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NEEDED: GARBAGE MEN

by Mike King
Toledo, Ohio

"And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish; so that we are notable to build the wall" (Neh. 4:10).

The foregoing scripture is one of a timely nature, as we consider the task before those who would come into harmony with Paul in I Corinthians 3:10-11 in building upon the only foundation God will recognize.

I believe we have entered upon a time in the religious realm which closely corresponds with the historical period the Jews under Nehemiah were experiencing. If one thoroughly acquaints himself with Nehemiah's situation, there will be many similarities noticed. I do not intend to spiritualize Nehemiah's endeavors, but merely purpose to use the historical facts to point out some spiritual realities.

It is an established fact that in order to have a stable superstructure, one must have a good foundation upon which to build. Jesus Himself spoke in the gospels of the foolishness of building on sand with no regard for a proper foundation. Nehemiah knew that in order to build the wall properly he must return to the foundation and begin in the prescribed manner of wise architecture. Nehemiah's task was compounded by the fact that the walls were in complete disarray and had literally become a dumping place for all manner of rubbish. Before a sound building program could be instituted, there must be a period of trash bearing.

We have in like manner as Nehemiah, inherited a cluttered work area in the realm of spiritual teaching. The "great religious revivals" under such men as D. L. Moody, C. G. Finney, and others like them



MIKE KING

have succeeded in producing such heaps of religious rubbish, that it seems an almost impossible task to unearth any vestige of foundational truth. Yet men such as Jerry "Special Gift Offer" Falwell, Rex Humbard, Billy Graham, Oral Roberts, Herbert W. Armstrong, Robert Schuler and countless others like them keep rolling out the trash in the "Fundamentalist" fashion.

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"666"

THE MARK
OF THE BEAST

The idea of every person having an identifying number in her righthand or forehead, together with the use of the 666, keeps mysteriously appearing. First, on a credit card, then a bank statement, a social security check, and IRS tax refund check, and other instruments related either to the U.S. Government or banking. Seems that there are sufficient evidences now surfacing to indicate that there is a secret conspiracy afoot to force "the Mark of the Beast" upon an unsuspecting American public beginning as early as 1982 (see "News and Views," "The Mark," Dec. 1980, The Midnight Cry).

The Mark. A subscriber wrote: "one of our young ladies returned to her home in Pensacola for a recent weekend. A retiree of the congregation brought his social security check to his preacher and this girl saw it. On the bottom of this check these words were printed: 'This check not negotiable without proper identification on the forehead or hand.' The preacher suggested he take it to the Social Security office. An officer apologized saying, 'There

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WHAT IS LOVE?

James E. Hobbs, Jr.
Ft. Myers, Fla.

The subject of "What is Love" came to my mind after Bro. Hiatt read the following verse in Genesis 2:18: "And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." In other words, the Lord is saying I will make man a help appropriate for him. In this same chapter of Genesis, verse 24, it says, "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." This verse has a deep meaning of love.

First of all, when a man leaves his mother and father he is giving up, in a sense, one love but in another sense he is obtaining a greater love. The love

that a man or woman gives up when they leave their mother and father is a love that is security, warmth, and knowing there is someone who cares. Before you leave home to become one flesh, there is nothing that a loving mother and father won't do for you to make you happy. They are there when you need them. They make sure you have food to eat and clothes to wear. This is security.

How do you replace this love of your mother and father? I will answer this question a little later on. But for now I want to tell you what love is not. Love is not a one way street. Love has to be an effort of two people giving up their past and holding close and warmly to one another. If

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THE DOCTRINE OF MIRACLES

by Aaron West
New Paris, Indiana

"The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him" (John 3:2).

The word miracle is a very misused and misapplied word today; probably more than any other word. We must understand what a miracle is and try to use it properly. Baptists have been accused of believing that miracles are performed on a divine scale in these days. But if I Corinthians 13:13, which we will discuss later, is going to remain true, then we can come to no other conclusion except that miracles in any form have ceased.

In beginning we must understand the purpose of miracles and what a miracle truly is. The Lord Himself gave the reason

for miracles. Let us notice this Scripture, "But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house" (Luke 5:24). Miracles were performed in order to show that God has power to forgive sins. Also, the Bible as we have it today was not complete at that time. When the Bible was completed, then that which was in part, was done away with. Before we go into more discussion on this particular part, let us give the meaning of a miracle. A miracle is: an unusual demonstration of supernatural power. Now there are many things which we might consider unusual, but in reality they are not. God does not perform miracles today in any fashion. Let us read I Corinthians 13:13, "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." If miracles, that is, true miracles, abide they would have been mentioned.

Unger says, "The necessity no longer exists. And further, the professed miracles of later times

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A Sermon By Harold Freese

"COMMUNISTIC AGGRESSIONS"

As to their coming DOOM. Text: Ezek. 39:1-10, Isa. 19:22-24; I Thess. 5:3.

The name "Russia" is the principle topic of this message illustrating their deceptive methods of fallacy in connection to its cohesions with her Constituents, being the smaller powers, under their domineering conspiracy to be in uniformity with them.

Five/sixth of the Communist forces will be destroyed, this will come to pass by the Lord imputing his enormous destructive wrath, in complete annihilation of all their military interventions, as our study does reveal the enormous slaughter by the Lord's wrath, their bodies will be eaten by ravenous birds and

beasts, that it will require seven months to bury the dead. On Tuesday, May 13, 1980 the headlines of our nation's newspapers revealed the highlights of Russia's military might as "ominous"—stating it has developed into a dangerous height of superiority, with increasing overpowering characteristics.

The attention of the world power was suddenly concentrated upon the little sovereign Nation of Afghanistan, during the same time of their bold movements Russia is constantly using coverup, misleading tactics to beguile with false methods. Afghanistan was invaded by Russia during the last week of December 1979, many of the small surrounding coun-

tries have become appalled in dismay, becoming alarmed and frightened as to the bold tactics used to overpower this same country into its clutches. Many small countries in the area of Afghanistan are feeling the grips of Communistic imposed restrictions, an act of their continued progress, of their "BIG BEAR" on the move, toward worldly conquest to conquer.

All aggressions will come to pass regardless of any self-determined interventions of man. God is the only one who can place the fatal doom to these activities. Anti-communist rulers can only do that which God permits in prolonging that which is to come to pass, such as the late President John F. Ken-

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WHAT KIND ARE YOU?

Tired Christians: Will work if coaxed to do so; but they complain so much while working, the joy is all taken out of service.

Retired Christians: These believe they have done their share and sit idly by. They are the spectators—usually the critics, too.

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COMMUNISTIC

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nedy placing a barricade on
Cuba, eliminating Soviet ships
entering during the Cuban
Missile Crisis in 1962. Premier
Kruschev saw the "handwriting
on the wall" and retracted. It is
amazing to learn that in 57 years
Russia has conquered one-third
of the world under her
dominance.

During the year of 1848 the
Communist "Manifesto" was
drawn up by Carl Marx and
Frederick Engels, to become a
worldy power with cruel inten-
tions and motives, in which to
overthrow the upper classes into
"Abolition" to be central with
no rights for individuals to own
their former own private prop-
erty, and establish a dictatorship
to control workers and produc-
tion.

In the year of 1903 Lenin re-
established the composed move-
ment out in the open to be bold
and aggressive, no longer under
secret movements, starting with
Czar of 17 Bolsheviks. During
1917 the Czar fell before the
Russian revolution with 40,000
supporters. Today the growth of
Communism has grown into an
amazing estimate of 1 1/2
billion people which is over 1/3
of the world's population.

Its overbearing commands
have transpired to the extent
that its domineering controls
have some bearing of influence
on all nations of the world, it has
completely taken over many un-
ions, pronouncing them pro-
communist. Those already
under their tentacles were North
Korea, Romania, Hungary,
North Vietnam, China, East
Germany, Poland,
Czechoslovakia, and other small
countries of the communist
blockade including Cuba, just
90 miles off the Florida coast. It
has penetrated into India,
Japan, Burma, Thailand,
Egypt, Africa and the Dominican
Republic, with no end to its con-
tinuance of the universe, seeking
to strike everywhere possible.
The worldly powers are at a loss
to determine where they will
strike next.

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It is easily understood that
Communist sympathizers have a
grip on the militants holding the
U.S. hostages which is very
plausible (which stresses view of
simulations of fraud). In summ-
ing up the books of Ezekiel,
Daniel and Revelation, Russia
is on the way to conquer Israel,
to control the oil producing
wealth of the Middle East and
seriously crippling the re-
mainder of the world.

Our Government is getting
more and more involved in plac-
ing controls on business opera-
tions. Chrysler Corporation has
made a very constructive de-
mand that labor must cooperate
with wage limitations or they
will be compelled to close their
plants. Labor Unions are the
CHIEF AGGRESSORS of this
continued outrageous inflation,
with filthy lucre being their
God.

The term "Magog" applies to
Russia being the domineering
dictator power to lead all its
satellites who are in fear, know-
ing that Russia can not be
trusted; the term "Gog" are the
smaller countries in collusion
with Russia for a fraudulent
purpose of being the followers of
Magog, as it is illustrated in the
following scripture as to the
term "Hamongog" being a
burial ground.

"And it shall come to pass
in that day, that I will give un-
to Gog a place there of graves
in Israel, the valley of the
passengers on the East of the
Sea; and it shall stop the noses
of the passengers: and there
they shall bury Gog and
all its multitude; and they
shall call it the valley of
Hamongog. And seven mon-
ths shall the house of Israel
be burying of them, that they
may cleanse the land. Yea,
and all the people of the land
shall bury them; and it shall
be to them a renown the day
that I be glorified, saith the
Lord.

And they shall sever out
men of continual employ-
ment, passing through the
land to bury with the
passengers those that remain
upon the face of the earth, to
cleanse it: after the end of

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concerning this work you may
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seven months they shall
search.

And the passengers that
pass through the land, when
any seeth a man's bone, then
shall they set up a sign by it,
till the buriers have buried it
in the valley of Hamongog"
(Ezekiel 39:11-15).

These scriptures are sufficient
evidence of the multitudes that
shall die from the result of the
overwhelming wrath of God
poured out upon the forces that
invade Israel at the time that the
armies of Magog and Gog are
destroyed to his sacrifice upon
the mountains of Israel, that
they may eat flesh until they are
full, an drink blood until they
are drunken, at which those who
are heathens that are spared will
be persuaded there is a GOD.

The Soviet thrust into
Afghanistan represents a very
severe threat to the Western oil
fields. This position has placed
Russia within 350 miles of the
Arabia Sea, the oil lifeline of the
western world.

"For when they shall say
peace, peace and safety; then
sudden destruction cometh
upon them, as travail upon a
woman with child, and they
shall not escape" (I Thess.
5:3).

For the past 27 years the
Soviet talk of peaceful co-
existence and false accusations
of "DETENTE" statements of
relaxing relations has persuaded
the Western World of the false
methods that they pretend to be
accommodating, only being used
as a "cover up." During the
past few years Russia has invad-
ed several countries, being
deceitful in their methods of
backbiters. This invasion of
Afghanistan is the first step in
the direction of Biblical prop-
hecy—over 2000 years ago the
prophet Ezekiel predicted that
Russia would move south.

"And thou shall come out of
thy place out of the North
parts, thou and many people
with thee, all them riding
upon Horses, a great com-
pany and a mighty Army: And
to cover the land; it shall be in
the latter days, and I will br-
ing thee against my land, that
the Heathen (nations) may
know me, when I shall be
sanctified in thee, O, Gog
before their eyes" (Ezekiel
38:15-16).

Gog was the ruler of the land
of Magog, in Genesis 10:2.
Magog, Meshech, Tubal and
Gomer are the named Sons of
Japheth, and founders of the
northern group of nations. In
Ezekiel 27:13 Meshech and
Tubal are mentioned as being
sellers of slaves to Tyre; and in
Ezekiel, 32:26 as being ancient
Bandit nations. Rosh is by op-
inion regarded as uncertain,
while Meshech represents
Moscow, once known as
"Muscovy" spoken of ancient
Russian name, or a people called
Moschi spoken of in the
Assyrian inscriptions as dwell-
ing in the Caucasus.

It is indicated that Tubal is to
be Toshires of the Black Sea,
while Gomer is identified as be-
ing the origination of the name
"Germany," who were Cim-
merians, who poured in from
the North through the Caucasus
in the Assyrian Empire and oc-
cupied parts of Asia Minor, but
were driven back. Togarmah is
illustrated as Armenia.

These people were Barbarous
and connected with ancient
literatures as Scythians. Just
about the time that Ezekiel was
born, Southwest Asia was ter-
rorized by vast hordes of them
pouring in from the north.

(See Scythian invasion under
Jeremiah 4). Its memories are

still alive in observation in the
memories of Ezekiel's older
associates. In these two chapters
Ezekiel predicts another
Scythian invasion on a far more
stupendous scale, confederate
from peoples from the East
(Ezekiel 38:5) into the Holy
Land against restored Israel in
the latter years. (Ezek. 38:8).
Apparently during the Mes-
sianic age, and that with the
providential foreordination of
God, Russia will be overwhelm-
ingly defeated, to the extent that
their weapons will supply fuel
for seven years (Ezek. 39:9) and
it will require seven months to
bury the dead.

Luke 21:28 - "When these
things begin to come to pass
then look up, and lift up your
heads; for your redemption
draweth nigh.

It is our responsibility to be
workman studying the word of
God, to be in conformity with
knowing the infallible realities,
being alert at all times, so that
we are NOT overtaken with
confusion.

"And the word of the Lord
came unto me, saying, Son of
man, set thy face against Gog,
the land of Magog, the chief
prince of Meshech and Tubal,
and prophesy against him,
And say, Thus saith the Lord
God; Behold, I am against
thee, O Gog, the chief prince
of Meshech and Tubal: And I
will turn thee back, and put
hooks into thy jaws, and I will
bring thee forth, and all thine
army, horses and horsemen,
all of them clothed with all
sorts of armour, even a great
company with bucklers and
shields, all of them handling
swords" (Ezekiel 38:1-4).

The "Gog and Magog" of
Ezekiel 39:2-3 are of special
significance to be studied. Most
conservative Biblical scholars
agree that "Gog" refers to the
Prince of head of "Magog," has
reference to the land area ruled
by the prince, which requires
the necessity to point out the
"Gog" and "Magog" of Ezekiel
38 and 39 are NOT the same. Il-
lustrated "Gog" and "Magog"
appear before the millennium,
while the "Gog" and "Magog"
of Revelation appear after the
Millennium.

The name "Gog" first ap-

pears in the Bible in I
Chronicles 5:4, stated as the Son
of Shem-ai-ah, from the line of
Reuben the Cas-ca-sus moun-
tains running through Russia, in
the oriental tongue called "Fort
of Gog" referred to as the Chief
Prince of Ezekiel, also that
"Gog" is the chief supporter of
the land of "Magog."

"The counsel of the Lord
standeth forever, the thoughts
of his heart to all genera-
tions" (Psalm 33:11).

This represents a Psalm of
deliverance and praise, for
God's determined counsels are
going to come to pass in the
fulfilling of all complete detailed
happenings to come to pass. An
illustration of a former Com-
munists theory of dethroning
God. Communism is more than
a form of government. It far ex-
ceeds propaganda on the part of
Russia; it is more than
philosophy of their have-nots
taking by force the possessions
of those whom have. It is more
than a mere economy theory.

Here are the words of a com-
munist organizer in the year of
1878, whom was Mikhail
Bakunin: "Brethren I came to
announce unto you a new
gospel, which must penetrate to
the very ends of the world, the
old world must be destroyed and
be replaced by a new one, the lie
must be stamped out and give
away to the truth, the first lie is
God, the second lie is rights, and
when we have freed our minds
from the fear of God, and the
childish respect for the fiction of
right, then all the remaining
chains that bind you, and which
are called science, civilization,
property, marriage, morality,
and justice will snap under like
threads."

The adherents of Bakunin's
philosophy lost no time in taking
advantage of the weakened con-
dition of Russia caused by
World War I. In January 1918
Russia issued her first non-
official move to declare war on
God, the soviet of commissars
issued a decree (article 12)
which said: "No church of
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the rights of judicial persons."
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If sin were not deceitful, it would never be delightful.

"666"

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was a mixup. These checks were not to be mailed until 1984." This happened within the last few weeks. (correspondence received in this office Oct. 16, 1981-Editor). A few months ago, another subscriber, in Michigan, sent us a photocopy of his personal bank statement. After each entry except one was "666." It was also reported that a woman applied for a credit card, and when she received it, the number "666" was on it. When she protested, she was asked to return it immediately and informed that those cards were not to be issued until 1982. Secretly, the trap is being prepared for introducing and enforcing the Mark of the Beast! Rev. 13:16-18.

—The Student of Prophecy

LOVE

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love becomes a one way thing it is one of the worst pains a person can encounter. It is a feeling of insecurity, unwarmness and not feeling cared for. Many people have often said they would rather be beat or die a thousand physical deaths rather than having an emotional pain. Loving a person and not receiving the same in return would be like a jail. You would be locked into a room with bars around it. You can see the one you love, but you can't share any feeling or warmth with one another. It would also be a big feeling of emptiness.

Now I want to tell you what love really is. First of all, God commands the wife to love her husband. In Genesis 3:16 it says: "Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee." Also in Titus 2:3-5 it says, "The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed." So the woman has a great responsibility in loving and caring for her husband. She is to be obedient to him, her only desire is to be to her husband. She is to teach her daughters the same thing and she is to love her children. In Proverbs 31:10-12 & 30 it says: "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." In Proverb 12:4 it says: "A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband; but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones."

Secondly, in the definition of love, God commands the husband to love his wife. In Ephesians 5:28 it says, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it; that He might sanctify and cleanse

it with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself." The men also have a big obligation toward their wife and family. In I Timothy 5:8 it says: "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." A man is to love his wife as himself and provide for her and his family.

Thirdly, in the definition of love we give our bodies to our mates. In I Corinthians 7:2-5 we read: "Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency." So love is giving your whole body to your mate. We read in Hebrews 13:4: "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."

So we see what the Bible tells us about love. Because of the curse in the Garden of Eden, Adam needed Eve. Also Eve needed Adam. The same is true with any man or woman. When we leave our mother and father, we become one flesh. We are to give a feeling of security, warmth, and care to our mates. The husband needs understanding when he comes home from a hard days work and responsibility toward his family. The wife also needs understanding from the husband because of her responsibility of the home. Love is a feeling of fullness. I hope we can all take this to heart and live up to our responsibilities of love.

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Brethren, we can expect no help from other than those who are of the sovereign grace Baptist ranks. It is time for us who are contending for a sovereign God, to stop supporting and bragging on those who are guilty of hindering a right work being done. If any are saved while under the ministry of the heretics heretofore named, it is in spite of them and not because of them. I have much difficulty maintaining a clear conscience and addressing such as "brother."

Psalms 11:3 poses the question "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Brethren, it is necessary to return to foundational truths for the sake of the righteous soul's edification. Our charge to serve in the gospel demands a return to foundational truth. The "Fundamentalist" of today is not propagating foundational truth, but building sand castles!

The need of greatest import



Psalms 1:4-2:1-3

Intro.: When Isaiah cried out, "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips" (Isa. 6:5), he expressed a truth that is evidenced throughout this world. The crimes, corruption, and chaos

today is for men who are willing to spend time and labor in the menial and despised task of carrying forth of trash till the foundations be exposed. There is no shortcut to sound building practices. It is because the past generation ignored the offensive work of trash removal, that we have such a tremendous labor before us today.

Rest assured, brethren, should God enlist you as a garbage man, you will no doubt stir up a stink in the discharge of your duties, and for all the necessity of your work, you will be despised even among those who should aid you in your task.

We shall by way of information set forth some types of garbage you will encounter in the faithful carrying forth of trash.

You will first of all find heaps and heaps of free-will trash, for this is the main ingredient in every religious system, from the rankest arminian to the most refined "fundamentalist." This trash is brought by heretics and unloaded on the foundation where is inscribed "by his own will begat He us." In so doing, those who cannot bear the thought of a sovereign God, heap judgment unto themselves. Phraseology such as: accepting Jesus, asking Jesus to come in, praying through, repeating the sinner's prayer, and all such like are by spiritual standards, trash, obscuring foundational truth. Call it what it is and carry such garbage out.

You will find multitudinous piles of trash where Matthew 16:18 is engraved on the foundation, declaring the singular and continuing nature of the Lord's church. The universal church advocates deposit their cherished trash along with the priesthood heretics and here, if nowhere else, they join forces in their contempt for foundational teaching regarding the Lord's church. You will become weary as you carry forth load after load of the Pentecost origin of the church theory. But, beloved, it is a necessary labor if proper teaching of church truth is to be wrought. The baptismal regenerationist, the baby sprinkler, the grape juicer, the open communionist have all united in their trash-packing heresies and added more work for the faithful one willing to be a garbage man. With the spiritual darkness settling in upon this old sin-cursed world there is a daily generating of some new trash to be carried forth from the holy place. In recent years there has been a great surge of hateful heresies invade the Baptist ranks. We have witnessed post-trib trash, amillennial trash, anti-dispensational trash, anti-Semitism trash, anti-gospel

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BIBLE STUDY LESSON

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around us and in us are not the result of people being under privileged or uneducated, but are the produce of a "heart that is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked" (Jer. 17:9), which is the condition of all men by nature (Eph. 2:2, 3). In the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, we follow the path of sinful man in his departure from God. However, we have cause to rejoice as the people of God for, "where sin abounded, grace did much more abound" (Rom. 5:20).

VERSE 4

"The ungodly." God's Word vividly defines and describes the human race apart from Christ. He is unholy, unrighteous, unprofitable, and therefore ungodly. Paul sets forth accurately in Romans 3:9-23 the condition and conduct of lost sinners. This is the reason salvation has to be solely by grace.

"Are not so." The distinction between the blessed man and the ungodly is so great, it is defined by a double negative, the rendering therefore is: "not so the ungodly, not so."

"But are like the chaff." In this world of human exaltation where human merit and human effort are magnified, and where free will is on the throne, men need to be reminded of their unprofitableness and of their littleness, so the Psalmist uses the figure of "chaff" in contrast to wheat.

"Which the wind driveth away." We read in Psalm 37:2: "For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb." We further read in verse 35, "I have seen the wicked in great power and spreading himself like a green bay tree, yet he passed away."

VERSE 5

"Therefore." As a result of the statement of verse 4 and as a further explanation of the end of the wicked.

"The ungodly shall not stand in the judgment." How pathetic the lost will not have a leg to stand on in the judgment! "Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God (Phil. 2:10, 11). The lost sinner will have no defense nor defender. The awful cry will go forth. "Depart from Me, ye that work iniquity" (Matt. 7:23).

"Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous." In this world, and many times even in the churches, the wheat and chaff exist together, but one day there will be a total and final separation. The unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God (I Cor. 6:9), therefore, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see, or enter, the kingdom of God" (John 3:3, 5).

VERSE 6

"For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous." Thank God, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord (Ps. 37:23). Yes, the Lord knows the way that I take (Job 23:10). His eyes truly are over the righteous (I Pet. 3:12). So "though he fail, he shall not utterly be cast down; for the

Lord upholdeth him with His hand" (Ps. 37:24).

"But the way of the ungodly shall perish." The broad way leads to destruction (Matt. 7:13). The smooth highway of sin will eventually lead to the rocks of perdition in the lake of fire. The rich man's journey ended in Hell! (Luke 16:23). The second death awaits all the unsaved (Rev. 20:14, 15).

CHAPTER 2

VERSE 1

"Why." Questions can be asked in different tones and it appears the Psalmist is startled to think anyone would continually rebel against God.

"Do the heathen rage." Paul stated in Romans 8:7, "the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." Paul had experienced this before his conversion when he breathed out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord (Acts 9:1). Pharaoh manifested this hatred when he said, "Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go?" (Ex. 5:2).

"And the people imagine a vain thing?" Gamaliel realized the futility of fighting against God when he said, "If it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God" (Acts 5:38, 39). It is vain for anyone to think they can overthrow God's Word or work (II Tim. 2:9; Matt. 16:18).

VERSE 2

"The kings of the earth." Most of the opposition to the sound churches has been instigated by either political or religious leaders. The Anti-christ who will lead a final rebellion against God will be both a political and religious genius (II Thess. 2:3, 4).

"Set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His anointed." A deliberate and a determined effort to undermine not only King David, but finally and ultimately the Lord Jesus Christ (Matt. 27:1, 20; Acts 4:25-28).

VERSE 3

"Saying, let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us." How blinded sinners are when they rebel against the yoke of the Lord which is easy and His burden light (Matt. 11:28-30), in preference to the bondage of Satan. The young people of our day think they are getting freedom when they follow the counsel of the ungodly, when in reality they are the servants of sin (Rom. 6:20; II Tim. 2:23).

Conclusion: "And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation" (Acts 2:40).

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Some people are content to spend a weekend with Jesus, but balk at having Him as a permanent guest.

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SUBMIT QUESTIONS ON ANY BIBLE SUBJECT

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Since Baptist Churches use tax funded services such as fire and police protection, etc., and in the light of Matthew 17:24-27, Mark 12:17, should they pay taxes as everyone else and not expect tax exemptions?

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Let us first clear up one point in the question. Baptist Churches, like all other organizations which are listed as non-profit charitable institutions, are made up of individual members who like others do pay taxes.

Our lawmakers in the beginning ruled that charitable institutions and non-profit organizations would be tax-exempt. A charitable institution, according to Webster, is one which gives help to those in need. This includes many organizations, such as the Red Cross, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the Lion's Club, and yes, even Baptist Churches are included in that list.

Not to mention the spiritual help a Baptist church gives, let us look at the moral help it gives to a community. The court records of this country show that by far the majority of the crimes committed are committed by those who never attended church or Sunday school. A true Baptist Church teaches all should be moral and should obey the laws of the land. In this and other ways a Baptist Church is correctly listed as a charitable institution and should come under the tax exemption provision for such institutions.

As to the Scriptures referred to in the question (Matt. 17:24-27; and Mark 12:17), Jesus is telling His disciples to pay the tax demanded by the Roman government. There are other Scriptures which tell us to be subject to the laws of the land. If the time ever comes that there is a law enacted which taxes churches and other charitable institutions, then Baptist churches must and will pay that which the law demands. Until that time comes, like all other charitable organizations, they should be tax exempt.

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Romans 13:1: "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God."

"The powers that be," is a reference to civil power or human government, and they

are "ordained of God." that is, they, whether conscious of it or not, are subservient to God's all powerful providence. This grand truth is seen in Luke 2:1-5 where Augustus Caesar sent out a decree that all the world, or all vassals of the Roman Empire (which was called at the time, "The Empire of all the earth,"), should be taxed. This decree of taxation was the instrument God used to fulfill many of the O.T. prophecies relating to the birth of Christ, i.e., Micah 5:2; and Isaiah 49:7 tells us that He who is the all Sovereign ruler was in His humble birth born the servant of rulers. As a servant Jesus paid taxes to those to whom tribute was due (Mt. 17:27), and Paul speaking by divine inspiration says, "For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: pay tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour" (Rom. 13: 6 & 7).

Peter says, "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the kind, as supreme, or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well" (I Pet. 2: 13 & 14). And we are admonished to pray for governmental authorities, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour" (I Tim. 2:1-3).

In an indirect or abstract way God uses human government to restrain evil, and for this cause government should be supported by taxation. We know there is much in every government of this world which is corrupt, it was so in the days of Christ, and it is true in our day. Nevertheless, our Lord paid taxes to idolatrous Rome, and the Christian of this day is responsible to pay taxes to his government. We know many tax levies are unjust, and that many are inequitably administered and that much of our tax money is ill-spent, but this abuse in and of itself does not constitute a ground, or justify a refusal, to pay taxes which the law of the land requires. Many people have reservations about honoring the Federal Income Tax Law because it was enacted without being first approved by citizenry ballot, but I cannot see where this tax violates the Word of God and with some measure of reluctance, I pay the tax which this law demands. The Christian regrets the misuse and abuse of governmental tax money, and this abuse shall continue until the King of Righteousness is enthroned on

this earth, but I do not believe the misuse of tax money by the government makes the Christian a coalitionist or a party to an unholy alliance. Tax laws or other laws of man which contravene the laws of God are to be held as invalid by Christians.

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Since the constitution guarantees separation of church and state, the answer can only be no. There is absolutely no doubt and no question about this. Those who would advocate the destruction of our great country would advocate the breaking of this constitutional guarantee.

Your question speaks of Baptist churches using tax funded services. Baptist churches are the members themselves and they pay taxes. Since the taxes I pay go to a lot of countries and things I am not in favor of, I have no objection to them using tax money to protect our church properties. I will, however, object strongly and loudly against anyone who tries to deny us this right.

You referred to Matthew 17:24-27 and Mark 12:17 in your question. Certainly, we as Baptists and citizens of this country, should pay taxes, but not the church. To require the church to pay taxes would be requiring us to pay taxes on our money twice. We pay taxes on our wages, then you would require us to pay taxes on our tithes that we pay out of our wages, absolutely not.

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"...Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's" (Matt. 22:21).

The tax in Matthew 17:24-27 was not the same as civil tribute to the government. It was a tax imposed on the Israelite for the support of the temple. However, this should not affect the answer to this question.

No institution or individual is obligated to pay any tax that is not demanded by the government over them. Taxation is the office and business of Civil government. It is up to the government to settle the matter of who is to be taxed and how much they are to be taxed. Of course, the government should act in a proper, fair, and righteous manner in doing this. If the civil government exempts churches from taxation then the church is not obligated to pay these taxes. Furthermore, how

much would a church pay and to whom would it be paid? It is not wrong for the church to take advantage of tax exemptions given by the government.

I assume that the questioner is also concerned about whether or not these tax exemptions should be granted. My position would be that these things should be taxed. I think it would be proper — and I think it would also be wise if the government would remove all institutions from the 'tax free' status. This certainly would bring in large revenue for the government which could be given back in the cutting of all taxes. I am sure that 'tax free' institutions are a great burden on the economy of our nation. I am sure that there is much defrauding of the government using 'tax free' institutions as a means of such action.

To sum up, my answer is: 1. Churches should not expect tax exemption. 2. The government should not give such. 3. Since the government does give it, the church is at liberty and well might necessitate to take advantage thereof.

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In response to this inquiry, suppose we now take a stroll, as it were, in the light of Matthew 17:24-27 and Mark 12:17, and see what we can learn about taxation, as to its intent and purpose in the economy of God.

First mentioned, is the tribute money which was not a tax to be paid to the Roman government; but, rather, a tax by the Israelites, apart from Divine directive, in order to support the temple. This tax of half a shekel continued until after the time of Vespasian, when it was ordered to be paid into the Roman treasury. But, until then, it was levied once a year upon men of twenty years of age and upward. But, when Peter and Jesus were at Capernaum, they who received such tribute money for the temple, inquired of Peter, "Doth not your master pay tribute? He saith, Yes."

Yet, though this was not a civil, but, rather, an ecclesiastical tax that was in question; yet, no doubt, Peter knew that neither he nor Jesus had, at that time, any money with which to pay tribute. But, some how, as an act of faith, Peter trusted that his Master would be equal to the occasion.

However, when Peter came into the house where Jesus was, He (Jesus), being God incarnate, knew what Peter had said, interjected thus: "What thinketh thou, Simon? Of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? Of their own sons, or of strangers?... Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up. And when thou hast opened its mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money; take that, and give unto them for Me and thee."

Thus Jesus exemplified the fact that, though He was a greater one than the kings of earth, who, at this time, also levied tribute money, which was to be paid to the Romans by every one whose name was in

the census; in other words, a civil tax.

Hence, in Mark 12:17, Jesus said: "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's..."

Then, using Jesus as the ultimate example, I am persuaded that not even Baptist Churches are above exemption from legitimate taxation, as levied by civil authority, except it be in consideration of laws, which might infringe on their moral and religious duty, as to the extent that "we ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

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trash issue forth from those who once seemed to contend for the truth. If this seems unkind, I pose this question, Who has changed, and changed, and changed?

God will many times use a man in the duties as garbage man and when the foundation is exposed, He will bring in another to rear the superstructure. If this be your lot, I would like to encourage you by way of Paul's writing in I Corinthians 3:6, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." Whether garbage man or masterbuilder, we are fellow laborers in Christ. But know this garbage men are the first need today. Until the garbage man has completed his work, there can be no proper structure erected. May God bless you in your labor is my desire.

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will not bear the tests of genuineness." John Gill says that this abiding faith is "not of a faith of miracles, for that does not abide."

I firmly believe that salvation is not a miracle. It may appear to man from our standpoint of view that salvation is a miracle, but we must remember that a miracle is an unusual demonstration of God's power. It is not unusual for God to save someone for He has chosen them in the counsel halls of eternity. It may seem that there are only a few saved now and then (and it is indeed a wonderful thing, for even the angels in Heaven rejoice over one soul being saved), but that in itself is only a demonstration that God has power to save even today.

If salvation were a miracle why the doctrine of election? Why does God not just perform a miracle every time He saves someone, better yet, why doesn't He just get His ministers of the Gospel to perform a miracle of salvation? Actually, I don't believe salvation ever was a miracle. He gave His Apostles the power to perform miracles, but not a "miracle of salvation." He performed miracles upon this earth, but not a miracle of salvation. He did indeed save many, but not through the act of a miracle, that is, the act of salvation itself was not a miracle. Unger also says, "miracles are not demonstrations of truth, certainly not in the sense of compelling those who behold them to accept the truth in connection with which they stand. Many who witnessed the divine works of our Lord refused to believe in Him." So the miracles themselves do not save, nor were they done in

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The kind of religion that makes a man look sick can't be expected to cure the world.

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order to save, but to show that the Son of man has power to save. The Word of God gives enough evidence that Christ has power to save. The Word of God gives enough evidence that Christ has power to save. We have the very words of God before our very eyes. Miracles are performed today, but not by God. They are performed by Satan and his followers. I am sure you can think of those who are well known in this day and time who are so-called miracle workers for God. There has been one thing that has puzzled me, though. Many of the "miracle workers" of days gone by have ceased to work. They developed cancer or some other disease. They supposedly healed many thousands of people but, yet, when they got this dreaded disease they could not heal themselves. I suppose that they only had power to heal others, but not themselves. It is amazing!

We find that the antichrist will, during his time, deceive many by miracles. He will perform many miracles and many will follow after him. Matthew 24:24 tells us, "for there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; inasmuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." The Bible also tells us that they are lying wonders. "And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit

of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved" (II Thess. 2:8-10).

These miracles are not from God but from Satan and his followers. God does not perform miracles. And so, when one comes forth doing so, we know that it is not of God. God performed miracles in time past, but not in this age. Miracles ceased with the Apostles and there are no more Apostles living. The world will believe a lie before the truth. The world will go after lying wonders instead of the truth of God's Word.

Let us notice some of the scriptures about the miracles of God.

We find in Joshua 10:12-13 a miracle of God. There the scripture reads, "Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon: and thou moon, in the valley of Ajalon. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day." Now this is a miracle of God. It

is not unusual for God to make the sun rise and set and shine. This is a normal showing of God's power. But this was an unusual act of God's power.

If we would read the story of the Israelites crossing the Red Sea we would again see a miracle by God. The Red Sea is approximately 7,200 feet deep and over 100 miles wide. Now they may not have crossed at the deepest point, but for them to have crossed by God parting the waters was a miracle. For them to have built boats and crossed over the river would not have been a miracle. They may have had a narrow escape by building boats, but it would not have been a miracle of God.

Christ performed miracles to show His power and to prove that He was indeed the Son of God. It was to show that Christ did have power to save. It was not unusual for Christ to fish and catch fish, but when He was with the fishermen in the boats and they caught so much that their boats were about to sink, this was a miracle. For Christ to resurrect us at the end of the age is not a miracle, but to resurrect someone such as Lazarus before this time is a miracle or an unusual demonstration. Today these things do not take place nor are they necessary. The Bible teaches that all things have ceased except "faith, hope, and charity for loved, these three." But if miracles are still performed, then there are four things that remain. By this we know and are assured that any miracles so-called cannot be the miracles of God, but only the miracles of Satan.

Let me say again that miracles are not performed by God today and salvation is definitely not a miracle, even though it may be unusual to us. It seems unusual to see someone saved, but the act itself is not unusual. We might narrowly escape a tragedy or accident but it is not a miracle of God, but just God's providence and demonstration of His power. May the Lord bless you!

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ed, the facts are that it has been enforced. Russia enforces these decrees on each and everyone they invade and conquer. It is a criminal offense for a parent to teach their children a verse of God's scripture.

The Anti-God movement is conquering and domineering its fatal attacks. Satan is more and more prevalent in his continuance of swiftly spreading the entire world over with Atheistic movements denying the infallible omnipotence of God.

"Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour (I Peter 5:8).

A Russian woman refugee, Countess Alexandria, was incarcerated several years in a Russian prison amidst horrible filth and disease. After this lengthy imprisonment she managed to escape and found refuge in San Francisco, California. After having had observed life in America, she concluded that conditions were reminiscent which is to say, that these same conditions existed in the U.S. similar to the inducing conditions of the Bolshevik revolution.

Atheism breeds immorality, and immorality must ultimately develop into destroying any Nation. America needs to be awakened that these conditions

LIFE AND STONES

Our life is like the River
Winding Restless toward the sea.
Let us ask our self a question —
Where do I spend eternity?

I saw the river wash the stones
Following toward the sea;
Thought of the road Jesus trod,
As he walked to Calvary.

I could see the stones afar
The river washed so white.
My heart was shined like a star
Sin had made it dark as nite.

The Saviour's blood washed my heart
As the river washed the stones
From life on earth I soon will part.
To be with Christ at home.

No more in worldly sin I'll roam,
Christ died to make me free,
As the river washed the stones
My heart was changed at Calvary.

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are gradually progressing in growth and momentum under its constant enforced evils.

The Atheist philosophy that is behind Russia and Communism is the real enemy of the world, being the influence of threatening dangers of our day in America. There is a spiritual indifference, the crass materialism and the social immortality has penetrated into America. Our nation is living as a majority as though there were NO GOD in existence. It is beyond recognition of average intelligence, that the present way of life in America, which was founded and established by God-fearing and God-loving men, has deteriorated, in accepting Satan's final blow of destructive Communism.

"And he spake a parable unto them saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully, and he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have NO room where to bestow my fruits. Then he said, This will I do; I pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all of my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul thou has much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry. But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall these things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasures for himself, and is NOT rich toward God" (Luke 12:16-21).

The disposition of the man illustrated in this parable, was a materialist with a covetous spirit. Not being a capitalist but a materialistic communist, we are wrong in assuming that only those are in poverty. Many Communists are wealthy, control substantial investments in earthly assets; they teach the only real future to look upon are WORLDLY materialists, that the spirit of GOD does not exist. This theory is called "economic determination of history." It is the materialistic corruption that characterized this certain man in Christ's parable, which is prevalent among the entire world today. This parable was prompted by a man in greed who said to Christ, speak unto my brother for me.

And one of the company said unto him, Master speak to my brother, that he divide

the inheritance with me, And he said unto him, Nay, who made me a judge or a divider over you?" (Luke 12:13, 14)

The idle lives of the corrupt world today, are setting aside themselves from all Godliness. These are conditioned by men relating their lives to temporal greed, instead of having everlasting eternal security in God. Man loves to wallow in luxury of money, such as swine love to welter in mud and degradation, concealing their wealth in mire. In which Jesus said, "A man's life consisteth NOT in the abundance of the things which he possesseth" (verse 15) in the parable of the rich fool. Then whose shall those things be?

The Russian Communist will blatantly deny God with his tongue. The American Christian going Communist, while refusing to declare himself such, says in his heart and proves he is a Communist by his materialistic way of life. Many of these will attend church while planning and scheming of his own temporal wealth. This is the materialistic idolism of the spirit of Satan that makes the Communist restless and stirs him to covetousness, aggression, war, murder, plunder and robbery. It is the ignorance of fools for any man to absorb himself in materialistic life as though there is NO GOD, which can only be enjoyed temporarily. The lost world looks upon such men as clever and wise, but God who imputes eternal agonies calls him a fool.

There is nothing in our Lord's parable that prohibits a man from having material gain, such as Abraham and Job, making wise and proper investments in this temporal life, not allowing them to be an idol, desiring not to allow earthly wealth with NO recognition of God, not permitting the pangs of Satan to over power them.

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God; and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33).

If we say that the Word of God does not condemn man's constant greed, man never being satisfied regardless of how many

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CURRENT BOOK REVIEWS

M. L. Moser, Jr., A STUDY GUIDE TO THE BOOK OF REVELATION, VOL. 1. \$5.95

This spiral bound book is published by Challenge Press of Little Rock, Ark., and is the first of an anticipated three volumes. It is an outline of messages which Pastor Moser has preached in a verse-by-verse study of the Book of Revelation. The messages themselves are available on cassette from Challenge Press.

The first three chapters of Revelation are considered in this first volume. Each of the seven churches are dealt with in a separate chapter and in the case of Thyatira, women are given an additional chapter. "The vision of the Lord in Glory" and "the Book as a whole, with definitions of the basic viewpoints toward study of it are given, also.

This volume would be of benefit to anyone making a study of the Book of Revelation. Ministers could easily borrow from the outlines in preparing sermons dealing with Revelation or eschatology. We shall look forward to the other two volumes in the set.

Martin Paul, THE UNEQUAL YOKE Challenge Press, 1981 \$2.25.

The Unequal Yoke spoken of in the title concerns the linking of fundamentalism and liberalism. It deals with the subtle way that liberalism has of inserting just a bit of doubt to the teachings of the Bible.

The story is presented as if the author were the soul of a dollar. He comes into possession of a widow who donates him to the church and he eventually is owned by a young ministerial student planning to be a missionary. He gives up his identity with the dollar when the student buys a liberal book and transmigrates to the book.

Subjects such as liberal views on the Bible, the person and work of Christ, separatism and evolution are all discussed and refuted. It presents the liberal view of unionism for what it really is and liberal religious universities for what they are and what harm they can do.

Parents and students alike should read this powerhouse of information on "come out and be ye separate." Koch, Kurt - OCCULT ABE distributed by Kregel \$7.95

This book was published in 1978, as Satan's Devices. It discusses in layman's language various occult movements, ideologies, and practices of today. The book is, in the main section, arranged in alphabetical order from acupuncture to yoga. It discusses rock music, the queen of black witches, parapsychology, divining rods, spiritism, Kathryn Kuhlman, etc.

Effects of occult movements and devices are discussed under such headings as emotional disorders, frequent suicides, ghosts and poltergeists, results from sins of sorcery, etc.

Deliverance from occult practices and power is discussed. Case histories are recounted and the author's experiences with various kinds of possession and demonology are set forth. The means of avoiding contamination with the occult are explained.

A drunkard is a man who commits suicide on the installment plan.

COMPUTER ANALYSIS MAY REVEAL WOUNDS THAT PRODUCED BLOODSTAINS



QUESTION:—What was the name of the cemetery for strangers and why was it so named?

ANSWER:—It was called both "the potter's field" and "Aceldama," which means "the field of blood." The former name is used in Matthew and the latter in Acts. In Matthew 27 it is stated that Judas, repentant, returned to the priests thirty pieces of silver which they had paid him to betray Jesus. Verse 7 states: "And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in." Evidently it was a plot of ground near Jerusalem owned by a potter, but Matthew, with his usual passion for connecting current events with ancient prophecies, must needs bring in (verse 9) a quotation from "Jeremy the prophet," which really comes from Zechariah 11:12-13, and obviously has no reference to the case in hand.

The other name for the cemetery for strangers, "Aceldama," is stated in Acts 1:18-19 to have derived from the fact that after Judas bought the field "with the reward of iniquity," he fell headlong, "burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out." So it was called "the field of blood." But there is a good manuscript authority for "Aceldama," which would mean, "the field of sleep," which was probably the real name of the cemetery.

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earthly assets they continue to add to their wealth, they are never satisfied. Poverty has many disadvantages, however, riches and the desire for more of them have wrecked many marriages, broken more homes and damned more souls enormously outnumbering the souls in poverty.

Russia's selfish quest is to conquer the world and subjugate all nations, with its fast building in being superior to any other world power. Technology and superior bombs, missiles, ultra modern naval combats, combat troops, pose an enormous threat on the west and other nations. Her gigantic threat in advancements has grown so great that resistance to her fast superiority is less and less ignored.

"Fear not them that kill the body, but are NOT able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both body and soul in Hell" (Matthew 10:28).

The hard cold tactics of constant craving of temporal assets has overpowered the contaminated mind to where they have no concept of the short time of this earthly life.

The communistic aggressors



Imagine enhancement using an IBM computer at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., may someday reveal whether specific wounds caused the bloodstains that appear on the forehead of the man whose image is on the Shroud of Turin. The positive-



negative photographs were taken by Vern Miller of the Brooks Institute of Photography at Santa Barbara, Calif., where a 60-day photographic exhibition began on April 17, 1981.

have NO love for anyone except their constant antagonistic of constant incurring to provoke hostility, overpowering to where the objects of their dominance of possessing that which belongs to others, using forceable criminal tactics of unbearable capturing by assaults.

Were it possible to be accomplished the wealthy would explore every possible solution to evade dying, they would give unto the poor their entire wealth to avoid the pangs of death penalty, and then start all over again using their established dictatorships.

"For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there shall be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places" (Matt. 24:7).

The defined illustration of this scripture is to exemplify, as an example to illustrate these occurrences in reality of the punishments imputed upon man, from the result of them loving the things of this world, without any concept of the Word of God, which will happen in divers places. God being the only one knowing the exact locations these occurrences will happen.

Russia's idolatrous desire to subjugate under her yoke of power in conquering all nations under her domineering tactics has been very aggressive. Her building up warheads being far superior in technology, bombs and missiles, with her ultra modern defense system, modern naval warfare with an exceeding number of combat troops, not only threatens the western world, but her gigantic advances are less and less ignored by free parts of the world.

"For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always" (John 12:8).

This is in reference to "will Russia conquer the world?" The answer is emphatically "No." In this constant present day drifting away from God, the

world trend is to be self-existing, independent, having NO concept of the geographical center of the earth being Jerusalem north, with its line running through Moscow.

Ezekiel's prophecy has been a long range fulfillment in coming to pass immediately or partially. It's relative to the scriptures of Isaiah Chapter 14 and Ezekiel Chapter 28 in reference to the fall of Lucifer, the archangel of God being a traitor; another noted reference to Isaiah 7:14 concerning the sign of the virgin birth of Christ seven centuries later (Matthew 1:21).

This same conforms to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. as predicted in Matthew 24 and Luke 21. This portion of this prophecy was not completely fulfilled in 70 A.D. for there are some provisions which await its coming to pass until Daniel's seventieth week of the tribulation period.

"After many days thou shalt be visited in the latter years and thou shalt come up against my people of Israel," as a could-it shall be in the latter days (Ezekiel 38:6-8).

God's revelations of His scriptures as interpreted, certainly do reveal the signs of the times. It has been almost 2,000 years ago that Christ rebuked the religious Pharisees because they were unable to discern. He said unto them:

"O, ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?" (Matt. 16:3).

The signs of the return of Christ is plainly acknowledged, for no one knoweth the day nor the hour, when the Lord shall return, as Paul spoke to the Gentiles at Thessalonica.

"But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night" (I Thess. 5:1-2).

This suddenness is indicated in verses 1 thru 11. No where in God's entire Word is there a specified time mentioned, whenever it will be unexpected and sudden, but the "signs" will precede the coming. These warnings are for His people so they are NOT caught off-guard. Some of the Scriptures which are direct references are Matthew 24:36-42; 25:13; Mark 13:32-37; Luke 12:39-46, in which Jesus warned in solemn earnestness, warned "watch." More of His coming, see under I Thessalonians 2 and II Peter 3.

These scriptures the Communist atheist nations of this world completely resent, and ignore Russia's invasion of Palestine — this will be a strong indication of the approaching end. This is to come to pass at a time of extreme, intense unpredicted suffering for all who dwell on the earth. Basically, as the situation of Job, when the Lord permitted Satan to overtake him with much evil corruption.

Russia's recent invasion placed her within the straits of HORMUZ through which passes 40% of the free world's oil supply. It has been recently acknowledged that Soviet troops and Cuban troops and generals have recently air lifted into Santa Yermen. In A. D. 70 Titus, the Roman General, invaded Jerusalem and drove the Jews into nearly every nation of the world. In 1917 the Balfour Declaration provided, became the instrument in gathering of the Jews into their homeland. Israel become an independent nation during 1948, these Jews returned from about 120 nations, speaking 83 different languages.

When Russia comes up against Israel, she will be as Napoleon, who met his doom at Waterloo. The intervention of God will destroy Russia and her constituents, God imputing his terrible wrath of fire, brimstone, and hailstones.

"And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come up against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in thy face. For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken. Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; so that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the Heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth shall shake at my presence and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord God: every man's sword shall be against his brother. And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, and overflow rain, and great hailstones, fire and brimstone" (Ezekiel 38:18-22).

Not only is Russia the most powerfully armed nation on the face of the Earth, they are very efficient in protecting themselves. Recently, it has been revealed that Russia now has invented, by her own discoveries, a device called a parathetical beam. This far advanced discovery over other nations, protects and eliminates nuclear enemy bombs from entering their nation, by melting them, to dissolve, by the interception of this beam.

Anti-Christ's religious system denies there is a God, and boasts that man himself is his own God, that man in himself is his God. This detestable doctrine of the divinity of man, faith in ONESELF, the defying of the human Spirit, is the backbone of Communism. The

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Some people are like buzzards, they never go to church until someone dies.

"WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD TODAY"

PRINCETON, N.J. (EP)—A leading Protestant biblical scholar said today that "if Jesus were alive now he probably would be standing alongside his people in defense of Israel." According to Dr. John T. Townsend, professor of New Testament and Judaism at the Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, Mass., "the evidence for Jesus' life demonstrates his concern that his people and the land of Israel might be free of Roman domination."

In a series of lectures at a seminar on "Zion and Jerusalem in Christianity and Judaism" held this week at the Princeton Theological Seminary, Dr. Townsend declared that the Romans crucified Jesus because He stood with His land and His people against their occupation. The seminar, cosponsored by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Continuing Education Division of the Princeton Theological Seminary, was attended by more than 40 religious officials and educators — ministers, priests, nuns, rabbis and teachers — who came from various parts of the United States and Canada.

According to Dr. Townsend, the fact that "Jesus was generally against the Roman occupation of Israel was covered up by the early church partly because it was in danger of Roman persecution. In fact, from the earliest days of the church until the conversion of the Roman emperor three hundred years later, Christians progressively shifted responsibility for the crucifixion from Roman to Jew."

He went on to say, "However, contrary to later Christian apologetics, the fact that Jesus suffered a Roman punishment suggests that He died for some offense against Rome, not for some crime against the laws and customs of His ancestors." That crime, according to Dr. Townsend, was "treason against Rome" since in the Roman view He appeared "not as a spiritual king of a non-earthly kingdom" but as a rebel pretender to the throne of the Jews.

He said further that Christians, in the light of their religious experience, see the founder of their faith "as someone more than a political rebel who failed, we do not see the earthly Jesus through the eyes of his contemporaries."

WASHINGTON (EP)—Mr. Jerry Falwell, president of Moral Majority, praised Ronald Reagan's presidency April 19 as "phenomenally successful" and said the president's budget-cutting plan must take priority over the government's social welfare programs in the first year.

"It's a matter of realism that the budget issue is vital. The pork barrel is empty, we're bankrupt," Falwell said in a television interview. The politically conservative church leader supported Reagan's tax-cut plan and said he favored even heavier spending reductions than the president has proposed.

While the Reagan administra-

tion concentrates on restoring the economy, he said, the churches and private individuals must take responsibility for meeting the needs of the poor. Falwell said that to be politically practical, Congress should put such concerns as the fight against abortion and pornography on the back burner until it acts on budget and tax cuts.

WHEATON, Ill. (EP)—Evangelical Christians will have to mobilize new efforts to raise funds in light of Reagan administration budget cuts, according to a newsletter published here. But the newsletter also predicts there will be a hiatus in the growing government regulation of charitable and not-for-profit organizations.

"The more the government cuts out of social programs, the more they will have to turn back to traditional sources of charity — and that means more reliance on churches and religious fundraisers," says William T. Bray, editor of Evangelical Marketing Report/Outreach News.

"Born-again Christians have come a long way in the last two decades," observes Bray, "and most are now more open to the preaching of a wholistic Gospel that addresses both the spiritual and physical needs of man. But they still oppose the social activism and social Gospel theologies that were popular in the fifties and sixties. So the need for more private charity, education, and ministry is coinciding with both government attempts to extricate itself from the welfare burden and with a new evangelical willingness to get involved."

Mr. Bray also said that the wave of "anti-religious legislation" that had threatened to engulf religious charities in "additional miles of red tape" seems to have passed without much damage to Christian groups. Mr. Bray said that the formation of the Evangelical Council on Financial Accountability, a self-regulating watchdog association, is one alternative to protecting the public interest. "It seems to be working very effectively," he said, "but it is costing us millions of dollars in additional record keeping and related expenses that we really can't afford."

LONDON (EP)—Pastor Pyotr Rumachik, vice-president of the unregistered independent Baptist denomination (Evangelical Christians-Baptists) in the Soviet Union was sentenced on March 21 to five years at hard labor because of his work with that religious group, according to the East/West News Service. Pastor Rumachik has already previously served four terms of imprisonment in the USSR (a total of eleven and a half years).

Three other Soviet Baptist leaders from the town of Makinsk in the Tselinograd Region of Kazakhstan were put on trial March 24. The results of that trial are not yet known. All three were allowed to remain in freedom after they had signed an agreement that they would not leave town.

The three accused Baptist

leaders turned to Christian lawyers in the West, asking attorney Klaus Schneider of Flensburg, West Germany, to represent them before the Soviet court. Schneider agreed to do so, but his attempt to negotiate with the Soviet government on behalf of the three men has thus far been rejected by Soviet officials.

GLENDALE, Calif. (EP)—In an action indicating continued persecution of evangelical Christians in the Soviet Union, eight believers were recently sentenced to lengthy jail terms for their activities as underground Bible printers. The eight are from the village Glivenki near Krasnodar in South Russia.

Countering claims of some groups that Bibles are readily available in the Soviet Union, head of Evangelism To Communist Lands, Paul Popov, disputes the accuracy of such claims. "Why," Popov asks, "should Christians risk their jobs, families, and even their lives to print materials that are allegedly 'readily available' in the Soviet Union? If Bibles really are available these people would not be so rash in their actions as to resort to underground printing of scriptures."

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (EP)—Armed gunmen burst into the offices of the Baptist Religious Education and Publications Board in Rio de Janeiro April 13 and escaped with about \$10,000 payroll cash. Workers were shaken, but nobody was harmed and no shots fired, according to Joaquim de Paula Rosa, executive director for this Brazilian Baptist Convention organization.

Rosa said three gunmen came to the board about 2 p.m. While one man held a gun on a gatekeeper, the other two entered the administration area. Once inside, the men forced eight to 10 workers to lie on the floor while they scooped up the money, then fled. The entire episode took only three or four minutes.

"God was watching over the employees during the robbery," he said, "because a worker entered the personnel office just seconds after the robbers had fled. The man likely would have been shot had he entered during the robbery."

NAZARETH, Israel (EP)—For the first time in its 70-year history the oldest Baptist Church in the Middle East has reached the biblical number of seven deacons. Nazareth Baptist Church has ordained five Arab men, age 25 to 36, to join two 18-year veterans. Two are teachers, two are electricians, and one is a welder. During their ordination service a spokesman for the group told the large gathering that they knew ordination was not a medal for past service but rather "a burden we gladly bear on our shoulders for the Lord's work."

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (EP)—"Boundaries are natural and necessary to any faith," John A. Thomason said in a recent sermon at Sinai Temple here. "(But) barriers are nearly always artificial and unnecessary." Thomason, pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Champaign, added that "Any Christian worth his salt is obliged to say that Christ defines the boundary between a Christian and a Jew. We believe that God's act in Jesus is his supreme

revelation. For us Christ is unique. But to transform Christ from a boundary into a barrier is an unwarranted move."

Thomason was invited to address the Jewish audience after he wrote a letter to their rabbi, Isaac Newman, expressing dismay over remarks by SBC president Bailey Smith last summer that "God Almighty does not hear the prayer of a Jew."

Four years ago, as a part of January Bible Study, Temple Baptist Church invited Rabbi Newman to teach the book of Exodus on two Sunday nights. In his message, Thomason made clear his faith in Christ as the Messiah, but stated his position that no one should be disenfranchised from approaching God in prayer.

Thomason also quoted the closing sentence of a letter of protest that Glenn Hinson of Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville wrote to Bailey Smith, "Statements such as this are the stuff from which holocausts come."

WASHINGTON (EP)—The U.S. Supreme court has let stand a Kentucky court's ruling that removed a young girl from her lesbian mother's custody, placing her instead in the home of her remarried father. When Luann and Gary Ray Stevenson of Louisville were divorced in 1977, custody of their infant daughter was awarded to the mother, following the normal pattern. More than a year later, however, when Mrs. Stevenson disclosed her new lifestyle, her husband went to court seeking custody.

A trial court heard conflicting testimony over the question of whether Mrs. Stevenson's lesbianism had affected or would in the future adversely affect her daughter's development. Among the facts disclosed was that the mother had for a short period worked at a lesbian bar, had moved her lover into her house, and had exchanged vows with the lover in a "mock" wedding ceremony.

But the trial court ruled, among other factors, that because Mrs. Stevenson did not openly display her lesbianism in the child's presence, she was entitled to retain custody.

The father then took his case to the Kentucky Court of Appeals, which reversed the trial panel, ruling that he adequately demonstrated that a Kentucky law permitted the change in custody. After the Kentucky Supreme Court refused to review that decision, Mrs. Stevenson asked the nation's high court to intervene, arguing that she had been denied due process and equal protection of the law.

NEW YORK (EP)—Days Inns of America, one of the country's major motel chains, has distributed nearly 1.4 million New Testaments to its guests. The Good News for Modern Man, the New Testament in Today's English Version has been a popular feature at the motels since they were first placed in rooms nine years ago.

Denny Spear, the Atlanta based chaplain to Days Inns, noted that if the Bibles were stacked end to end they would be five times higher than the Peachtree Hotel, the tallest hotel in the country. The newly opened luxury Palace Hotel in Manhattan recently purchased 1,000 copies of the Good News Bible to be placed in guest rooms.

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WHEATON, Ill. (EP)—The Baptist General Conference and Pioneer Ministries, Inc. Recently announced that they have entered into a working relationship. The purpose is to promote Pioneer Clubs among Baptist General Conference churches in the United States and Canada.

This decision was prompted by Pioneer Ministries' decision to develop a Pioneer Boys club ministry to accompany their well-established Pioneer Girls program. For the past 35 years, Baptist General Conference churches have enjoyed their own denominational girls club ministry, Girls Meeting God. However, the lack of a correlated boys club program spurred the Christian Education Board to investigate the possibilities of a working arrangement with Pioneer Clubs.

NEW PARIS, IND. (EP)—World Missionary Press here celebrated the printing of its quarter of a billionth Scripture booklet on March 23 by having open house, which was attended by about 250 people. World Missionary Press started printing Scripture booklets over 19 years ago "on less than a shoestring." WPM has printed Scripture booklets in 168 languages and has a goal of 300 languages by September 30, 1985.

NEW YORK (EP)—The Philippines is experiencing a national awakening to the Scriptures but they face a crisis. There aren't enough Bibles. Recent reports from those islands say there are not enough Bibles in the stores and not enough Bibles in warehouses to meet the growing demand. There are more than 70 languages and dialects in use among the 7,000 islands. The American Bible Society is urging its supporters to take up the cause of that diverse people in providing Scriptures for them.

Before you doubt, read the Bible yourself.

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final movement of apostasy, the self-exaltation of a man who actually declares himself to be God, has as its goal the roots of lawlessness. The words "sin" and "lawlessness" are interchangeable terms (I John 3:4). In the history of the world there has never been a more lawless nation than Russia, having characterized her actions since the revolution over 50 years ago. Communism regards no law. No nation's leaders have walked out of the United Nations' sessions in bitter defiance of National and International law, as have the Russian delegates. They proved themselves to be the defying masters. They only regard the laws to be of their own methods. Atheistic Communism teaches its followers to oppose God and be enemies of all nations and people who do not

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**GIVE US READERS
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Recently, an article was published as to the statement of Secretary of Defense, Harold Brown: "In event of a U.S. and Russia confrontation, in the Persian Gulf, we could not be confident of the outcome."

"A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the Garden of Eden before them and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them" (Joel 2:3).

This clearly indicates the coming day of God. It will be a day of destruction of all nations that defy God, as in the valley of Jehoshaphat, valley of Kidron on the east side of Jerusalem, all which are continuing of the thought of the Holy Spirit era.

"In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (II Thess. 1:8).

These Scriptures clearly indicate that this present age will end with a violent sudden HOLOCAUST. How near the day must be of these soon coming events! Israel is back in their own land, and the Russian big bear is on the march southward toward the land of Palestine, where these denying the infallible omnipotence, wisdom, and power of God will end this turmoil, meeting the stern judgments of God as in reference, to come to pass.

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

The battle of Armageddon, being the bloodiest one of the ages will be fought soon. God will bring to destruction. This will be fought in the valley of Megiddon which is approximately 14 miles wide, and 20 miles long. Several times in Ezekiel 38 and 39 it is emphasized, God will bring the nations in to battle of complete destruction.

"For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled" (Rev. 17:17).

It is a terrible destruction of fearfulness to fall into the hands of an angry living God, His wrath poured out on those who have denied Him — those will be fully persuaded by total destruction.

This 17th chapter of Revelation is in reference to Babylon the "great Harlot." The Glorified Church is called the Lamb's Wife in Revelation 19:7. The great Harlot is in illegitimate relation with Kings, sitting upon scarlet colored beasts full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. The Harlot arrayed in purple and scarlet, revelling in luxury and filth, her name Babylon the Great, drunk with the Blood of Martyrs, Scarlet, the Devil's color, having become the color of Atheist Communism. Beware, American Communistic operations in our nation are basically the same as they were in their Russian operations — undercover in establishing its operations in our nation until it reaches its peak of domination. Then they will likewise boldly operate in the open. It is difficult to convince the innocent people that this condition exists.

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