

## Revelation 2 Part 3

### Table Revelation 2:18-29

- 18 *And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;*
- 19 *I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.*
- 20 *Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.*
- 21 *And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.*
- 22 *Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.*
- 23 *And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.*
- 24 *But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.*
- 25 *But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.*
- 26 *And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:*
- 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.*
- 28 *And I will give him the morning star.*
- 29 *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*

See Dr Ruckman's commentary *The Book of Revelation* pp 59-65 and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 542, 613, 710, 774, 781, 922, 1155, 1228, 1434, 1647, 1666. See following the **Conclusion** to this work **Seven Churches Chart** for the seven periods of the Church Age as depicted by "*the seven churches which are in Asia*" Revelation 1:11. As indicated this writer has inserted Dr Ruckman's dates for the Church Age period except for the Philadelphian Age which in this writer's view may have lasted until WW1 and the Laodicean Church Age which has been amended to reflect the time of writing.

1. **Revelation 2:18.** The statement "*These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass*" yields further revelation of "*of Jesus Christ, the Son of God*" Mark 1:1 as "*...he...that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting*" Micah 5:2 of Whom Matthew records "*While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him*" Matthew 17:5 obviously with respect to words such as Daniel heard when he encountered the Speaker and in which today's believer can take great comfort.

**“Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz: His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude...Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me, And said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me”** Daniel 10:5-6, 18-19.

**“hear ye him”** Matthew 17:5 therefore according to **“These things saith the Son of God”** with respect to:

- **“the words of eternal life”** John 6:68
- **“the words of truth and soberness”** Acts 26:25
- **“the words of faith and of good doctrine”** 1 Timothy 4:6.

Moreover, in the light of Matthew 17:5 and Galatians 3:26 **“For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus”** today’s believer should aim to receive a commendation equivalent to that of Mark 1:11 **“And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”**

2. **Revelation 2:19.** **“I know thy works”** because **“The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good”** Proverbs 15:3 and the Lord speaks well of Thyatira for **“thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.”** i.e. with a double commendation for **“thy works”** Thyatira being no doubt in fulfilment of 1 Timothy 6:18 **“That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate.”**

Thyatira was therefore a church that in a way that today’s believer should aim to emulate had effectively fulfilled Colossians 3:12-14 **“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.”**

It appears though that Thyatira’s commendable efforts **“that they be rich in good works”** **“And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness”** had subsumed Ephesians 5:11, 6:17 **“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them...Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”**

See the following contemporary illustration of Thyatira with **“good words and fair speeches”** Romans 16:18 but no scripture and apparently no capacity **“to discern both good and evil”** Hebrews 5:14. The project is totally ecumenical and includes Catholicism - see remarks on Revelation 2:20. See

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[www.guisborough-bridge.org.uk/useful-links](http://www.guisborough-bridge.org.uk/useful-links).

Today’s believer should at least be conscious of Psalm 32:8, 10 **“I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye...Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.”**



3. **Revelation 2:20.** It is well to remember this illustration and these scriptures with respect to the statement **“Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee.”**

See [www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/why-the-av-only-3607.php](http://www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/why-the-av-only-3607.php) *What’s the Big Deal about the AV? – By Sam Gipp, Episode 1 “Two Bibles.”* Coffee with even half a teaspoon of salt in it is undrinkable because it’s tainted, even though it’s still 99%+ coffee. The same can happen to a church’s testimony.

**“Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honour”** Ecclesiastes 10:1.

**“Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes”** Song of Solomon 2:15.

**“A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump”** Galatians 5:9.

The statement **“thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols”** is a reminder of Baal worship under King Ahab and historical Jezebel as set out in 1 Kings 16:31-33 **“And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him. And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria...and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.”**

Baal worship under historical Jezebel’s regime is described further starting with Elijah’s challenge in 1 Kings 18:19-20, 26, 28 **“Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty...which eat at Jezebel’s table. So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel...And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made...And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.”**

In sum, Baal worship has prophets who make sacrifices in the hours *before noon* and who are therefore *priests* who in turn *self-harm* as part of their religious ritual. Moreover they are subservient to a woman who is therefore a *self-styled religious leader* or *prophetess* in the context and a *national leader* so that Baal worship is a church-state religion.

The Jezebel of Revelation 2:20 is said by the Lord Jesus Christ **“to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.”** Historical Jezebel with Ahab was an instigator of fornication in Israel as shown in 2 Chronicles 21:5-6, 11-14 **“Jehoram was thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab: for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife: and he wrought that which was evil in the eyes of the LORD...he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit fornication, and compelled Judah thereto. And there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah, But hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of the house of Ahab, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father’s house, which were better than thyself: Behold, with a great plague will the LORD smite thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods.”**

Historically, fornication in Israel was also *spiritual*, resulted from *fellowshipping* with idolaters and was *connected with food* **“sacrificed unto idols”** where the principal idol was a female ruler.

**“And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them”** Deuteronomy 31:16.

**“And they transgressed against the God of their fathers, and went a whoring after the gods of the people of the land, whom God destroyed before them”** 1 Chronicles 5:25.

**“The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger...and all the women that stood by, a great multitude, even all the people that dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying...when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings unto her, without our men?”** Jeremiah 7:18, 44:15, 19.

King David and Isaiah prophesy the nature of Baal worship and that of **“the queen of heaven”** Jeremiah 7:18, 44:19. It will be *cannibalistic* as indeed it has been in the past as Rev Alexander Hislop states in *The Two Babylons* p 232 “...the priests of Nimrod or Baal were necessarily required to eat of the human sacrifices; and thus it has come to pass that “Cahna-Bal,” the “priest of Baal,” is the established word in our own tongue for a devourer of human flesh.”

**“Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD...Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips”** Psalm 14:4, 16:4.

**“Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until...the LORD have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land. But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof”** Isaiah 6:11-13.

In complete sum therefore, *Baal worship is a church-state spiritually whore-mongering religion centred on a female deity with baked sun-shaped foodstuffs consumed in her honour by her worshippers with priests who offer sacrifice in the forenoon hour and self-harm. End Times Baal worship will be cannibalistic.*

Modern Baal worship centred on the now-deified as **“the queen of heaven”** none other than **“that woman Jezebel”** though under an alias is well described by the above summary and comprehensively documented *especially for the End Times* by Jim Tetlow et al in *Queen of All* with a whole chapter devoted to *Biblical Exposé of the Queen of Heaven*.

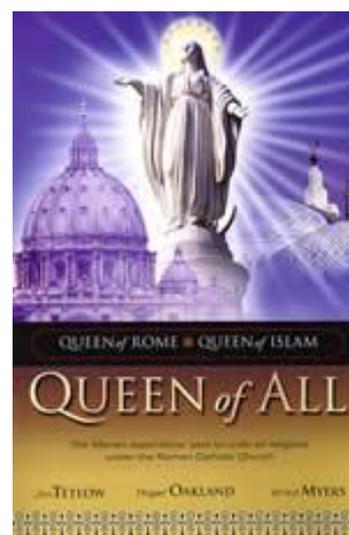
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and this overview.

Mary...Millions of Catholics travel to shrines to pray before her image. But what is not commonly known is that Muslims also hold her in high regard, and even among Hindus and Buddhists there is worship of goddesses that bear a striking resemblance to the Catholic Mary. In this book, the authors show that Mary is not only Queen of Rome, but will be the unifying factor to bring all the great religions of the world into unity under Rome. She will be “Queen of All.”



The Lord's admonition to "*the church in Thyatira*" is not that *they* worship "*the queen of heaven*" none other than "*that woman Jezebel*" though under an alias i.e. Mary but that like the local ecumenical Bridge organisation and Churches Together *they condone it* and thereby merit the Lord's censure that today's believer should keep well to the fore of 2 John 10-11 "*If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.*"

As far as is possible therefore, do not condone church services centred on Catholic Bible versions. See [www.chick.com/catalog/books/1252.asp](http://www.chick.com/catalog/books/1252.asp) and note this summary.

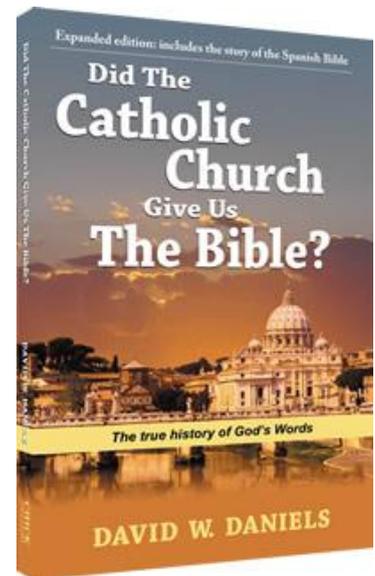
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Therefore concerning "*the queen of heaven*" none other than "*that woman Jezebel*" though under an alias i.e. Mary "*Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children, and attend to the words of my mouth. Let not thine heart decline to her ways, go not astray in her paths...Her house is the way to hell, going down to the chambers of death*" Proverbs 7:24-25, 27.



4. Revelation 2:21. The Lord states "*...I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not*" because "*The Lord is not slack concerning his promise...but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance*" 2 Peter 3:9 but as King Solomon warns "*He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy*" Proverbs 29:1.

Dr Ruckman in his commentary *The Books of Judges and Ruth* pp 338-341 describes individuals, men and women, who suffered terrible ordeals but like Jezebel refuse to repent. Dr Ruckman therefore concludes that some folk are just too tough for their own good. They thereby incur Zechariah 7:12 "*Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts.*"

That kind of hardness and its outcome appears to have constrained Paul with respect to both his ministry and transparency.

*"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences"* 2 Corinthians 5:11.

5. Revelation 2:22-23. "*Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts; and I will give unto every one of you according to your works*" is a grim passage but historical precedent shows that the Lord means what He says after the manner of Isaiah 48:3 "*I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass.*"

See this extract from under Revelation 2:20.

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Then note what takes place as the Lord said it would. The outcome of Revelation 2:22-23 would be no different according to what the Lord said in Revelation 2:22-23 in response to the attitude of Israel that Jeremiah lamented. “O LORD, are not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return” Jeremiah 5:3.

“And thou shalt have great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day. Moreover the LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that were near the Ethiopians: And they came up into Judah, and brake into it, and carried away all the substance that was found in the king’s house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that there was never a son left him, save Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons. And after all this the LORD smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease. And it came to pass, that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness: so he died of sore diseases...” 2 Chronicles 21:15-19.

Today’s believer in the light of 2 Chronicles 21:5-6, 11-14, 15-19, Isaiah 48:3, Jeremiah 5:3, Revelation 2:22-23 has a simple message for today’s heathen according “to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness” 1 Timothy 6:3.

“I tell you...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” Luke 13:3, 5.

Concerning the term “reins,” associated with the heart in scripture in Psalm 7:9, 26:2, Jeremiah 11:20, 17:10, 20:12, Revelation 2:23, it seems in those contexts to refer to the capacity of the heart to seek God. Note these scriptures that are fully applicable to today’s believer with respect to going on with the Lord steadfastly.

“I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons. I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad...When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek” Psalm 16:7-9, 27:8.

6. Revelation 2:24-25. Concerning “this doctrine...the depths of Satan” note this extract from *The Depths of Satan* pp 2-6 [www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/](http://www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/) entitled **Genesis 1:21** that immediately follows points 1-8 on Revelation 2:18-29. In sum those like Jezebel aka the Catholic Mary and her adherents “which have...known the depths of Satan” are as Jonah who typifies the lost man in hell devoured by the devil “as a whale in the seas” Ezekiel 32:2 because “he fled from the presence of the LORD” so that “...the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. Then Jonah prayed

unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly, And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice...When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple" Jonah 1:10, 17, 2:1-2, 7.

Jonah escaped "the belly of hell" Jonah 2:2 "this doctrine...the depths of Satan" because he also typified the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 12:40 "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" but no-one else escapes. Those like Jezebel aka the Catholic Mary and her adherents who "...repented not" Revelation 2:21 and in turn "which have...known the depths of Satan" are in that condition and as good as in "the belly of hell" because as Paul states "...she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth" 1 Timothy 5:6.

They are in effect already gone "...into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched...cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched...cast into hell fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched" Mark 9:43-44, 45-46, 47-48.

Therefore the unsaved individual by definition at risk of "the belly of hell" Jonah 2:2 "this doctrine...the depths of Satan" should without delay obey Isaiah 55:6-7 "Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

Concerning the Lord's promise "I will put upon you none other burden" that would be most comforting to this writer for between now and the Lord's Return in the light of Acts 15:28-29 "For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things...Fare ye well."

Today's believer and in this case the End Times saint can then in the meantime abide by Revelation 2:25 "But that which ye have already hold fast till I come" as John states according to 1 Corinthians 3:14 "If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward" in 2 John 8 "Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward." For further detail see remarks under Revelation 2:26-27.

7. [Revelation 2:26-27](#). "...he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations" has application to both the Church Age saint and the End Times saint insofar as 1 John 5:5 states "Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

He is among those who do not incur the Lord's censure of John 5:43 "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive" but rather has confessed or will confess that "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" Acts 8:37 i.e. "...his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life" 1 John 5:20 in contradistinction to those who fall into line lock-step with "...that man of sin...the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4.

That individual is a usurper in blatant defiance of and open rebellion against Malachi 3:1 "...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" "For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins" Romans 11:27 pertaining especially to the nation of Israel "...when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you" Acts 3:19-20.

N.B. the anti-Israel and wholly incorrect readings of the ESV, NIVs, NKJV in Acts 3:19 are derived from the JR NT, DR, RV and supported by the JB, NJB, NWTs. Although Wycliffe's 1395 Bible reads as the JR NT, DR the pre-1611 Tyndale New Testament and Matthew, Coverdale, Great, Bishops' and Geneva Bibles support the AV1611 reading for Acts 3:19.

The application of Revelation 2:26 to the End Times saints especially where "...they loved not their lives unto the death" Revelation 12:11 is set out in Revelation 20:4 "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them; and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."

The Church Age saints are those to whom Paul refers to as "...waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord" 1 Corinthians 1:7-9 "Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" Titus 2:12-14.

Paul also states succinctly "...the saints shall judge the world..." 1 Corinthians 6:2 and therefore the application of Revelation 2:26 to the Church Age saints is that they must be included in Revelation 20:6 "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."

It therefore behoves today's believer to keep on seeking to apply 1 Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Concerning Revelation 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" the saints that "shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years" will be implementing the absolute Kingship of the Lord Jesus Christ as King David and Isaiah prophesy.

"Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion, I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him" Psalm 2:6-12.

"Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment...Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field. And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places" Isaiah 32:1, 16-17.

8. Revelation 2:28-29. The Lord's promise that "...I will give him the morning star" is already fulfilled for today's believer who can testify with Paul that "...Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" Galatians 2:20 and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself testifies of Himself "I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star" Revelation 22:16.

The promise “...*I will give him the morning star*” will be fulfilled for the End Times saint and for Jewish End Times saints in particular according to Revelation 12:17 “*And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ*” and for all End Times saints according to Revelation 14:12 “*Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.*”

See following the study **Genesis 1:21** the study **John Wycliffe – Morning Star of the Reformation** for further prophetic application of Revelation 2:28 “*And I will give him the morning star.*”

John Wycliffe eminently encouraged and exemplified Proverbs 22:17, Ecclesiastes 12:11 “*Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge...The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd.*”

Concerning Revelation 2:29 “*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches*” note again [www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/](http://www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/) Revelation 2 Part 1 pp 4, 8 with respect to Revelation 2:7, 11 and Revelation 2 Part 2 pp 1, 7 with respect to remarks under Revelation 2:12, 17.

Remember in closing therefore that Paul “*speaking by the Spirit of God*” 1 Corinthians 12:3 speaks according to “*what the Spirit saith unto the churches*” Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29, 3:6, 13, 22 when he declares *in principle* “*And so ordain I in all churches*” 1 Corinthians 7:17.

## Genesis 1:21

***“And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good.”***

Instead of “*whales*” the NKJV has the obscure term “*sea creatures.*” But this alteration becomes more damaging to the text when cross-references are studied.

Consider Matthew 12:40.

***“For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale’s belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”***

By means of progressive revelation, Matthew 12:40 identifies the “*great fish*” of Jonah 1:17 as a whale. We will return to Jonah 1:17.

But the NKJV still has “*great fish*” instead of “*whale.*” It has not been ‘updated!’ Moreover, the NKJV loses the progressive revelation.

Perhaps with the green agenda, it’s not politically correct to be negative about whales, so you ‘spin’ the text in favour of the whales.

Consider Ezekiel 32:2a.

***“Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say unto him, Thou art like a young lion of the nations, and thou art as a whale in the seas:”***

In passing, note the use of the terms “*like*” and “*as.*” The scriptures frequently use these terms to convey meaning.

But the NKJV has “*monster*” instead of “*whale.*”

The NKJV has therefore substituted 3 different words in these verses for the word “*whale,*” breaking the cross references and forestalling the progressive revelation, yet supposedly ‘improving’ the text. That’s modern version ‘spin.’ The NIV, NRSV, NASV do the same.

## Lessons from the Text

But what do these passages tell us by means of the word “*whale*”? And what does it mean for us? Let us consider the following verses.

- Pharaoh is “*king of Egypt*” in Ezekiel 32:2.
- Egypt is a type of the world, because God said, “*Out of Egypt have I called my son*” Matthew 2:15. God calls the Christian out of the world. “*Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty*” 2 Corinthians 6:17, 18.
- Satan is “*the prince of this world*” John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11.
- Pharaoh being “*king of Egypt*” is therefore a type of the devil.
- Pharaoh is “*as a whale in the seas*” Ezekiel 32:2.
- “*The seas*” are nations. See Daniel 7:2, 17, 23, 24 for “*the great sea*” from which arise both kings and kingdoms.
- So the whale is a type of Satan “*prince of this world.*”
- Moreover, Genesis 1:21 reveals that Adam did not name the “*great whales.*” Adam doesn’t name any creature until Genesis 2:19.
- The whale therefore refers to a being that pre-dated Adam; the devil.

Why is this important?

- Whales migrate thousands of miles each year<sup>1</sup>.
- Satan doesn't swim down here but, as indicated, "*the seas*" are nations.
- So the whale pictures the devil "*From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it*" Job 1:7, 2:2. Note that these passages confirm that Satan is not omnipresent, unlike the Lord Himself, Psalm 139:7-12.
- But Ezekiel 32:2 says that Pharaoh is "*like a young lion of the nations.*" Note that this verse also equates "*the seas*" and "*the nations.*"
- Lions and whales may seem a strange combination but remember, "*your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour*" 1 Peter 5:8.
- In scripture, the lion is mentioned many times, even in association with the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is "*the Lion of the tribe of Juda*" Revelation 5:5 or the King of beasts!
- But the lion is "*the eater*" in Judges 14:14, 18. This pictures the devil "*as a roaring lion...seeking whom he may devour.*"
- That same characteristic applies to the whale in Jonah 1:17. That characteristic therefore provides the scriptural and spiritual link between the two creatures.
- And Jonah 1:17 therefore pictures the devil as a whale devouring a victim, "*the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah.*"
- Because as mentioned, the Lord Jesus Christ identifies the "*great fish*" as a whale in Matthew 12:40.
- So in type, the devil swallowed Jonah whole, or 'ate' him.

[Practical lessons] for the Christian [are as follows].

- Jonah disobeyed God and "*he fled from the presence of the Lord*" Jonah 1:10.
- God appointed the devil in type as a whale to swallow Jonah.
- Jonah actually died and his soul went to hell, because he cried to the Lord "*out of the belly of hell*" Jonah 2:2 and he pictures the Lord's descent into hell, foretold in Matthew 12:40.
- Jonah also typifies a lost man in hell. Many lost men and women will only cry to God when they go to hell, when it is too late. Tragically, unlike Jonah, their prayers will not be answered, as the experience of the rich man in hell reveals. See Luke 16:24-31. It should be remembered that "*behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation*" 2 Corinthians 6:2.
- With reference the Christian, God can tell the devil to swallow you whole, spiritually, or even kill you, literally, if you are disobedient to His Book, or dismissive of it.
- The Bible's term for such a calamity is "*the depths of Satan*" in Revelation 2:24.
- A whale can dive over a mile and half deep<sup>2</sup>, deeper than any other air-breathing creature. That is "*the depths of Satan*" in type.
- From the context of Revelation 2, to fall into "*the depths of Satan*" spiritually is simply to follow "*that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess*" Revelation 2:20.
- Jezebel was a queen, 1 Kings 16:31 and "*That woman Jezebel*" typifies "*the queen of heaven*" Jeremiah 7:18, 44:17-19 because she promoted Phoenician Baal worship<sup>3</sup>.

- The present-day “*queen of heaven*” or modern “*Jezebel*” is of course “*the Blessed Virgin Mary*,” so-called. It has been said that<sup>4</sup>, “*millions of Eastern Orthodox and Anglicans venerate and esteem her. A growing number of Protestants pray to her and go on pilgrimages to her apparition sites...millions of Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, New Agers, and others revere and honour her...However, without doubt, her strongest allegiance and greatest following is among the over one billion members of the Roman Catholic Church. She is rightly titled the Queen and Mother of the Church of Rome.*” Note the reference to Muslims, who “*pray and pay homage to the Queen of Heaven*” at Fatima and other Marian shrines. ‘Mary’ is Queen of Islam as well as Queen of Rome.
- However, Islam is but one of the offspring<sup>5</sup> of Rome who is described as “*the great whore...MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH*” in Revelation 17:1-5.
- Essentially, in Revelation 2 therefore, Jezebel is Roman Catholicism<sup>6</sup>. [[They share the same attributes of Baal worship](#)]
- The modern bible versions, including the NKJV, are mainly Roman Catholic in their departures from the 1611 Authorized Holy Bible<sup>7</sup>.
- Therefore, if you are following the modern versions, you are following “*that woman Jezebel*” into “*the depths of Satan.*”
- If you’re saved, you won’t lose your salvation and you won’t go to hell, because the Lord Jesus Christ went there on your behalf and deposited your sin there, Hebrews 9:28, “*So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.*” That’s another verse that the NKJV corrupts. Instead of “*without sin,*” it has the obscure reading, “*apart from sin.*”
- But you can lose almost everything else. Consider what King Darius said in Ezra 6:11. He was king of Persia and Persia in the scripture typifies England<sup>8</sup> because both nations allowed the Jews to return to their homeland, Persia according to Cyrus’s decree, 2 Chronicles 36:23, England by the 1917 Balfour Declaration. Moreover, Darius’s decree indicates that he could be a type of King James 1<sup>st</sup>, who commissioned the AV1611. “*Also I have made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and being set up, let him be hanged thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this.*”
- That pictures God and the Bible. Ecclesiastes 8:4 states, “*Where the word of a king is: there is power; and who may say unto him, What doest thou?*” The Lord’s word is the word of the King, “*who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords*” 1 Timothy 6:15. The modern versions were not commissioned by a king and therefore have no power. By contrast, many kings participated in the compilation and distribution of the true scriptures, consisting of the 1611 Authorized Holy Bible and its faithful precursors<sup>9</sup>. These kings include early Anglo-Saxon kings, from pre-700 AD and at least 5 notable British monarchs; Alfred the Great, Henry VIII – off and on – Edward VI, Elizabeth I, James I. Queen Victoria<sup>10</sup> also stood firmly in support of the 1611 Authorized Holy Bible during her reign.
- And it is the 1611 Authorized Holy Bible together with its faithful precursors that brought revival to this nation. None of the modern versions have. P.G. Johnstone<sup>11</sup> wrote of Great Britain in 1978, “*The political and economic tensions have become so great that the disintegration of the whole country is not impossible\*. In similar national crises in the past, God has graciously sent revival, as in the time of Wesley. There has been a national revival every century for the past 800 years, but the revival for this century is overdue. Pray for it.*” It never came – in spite of the availability of the modern versions, including the NKJV. [[\\*By the grace of God and His mercy as seen in Brexit, Britain will hopefully be spared this worst of judgments insofar as thanks to Brexit “Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is](#)

*broken, and we are escaped”* Psalm 124:7 though as Paul states *“For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries”* 1 Corinthians 16:9]

- Note that alteration of the Lord’s word is not restricted to altering the actual words of scripture, as the modern versions alter the words of the AV1611. Setting aside or scorning the Lord’s word in favour of personal opinion will have the same effect, as in Job 21:13, 14. *“They spend their days in wealth, and in a moment go down to the grave. Therefore they say unto God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.”* Note that verse 13 in the passage and the reference to death.
- And Jeremiah 9:13 – another 13 – and 14 have a warning for those who *“have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein; But have walked after the imagination of their own heart.”* The judgment follows in verses 15, 16. *“I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them.”*
- And the house that alters or scorns the King’s word compiled by the King’s men at the King’s behest degenerates into a dunghill ruled by the television, the DVD player, the tabloids and the Internet.
- Observe that the hanging in Ezra 6:11 pictures a curse. Paul wrote in Galatians 3:13, *“Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.”* Note again that 13.
- Judas illustrates the curse of hanging. He was *“the son of perdition”* John 17:12, a type of the antichrist. *“He...went and hanged himself”* Matthew 27:5 and was cursed because he betrayed the Lord, *“The Word of God”* Revelation 19:13 – note the reference to blood in this verse 13.
- Acts 1:20 describes the curse that befell Judas and will befall the antichrist, *“For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein...”*
- The antichrist will rule the whole world as *“his habitation”* Revelation 13, another 13, so the curse that befell Judas will befall the whole world. Zechariah 5:3 calls it *“the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth.”*
- That curse is the result of treachery and/or rebellion against the Lord Jesus Christ but Psalm 138:2 says of the scriptures, *“Thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.”*
- So if you alter the King’s word or dismiss it in favour of your own opinion, you betray the Lord worse than Judas did. And you’re sure to bring down the curse on yourself.
- It will consume the individual, the household, the church and the nation and, under the anti-christ, eventually the whole world. As John warns, especially about the end times, *“the whole world lieth in wickedness”* 1 John 5:19. To take just one recent local example<sup>12</sup>, nearly two thousand people from this region stripped naked to have their picture taken on the banks of the River Tyne. But who protested? Where was the huge public outcry against this abominable behaviour? It was surely accursed and satanic, Mark 5:15 but the lack of protest shows how far our nation has succumbed to God’s curse.
- Isaiah 24:6 warns about the end result of the curse. *“Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: [like the antichrist’s habitation] therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.”* That word *“devoured”* describes what happened to Jonah. He was devoured. He was being digested and decomposed, like our church and nation, under the devouring curse and it is like being burned. One day, the burning will be literal, when the Lord returns, *“In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ”* 2 Thessalonians 1:8.
- Jezebel, mentioned earlier, also pictures the result of the curse, because like Jezebel, our church and nation are in danger of becoming *“as dung upon the face of the field”* 2 Kings 9:37. Remember Ezra 6:11 and the house *“a dunghill.”*

- This very present danger confronts us because these days, there are ***“few men left”*** who serve the Lord Jesus Christ in order to preserve Britain. This is a great national tragedy because Britain wasn't always cursed in this way. Britain once had many men of whom even Pharaoh could have said ***“go now ye that are men, and serve the Lord; for that ye did desire”*** Exodus 10:11. This statement occurs in the hymn, *Stand Up for Jesus, Ye Soldiers of the Cross*. Our church and nation are in desperate need of such soldiers today.
- As the historian Green<sup>13</sup> states, at the time of the 16<sup>th</sup> century English Reformation and afterwards, ***““The [English] Nation became the people of a Book – and that Book the Bible.””***

## John Wycliffe – Morning Star of the Reformation

From [www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/](http://www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/) 'O Biblios' – The Book pp 14, 70, 71

### 3

## The Men Behind The English Bible

“Go now ye that are men and serve the Lord; for that ye did desire” Exodus 10:11.

As the Greek New Testaments were being published on the Continent, God was at work preparing the English Bible, before and during the Reformation. These were the Englishmen whom He used for this purpose.

### 3.1 John Wycliffe, 1320-1384

1. John Wycliffe has been called “*The Morning Star of the Reformation*,” Revelation 2:28, “*the father of the English Reformation*” and the founder of English Non-conformity, [*John Wycliffe The Dawn of The Reformation* David Fountain, Mayflower Christian Books, 1984] p 13. [2017 Update: Wycliffe was born in the village of [Hipswell](#) in the [North Riding of Yorkshire](#), England in the mid-1320s...His family was long settled in Yorkshire. The family was quite large, covering considerable territory, principally centred on [Wycliffe-on-Tees](#), about ten miles to the north of Hipswell [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_Wycliffe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Wycliffe)]
2. He was also called “*The flower of Oxford.*” He was converted about the time of the Black Death, 1348, [*John Wycliffe The Dawn of The Reformation*] pp 9-10, to become the “*Evangelical Doctor.*”
3. Of the Pope, he said “*Anti-Christ, the proud, worldly priest of Rome and the most cursed of clippers and purse-kervers (bag snatchers)*” [*John Wycliffe The Dawn of The Reformation*] p 26.
4. He compiled the first complete Bible in English, 1382\*<sup>2012</sup>. See **Figures 2a, 2b Manuscript Dichotomy**. Wycliffe’s Bible was later revised by Nicholas of Hereford and John Purvey, in order to match the Vulgate of Jerome more closely\*<sup>2012</sup> [*The History of the New Testament Church Vol. 1* Dr Peter S. Ruckman, Bible Baptist Bookstore, 1982] pp 310-311.

\*<sup>2012</sup>Wycliffe’s is the best known of the early, pre-16<sup>th</sup> century Reformation bibles. Almost all of the scriptures had been translated into English before the middle of the 14<sup>th</sup> century. Wycliffe’s Bible served as a bridge for these early English translations to the 16<sup>th</sup> century English Protestant Reformation. See *In Awe of Thy Word* Chapter 21 *English Bibles Before Wycliffe*, Chapter 22 *Wycliffe’s Views* and *In Awe of Thy Word* pp 777, 873 with respect to Purvey and Hereford. See also [www.avpublications.com/avnew/downloads/PDF/WycliffVSCloud.pdf](http://www.avpublications.com/avnew/downloads/PDF/WycliffVSCloud.pdf) *Wycliffe VS Cloud* with respect to Purvey and Hereford.

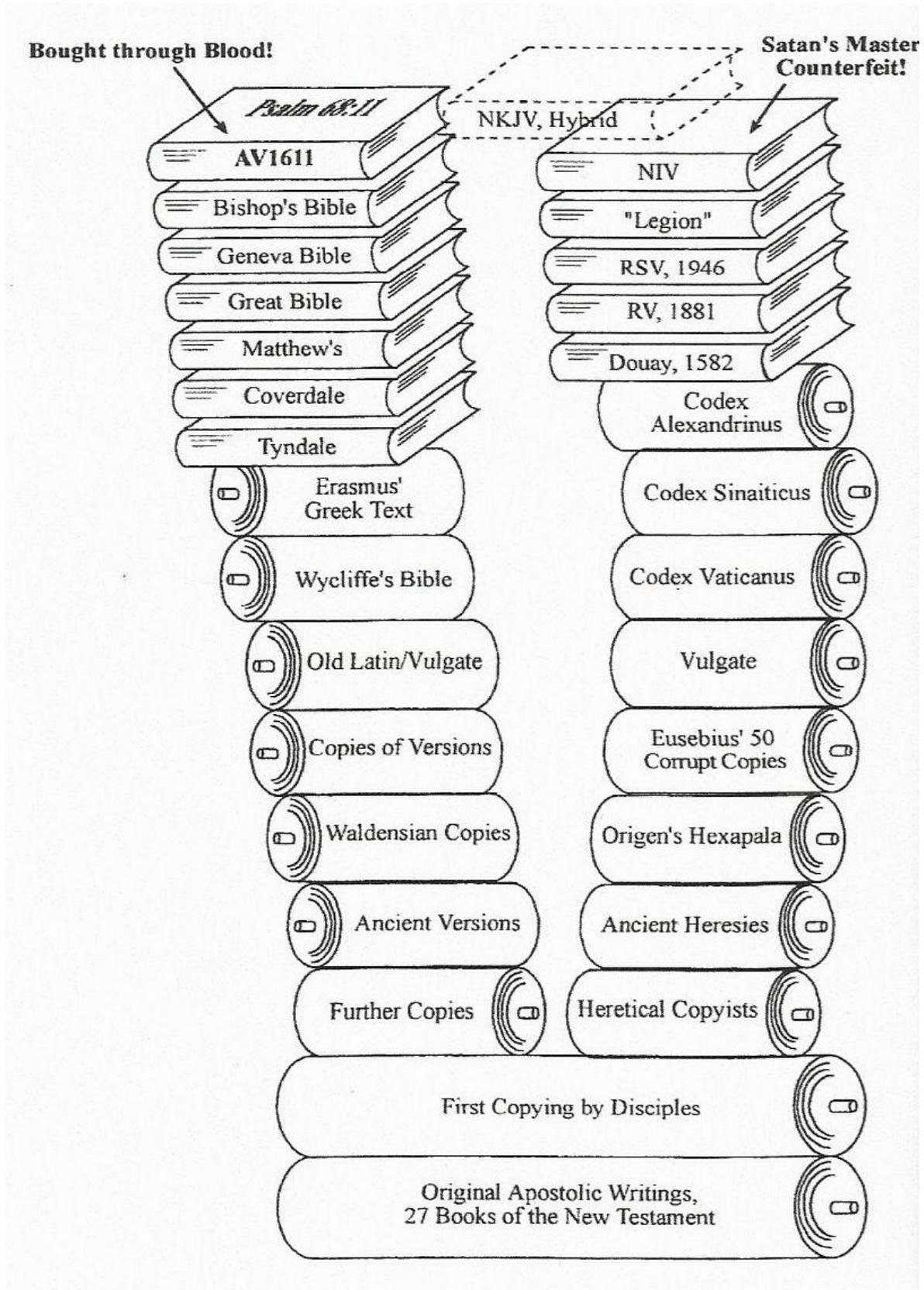
Of the Bible Wycliffe said:

“*As the doctrines of our faith are in the Scriptures, believers should have the Scriptures in a language familiar to the people...It is impossible for any part of the Holy Scriptures to be wrong. In Holy Scripture is all the truth; one part of Scripture explains another*” [*John Wycliffe The Dawn of The Reformation*] pp 47-48.

5. In 1415, Wycliffe’s body was exhumed and burnt and the ashes cast into the River Swift:

“*The little river conveyed Wycliffe’s remains into the Avon, Avon into the Severn, Severn into the narrow seas, they into the main ocean. And thus the ashes of Wycliffe are the emblem of his doctrine, which is now dispensed all the world over*” [*John Wycliffe The Dawn of The Reformation*] p 75.

## The Manuscript Dichotomy – Two Lines of Bibles



**Figure 2a Manuscript Dichotomy in Outline**  
 from *The Inheritance* No. 9 by J. Coad, Totnes, Devon

***TWO DISTINCT LINES OF BIBLES from TWO DISTINCT SOURCES, God's and the Devil's!***

# The Manuscript Dichotomy – Two Lines of Bibles, continued

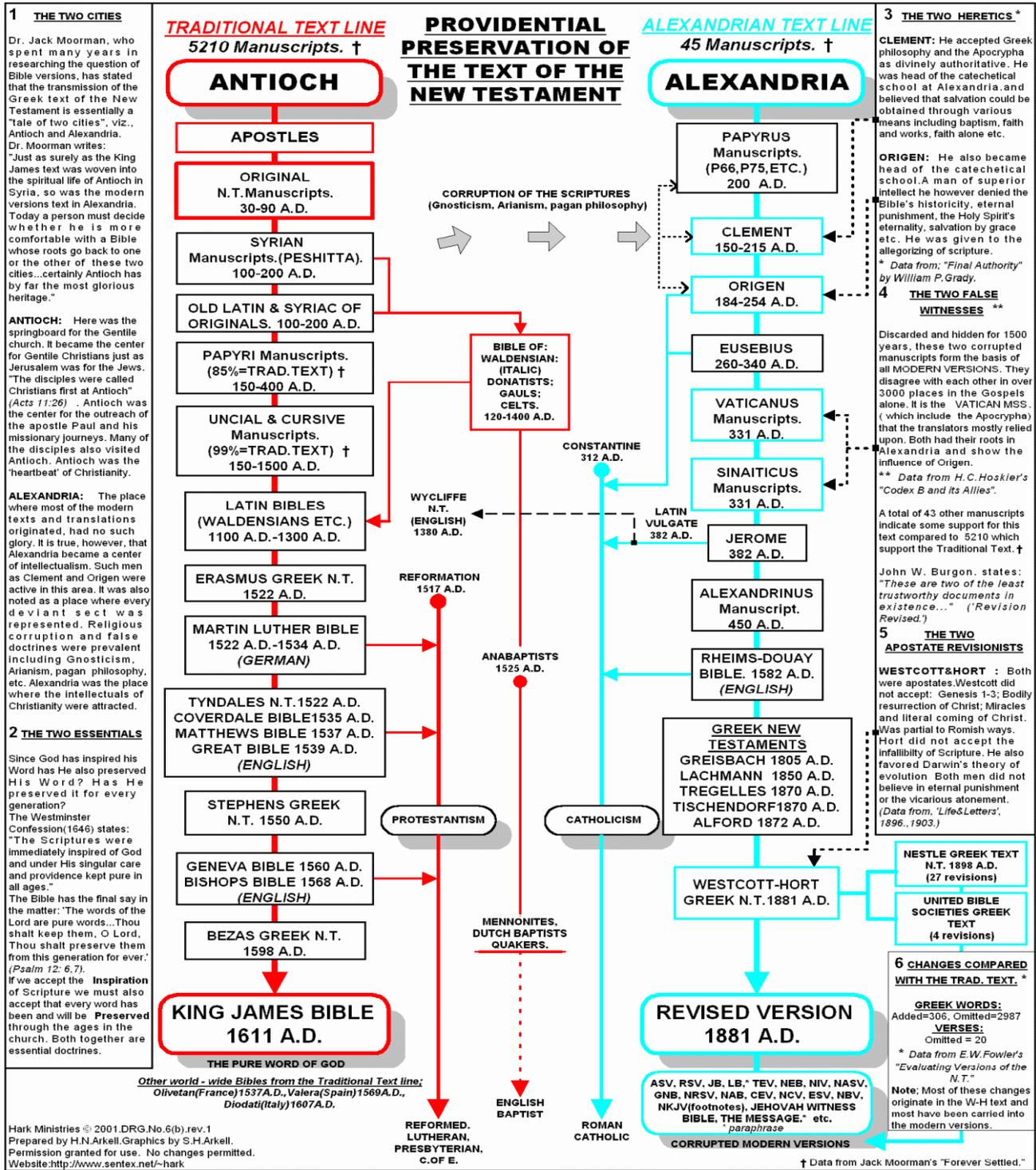


Figure 2b Manuscript Dichotomy in Detail

## TWO DISTINCT CENTRES:

**ANTIOCH** where "the disciples were called Christians first" Acts 11:26

**ALEXANDRIA** in EGYPT "the iron furnace" Deuteronomy 4:20

From: **TWO LINES OF BIBLE MANUSCRIPTS**

One line descended from God's initial revelation of His Word to His Apostles & Prophets  
The other descended from Satan's Apostles. See [kjv.landmarkbiblebaptist.net/2texts-2.html](http://kjv.landmarkbiblebaptist.net/2texts-2.html).

## John Wycliffe – Morning Star of the Reformation, Continued

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### John Wycliffe Quotes

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John Wycliffe is considered to be Morningstar of the Protestant Reformation. He was one of the first to openly oppose the Catholic church and boldly declare his convictions. We have accumulated a collection of John Wycliffe quotes here. While he is not cited nearly as often as some of the more well-known reformers like Luther and Calvin, the John Wycliffe quotes listed below were instrumental in guiding later reformers in their stand against apostasy.

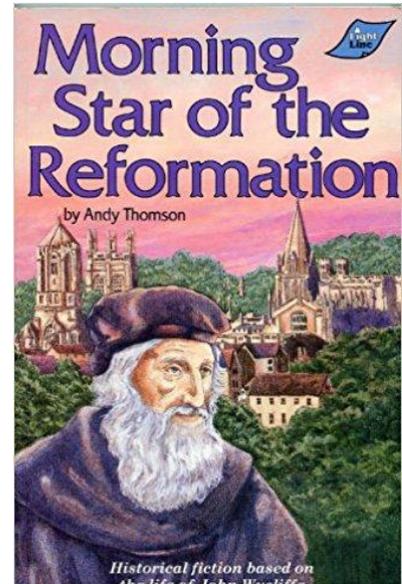
- All Christian life is to be measured by Scripture; by every word thereof.
- Englishmen learn Christ's law best in English. Moses heard God's law in his own tongue; so did Christ's apostles.
- Every righteous man is lord over the whole sensible world.
- God gives His grace to whomever He wishes, and has predestined each individual, an eternity before birth, to be lost or saved through all eternity [Note however 1 Timothy 2:4-5 with respect to **"...God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth"**]. Good works do not win salvation, but they indicate that he who does them has received divine grace and is one of the elect. We act according to the disposition that God has allotted to us; to invert Hericlitus, our fare is our character.
- God is sovereign\* lord of us all. The allegiance that we owe Him is direct, as is the oath of every Englishman to the king, not indirect through allegiance to a subordinate lord, as in feudal France. Hence the relationship of man to God is direct, and requires no intermediary; any claim of Church or priest to be a necessary medium must be repelled.

\*With all due respect to Dr Wycliffe see [www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/](http://www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/) *The Sovereign Power of Darkness*.

- I am ready to defend my convictions even unto death....I have followed the Sacred Scriptures and the holy doctors.
- I believe that in the end truth will conquer.
- In order to the existence of such a ministry in the Church, there is requisite an authority received from God, and consequently power and knowledge imparted from God for the exercise of such ministry; and where a man possesses these, although [the bishop has not laid hands upon him according to his traditions, God has Himself appointed him]\*\*.

\*\*See [www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/j/johnwyclif270728.html](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/j/johnwyclif270728.html).

- It is plain to me that our prelates in granting indulgences do commonly blaspheme the wisdom of God. Our clerics neither evangelize like the apostles, nor go to war like the secular lords, nor toil like laborers.
- Private confession was not ordered by Christ and was not used by the apostles.
- Sacred Scripture, which is the law of Christ, contains in itself all truth. Since all law is truth it therefore contains in itself all law.

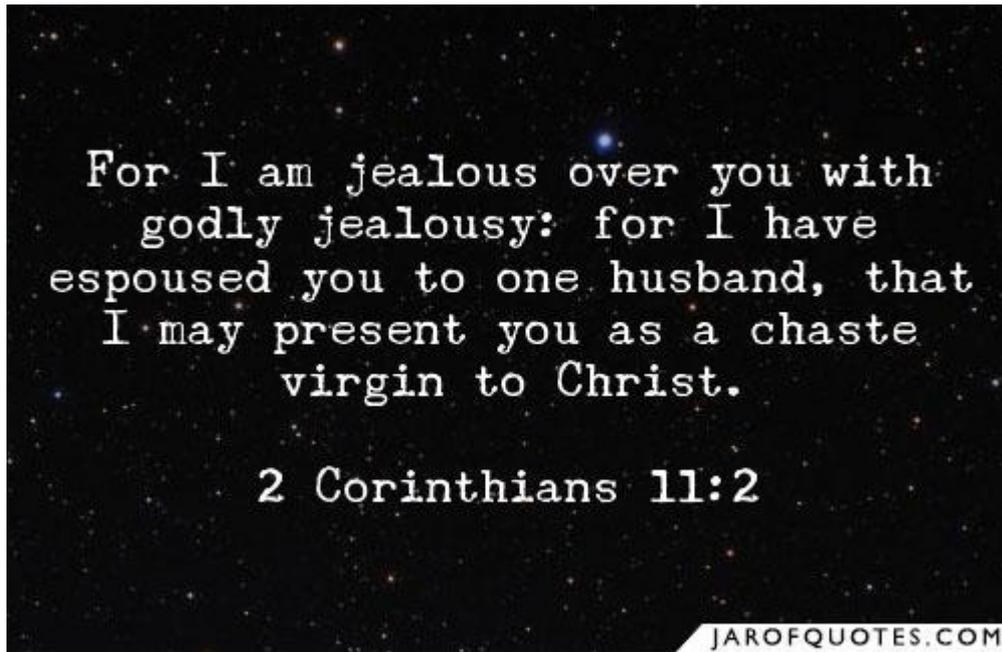


- Since all charity begins at home, it would be the work not of charity but of fatuity to direct the alms of the Realm abroad when the Realm itself is in need of them.
- The bread while becoming by virtue of Christ's words the body of Christ does not cease to be bread. The gospel alone is sufficient to rule the lives of Christians everywhere...any additional rules made to govern men's conduct added nothing to the perfection already found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- The higher the hill, the stronger the wind: so the loftier the life, the stronger the enemy's temptations.
- There was good reason for the silence of the Holy Spirit as to how, when, in what form Christ ordained the apostles, the reason being to show the indifference of all forms of words [suggesting that no strict form of words need be followed with respect to ordination of church leaders]
- This Bible is for the government of the people, by the people and for the people.
- Trust wholly in Christ; rely [wholly] on his sufferings; beware of seeking to be justified in any other way than by his righteousness.
- You say it is heresy to speak of the Holy Scriptures in English. You call me a heretic because I have translated the Bible into the common tongue of the people. Do you know whom you blaspheme? Did not the Holy Ghost give the Word of God at first in the mother-tongue of the nations to whom it was addressed? Why do you speak against the Holy Ghost? You say that the Church of God is in danger from this book. How can that be? Is it not from the Bible only that we learn that God has set up such a society as a Church on the earth? Is it not the Bible that gives all her authority to the Church? Is it not from the Bible that we learn who is the Builder and Sovereign\*\*\* of the Church, what are the laws by which she is to be governed, and the rights and privileges of her members? Without the Bible, what charter has the Church to show for all these? It is you who place the Church in jeopardy by hiding the Divine warrant, the missive royal of her King, for the authority she wields and the faith she enjoins.

\*\*\*See note above on *The Sovereign Power of Darkness*.

In sum John Wycliffe eminently encouraged and exemplified Proverbs 22:17, Ecclesiastes 12:11 **“Bow down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thine heart unto my knowledge...The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd.”**

## Conclusion



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### *Revelation 2:18-29 Study Questions and Sample Answers*

#### *Study Questions*

1. *What does the Lord say about the church in Thyatira?*
2. *How could what the Lord says about the church in Thyatira apply today?*
3. *What could today's believer apply from what the Lord says about the church in Thyatira?*

#### *Sample Answers*

1. The church in Thyatira has a desperate need to apply 1 Corinthians 6:18 **"Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body."**
2. Cohabitation is rife today and not universally condemned by the church as a whole. The church as a whole should review Hebrews 13:4 **"Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."**
3. Keep encouraging the faithful observance of Hebrews 13:20-21 **"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."**

### Seven Churches Chart

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Seven Churches Chart changes to **Period** from Dr Ruckman's commentary *The Book of Revelation* pp 34, 43, 51, 60, 69, 77\*, 90\*

\*Amended by this writer

Church	Meaning of Name	Main Feature of Time Period	Commendation	Reproof	Counsel	Reward Promised to the Overcomer	Period
Ephesus	First or desirable	Era of warning love	Patient, hate deeds of false teachers, did not faint or give up	Left your first love	Repent, do again your 1st works	Eat of Tree of Life	33 To 200 AD
Smyrna	Myrrh or sweet fragrance	Persecution, suffering, martyrdom	Rich in faith and good works in spite of tribulation and hypocrites	NONE	Be faithful unto death	Receive crown of life, not be hurt of second death	To 325 AD
Pergamos	Height, power, or elevation by marriage	State religion, compromise	Held firm to Jesus' name and did not denied the faith	Tolerance of Nicolaitanes, Balaamism, compromise, idolatry, and immorality	Repent	Receive hidden manna, white stone, new name	To 500 AD
Thyatira	Sweet savor labor. Sacrifice of contrition	Dark Ages, apostasy	Love, faith, patience, and good works	Tolerance of Jezebel, idolatry, immorality	Hold fast what you already have	Power over nations, Morning Star	To 1000 AD
Sardis	Those escaping or that which remains	Reform	A few are not defiled	Dead works	Watch, strengthen what remains, hold fast, repent	White raiment, keep name in Book of Life	To 1500 AD
Philadelphia	Brotherly love	Revival, Gospel spread	Kept the Word and not denied Jesus	NONE	Hold fast to the faith	Pillar in temple, keep from hour of temptation Have name of God	To 1900+ AD
Laodicea	Judging the people or a just people	Modern Christendom, the Church today	NONE	Lukewarm, spiritually poor, blind, and naked	Secure gold tried in fire, white raiment, eyesalve, be zealous, repent	Sit with Christ on His throne and eat with Him	To End 2017+

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