* Parts 1, 2.

Cardinal Manning summed up Vatican thinking about Britain in 1859² p 26: "*If ever there was a land in which work is to be done, and perhaps much to suffer, it is here...We have to SUBJUGATE and SUBDUE, to CONQUER and RULE, an imperial race. We have to do with a will which reigns throughout the world, as the will of old Rome reigned once. We have to BEND or BREAK that will which nations and kingdoms have found invincible and inflexible. Were heresy conquered in England, it would be conquered throughout the world. All its lines meet here, and therefore in England the Church of God must be gathered in its strength.*"

That *invincible will* came from a belief in an *invincible Book*. The Roman Catholic F. W. Faber, 1814-1863³ p vii, wrote this: "*Who will not say that the uncommon beauty and marvellous English of the Protestant Bible is not one of the great strongholds of heresy in this country? It lives on the ear like music that can never be forgotten, like the sound of church bells. Its felicities often seem to be things rather than words. It is part of the national mind, and the anchor of national seriousness.*"

The English Protestant Bible thus became the focal point of Rome's assault on England.

Jesuit Infiltration Strategy

Rome's essential strategy of supplanting the scripture with the Greek that brought forth the Westcott-Hort text was a wholly academic thrust achieved by means of Jesuit infiltration of the higher centres of learning as Benjamin Wilkinson⁴ shows, author's emphases.

Ignatius Loyola came forward and must have said in substance to the Pope: Let the Augustinians continue to provide monasteries of retreat for contemplative minds; let the Benedictines give themselves up to the field of literary endeavor; let the Dominicans retain their responsibility for maintaining the Inquisition; but **we, the Jesuits, will capture the colleges and the universities. We will gain control of instruction in law, medicine, science, education, and so weed out from all books of instruction, anything injurious to Roman Catholicism. We will mould the thoughts and ideas of the youth. We will enroll ourselves as Protestant preachers and college professors in the different Protestant faiths. Sooner or later, we will undermine the authority of the Greek New Testament of Erasmus, and also of those Old Testament productions which have dared to raise their heads against the Old Testament of the Vulgate and against tradition. And thus will we undermine the Protestant Reformation.**

Jesuit Infiltration Infestation

As evidence of Jesuit academic infiltration, note that the society⁵ with its Greek-based title **The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi** (or simply **Phi Kappa Phi** or **ΦΚΦ**) has *world domination* for its insignia, Baton Rouge, Louisiana for its headquarters and for its motto **Φιλοσοφία Κρατεῖτω Φωτῶν** (*Philosophía Krateítō Phōtôn*) i.e. *“Let the love of learning rule humanity.”* That is *against* both the priesthood of all believers, 1 Peter 2:5, 9 and the words of the Lord. ***“In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight”*** Luke 10:21.



Jesuit Infiltration Tactics

Benjamin Wilkinson describes Jesuit tactics that accompanied their infiltration strategy. As the proliferation of Westcott-Hort departures from the AV1611 and especially that of the Westcott-Hort mentality have shown, both strategy and tactics have worked well.

Dr. Wylie indicates that these great changes were effected, not by a stirring message from God, but by indirection, little by little, as the Jesuits operate:

*“Tract 90, where the doctrine of reserves is broached, bears strong marks of a Jesuit origin. Could we know all the secret instructions given to the leaders in the Puseyite movement, — the mental reservations prescribed to them, — we might well be astonished. ‘Go gently,’ we think we hear the great Roothan say to them. ‘Remember the motto of our dear son, the cidevant Bishop of Autun, — ‘surtout, pas trop de zele,’ (above all, not too much zeal). Bring into view, little by little, the authority of the church. If you can succeed in rendering it equal to that of the Bible, you have done much...’”... **“...one sinner destroyeth much good”** Ecclesiastes 9:18 yet the Jesuits collectively could say **“My name is Legion: for we are many”** Mark 5:9.*

“The root of the matter” Job 19:28

P.D. Stuart⁶ has written a detailed study of the Jesuit Order entitled *Codeword Barbêlôn*. His evaluation says it all about Rome and her centuries-long war against the scriptures via **“in the Greek”** from **“the bottomless pit”** Revelation 9:11. *“When one thinks of the endless Jesuit-staged conspiracies, one is reminded of what Leonardo Donato, [Chief Magistrate] of Venice, 1606-1612, told the Pope’s Nuncio after having imprisoned certain seditious priests in his city. “Go back to Rome and tell your Master [Pope Paul V] that there is never a deed of shame done in any part of the Republic but some worthless priest is at the bottom of it.””*

Bible Believers’ Threefold PR Counter Strategy

“Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men” Romans 12:17.

“Prove all things; hold fast that which is good” 1 Thessalonians 5:21.

“Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you” 2 Thessalonians 3:1.

Modern Christian FARCE-damentalism

The TBS reneges on “Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men” 2 Corinthians 8:21 and does a runner.



Enquiries and Requests

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Message:

Dear Sir Thank you for the latest Quarterly Record with the article of the above title. Mr Bridger [Brigden] makes a number of references to the original Hebrew and Greek and appears to endorse the quoted statement from the Westminster Confession to the effect that only the original Hebrew and Greek are inspired scripture and that they are the final authority for the Church. Can you therefore please tell me where the original Hebrew and Greek may be obtained today as a single document between two covers? (I am aware that various editions of the Hebrew Masoretic and Received Greek Texts exist but I am unsure which of these is agreed all round to be inspired scripture and the final authority for the Church.)

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So where is the TBS according to 2 Corinthians 1:18 “But as God is true, our word toward you was not yea and nay”??

There's more



Scripture Gift Mission disobeys Roman 13:9 “Thou shalt not bear false witness” in lockstep with Luke 14:18 “And they all with one consent began to make excuse...”

See www.sgmlifewords.com/uk/resources/details/ww1-johns-gospel.

From: *****
Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2014 3:40 PM
To: [Alan O'Reilly](#)
Subject: RE: return of WW1 Anniversary Gospels

Dear Mr O'Reilly,

We have received the gospels that you've returned back to us and the letter enclosed. We are sorry to hear that it wasn't what you've expected.

We do realize that the original gospel that was giving out during the First World War was in the King James Bible translation. We have changed that now to the NIV Bible translation for the very reason that it has been and will be used for outreach purposes and it's a more understandable Bible translation for those that will be reached in schools and through community outreaches. We do hope that you understand why we have made this decision.

We do appreciate your feedback very much and we hope that you will find a WW1 Anniversary Gospel edition in the King James version.

Yours in Christ,

Dear *****

Thank you for your note. It might be interesting, if possible, to do a paired comparison using the King James John's Gospel, available from The Trinitarian Bible Society, versus that of the NIV with school pupils on a voluntary basis in order to assess the relative levels of understanding of the two versions by each group.

As I would guess that you are aware, the minimum school leaving age increased from 12 to 14 in 1918, to 15 in 1947 and 16 in 1972. That means that many men who served in WW1 would not have had the same educational attainments that are available to pupils today. Yet what accounts exist of serving men of the WW1 era who found the King James Text hard to understand?

Moreover, readability is a major key to understanding. Established readability studies show that the King James Text is consistently superior to modern versions in that respect. The NIV, by comparison, is one of the hardest versions to read because, for example, it typically uses twice as many syllables as the King James Text for any given passage of scripture.

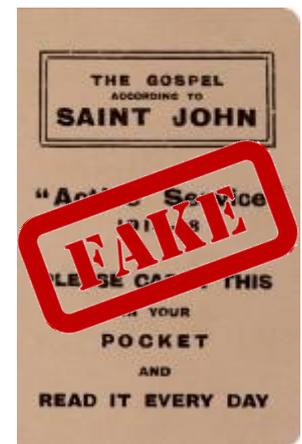
It's worth noting that a prototype NIV text was available during WW1 in the form of the RV Revised Version New Testament published in 1881. However, after a short burst of popularity the RV had well-nigh faded into obscurity by the outbreak of WW1. It never found favour with ordinary churchgoers and its text is only kept to the fore by re-packaging it every so often under a different name e.g. RSV 1952, NEB 1961, NIV 1978, 1984, 2011, NRSV 1989, REB 1989, ESV 2001, 2007, 2011 etc. with a fanfare of attendant hard-sell publicity.

Interestingly, most if not all of the post-RV versions are compared with the King James Text in any publicity exercise, never with post-RV versions that preceded them, as you'll see from the prefaces to these versions. It appears that the King James Version remains the standard Biblical Text, no matter what. “Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up **my standard** to the people...” Isaiah 49:22.

Yours in the Lord Jesus Christ

Alan O'R

So where is SGM according to Job 9:20 “If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me: if I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse”??



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