

# The Myth of Roman Catholic Apostolic Succession



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There are two articles from the magazine in this post. The original title of the first article is

## **A Kingly Priesthood [Peter's Doctrine]**

THOSE WHO INSIST that Peter was the first Pope (a Roman Catholic doctrine) entirely disregard the fact that he felt in writing, as part of the Bible, instructions as to how the Christian church should be ruled. They (Catholics) read intently the encyclical letters of Pope Plus XII, but either ignore or are unaware of the letters of the Apostle Peter, which no Pope today would dare to emphasize.

For Peter preached and put into writing the principles of the real New Order of the Christian dispensation. He would have been untrue to his Master had he taught that one man could be an autocrat over other men, either in spiritual or political matters. "Ye are a chosen generation," he told the early Christians, "a royal (kingly) priesthood." (I Peter 2:9). Peter's doctrine is that each one is his own king and his own priest. This is democracy with a vengeance! In civil government each one was to possess the highest governing power, and, as in our American democracy, merely delegate this power by election, for a limited time, to those he chooses to represent him in the work of governing.

Most important of all, Peter taught that in religious matters **each one is his own priest**, a member of "a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." (I Peter 2:5)

Peter furthermore expressly forbids the ministers of the Christian religion to lord it over the flock. "Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock." 1 Peter 5:3

He exhorts them as elders, as he himself is just an elder, not to use force in the ordering of things within the church. How then can the Pope of Rome, who claims to be Peter's successor, consider himself an autocratic king in temporal affairs and the sole mouthpiece of God on earth?

The history of the Popes is in direct contradiction to the teaching of Peter. Instead of following Peter, the Popes have imitated the Caesars of the Roman empire and the Pontifex Maximus of the pagan religion of Rome, whose title they appropriated. They have always supported tyrannical monarchy and brutal dictators who oppressed the people, who are true priests and kings in the Christian sense. They have killed this right of the people by condemning it as "socialism" and "communism." No doubt, if Peter were on earth today, the Pope would brand him too as a Communist— and a Jewish Communist at that.

## **The Myth Of Catholic Apostolic Succession**

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Unsuspecting Protestants are easily deceived by the bold but unsubstantiated claim of Roman Catholicism to an unbroken line of "apostolic succession" of its popes, bishops and priests. The claim is categorically stated as follows: Jesus ordained Peter, Peter his successor, who in turn ordained another, and so on down to the present pope. Thus "apostolicity" is exclusively claimed as certain for all popes, bishops and priests of the Roman Catholic church.

In the first place the entire claim rests on Peter's being in Rome as pontiff — which never has been proved. It is stated that there must be "continuity with the church founded by Jesus Christ," and that only the Roman Catholic church has maintained this "unbroken chain of successors." — (Catholic Encyclopedia, Vol. 3, p. 642).

If it is true that Peter was the first bishop of Rome, how then could Paul be a legitimate apostle? For it is certain that he was not called by Peter and that he was not consecrated by Peter laying hands on him. He was called directly by Jesus (Acts 9:15), independently of Peter. He was baptized by Ananias, a disciple (Acts 9:17, 18).

When Paul attempted to associate himself with Peter and the rest of the apostles they refused to believe that he was not a spy. After being sponsored by Barnabas, a layman, the apostles tolerated him (Acts 9:26, 28). He was not accepted as an apostle by Peter and the others, and disappears from our view for a number of years (Acts 9:30.)

The laymen from the scattered church in Jerusalem preached the Gospel in Antioch (Acts 8:1, 4:11, 19), and raised up a church without the intervention of Peter. Barnabas, the reconciling layman, was sent to investigate the non-

conformist church. He remembers Paul in Tarsus and goes to find him (Acts 11:25, 26), and these two laymen preached the Gospel of Christ with such success that they were the first to be called "Christians." Then the Holy Spirit instructed this unauthorized church – if to be authorized – they must have a permit from the pope – to consecrate Paul and Barnabas as apostles (Acts 13:1, 3).

Thus we see that Peter, if he were indeed the first Roman pope, refused to accept Paul, though Jesus himself had called him to a very definite task. This great apostle Paul was consecrated, not by the laying on of Peter's hands, or of any of Peter's agents, but was consecrated by unauthorized laymen in a non-conforming church!

Paul reviews the history of this experience. He says he received his Gospel from Christ and not from Peter (Gal. 1:11, 12). He denies that he communicated with the "hierarchy" (Gal. 1:17), but went instead to the desert to talk it over with God alone, and that his first visit to Jerusalem after his conversion was three years after that memorable event (Gal. 1:18). He remained but two weeks, and nothing apparently happened to authorize him to preach with any legitimacy. There was no "continuity with the church founded by Christ," if the laying on of hands was required to obtain that.

Paul ignores completely his lack of apostolic ordination at the hands of Peter. He made thousands of converts to Christ, organized churches (Acts 14:23), consecrated elders or bishops (Acts 30:17), and sent men whom he had consecrated as bishops to consecrate others (Titus 1:5, 7). In other words, he built up a church that was entirely non-conforming, having no legitimate connection with Peter's church.

Fourteen years later Paul, the non-conformist apostle, went to Jerusalem, and there the apostles reluctantly gave him the right hand of fellowship (Gal. 2:9). But there was no submission to Peter, no reconsecration of Paul. On the contrary, this intrepid, fearless, un-compromising apostle "withstood Peter to the face" (Gal. 2:11), and they divided the field between them (Gal. 2:9).

The Roman Catholic hierarchy faces here the dilemma either of rejecting its vital and basic doctrine of apostolic succession – the chain of Peter and consecrated priests – or of rejecting a specifically chosen messenger of heaven, St. Paul. If Paul were rejected – which the Roman church must do to be logical in its doctrine – with him goes a large portion of the New Testament, most of the Christian doctrine of the church, because it is Pauline, and some of the greatest early churches, Antioch, Ephesus, Corinth, and Thessalonica, because these are the fruitage of this "illegally" consecrated non-conformist.

But Paul never considered himself unconsecrated nor less-authorized than any of the other apostles, though the hands of Peter were never placed on him (2 Cor. 11:5): "I regard myself as no wise inferior to the great apostles," he says (New Revised Catholic New Testament).

The Roman Catholic church does not reject Paul, but by accepting him it rejects its own essential doctrine of apostolic succession. By accepting him

as an apostle it furthermore destroys its claim to be the exclusive mouthpiece of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit demonstrated in the choice of Paul that He alone is the Vicar of Christ and there is no need of a pope. By the same token John Wesley was the apostle of God to England, so was Whitfield, though these men were not in communion with Peter's successor. Dwight L. Moody was Christ's apostle, and so is every Christ-chosen minister of God.

Protestants reject absolutely the mechanical conception of apostolic succession through the long line of wicked popes of the Middle Ages. They follow, rather, the prophetic succession of the Hebrew prophets. When God wanted a messenger in the Old Testament He didn't request the high priests for one, but simply called the man: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" He asked Isaiah. That fine man of God responded, "Here am I, send me." (Isa. 6:8). These were Spirit-chosen men, endowed and ordained by the Holy Spirit. Elijah was sitting by his sheep in Gilead when "the word of the Lord came unto Him" (1 Kings 17:2). Amos was a shepherd when God took him (Amos (7:14, 15). Jeremiah was called before his birth (Jer. 1:5).

Of all the prophets of the Hebrew succession we can think of none who was consecrated by the high priest of his time, or even by the prophet who went before him. Each man was chosen directly by God. That is the Spiritgoverned prophetic succession versus the mechanical "apostolic succession" of Roman Catholicism. And that is the system of ministry that the Protestant church in its evangelical branches holds today.

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## [Implied References in the Book of Revelation To Old Testament Scripture](#)



I once read that the Apostle John wrote the Book of Revelation using implied references to the Old Testament so that the meaning would be hidden from Roman officials and only the Jews familiar with the Scripture would understand it. This was in order to avoid further persecution.

The chart below is based on a study from [Blue Letter Bible](#) which a friend

introduced to me.

### **Verse in Revelation**

Rev 1:6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Rev 1:7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

Rev 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Rev 1:14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

Rev 2:27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

Rev 3:7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;

Rev 3:9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

Rev 3:17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

### **Implied Old Testament Reference**

Exo 19:6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Dan 7:13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

Isa 41:4 Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he.

Dan 7:9 I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire.

Psa 2:9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

Isa 22:22 And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

Isa 60:14 The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

Hos 12:8 And Ephraim said, Yet I am become rich, I have found me out substance: in all my labours they shall find none iniquity in me that were sin.qq

Rev 4:2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

Rev 4:6 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

Rev 4:7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

Rev 5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

Rev 7:16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

Rev 7:17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Ezekiel 1:26 And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.

27 And I saw as the colour of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about.

28 As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

Eze 1:22 And the likeness of the firmament upon the heads of the living creature was as the colour of the terrible crystal, stretched forth over their heads above.

Eze 1:10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle.

Dan 7:10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

Isa 49:10 They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

Isa 25:8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.

Rev 9:4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

Rev 9:6 KJV – 6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

Rev 11:3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

Rev 11:15 KJV – 15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Rev 13:7 KJV – 7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

Eze 9:6 Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house.

Jer 8:3 KJV – 3 And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue of them that remain of this evil family, which remain in all the places whither I have driven them, saith the LORD of hosts.

Zechariah 4:11 Then answered I, and said unto him, What are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon the left side thereof?

12 And I answered again, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oil out of themselves?

13 And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these be? And I said, No, my lord.

14 Then said he, These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

Dan 7:14 KJV – 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

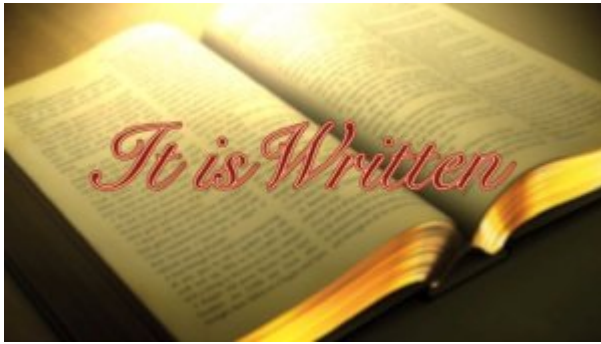
Dan 8:10 KJV – 10 And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.

Dan 8:24 KJV – 24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.

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## [Scriptures in the New Testament that](#)

# are Referenced from the Old Testament



I thought it would make a neat Bible study to find all the verses in the Old Testament that are based on the "it is written" phrase in the New Testament.

It's a very interesting study for me to compare a New Testament Scripture with its counterpart in the Old Testament. The best interpreter of Scripture is other Scripture!

Verses in the Synoptic Gospels that reference the same Scripture in the Old Testament are not included in this article. For example, because Matthew 4:4 says the same thing as Luke 4:4, I omitted Luke 4:4.

I had difficulty in choosing some of them! There are very obvious references, and there are some not so obvious. And there were three references I couldn't find on my own. A big thank you to Ron who found the references for me!

Since I first posted this article, I added New Testament verses that reference the Old Testament just by saying "this scripture" or "the scripture", or something similar. It's the second chart below.

On June 16, I made a few more edits in this class and found a better Old Testament reference for Luke 2:23 than the one I previously used. But it still may be not perfect. If anyone knows a better OT reference than that one I am using for a certain verse, please tell me in the comments section. Thank you!

## **New Testament verses containing the words, "it is written"**

<b>New Testament Scripture Quoted from Old Testament</b>	<b>Old Testament Reference</b>
Matthew 2:5-6 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.	Micah 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.



Matthew 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Matthew 4:6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Matthew 4:7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Matthew 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Matthew 11:10 For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

Matthew 21:13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Deuteronomy 8:3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

Psalms 91:11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. (Satan conveniently left out "to keep thee in all that ways".)

Deuteronomy 6:16 Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted him in Massah.

Exodus 20:2-5 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

Malachi 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.

Isaiah 56:7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

Matthew 26:24 The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.

Matthew 26:31 Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.

Mark 7:6 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.

Mark 9:12 And he answered and told them, Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; and how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nought.

Psalms 22:12 Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.

13 They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

16 For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.

17 I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.

18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.  
(Also all of Isaiah 53)

Zechariah 13:7 Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.

Isaiah 29:13 Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

Isaiah 53:3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Mark 9:13 But I say unto you, That Elias is indeed come, and they have done unto him whatsoever they listed, as it is written of him.

Luke 2:23 (As it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord;)

Luke 3:4 As it is written in the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Luke 24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

John 6:31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

John 6:45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.

John 12:14 And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written,  
15 Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt.

Acts 1:20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.

Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

8 He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

9 And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

Exodus 34:19 All that openeth the matrix is mine; and every firstling among thy cattle, whether ox or sheep, that is male.

Isaiah 40:3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Hosea 6:2 After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

Exodus 16:4 Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no.

Isaiah 54:13 And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

Psalms 69:25 Let their habitation be desolate; and let none dwell in their tents.

Psalms 109:8 Let his days be few; and let another take his office.

Acts 7:42 Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices by the space of forty years in the wilderness?

Acts 15:15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

Acts 23:5 Then said Paul, I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people.

Romans 1:17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Romans 2:24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.

Romans 3:4 God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

Romans 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

Amos 5:25 Have ye offered unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel?

Isaiah 62:2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.

Exodus 22:28 Thou shalt not revile the gods, nor curse the ruler of thy people.

Habakkuk 2:4 Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

Psalms 74:7 They have cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have defiled by casting down the dwelling place of thy name to the ground.

8 They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together: they have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land.

9 We see not our signs: there is no more any prophet: neither is there among us any that knoweth how long.

10 O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?

Psalms 51:4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

Ecclesiastes 7:20 For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

Romans 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Romans 8:36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Romans 9:13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

Romans 9:33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Romans 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Romans 11:8 (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.

Romans 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

Romans 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

Genesis 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

Psalms 44:22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

Malachi 1:2 I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob,

3 And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

Isaiah 8:14 And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Psalms 22:5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

Isaiah 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Isaiah 29:10 For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.

Zechariah 10:6 And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am the LORD their God, and will hear them.

Deuteronomy 32:41 If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.

Romans 14:11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

Romans 15:3 For even Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

Romans 15:9 And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name.

Romans 15:21 But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand.

1 Corinthians 1:19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

1 Corinthians 1:31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

1 Corinthians 3:19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

1 Corinthians 9:9 For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?

Isaiah 45:23 I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

Psalms 69:9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

Isaiah 66:19 And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles.

Isaiah 52:15 So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

Isaiah 29:14 Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.

Jeremiah 9:24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD.

Isaiah 64:4 For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

Job 5:13 He taketh the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong.

Deuteronomy 25:4 Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn.

1 Corinthians 10:7 Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

1 Corinthians 14:21 In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

2 Corinthians 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak;

2 Corinthians 8:15 As it is written, He that had gathered much had nothing over; and he that had gathered little had no lack.

2 Corinthians 9:9 (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.

Galatians 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

Galatians 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

Galatians 4:22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.

Exodus 32:6 And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

Isaiah 28:11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

12 To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Psalms 116:10 I believed, therefore have I spoken: I was greatly afflicted:

Exodus 16:18 And when they did mete it with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating.

Psalms 112:9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

Deuteronomy 27:26 Cursed be he that confirmeth not all the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.

Deuteronomy 21:23 His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged is accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

Genesis chapters 16 & 21

Galatians 4:27 For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.

Hebrews 10:7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

1 Peter 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

Isaiah 54:1 Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD.

Psalms 40:7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me,

Leviticus 20:7 Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God.

## **New Testament verses that have the word "Scripture" referring to the Old Testament**

### **New Testament Scripture Quoted from Old Testament**

Mark 12:10 And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner

Mark 15:28 And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,  
19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.  
20 And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.  
21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

### **Old Testament Reference**

Psalms 118:22 The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

Isaiah 53:12 Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;



John 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

John 10:35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

John 13:18 I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.

John 19:24 They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

John 19:36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.

John 19:37 And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

Acts 8:32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth:

Romans 4:3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Romans 9:17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.

Jeremiah 2:13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

Psalms 82:6 I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.

Psalms 41:9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.

Psalms 22:18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

Psalms 34:20 He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

Zechariah 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.

Genesis 15:6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

Exodus 9:16 And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth.

Romans 10:11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

James 2:8 If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:

James 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

Psalms 22:5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.

Leviticus 19:18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.

Genesis 15:6 And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

It's interesting for me that the Book of James which some people use to claim that a person is saved only through keeping the law of Moses, quotes from the same Old Testament Scripture, Genesis 15:6, as the Apostle Paul did in Romans 4:3! I know some people who accuse Paul of preaching a false gospel of grace alone through faith alone through Christ alone, but in reality James is also in agreement with the Apostle Paul. If you don't think so, please read Acts chapter 15 that shows both Paul and James in agreement with each other that the Gentiles are *not* required to keep the law of Moses! James is only saying that if you are truly saved by in Christ Jesus, you will show it by your works.

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## [What is the Great City of the Book of Revelation?](#)



This article is an attempt to identify the "Great City" of Revelation 11:8 and Revelation 17:18.

*Revelation 11:8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the **great city**, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.*

*Revelation 17:18 And the woman which thou sawest is that **great city**, which*

*reigneth over the kings of the earth.*

A good friend wrote me saying,

James, I'll see if I can sway your mind on something. I was once like you on the papacy as you know. Now look at Rev 17:18 'the woman (whore) which you saw is that great city, which reigns over the kings of the earth,' And compare with Rev 11:8 "And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified." Here you see the persecution of the saints by Jerusalem → Jewish cabal. It literally identifies them and associates them with Egypt (Freemasonry) and Sodom (Sodomy and Moloch). But also they rule over kings. In chapter 17:16 the ten horns are mentioned which could symbolise these kings or corporate giants. The cabal (from Kabbalah) are the most powerful rulers. They also represent the false wife of God, the queen of heaven, who is unfaithful, and go off worshiping demons. The expression 'great city' is clearly identified.

So basically my friend is saying the Great City of Revelation 11:8 and Revelation 17:18 is Jerusalem, and that the evil cabal that is ruling the world is Jewish and not the Vatican / Jesuits / Roman Catholic Church hierarchy as I am teaching on this website.

I always interpreted the Great City of Revelation 17:18 as Rome because it "reignth" (present tense) over the kings of the earth in the Apostle John's day. That's clear history. The Roman Empire was strong in John's day. But I also interpreted the Great City of Revelation 11:8 as Jerusalem because it says, "where also our Lord was crucified." I never thought to compare the two verses before as being the same place. And so I thanked my friend for pointing this out to me and told him I would research the matter further rather than giving him an answer off the top of my head.

I wanted to see what famous Bible commentators of centuries past had to say about Revelation 11:8. What a surprise I had! Nearly all of them say it's talking about *Rome*, and *not* Jerusalem! Please read what they have to say and decide for yourself whether they are right or not.

### **John Gill:**

And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city,... **Not Jerusalem**, which was destroyed when John had this vision, and which will; not be rebuilt at the time it refers to; nor is it ever called the great city, though the city of the great King; however, not in this book, though the new Jerusalem is so called, Revelation 21:10; but that can never be designed here; but **the city of Rome, or the Roman jurisdiction, the whole empire of the Romish antichrist, which is often called the great city in this book**; see Revelation 16:19. The city of Rome itself was very large, and the Roman empire still larger, so as to be called the whole world and the antichristian

see of Rome has been of great extent.

### **Geneva Bible notes:**

And their dead bodies shall lie in the {13} street of the great city, which {d} spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, {14} where also our Lord was crucified.

(13) That is, **openly at Rome**: where at that time was a most great crowd of people, the year of Jubile being then first ordained by Boniface to the same end, in the year 1300, an example of which is read in chapter 1 Extra, de poenitentys & remissionibus. So by one act he committed two wrongs against Christ, both abolishing his truth by restoring the type of the Jubile, and triumphing over his members by wicked superstition. O religious heart! Now that we should understand the things of Rome, John himself is the author, both after in the seventeenth chapter almost throughout, and also in the restriction now next following, when he says, it is that great city (as he calls it) Re 17:18 and is spiritually termed Sodom and Egypt: and that spiritually (for that must here again be repeated from before) Christ was there crucified. For the two first names signify spiritual wickednesses: the latter signifies the show and pretence of good, that is, of Christian and sound religion. Sodom signifies most licentious impiety and in the most confident glorying of that city, as it were in true religion, being yet full of falsehood and ungodliness. Now who is ignorant that these things do rather, and better fit Rome, than any other city?

### **Matthew Poole:**

Some, by the great city, would have Jerusalem understood; but that was now far from a great city, nor do the addition of those words in the latter end of the verse prove it; for Christ was not crucified in that city, but without the gates. **Most judicious interpreters, by the great city here, understand Rome**, which is seven or eight times (under the name of Babylon) so called in this hook, Revelation 14:8 Revelation 16:19 18:10,16,18,19,21; nor is any other city but that so called. This great city is here said, in a spiritual sense, to be Sodom and Egypt; Sodom, for whoredom and filthiness; Egypt, for oppression of the Lord's Israel. As to the second question, what is here meant by the street of the great city? Mr. Mede hath irrefragably proved, that it cannot be meant of any parish, or such place in this city, as we call a street:

1. Because our Lord was crucified neither in any street, or parish, or any other place within the walls of Jerusalem.
2. Both Jerusalem and Rome had many more than one street.
3. Because the bodies being dead, doubtless lay in the place where they were slain; but men do not use to fight in the streets of cities.

Matthew Poole gives the most convincing reasons in my opinion that the Great City of Revelation 11:8 is Rome, not Jerusalem as I previously thought. I'm

really grateful to my friend for bringing this subject up! I don't want to be swayed by cognitive bias but to base my thinking on what the Bible teaches.

I shared all the above quotations from Bible commentators to my friend and said:

"So sorry, the bulk of my research points to Rome, not to the Jews or Jerusalem. Of course they are all antichrist and evil as well, but Rome is a continuation of all the empires before her. Rome continues all the way to the feet of the image Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream according to Daniel chapter 2. My wife and I read it just this morning for devotions. Israel as a nation was strong only in the time of Solomon, and the Lord weakened them because of their disobedience."

Daniel 2:32 This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,  
33 His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.  
34 Thou sawest till that **a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet** that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces.  
35 Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

For over 30 years I used to think the great antichrist conspiracy for one world government had its roots in Judaism / Zionism because that's what I was taught by my pastor at the time. He was always pointing his finger at the Jews. But now I believe the Roman Catholic Church is a continuation of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream in Daniel chapter two. The Stone that was cut without hands `is Jesus Christ Who ends all the governments of man and sets up His Kingdom on earth. The legs of the image represent the Roman empire. Nobody questions that. The feet are part of the legs! The Stone hits the feet which must represent the final rule of the Roman legs! That's how I see it.

I believe the Jesuits are using the Jews / Zionists as scapegoats to deflect the blame away from Rome! That's not to say the Jews are guiltless, but to lay the blame on an entire ethnic group for all the evils in the world is not reasonable in my opinion. My hero, William Cooper, certainly thought so too. He blamed the Illuminati. I believe that the Illuminati and the Jesuits are connected. And there is evidence that the Protocols of the Elders of Zion were written by Jesuits, and not the Jews or Zionists. For more information about that, please see:

[Evidence of Jesuit authorship of the Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion](#)

and

[Authors of the Protocols of the Elders of Zion – Jews? Or Jesuits!](#)

My final point: How did the Roman empire come into being in the first place? Through the force of its military! That's the reason I chose the featured image for this article. What nation today has more military bases around the world than any other nation? The USA! Just look at the American government today and tell me who outnumbers who. The last time I looked I see far more Catholics than Jews running things.

In my opinion it's counterproductive to blame the Jews for the evils of the world. You get labeled as antisemitic. I believe it's a Jesuit trick to divert blame to the Jews for everything like Hitler did. And as Christians we should not hate anybody, much less Jews. We should love them and try to win them for Christ! When I lived in Japan there was a time in the early 1990s when young Israelis came to Japan and sold their trinkets on the street. I used to love to talk to them. They all spoke good English. Once in Shinjuku which is one of the main business and shopping centers of Tokyo, I saw a man who I recognized as an Israeli and called out to him, "Young man from Israel! I want to talk to you!" He smiled, approached me, and offered me a cigarette which of course I refused. And we had a good friendly discussion.

Dr. James Tour was raised in a secular Jewish home. He came to know Jesus Christ as his savior though the faithful witness of a young man he went to school with. Now he'll tell you he loves Jesus more than anything!

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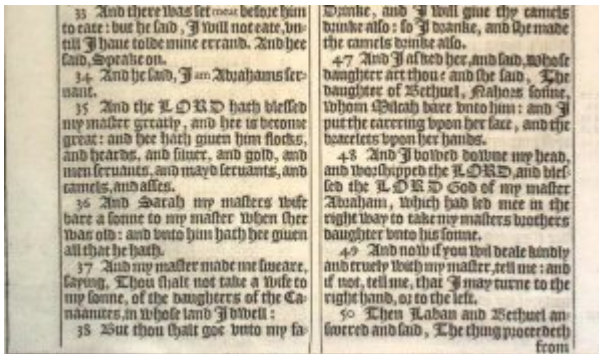
## What is Babylon?



The evil spirit of Babylon is taking hold of Christian culture and subverting it. We must cry out against it!

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# The Original 1611 KJV Bible vs the 1769 Edition



What the original 1611 King James Bible looked like.

A friend on social media shared with me a YouTube entitled, “AV1611 The True Bible” by John Doerr. In it, Mr. Doerr says,

Throughout the 1800s you’ve got a number of attacks on Scripture. The most subtle would be the change of the authorized version of 1611 by a Vatican manuscript subscribing man named Benjamin Blayney who didn’t know any Hebrew. And he chose incorrect words, and he was not part of a Christian committee.

Let’s just say that KJV community is now indoctrinated to believe that this Blayney 1769 text is the same good old-fashioned text of that King James authorized and it’s not.

From Wikipedia:

*Benjamin Blayney (1728 – 20 September 1801) was an English divine (Anglican clergy) and Hebraist (A Hebraist is a specialist in Jewish, Hebrew and Hebraic studies), best known for his revision of the King James Version of the Bible.*

Now we have an opposing view. John Doerr says Blayney didn’t know any Hebrew, and Wikipedia says he was a specialist in Hebrew! I know we can’t always go by what Wikipedia says because it is left leaning and of a secular worldview. But Mr. Doerr doesn’t give us any primary source to back up his allegation that Blayney didn’t know any Hebrew.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, should we be influenced by the opinion of one man? Should we not investigate and do our own research and fact check what we see and hear on social media? That’s what I’m doing in this article. I compared the original 1611 KJV to the 1769 edition. Which is better? You decide.



I put in **bold** the differences in meaning between the two translations.

The original 1611 KJV text in this chart came from

<https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Bible-Books/1611-KJV-Books.php>

Verse	1611 KJV	1769 Edition KJV
John 3:16	For God so loued þe world, that he gaue his only begotten Sonne: that whosoever beleeueth in him, should not perish, but haue euerlasting life.	For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
John 1:12	But as many as receiued him, to them gaue hee power to become the sonnes of God, euen to them that beleeu on his Name:	But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, <i>even</i> to them that believe on his name:
John 3:36	He that beleeueth on the Sonne, hath euerlasting life: and he that beleeueth not the Sonne, shall not see life: but the wrath of God abideth on him.	He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.
Romans 10:9,10	That if thou shalt confesse with thy mouth the Lord Iesus, and shalt beleue in thine heart, that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saued. For with the heart man beleueth vnto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made vnto saluation.	That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
Deuteronomy 26:1	And it shall be when thou art come in vnto the land which <b>the Lord</b> giueth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein:	And it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which the <b>LORD thy God</b> giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein;
Joshua 13:29	And Moses gaue inheritance vnto the halfe tribe of Manasseh: and this was the possession of the halfe <b>tribe of Manasseh</b> , by their families.	And Moses gave inheritance unto the half tribe of Manasseh: and this was the possession of the half <b>tribe of the children of Manasseh</b> by their families.
Isaiah 14:12	How art thou fallen from heauen, O Lucifer, sonne of the morning? how art thou cut downe to the ground, which didst weaken the nations?	How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!



Daniel 9:27	<p>And hee shall confirme the couenant with many for one weeke: and in the midst of the weeke he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the ouerspreading of abominations hee shall make it desolate, euen vntill the consummation, &amp; that determind, shalbe powred vpon the desolate.</p> <p>Also he said, Bring the vaile that thou hast vpon thee, and holde it. And when she helde it, he measured sixe measures of barley, and laide it on her: and <b>he</b> went into the citie.</p>	<p>And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determind shall be poured upon the desolate.</p> <p>Also he said, Bring the vail that thou hast upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six measures of barley, and laid it on her: and <b>she</b> went into the city.</p>
Ruth 3:15	<p>The humble shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall liue that seeke <b>good</b>.</p> <p>Concerning the Ammonites, thus sayth the Lord; hath Israel no sonnes? Hath he no heire? Why then doth their king inherit <b>God</b>, and his people dwell in his cities?</p>	<p>The humble shall see this, and be glad: and your heart shall live that seek <b>God</b>.</p> <p>Concerning the Ammonites, thus saith the LORD; Hath Israel no sons? hath he no heir? why then doth their king inherit <b>Gad</b>, and his people dwell in his cities?</p>
Psalm 69:32	<p>For I thinke that God hath set forth vs the Apostles last, as it were <b>approued</b> to death. For wee are made a spectacle vnto the world, and to Angels, and to men.</p>	<p>For I think that God hath set forth us the apostles last, as it were <b>appointed</b> to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men.</p>
Jeremiah 49:1	<p>1 Corinthians 4:9</p>	

My opinion: The 1769 edition is better not only in spelling and the fact it uses italics for words that are not present in the original, but it corrects errors in the translation! Jeremiah 49:1 in the 1611 edition is obviously wrong! It should say Gad, not God!

And lo and behold, the 1599 Geneva Bible in every case of a difference in meaning between the 1611 and 1769 edition of the KJV of verses in the chart, agrees with the 1769 edition! That in my opinion shoots the biggest hole in Mr. Doerr's assertion that the 1769 edition is corrupt.

I worked as a translator/ proofread for 11 years. I don't believe any translation can be perfect. There's always something lost in translation. What we have today with the KJV is sufficient to lead any English speaker to the knowledge of salvation in Christ. If we could read the original Hebrew and Greek, we would know the meanings of the names of all the people! This is true in the Japanese language. I know Japanese and can tell you the meanings of the names just by the Chinese characters they use to write them. For example, Ichiro, the name of the famous Japanese baseball player means "first son". How many English speakers know that? There's no Japanese person who doesn't know that.

I use only the KJV 1769 edition on this website, but I am not a KJV onlyist! I also like the Geneva Bible and think some of the verses are even better than the KJV. KJV Onlyism claim that the KJV is the ONLY Word of God is very unreasonable in my opinion. What about people who don't read English? What about their Bibles? Are they devoid of the Word of God just because they can't understand the English KJV? That being said, I don't like modern translations simply because the New Testament is not translated from Textus Receptus but from corrupt manuscripts from Westcott and Hort. See [Reasons Why the King James Version is the Best English Translation of the Bible](#)

Can the 1769 edition of the KJV be improved? I know this sounds heretical to KJV only people, but I definitely think so. I would change Easter of Acts 12:4 to Passover, Jesus of Hebrews 4:8 to Joshua, and all 20 cases of the word "conversation" to conduct or behavior. Does that mean I am adding to, subtracting from, or changing the Word of God? I am merely improving a translation, correcting mistakes, and using words that mean today what the Holy Spirit meant in the original language text.

If you don't agree with this article and think I am missing something, please send me the references of Scripture you think are wrong in the 1769 edition and are correct in the 1611 edition, and I will add them to the chart.

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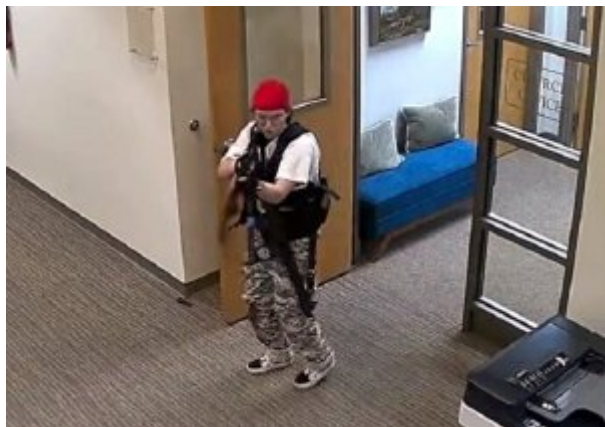
## [Clash of the Worldviews](#)



The importance of basing our worldview on what Genesis chapters 1 -11 has to say. Unbelievers reject it which is why the world is embracing false ideologies promoted by the LGBTQ movement.

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## [Spiritual and Biblical Based Insights Behind the Nashville School Shooting](#)



On March 27, 2023, a mass school shooting occurred at The Covenant School, a Presbyterian Church in America parochial elementary school in the Green Hills neighborhood of Nashville, Tennessee. The shooter, Nashville resident 28 year old Audrey Hale, had no previous criminal record before opening fire at The Covenant School, killing three children and three adults. Hale identified as a transgender man. Jonathan Cahn has some surprising insights behind the shooting that that shooter herself may not have been aware of!

## Transcript

I'm going to reveal a mystery behind what happened in the shooting at the Christian school in Nashville, a stunning truth you're never going to hear in the news.

This is Jonathan Cahn. I'm not in the studio right now. I had no time but I wanted to do it right here.

What happened in Nashville, that shooting at the Christian School was horrifying. And though the target was Christian children and Christian adults there wasn't one single article in the mainstream media speaking of anti-Christian hatred or violence. Why was that? Some of the media actually appeared to be blaming Christians for the shooting since Christians are not generally for transgenderism and the shooter was transgender. Many a media outlet didn't even mention that.

But months before this happened, a video game came out that was created by a transgender video game designer encouraging virtual violence and killing against those who were not in favor of surgical altering. In the game they are to be killed, including a virtual minister.

And before the massacre happened a transgender activist planned a Day of Vengeance, a trans-day of vengeance was planned.

The Bible speaks of spirits. In Hebrew they're called the "**shadim**". Translated into Greek it became the word "**daimonia**". We get the word demon from it, demonic. Shadim means the destroyer, those who bring death. When they possess a person, they seek to remove the individual from his or her nature and purpose, whether that means their humanity, their gender, their sexuality, their personhood. That's how they begin destroying him or her.

The possessed person becomes a danger to others and to himself or herself, harming others, harming themselves. The Bible says that the shadim or the daimonia, the demonic spirits, were behind the gods of the ancient world. Two thousand years ago the gods were cast out of Western civilization by the power of Jesus. But behind the gods are spirits, and Jesus gave a warning, which can be translated into modern terms to America and to the world as this: Any culture, any nation, any civilization that's been delivered of these spirits or gods, if it should ever turn away from God, these spirits, these gods, the demonic entities, will come back to repossess it, repossess the culture, repossess the people.

America has cast out God. Now we are witnessing the taking over of our culture by these spirits. That's why what we're watching is so irrational. That's why it's so demonic.

When I wrote **"The Return of the Gods"**, I wrote these words. I said if the gods or spirits that were cast out with the coming of Christianity returned, would they not come back with a vengeance? And would not their vengeance be focused on those who cast them out? Well, who cast them out? Christians did. So these returning spirits, demonic spirits, will turn their vengeance, their fury, against Christians.

Now, think of what happened in Nashville to those Christian children and adults. I wrote of the plans of demonic spirits to attack Christians in "The Return of the Gods". It came out in September 2022. Seven months later the attack took place in the Christian school in Nashville.

Now when I wrote the book, I revealed three central gods or spirits that are now taking possession of America and the West. I call them the Dark Trinity in "The Return of the Gods", spirits that lie behind everything what's happening, what's happening to your children. One of them was called the Enchantress in the book. I reveal that ancient inscriptions concerning this goddess. It says that she turns a man into a woman, and a woman into a man. This is the god or the spirit that alters gender, transitions man into woman, transitions woman into man.

The inscription also reveals that the god, she's the god of parades that celebrate the bending of gender. And she especially possessed a culture in one month. Which month? The month of June from ancient times. She was the goddess of pride and she possessed June.

She had a priesthood called the Asinu or the Kalu. They were men who dressed up and acted as women. Some of them were surgically transitioned with organs cut off. One of the ancient transcriptions I put in the book describes the transition, men dancing in front of the goddess carrying scalpels as if to celebrate their transition.

The spirit is taking over our culture and our children as I speak. It's not about the people, it's about the spirit behind them. The spirits are as much against those whom they possess and use, as the ones who oppose them.

The word "shadim" means Destroyer. These spirits bring destruction. They're

always after the children from ancient times to now, whether killing babies in the womb, or outside of the womb. They target children and they target Christians. Now Christian children are all the more in their cross-hairs of the goddess and of the spirits.

The goddess took possession of her priesthood. So the men who appeared as women and the women who appeared as men were possessed by the goddess. But Jesus warned that when the spirits come back, they come back worse. So now that same spirit that bends gender is seeking to possess an entire generation of children, to confuse them to start transitioning them, to surgically remove their organs. How could we do that to them? What could possess somebody to do that? A spirit could possess them.

The trans-woman shooter was one of the confused souls of this generation. Now, could there have been an actual demonic possession behind what happened at that Christian school? And could there have been an actual sign that what happened really was from the spiritual realm behind the news?

In the gospel account of the demoniac or the demonically possessed man, it goes like this: Since they came to the other side, the disciples with Jesus, of the Sea of Galilee into the region of the Gerasenes, when he got out of the boat immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. He was living among the tombs and nobody was able to bind him anymore not even with a chain or with shackles. The chains have been torn apart by him and the shackles were broken into pieces and nobody was strong enough to subdue him. Constantly night and day he was screaming among the tombs and in the mountains cutting himself with stones. He dwelt in the tombs. The tombs would have been caves in the rocks. They were hollows, hollowed out space. He dwelt in the hollow. In Matthew's account it says the demon possessed man was so fierce that nobody could pass that way. He terrorized the people of the town. He presented a danger of physical harm, and he harmed himself by cutting his body.

So the shooter at the Christian school sought to bring destruction to others and then to herself. She wrote a note saying, "I plan to die this day." The demonic spirits bring destruction. The demoniac or the demon-possessed man dwelt in the caves, the tombs, the hollows. The demon-possessed person dwelt in the hollows.

The one who killed the Christians that day was named Audrey Hale. What does Hale mean? [Her name means "the one who dwells in the hollows,"](#) the killer's name. The Bible reveals the demon possessed dwell in the hollows. The name of the killer actually means the one who dwells in the hollows.

Could there be even more signs of a dark mystery taking place in the spiritual realm that you're never going to hear on the news? In the Book of Revelation it is revealed that the number of the Beast, the Antichrist, is 666. I'm sure you've heard of it. You see it in movies like The Omen about demonically satanic possessed people. Six six six. The number six is linked to man. Man was created on the sixth day in the form of three six six six, the number of gods. So six appears as three. It's man as god, the Beast. the Antichrist.

How many people died how many Christians were killed by this woman named Hale, the one who dwelt in the hollows? She killed six people. She killed three adults. How old were they? One was 60, the other 61, the other 60, six, six, six, they're all just about 60. Did she know that? I'm sure she didn't, but the spirits do.

Six six six, the Mark of the Beast, the number of Satan. As in one who is possessed by a demonic spirit, the killer had no idea but the spirits that possessed, had an idea.

In the worship of Satan, signs and numbers are often inverted as in up turned upside down, as the enemy is an inverter. How many children were killed? That was the adults, 666. How many children were killed? Three. What were their ages? Nine, nine, nine. What happens if you turn it upside down? Six, six, six. Nine, nine, nine, is the inversion of 666. So three adults, 666, three children, the inverted six, six, six. The shooter had no idea, the spirits did.

The changes that are taking place in our nation and western civilization and the world are not natural, they're not rational. They're part of a mystery in the realm of the spirit. And they're not just possessing troubled individuals, they're possessing celebrities, pop stars, organizations, institutions, media, school systems, government, leaders, cultures, our culture. And for you who are a follower of God, you who are a Christian, you're a true believer, be warned, they're after you. And even if you're not, if you're created in the image of God, they're after you. They are affecting everyone, every one of you watching this right now. You're dealing with it in one form or another, whether you know it or you don't. They're after you. You're a target.

That's why I wrote "The Return of the Gods", to reveal, and to arm those who would be armed for what's coming. There's only one power and force that's able to overcome these things. It's the power of God, the presence of Yeshua Jesus the Redeemer, and that's why you need him in your life. We war not against flesh and blood, it says, but against powers, principalities, rulers spiritual forces in high places. God is greater. Make sure you're right with Him, make sure He's in your life, make sure you received Him for real, make sure you're born again, you're saved.

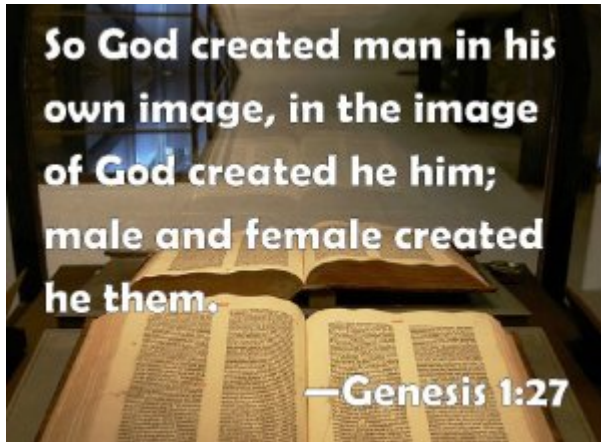
If you don't want to miss the messages that are going to come forth from this site in the future, make sure you press subscribe. And until next time, this is Jonathan Cahn saying be strong in the power of His might. Shalom.

(End of transcript)

My friend Dr. John Gideon Hartnett first posted this article on his [Bible Science Forum](#) website and asked me transcribe the YouTube video by Jonathan Cahn. The transcription contains Dr. Hartnett's edits which I certainly appreciated! He's the one who found confirmation on the meaning of Audrey Hale's surname of, "one who lives in the hollow." For more information about this subject, see what John Gideon Hartnett has further to say about it from his article, [Why Are Demons Manifesting Now?](#)

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## The Evil Source of Transgenderism: Satan



The satanic origin of transgenderism. Encouragement to be vocal to denounce it as anti-God, anti-Christ, and anti-science!  
Deuteronomy 22:5 – The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God

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## How Many Years Were the Children of Israel In Bondage to Pharaoh?



This chart is based partly on Galatians 3:16-17.

The YouTube video explains why the Children of Israel could not have been in Egypt for 430 years as the King James Version, all modern Bible versions, and the Jews themselves say.

This video has lots of charts which means it's better for you to see the video than for me to post a transcription of the entire text. But just to inspire you to want to watch it, let me tell you it gives clear biblical

reasons why the King James Version and other translations based on the Jewish Masoretic text of Exodus 12:40 cannot be correct.

As you see from the list below, not only the KJV, but even modern translations say the children of Israel 430 years. All these translations are based on the Masoretic text. Please bare with me for I will prove with Scripture how that cannot be so.

### **Translations of Exodus 12:40 based on the Masoretic Text**

King James Bible

Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years.

New International Version

Now the length of time the Israelite people lived in Egypt was 430 years.

English Standard Version

The time that the people of Israel lived in Egypt was 430 years.

Berean Standard Bible

Now the duration of the Israelites' stay in Egypt was 430 years.

New American Standard Bible

Now the time that the sons of Israel had lived in Egypt was 430 years.

NASB 1995

Now the time that the sons of Israel lived in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years.

American Standard Version

Now the time that the children of Israel dwelt in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years.

English Revised Version

Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, which they sojourned in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years.

International Standard Version

Now the time that the Israelis lived in Egypt was 430 years.

New American Bible

The time the Israelites had stayed in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years.

### **The English translation of Exodus 12:40 from the Septuagint**

And the sojourning of the children of Israel, while they sojourned in the land of Egypt **and the land of Chanaan**, four hundred and thirty years.

Notice the extra words in the Septuagint? This makes sense because the Apostle Paul clearly says the Law given by Moses was 430 years from the time God made His Covenant with Abraham!



Galatians 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

17 And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was **four hundred and thirty years after**, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

In order words, the Law was given to Moses 430 years after God made the promises to Abraham after he entered the land of Canaan. Therefore, the 430 years of Exodus 12:40 must include the time Abraham was in Canaan. And that means the length of time the children of Israel was in bondage to Pharaoh was much less than 430 years. The YouTube explains how it may have been only a little over 100 years.

I hope this inspires you to watch the video because it also explains how Shem could not have lived to the time of Abraham as the KJV and all English Bibles indicate. The Jewish rabbis today says that Melchizedek who Abraham met is Shem, and therefore what Hebrews chapter 5 says about Jesus Christ being a priest after the order of Melchizedek is false. But according to the Septuagint, **Shem died 500 years before Abraham!**

I'm still sticking to the KJV as the best English translation of the Bible. For Christians, the New Testament, the New Covenant holds more importance than the Old Testament, the Old Covenant. The New Testament of the KJV was translated from Textus Receptus which is the best available manuscript of the New Testament.

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## [Sharing the Gospel with a Japanese Man Based on the Meaning of His Own Name!](#)



I hope the title of this article intrigues you to read it article because you won't understand what I mean by the title until I explain it.

Let me start from the beginning. An American friend of mine, Brenda, has a

daughter who is dating a Japanese boy named Yoshi. Because I lived in Japan so long and studied the Chinese characters that the Japanese use, I wondered if Yoshi's name is the Chinese character meaning righteousness.

The following is a conversation with Brenda through messenger:

Please ask Yoshi if this is how he writes his name. If it is, I'll tell something surprising about it that even he may not know.

Yes that's his name!! What's that? His name means Justice. I already asked him

His name teaches part of the Gospel! That is the character for RIGHTEOUSNESS, rather than justice. The character is actually a combination of two characters. The top half is the character for sheep. ☐ The bottom half is the character for the personal pronoun, I. ☐☐ The combination of the two is based on the Old Testament blood sacrifice of a sheep or lamb for the sins of the people. Jesus was the final sacrifice for our sins, the Lamb of God. Only through receiving His sacrifice and blood shed for our sins do we become righteous!!!☐ Tell that to Yoshi. It might change his life for him to know the meaning in his name.

That is so awesome!!

Brenda tried to explain to Yoshi what I told her about the meaning of Yoshi's name, but because his understanding of English is not so good he didn't quite get the point. She therefore asked me to write him an explanation in Japanese which I did. And I included two Scriptures.

John 1:29 ¶The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the **Lamb of God**, which taketh away the sin of the world.

1 Corinthians 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and **righteousness**, and sanctification, and redemption:

Brenda sent my Japanese text to Yoshi and he replied:

Thank you so much! I didn't know my name has this meaning. It's really

interesting.

Brenda asked:

What did you write?

I wrote much of what I told you in English with two added Bible verses. It seems to me he understood it. He absolutely knows his name is a combination of sheep and the pronoun, I. No Japanese can deny that. It's right in their face!

I explained to Brenda that though the Chinese character of Yoshi's name is in 1 Corinthians 10:30, but it's not pronounced the same way as his name. In the verse it's pronounced "gi", righteousness. For every loan word Japan gets from China, there is at least one Chinese way of saying it, and a Japanese way of saying it. As a general rule, the Japanese way is multisyllabic, and the Chinese way is a single syllable. But no matter how you say it, the meaning of the word remains the same.

Brenda is excited that Yoshi got a witness for Christ based on the meaning of his own name!

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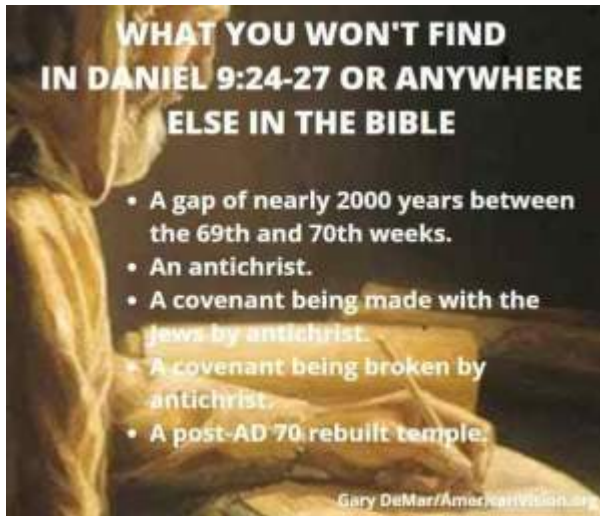
## [A Comparison of King Saul and the Apostle Paul – Polar Opposites!](#)



King Saul and the Apostle Paul have so much in common and are so diametrically opposed to one another!

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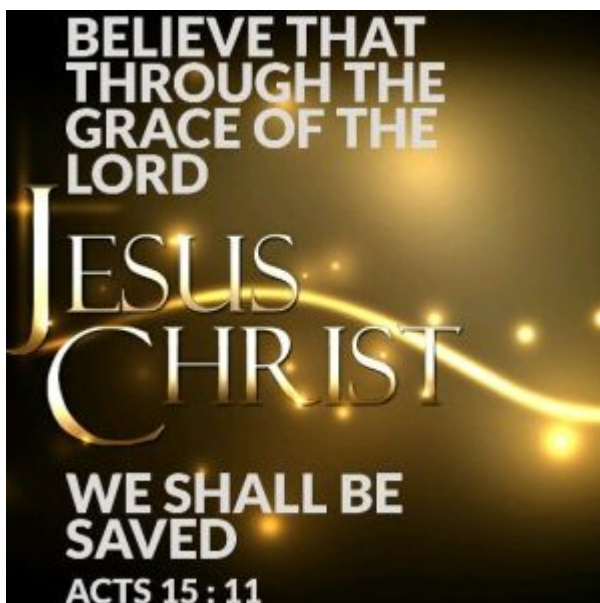
## What early Protestants had to say about the 70th Week of Daniel



Most Protestant and Baptist leaders up to sometime in the 19th century did not hold the view that Daniel 9:27 will be fulfilled by a future Antichrist, but that it was *already fulfilled* by Jesus Christ!

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## Is the Doctrine of Salvation by Faith Alone Taught Only in Paul's Epistles?



The question in the title of this article is the topic of discussion with one of my friends. He wrote me saying,

“Salvation by faith not of works is not just a mere opinion

of Paul. It's the \*central thesis\* of his letters! Paul passionately believes it and he stands or falls on this doctrine. The important question then is whether this doctrine is true. If we were to read the Bible through, from Genesis through Revelation but without the Pauline letters, would we get the impression that we don't need works? Or that the Law is dead?"

This question casts doubt on what the Apostle Paul wrote in his epistles about salvation:

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **Not of works**, lest any man should boast.

But does Paul teach that Christians do nothing at all after getting saved? In his letters, the phrase "good works" appears 11 times. Here's one of them.

1 Timothy 6:18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;

My friend's statement about works and the law and about reading the Bible without including any of Paul's letters inspired me to research the question directly from the Bible. I could search the Internet and tell you what other preachers have to say, but I want to see what the Scriptures themselves have to say. Is the doctrine of salvation by grace through faith in the Word of God alone taught *only* by Paul who called himself an apostle of Christ? I was inspired to take up the challenge to see if the doctrine of salvation through grace alone, through faith alone is taught by other writers of the Bible as well, and not only by Paul.

In this Bible study, I will purposely not reference any of Paul's letters to the churches. Let's search the Scriptures if the doctrine of salvation through faith alone and grace alone came only from the Apostle Paul or if other writers of the Bible also confirm it.

## **Confirmation from the Gospel of John**

Let's start out with the Gospel of John. Did you know the word "*believe*" occurs more in the Gospel of John than all the other three Gospel accounts combined? In Matthew it occurs 7 times, Mark 11 times, Luke 5 times and John 52 times! And if you include the word "*believeth*," Matthew has none, Mark has 2, Luke has none, and John has 17! I will list only the verses with the words believe or believeth that apply to salvation. Saving faith is believing what the Word of God says.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to **become the sons of God**, even to them that **believe on his name**.

John 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, but **grace and truth came by Jesus Christ**.

John 3:14-16 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That **whosoever believeth in him should not perish**, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever believeth in him should not perish**, but have everlasting life.

John 3:18 **He that believeth on him is not condemned**: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:36 **He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life**: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that **heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life**, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is **the work of God, that ye believe on him** whom he hath sent.

John 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that **every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life**: and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that believeth on me hath everlasting life**.

John 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for **if ye believe not that I am he** (Christ), ye shall die in your sins.

John 11:25-26 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: **he that believeth in me**, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and **believeth in me** shall never die. Believest thou this?

John 20:31 But **these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ**, the Son of God; and that **believing ye might have life through his name**.

There are more verses about the importance of believing who Jesus is in the Book of John, but these are the ones I think are the clearest that apply to salvation.

### **Confirmation from the first Epistle of John**

The Apostle John also makes it clear in his letters that salvation comes through belief in the Word of God about Jesus Christ.

1 John 5:1 **Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God:** and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

1 John 5:13 These things have I written unto **you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life,** and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

Why is belief in God's Word so important? When a person hears God's Word and accepts it as truth, God counts it to that person as righteousness! The very first occurrence of the word "righteousness" in the Bible has to do with belief in God's Word!

Genesis 15:4-6 And, behold, the word of the LORD came unto him (Abraham), saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. And **he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness.**

James 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, **Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness:** and he was called the Friend of God.

### **Confirmation from Jesus to the dying thief on the cross**

Luke 23:39-43 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, **To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.**

In my opinion, this passage from the Gospel of Luke is one of the strongest proofs of the doctrine of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. The dying criminal had no opportunity to do good works, or even to receive water baptism, and yet because of his proclamation of faith in Jesus as Christ, Jesus told him that he would be with Him in paradise! What amazing grace!

### **Confirmation from the Apostle Peter**

The Apostle Peter in the Book of Acts taught the house of Cornelius salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Acts 10:43-44 To him give all the prophets witness, that

through his name (Jesus Christ) **whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins**. While Peter yet spake these words, **the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word**.

The Holy Ghost fell on them because they not only heard the Word of God, but they *believed* it as well!

Peter also defended the doctrine of salvation through grace by faith in the Word of God in Acts chapter 15.

Acts 15:5 But there rose up certain **of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses**.

6 And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

7 And when there had been much disputing, **Peter rose up, and said** unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

10 Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

11 But **we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved**, even as they.

Peter in his epistle wrote about it:

Peter 1:10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of **the grace** that should come unto you:

## **Confirmation from James**

The concept of obtaining righteousness through belief in the Word of God is confirmed by James, the half-brother of Jesus, the writer of the Book of James. This is especially interesting for me because the Catholic Church and other legalists use the Book of James to try to prove we need to do good works and keep the law of Moses in order to be saved.

Acts 15:13 And after they had held their peace, **James answered**, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build



again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

18 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

19 Wherefore my sentence is, that **we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God:**

20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood.

As you see here, James gave only four ordinances for the Gentiles to keep. Sabbath day observance was not one of them!

### Confirmation from the Book of Hebrews

The authorship of the Book of Hebrews is in dispute, but it's safe to say that Paul did not write it. The style of writing is different from Paul's letters to the churches. Hebrews teaches us that we are no longer under the old Mosaic Covenant but under a new Covenant, the Covenant of Christ!

Hebrews 8:6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he (Jesus) is **the mediator of a better covenant**, which was established upon better promises.

Hebrews 8:7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

Hebrews 8:8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when **I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

Hebrews 8:9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because **they continued not in my covenant**, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

Hebrews 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

Hebrews 8:13 In that he saith, **A new covenant, he hath made the first old**. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

Salvation by faith alone through grace alone are two of the four *solas* (Latin meaning alone) of the Protestant Reformation. They are: *Sola Scriptura* (Scripture alone), *solus Christus* (Christ alone), *sola fide* (faith alone), *sola gratia* (grace alone).

This is exactly the *opposite* of what the Roman Catholic Church teaches! The Roman Catholic church teaches that Christ, having purchased redemption by His blood and death, delivered it to the *Catholic Church* to be distributed to men

through her sacraments. The Catholic Church teaches, "*extra ecclesiam nulla salus*," or, "outside the Church there is no salvation." This doctrine ties you to organized religion, the Roman Catholic Church, and not a direct relationship with God through the Lord Jesus Christ based on your personal knowledge of the Word of God in the Bible and your belief in it. In fact, the current pope, Pope Francis, actually *discourages* you from having a personal relationship with Christ! He says,

"There are those who believe that you can have a personal direct and immediate relationship with Jesus outside the communion and mediation of the Church. These temptations are **dangerous and harmful.**"

"It is an absurd dichotomy to love Christ without the Church; to listen to Christ but not the Church; to be with Christ at the margins of the Church. One cannot do this. It is an absurd dichotomy," the Pope explained in a mass he gave on Jan. 30, 2014.

By absurd dichotomy, the Pope means it's absurd to separate salvation from the Church! And what is his definition of "the Church"? He's not talking about the biblical definition of church which is the true Body of Christ, the true believers in Jesus Christ, he's talking about the Roman Catholic Church, his organized religion! And of course, he excludes all other churches because they don't hold the popes of Rome as the Vicar of Christ on earth. The Roman Catholic hierarchy wants you to be dependent on *them* because they consider all other churches competition. This is also the attitude of the Russian Orthodox church. They don't like missionaries coming to Russia and ripping off their sheep. It's less income for them when they lose church members.

## **Conclusion**

We are no longer under the law of Moses according to the Book of Hebrews, but under a new law, the Law of Christ! That means if we are truly saved and been born again into God's family, we will keep God's commandments! And we will do good works to help others! It comes naturally after being born again in Jesus Christ!

John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

This is Christ's Law of Love. If we obey it, we will not lie, cheat, steal, curse, kill, or do anything ungodly to our neighbor or our brother or sister or wife or child or anybody! We will be kind even to God's creatures, cats, dogs, etc. We will automatically fulfill the Law of Moses and love the Lord our God our all our heart and soul and mind and our neighbor as ourselves.

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## What is the Standard of Righteousness?



True righteousness is determined by our faith in Jesus Christ and the Word of God, not what society tells us.

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## Is Seventh Day Adventism Part of an Unholy Triad?



Seventh-Day Adventism, Mormonism, and modern-day Spiritualism were founded in the 19th century all within a few miles of each other in New York State!