

Revelation 3 Part 1

Table Revelation 3:1-6

- 1 *And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.*
- 2 *Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.*
- 3 *Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.*
- 4 *Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.*
- 5 *He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.*
- 6 *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 66-77, the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 1286, 1647, **Appendix – Faithful Sardis Saints, Appendix 2 - Names Blessed versus Names Cursed.**

1. **Revelation 3:1.** The expression “And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write” is the fourth indication in Revelation 2, 3 of how the Lord has communicated to His church after the manner of Hebrews 1:1-2 “God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds” i.e. *in writing* according to Revelation 1:11, 19 “...I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea...Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter” and the sevenfold expression “And unto the angel of the church...write” Revelation 2:1, 8, 12, 18, 3:1, 7, 14.

Today's believer can in turn have complete assurance that the Lord Jesus Christ with respect to “The Revelation of Jesus Christ” Revelation 1:1 like “The preacher sought to find out acceptable words: and that which was written was upright, even words of truth” Ecclesiastes 12:10.

Moreover as declared by a writer of scripture about another writer of scripture of whom the Author of scripture declared “I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will” Acts 13:22 to the Author of scripture Himself in 1 Kings 3:6 “And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day” only *one* Book can be said to be:

- Set “before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee”
- Such that “that which was written was upright, even words of truth”
- And “after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will” after the manner of Isaiah 55:11 “So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.” See the attached study **Inspiration and the Spirit** for further insight.

“These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars” is first the fourth of the sevenfold descriptors of the Lord Jesus Christ in Revelation 2-3 according to the sevenfold declaration **“These things saith...”**:

- **“he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks”** Revelation 2:1
- **“the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive”** Revelation 2:8
- **“he which hath the sharp sword with two edges”** Revelation 2:12
- **“the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass”** Revelation 2:18
- **“he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars”** Revelation 3:1
- **“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”** Revelation 3:7
- **“the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God”** Revelation 3:14.

Then the statement **“he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars”** shows that the Lord Jesus Christ is He of Whom:

- Isaiah prophesies with respect to **“the seven Spirits of God”** **“And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD...and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked”** Isaiah 11:1-4
- Paul exhorts with respect to **“he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars”** with Luke giving the outcome from which today’s believer can take comfort **“Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me...And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land”** Acts 27:25, 44
- Peter therefore exhorts with respect to **“he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars”** in that **“The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches”** Revelation 1:20 **“Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator”** 1 Peter 4:19.

“I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead” because as the Lord Himself, Samuel, Peter and Paul testify respectively:

- **“But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart...And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this...And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this....And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these”** 1 Samuel 16:7-10
- **“Lord, thou knowest all things”** John 21:17
- **“Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do”** Hebrews 4:13.

As the above scriptures imply, the Lord’s knowledge of Sardis was comprehensive, such that few in Sardis could merit the Lord’s choosing. Too many in Sardis had strayed into the wrong stream - see again the attached study **Inspiration and the Spirit** – and become **“dull of hearing”** unable **“to discern both good and evil”** Hebrews 5:11, 14 e.g. between **“in truth, the word of God,**

which effectually worketh also in you that believe” and “the word of men” 1 Thessalonians 2:13 that effectually “worketh not the righteousness of God” James 1:20.

Likewise they were for example unable to distinguish between a Bible that discloses the link between sodomites and one that does not, being unable, unlike the Ephesians *Revelation 2 Part 1* p 2 www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/, to “...discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not” Malachi 3:18. See the attached study **“The Cry of Sodom” – Genesis 18:20.**

Noting Acts 13:22 above therefore and the descriptors of Sardis that in effect the Lord Himself, Samuel, Paul and Peter provide, today’s believer should aim after the manner of Proverbs 27:17 “Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend” to follow Hebrews 10:24-25 “And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

2. **Revelation 3:2.** The statement “Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die” is a reminder and an admonition to today’s believer individually and by intercession to abide by Ephesians 6:10-11, 18-20 “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil...Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel...that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.”

For illustration, anyone who uses the Lord’s name in this writer’s presence can be met with “That’s how it is. “But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” First Corinthians Fifteen Fifty-Seven!”

The statement “I have not found thy works perfect before God” is an admonition to today’s believer to abide faithfully by 2 Corinthians 7:1 “...dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God” otherwise even a Church Age saint risks incurring God’s judgement according to Isaiah 64:6 “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.”

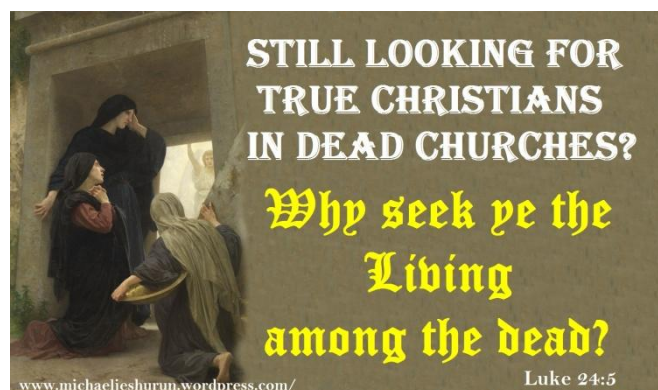
Aside from the 5-Point Calvinism from the parent the site this graphic is good with respect to Revelation 3:2. See

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www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/
The AV1611 versus TULIP.

3. **Revelation 3:3.** The admonition “Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent” conditional on repentance contains within it a comforting promise for today’s believer that Paul reveals in an equivalent exhortation in Philippians 4:9 “Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.”

The sense of the admonition “If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee” is as King Solomon warns in Proverbs 29:1 “He, that being often reproveth hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.”



Today's believer should therefore pray and trust that he can abide by Paul's exhortation of 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11 **"But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do."**

In the light of 1 Thessalonians 5:11 in response to Revelation 3:3 group hugs are good:



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"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God"

2 Corinthians 1:3-4.

4. **Revelation 3:4.** Today's believer should never be afraid to be one of **"a few names"** as shown by 2 Chronicles 14:11 **"And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude, O LORD, thou art our God; let not man prevail against thee."** See graphic:

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Never_was_so_much_owed_by_so_many_to_so_few.

Concerning those **"...even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy"** the statement contrasts Titus 1:16 **"They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate"** with Revelation 19:7-8 **"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints"** according to Ephesians 2:10 **"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."**



World War II poster containing the famous lines by Winston Churchill

The implementation of Ephesians 2:10 in fulfilment of Revelation 19:8 “...that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints” is:

Romans 12:4-13 “*For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.” Hospitality includes making family homes available as venues for group Bible studies.*

“Distributing to the necessity of saints” could include compilation and distribution of studies such as **Inspiration and the Spirit** and “**The Cry of Sodom**” – **Genesis 18:20** attached to this work “For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ” Ephesians 4:12.

1 Peter 4:8-11 “*And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”*

Today’s believer in the light of 2 Chronicles 14:11, Romans 12:4-13, Ephesians 2:10, Titus 1:16, 1 Peter 4:8-11, Revelation 3:4, 19:7-8 should therefore aim to abide by 1 John 2:28 “And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.”

5. **Revelation 3:5.** Revelation 3:5 for the End Times saint is the Lord’s promise that matches Revelation 12:11, 14:13 “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death...And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them” “the death” being “...beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God” Revelation 20:4.

The Lord’s promise of Revelation 3:5 is mainly for the End Times saint and is set forth in return for that saint’s fulfilment of or willingness to fulfil Revelation 12:11, 14:13. That saint will *not* incur the *condemnation* of Exodus 32:33 “And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book”.

That saint will instead receive the *commendation* of Matthew 25:21 “Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord” with Matthew 25:23 “When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him...” Matthew 25:31.

Note that under *End Times* conditions for salvation “thou wicked and slothful servant” Matthew 25:26 *does* incur the condemnation of Exodus 32:33 according to Matthew 25:30 “And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

By contrast, under *Church Age* conditions for salvation “thou wicked servant” Luke 19:22 *does not* incur the condemnation of Exodus 32:33 but *loss of reward only* according to Luke 19:24, 26 “And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds...For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him.”

Noting remarks above for today's believer with respect to 2 Chronicles 14:11, Luke 19:24, 26, Romans 12:4-13, Ephesians 2:10, Titus 1:16, 1 Peter 4:8-11, 1 John 2:28, Revelation 3:4, 19:7-8 concerning **"the righteousness of saints"** Revelation 19:8 today's believer should strive above all not to merit the rebuke of Hebrews 10:38 **"Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him."** Today's believer does however have this assurance that **"I will not blot out his name out of the book of life"** because as Paul states without reference to anything that will break off, be chipped off or self-destruct **"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God...In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit"** Ephesians 2:19, 22.

6. **Revelation 3:6.** Note again these remarks from www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ *Revelation 2 Part 3* p 9.

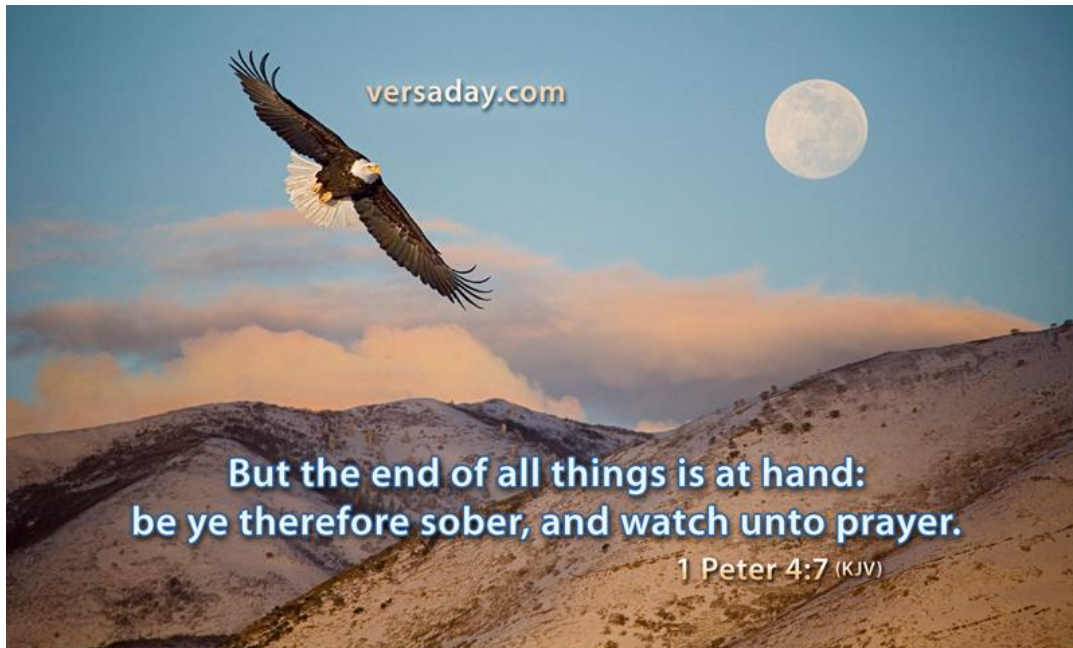
Concerning Revelation 2:29 **"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches"** note again www.timefortruth.co.uk/alan-oreilly/ *Revelation 2 Part 1* pp 4, 8 with respect to Revelation 2:7, 11 and *Revelation 2 Part 2* pp 1, 7 with respect to remarks under Revelation 2:12,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

In addition remember King Solomon's exhortation, as applied to **"the law of Christ"** Galatians 6:2 **"the royal law"** James 2:8.

"Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father, and attend to know understanding. For I give you good doctrine, forsake ye not my law" Proverbs 4:1-2.

Conclusion



Study Questions and Sample Answers

Study Questions

1. What is the main thrust of the Lord's statement to the church in Sardis?
2. What is the main thrust of the Lord's exhortation to the church in Sardis?
3. How could the church apply that exhortation today?
4. How could the individual apply that exhortation today?

Sample Answers

1. **"Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you"** Jeremiah 26:13.
2. **"Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded"** 2 Chronicles 15:7.
3. **"Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ; that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel"** Philippians 1:27.
4. **"And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men"** Acts 24:16.

Appendix – Faithful Sardis Saints

“Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy” Revelation 3:4.

This overview reveals how much is owed to faithful Sardis saints 1000-1500 A.D. with respect to the preservation of **“the scripture of truth”** Daniel 10:21. You are unlikely to hear it preached on.

As Bro. Pete Dickens said back in March 2015 when we visited his church in Poole, Dorset “If you believe the King James Bible then you’re with us and those Waldensian believers are our scriptural kinfolk.”

If not of course then you are *de facto* with those who persecuted them, even though you are in **“...the body of Christ, and members in particular”** 1 Corinthians 12:27.

From kjb.benabraham.com/html/our_authorized_bible_vindicated.html *Our Authorized Bible Vindicated*

Chapter 2 *The Bible Adopted by Constantine and the Pure Bible of the Waldenses*

Chapter 3 *The Reformers Reject the Bible of the Papacy*

This writer’s explanatory remarks have been inserted, in blue text in blue braces [] as appropriate.

Wilkinson cites Dr Frederick Nolan who spent twenty-eight years tracing the Received Text back to its apostolic origin. Nolan concluded that the Waldensian Church, with its pre-1611 Latin Bibles furnished *“unequivocal testimony of a truly apostolical branch of the primitive church, that the celebrated text of the heavenly witnesses* was adopted in the version which prevailed in the Latin Church, previously to the introduction of the modern Vulgate.”*

www.practicaprophetica.com/media/gc/04-the-waldenses/

*1 John 5:7. [Waldensian believers died, murdered in their droves by Rome, to preserve that scripture for you and I. Fundamentalist modern versionists and ‘originals-onlyists’ have revealed that they don’t care whether 1 John 5:7 is scripture or not. *What do you think will happen when before the Lord Jesus Christ we are face-to-face with those Waldensian Sardis saints at “the judgment seat of Christ”* Romans 14:10, 2 Corinthians 5:10?]



Of the transmission of the Received Text to the Waldensian Church and the preservation of the true scriptures during the Dark Ages, Wilkinson states, *“In the silent watches of the night, along the lonely paths of Asia Minor where robbers and wild beasts lurked, might have been seen the noble missionaries carrying manuscripts, and verifying documents from the churches of Judea to encourage their struggling brethren under the iron heel of the Papacy...”*

“The Scriptures of the apostle John and his associates, the traditional text – the Textus Receptus, if you please – arose from the place of humiliation forced on it by Origen’s Bible in the hands of Constantine and became the Received Text of Greek Christianity. And when the Greek East for one thousand years was completely shut off from the Latin West, the noble Waldenses in northern Italy still possessed in Latin the Received Text.

“To Christians such as these, preserving apostolic Christianity, the world owes gratitude for the true text of the Bible. It is not true, as the Roman Church claims, that she gave the Bible to the world. What she gave was an impure text, a text with thousands of verses so changed as to make way for her unscriptural doctrines. While upon those who possessed the veritable Word of God, she poured out through long centuries her stream of cruel persecution. Or in the words of [Nolan]:

““The Waldenses were among the first of the peoples of Europe to obtain a translation of the Holy Scriptures. Hundreds of years before the Reformation, they possessed the Bible in manuscript in their native tongue. They had the truth unadulterated, and this rendered them the special objects of hatred and persecution...Here for a thousand years, witnesses for the truth maintained the ancient faith...In a most wonderful manner it (the Word of Truth) was preserved uncorrupted through all the ages of darkness.””

“Throughout the centuries, the Waldenses and other faithful evangelicals had sown the seed. The fog was rolling away from the plains and hills of Europe. The pure Bible which long had sustained the faith of the Vaudois, was soon to be adopted by others so mighty that they would shake Europe from the Alps to the North Sea. “The light had begun spreading unobserved, and the Reformation was on the point of being anticipated. The demon Innocent III was the first to descry the streaks of day on the crest of the Alps. Horror-stricken, he started up, and began to thunder for his pandemonium against a faith which...was threatening to dissolve the power of Rome” [Wylie, *The Papacy* p 92]...”

For examples of key scriptures corrupted by Rome note the following:

Consider these examples of Rome’s “*impure text*,” from the beginning, middle and end of the New Testament - found in the RV, JB, NJB, 1984, 2013 NWTs, 1984, 2011 NIVs, ESV. [The NKJV condones the following Catholic corruptions of scripture in its footnotes.]

Corrupted Texts

Matthew 1:25, “***firstborn***” omitted to make Mary a perpetual virgin.

Matthew 5:44, “***bless them that curse you***” omitted to allow for Papal anathemas, i.e. anyone who disobeys the pope effectively ‘curses’ him.

Matthew 6:13, “***For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen***” the doxology removed to strengthen the pope’s pretence to global temporal power.

Matthew 16:3, “***O ye hypocrites***” the Lord’s rebuke to religious hypocrites deleted.

Matthew 23:14 i.e. whole verse, “***Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows’ houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation***” the Lord’s rebuke to religious hypocrites deleted.

Acts 8:37 i.e. whole verse, “***And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God***” explicit reading on individual salvation deleted.

Acts 9:5, 6, “***the Lord***” and “***it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?***” explicit reading on individual salvation deleted.

These deletions enable Rome to say, as Halley shows [*Halley’s Bible Handbook*, Zondervan, 1965, p 783], that obedience to the Pope is necessary for salvation. Rome’s influence during the Dark Ages was such that these readings from Acts 8:37, 9:5, 6 are missing from most extant Greek manuscripts. But the Waldenses preserved them, as does the AV1611.

Colossians 1:14, “***through his blood***” omitted to equate redemption with priestly absolution. This is a prime example of unbridled papal power.

James 5:16, “***faults***” changed to “***sins***” to encourage the abomination of the Confessional – even the ‘conservative’ NKJV has “***trespasses.***” Yet, while exhibiting serious omissions/alterations, Catholic bibles contain the Apocrypha. 2 Maccabees 12:43-46 [*Are Roman Catholics Christians? Chick Publications*, 1985] justifies purgatory.

“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” John 8:32.

Appendix 2 - Names Blessed versus Names Cursed

Introduction

This study addresses scriptures that refer to the blotting out of names from **“thy book...my book”** Exodus 32:32-33, **“the book of the living”** Psalm 69:28, **“the book of life”** Revelation 3:5. Dr Ruckman refers to those scriptures and other relevant passages listed in his commentaries as follows:

The Book of Exodus pp 603-606

Volume I of the Book of Psalms p 480

Minor Prophets Volume II Habakkuk – Malachi pp 582-585 with respect to **“a book of remembrance”** Malachi 3:16

The Book of Revelation pp 69-70 with respect to **“the book of life”** Revelation 3:5, pp 549-550, 577 with respect to **“the books...the book of life”** Revelation 20:12, **“the Lamb’s book of life”** Revelation 21:27

Ruckman Reference Bible pp 159-160, 1229

Dr Ruckman’s main points from those sources with some inferences from this writer are as follows:

Main Points

1. No distinction exists between **“the book of life”** Revelation 3:5, 20:12 and **“the Lamb’s book of life”** Revelation 21:27 because Revelation 13:8 combines the expressions as **“the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”** That makes sense if **“the book of life”** is taken as **“the book of the LORD”** Isaiah 34:16. See explanatory study **“The book of the LORD”** Isaiah 34:16 following.
2. **“the books...the book of life”** refer to the AV1611 with its 66 Books by which God can judge *any* individual from Adam onwards. It has numerous names that when properly interpreted will include the names of saints throughout history. The AV1611 also has names of unsaved individuals e.g. **“Cain, who was of that wicked one”** 1 John 3:12. The Book then works like this:
3. The Old Testament references given above to the books are to lists of Israelites. An unfaithful Israelite can have his name blotted out of **“the book of the living”** and forfeit his inheritance due his name to a faithful Israelite according to Isaiah 65:15 **“And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Lord GOD shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name”** i.e. **“thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married”** Isaiah 62:4.
4. It follows that blotting out of names from **“thy book...my book”** Exodus 32:32-33, **“the book of the living”** Psalm 69:28, **“the book of life”** Revelation 3:5 is to have the label **CURSED** imposed upon the name so that it is *buried*. The idolatrous Israelite has curses laid upon him and it would follow laid upon his name in Deuteronomy 29:20 **“The LORD will not spare him, but then the anger of the LORD and his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the LORD shall blot out his name from under heaven.”** Note that a name can be in **“the book of life”** for **“children, which...had no knowledge between good and evil”** Deuteronomy 1:39 but with that knowledge comes the peril of Romans 7:9 **“For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.”** God can however *restore* a blotted out name as shown *exceptionally* in Jonah 2:2 **“...out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice”** but with *devotional* application for anyone unsaved and as good as in hell but who wants out of hell according to 2 Corinthians 6:2 **“...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”**
5. The above principle would apply to faithful versus unfaithful Gentiles according to Romans 2:14-15 **“For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean**

while accusing or else excusing one another.” Note the everyday expression in Romans 2:14 “a law unto themselves.” The AV1611 has many of them.

6. The Lord can determine whose name is recorded in “**the book of life**” being thereby blessed versus whose name is blotted out by becoming cursed simply by “**rightly dividing the word of truth**” 2 Timothy 2:15 in order to “**discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not**” Malachi 3:18.
7. A Church Age saint i.e. a Christian will *not* have his name blotted out of “**the book of life**” because his name is Christian via Acts 11:26 “**And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch**” i.e. “**that worthy name by the which ye are called**” James 2:7 and “**the book of life**” is *his** Book as it is “**the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world**” Revelation 13:8 “**For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones**” Ephesians 5:30.

*This does *not* mean that the AV1611 is “your own version” as has been wickedly said to this writer not once but twice. As indicated the AV1611 is “**the book of the LORD**” Isaiah 34:16 but He will give it to all who will receive it. That Book then becomes “**the peculiar treasure**” Ecclesiastes 2:8 for all willing to “**receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls**” James 1:21 thereby “**Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever**” 1 Peter 1:23. Therefore “**Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift**” 2 Corinthians 9:15.
8. An End Times individual could have his name blotted out of “**the book of life**” if he does not endure to the end of the “**great tribulation**” Matthew 24:21 because “**he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved**” Matthew 24:13 – *not the other way round* as some folk misinterpret the statement - in that “**Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus**” Revelation 14:12.
9. Cyber-beings, rebellious angels and mutant offspring are not recorded in “**the book of life**”:

“**Dead things are formed from under the waters, and the inhabitants thereof**” Job 26:5 on the true origin of cloned robots

“**...he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing**” 1 Peter 3:19-20 e.g. the spirits of “**giants in the earth**” Genesis 6:2 that were the mutant offspring of rebellious angels and woman and were born without souls. It is the *soul* of a mortal not his *spirit* that is visible after death because “**the spirit shall return unto God who gave it**” Ecclesiastes 12:7 “**And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held**” Revelation 6:9

“**...God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment**” 2 Peter 2:4 on the rebellious angels

“**And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day**” Jude 6 on the rebellious angels. Note that rebellious angels in hell have to be chained, lost souls in hell don’t e.g. Luke 16:22-31. Note further that the rich man’s name is blotted out i.e. not recorded because he is cursed i.e. in hell “**And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom**” Luke 16:23, whereas the name of Lazarus is recorded because he is saved i.e. blessed. Though names of unsaved individuals e.g. Cain are given in scripture that is for when they were still living. They will have no name in hell, their names having been blotted out via the everlasting curse they are under.

Conclusion

“**I will set him on high, because he hath known my name...With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation**” Psalm 91:14, 16.

“The book of the LORD” Isaiah 34:16

Introduction

“**The book of the LORD**” is the 1611 Holy Bible. There is no other. **“Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them”** Isaiah 34:16.



Practical Considerations

- The Lord has *one* Book, **“the book of the LORD”** Isaiah 34:16, the *one* mention of that phrase in scripture.
- The Lord’s *one* Book, **“the book of the LORD”** therefore matches the *oneness* of **“one body, and one Spirit,...one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all”** Ephesians 4:4-6.
- The Lord’s *one* Book, **“the book of the LORD”** is for **“every man...in his own language”** Acts 2:6 insofar as **“Peter...with the eleven”** Acts 2:14 **“were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance”** Acts 2:4 such that the listeners said **“hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born...we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God”** Acts 2:8, 11.
- The Lord’s *one* Book, **“the book of the LORD”** therefore exists in many languages, *but the standard for “the book of the LORD” is the 1611 Holy Bible in English.*

See store-hicb8.mybigcommerce.com/content/bbb/2013/Aug.pdf p 6 *A Brief Analysis of Missionary Authority* by Jonathan Richmond, Bible Baptist Mission Board director.

*The espousal of a particular translation being equal to or superior to the **King James** leaves one in a precarious position in relation to Bible believers versus the Alexandrian Cult.*

*Bible believers believe that the **King James (Authorized Version)** is the perfect, inerrant words of God and is the final authority. It is the standard to which all versions and translations are compared. And since the AV is the standard, it is superior to anything and everything that is compared to it. Stated another way, nothing compared to the standard is equal to or superior to the standard. English is the standard for time, place, distance, size, quantity, volume, language, etc. When the English standard showed up, both the German and Spanish Bibles [i.e. any non-English Bible] should have been corrected and/or updated with the English.*

The Greek Textus Receptus (any edition) is not superior to English. It was an interim, early New Testament, a stepping stone to the purification of the words of God in English. The world does not speak Greek and never will again...

Jonathan Richmond concludes with a rebuke to ‘originals-onlyists’ and ‘Greekiolators’:

*So then **your** brain determines which is correct; **your** brain is the final authority; **you** have made **yourself** equal to God.*

As Gail Ripplinger has rightly said, *In Awe of Thy Word* p 956, this writer’s emphases:

*The desire to appear intelligent or superior by referring to ‘the Greek’ and downplaying the common man’s Bible, exposes a naivety concerning textual history and those documents which today’s pseudo-intellectuals call ‘the critical text,’ ‘the original Greek,’ the ‘Majority Text,’ or the ‘Textus Receptus.’ **There existed a true original Greek (i.e. Majority Text, Textus Receptus). It is not in print and never will be, because it is unnecessary. No one on the planet speaks first century Koine Greek, so God is finished with it. He needs no ‘Dead Bible Society’ to translate it into “everyday English,” using the same corrupt secularised lexicons used by the TNIV, NIV, NASB and***

HCSB [Holman Christian Standard Bible]. *God has not called readers to check his Holy Bible for errors. He has called his Holy Bible to check us for errors.*"

- The Lord's one Book, "**the book of the LORD**" is:
 - "**the book of the covenant**" Exodus 24:7, 2 Kings 23:2, 21, 2 Chronicles 34:30, "**the everlasting covenant**" Hebrews 13:20 between God and believers
 - "**thy book**" Exodus 32:32, one witness to "**the book of the LORD**"
 - "**my book**" Exodus 32:33, two witnesses, 2 Corinthians 13:1, to "**the book of the LORD**"
 - "**the book of the law of God**" Joshua 24:26, Nehemiah 8:18 i.e. "**the book of the law of the LORD**" 2 Chronicles 17:9, 34:14, Nehemiah 9:3 or simply "**the book of the law**" Joshua 8:31, 34, 2 Kings 22:8, 11, 2 Chronicles 34:15, Nehemiah 8:3, Galatians 3:10. That Book is now "**the law of Christ**" Galatians 6:2.
 - "**the book of the living**" Psalm 69:28 i.e. "**the book of life**" Philippians 4:3, Revelation 3:5, 17:8, 20:12, 15, 22:19, "**the book of life of the Lamb**" Revelation 13:8, "**the Lamb's book of life**" Revelation 21:27
 - "**the book of the LORD**" Isaiah 34:16
 - "**the book of the purchase**" Jeremiah 32:12 for "**the purchased possession**" Ephesians 1:14, "**us accepted in the beloved**" Ephesians 1:6. See AV1611 Authority - Absolute www.timefortruth.co.uk/why-av-only/version-comparison.php.

Principles of Understanding

- The Lord does *not* recognise "**many books**" Ecclesiastes 12:12 i.e. multiple *differing* translations in any one language. That is "**confused noise**" Isaiah 9:5 and "**God is not the author of confusion**" 1 Corinthians 14:33.
- The Lord has commanded "**Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read.**" That is, "**the book of the LORD**" not "**many books**" must be *sought after* and *read*.
- The command "**Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read**" can only be fulfilled if "**the book of the LORD**" is in "**words easy to be understood**" 1 Corinthians 14:9.
- An 'originals-onlyist' does not and never can have *one* Book to seek after and read. 'Originals-onlyism' is among the "**damnable heresies**" 2 Peter 2:1.

Permanence of "the book of the LORD"

- "**no one of these shall fail**" because "**the word of the Lord endureth for ever**" 1 Peter 1:25 and is "**The words of the LORD**" Psalm 12:6. "**Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts**" Jeremiah 15:16.
- "**none shall want her mate**" because those words are "**the words...which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual**" 1 Corinthians 2:13 i.e. cross-referencing of "**the words...which the Holy Ghost teacheth**" so that the student "**might understand the scriptures**" Luke 24:45.
- "**my mouth it hath commanded**" because it is "**the word which he commanded to a thousand generations**" 1 Chronicles 16:15, Psalm 105:8 and "**the word of the Lord**" 1 Peter 1:25 is "**The words of the LORD**" Psalm 12:6 with Jeremiah 15:16 "**Thy words...thy word.**"
- "**and his spirit it hath gathered them**" because "**the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life**" John 6:63 and "**the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost...he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you**" John 14:26.

Therefore "**receive with meekness the engrafted word**" James 1:21 "**the book of the LORD**" as "**obedient children**" 1 Peter 1:14 without any "**Not so, Lord**" Acts 10:14.

Inspiration and the Spirit

The Two Parallel Streams of Bibles

“The Spirit of God” 1 Corinthians 3:16 versus *“a spirit of an unclean devil”* Luke 4:33

Apostles (Original)	Apostates (Corrupt Originals)
Received Text (Greek)	Sinaiticus and Vaticanus Bible (Greek)
Waldensian Bible (Italic)	Vulgate (Latin) Church of Rome's Bible
Erasmus (Received Text Restored)	Vaticanus (Greek)
Luther's Bible, Dutch, French, Italian, etc., (Received Text)	French, Spanish, Italian, etc., (from Vulgate)
Tyndale (English) 1535 (from Received Text)	Rheims (English) from Vulgate (Jesuit Bible of 1582)
King James, 1611	Oxford Movement Wetscott and Hort (B and Aleph), English Revised 1881 Dr. Philip Schaff (B and Aleph), American Revised 1901

Introduction

Dr Benjamin Wilkinson states:

The King James from the Received Text has been the Bible of the English speaking world for 300 years. This has given the Received Text, and the Bibles translated from it into other tongues, standing and authority. At the same time, it neutralized the dangers of the Catholic manuscripts and the Bibles in other tongues translated from them¹.

Benjamin Wilkinson has shown how the 1611 Holy Bible and its faithful precursors from apostolic times are from *“the Spirit of God”* 1 Corinthians 3:16 and the raft of Catholic counterfeits are from *“a spirit of an unclean devil”* Luke 4:33. Benjamin Wilkinson’s chart *The Two Parallel Streams of Bibles* shown above admirably summarises the history of Bible transmission with respect to the sharp distinction between the line of pure Bibles from *“the Spirit of God”* 1 Corinthians 3:16 and the line of Catholic counterfeits from *“a spirit of an unclean devil”* Luke 4:33 that extends to all modern versions without exception, over 250 having been published for the first time since 1881². The Lord will obliterate the Catholic counterfeits of Rome at the Second Advent *“and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her”* Revelation 18:8 *“and also I will cause...the unclean spirit to pass out of the land”* Zechariah 13:2.

However, each line of the chart specifies languages that were vehicles for the transmission of scripture in the early church e.g. 1st century Greek, Latin, Italic, Syriac etc. but are now dead languages³. Yet the scriptures are *“the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever”* 1 Peter 1:23. How therefore is this apparent contradiction resolved?

This work addresses that question. See first *The purification of the Lord’s word* and this extract⁴.

A Seven-Stage Purification Process – Historic Bibles

Dr Vance [*Bible Believers Bulletin*, February 2003, June 2006] shows [how] Psalm 12:6, 7 was fulfilled in history...

- A received Hebrew text, 1800 BC to 389 BC
- A received Aramaic text at the same time (Genesis, Daniel, etc.)
- A received Greek text from AD 40 to AD 90
- A received Syrian text from AD 120 to AD 200
- A received Latin text from AD 150 to AD 1500
- A received German text from AD 1500 to AD 2006
- A received English text from AD 1611 to AD 2006 (2012+)

Of those language groups, only the last two are current and English is the premier language, as missionary director Jonathan Richmond⁵ states “*English is the standard for time, place, distance, size, quantity, volume, language, etc. When the English standard showed up, both the German and Spanish Bibles [i.e. any non-English Bible] should have been corrected and/or updated with the English.*” The question arises how is the 1611 Holy Bible “*the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever*” 1 Peter 1:23 when its language predecessors are dead languages? The scripture gives answer.

Dead Languages, Returned Spirit

Solomon states “*the spirit of man...goeth upward*” when man dies and “*Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it*” Ecclesiastes 3:21, 12:12.

In like manner, when the ancient Biblical languages died, God simply transferred inspiration to the next generation of Biblical languages “*according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will*” Ephesians 1:11. As Gail Riplinger⁶ notes, her italics, God inspired (breathed) the scriptures. The Bible does not tell us *exactly how* this inspiration (breath) is preserved and passed on generation after generation, but the Bible is still breathing and alive (quick) today. The rhythmic character of breathing is evident in our King James Bible.

Inspiration goes on because “*God is a Spirit*” John 4:34 so that this inspiration (breath) is *spiritual*. [T]he Bible is still breathing and alive (quick) today because “*the Spirit of God*” 1 Corinthians 3:16 is “*the Spirit of life from God*” Revelation 11:11 “*to preserve life*” Genesis 45:5. “*Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away*” Matthew 24:35, Mark 13:31, Luke 21:33 therefore because “*the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life*” John 6:63.

Everlasting AV1611

The question then arises how can the King James Bible be everlasting? See Revelation 14:6-7.

“*And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.*”

This is an *authoritative spoken* original from a future source and an *angelic* utterance that is received worldwide and is *everlasting*. It is a *spiritual* utterance because angels “*Are...ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation*” Hebrews 1:14 and therefore the words of this angelic utterance “*according to the will of God and our Father*” Galatians 1:4 “*they are spirit, and they are life*” John 6:63 and therefore “*given by inspiration of God*” 2 Timothy 3:16.

Only the AV1611 can fulfil the above criteria as *everlastingly* “*the book of the LORD*” Isaiah 34:16.

“The Cry of Sodom” – Genesis 18:20



“The LORD rained upon Sodom...fire from the LORD” Genesis 19:24⁷

Introduction – “as it was in the days of Lot” Luke 17:28

The Lord said **“Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot;...But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all”** Luke 17:28-29. He then said in Luke 17:30 that a return to **“the days of Lot”** would point to His Return.

“Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.”

References to God’s destruction of Sodom and **“the days of Lot”** are therefore found in the later New Testament letters that look towards the Lord’s Return in fiery judgement, 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9, such as overtook Sodom. See the *Ruckman Reference Bible* pp 1629, 1641.

“And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)” 2 Peter 2:6-8.

“Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire” Jude 7.

The ultimate instigation of **“the days of Lot”** in this country came on March 15th 2012⁸.

“The government has launched a 12-week consultation on allowing gay [i.e. sodomite] couples in England and Wales to marry.” Sodomite ‘marriage’ became the law of the land in England on March 29th 2014 www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-26793127 but **never “the law of Christ”** Galatians 6:2.

Sodomite ‘marriage’ shows that **“according to the scriptures”** 1 Corinthians 15:3, 4, the Lord’s Return is near. These are **“the last days”** of the **“perilous times”** 2 Timothy 3:1, www.jesus-is-savior.com/Basics/sodom.htm, *Europe and America are Becoming a Giant Sodom and Gomorrah!*

One aspect of **“the days of Lot”** is **“the cry of Sodom”** Genesis 18:20, and its relation to **“the men of Sodom...wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly”** Genesis 13:13.

“The Cry of Sodom” – the Biblical Witnesses

“And the LORD said, Because *the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know*” Genesis 18:20-21.

Most pre-1611 Bibles support the reading **“cry of Sodom”**; the Coverdale, Great, Bishops’, Geneva Bibles. The Wycliffe Bible partially supports it with *“the cry of men of Sodom.”* Early post-1611 versions, Challoner’s Revision 1749-1752, 1885 RV, 1901 ASV support **“cry of Sodom.”**

The modern bibles change the reading. The RSV, NRSV, 1984 NIV, 2005 TNIV, 2011 NIV, NKJV, JB, NJB, NWT, CEV, NCV, NLT, ESV, HCSB have **“outcry against Sodom”** or similar and the NASV has *“outcry of Sodom.”* This is a change of *meaning* but, typically, *it is not for the better.*

“Outcry against Sodom” – What Outcry?

The change to “outcry” is wrong. See Jude 7 and Genesis 19:24-25.

“Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.”

No outcry occurred against Sodom. **“God destroyed the cities of the plain”** Genesis 19:29 **“and all the inhabitants of the cities”** with the exception of Zoar at Lot’s request, Genesis 19:20-23, because they were all engaged in Sodom’s **“very grievous”** sin, apart from **“just Lot”** whom God delivered. In a city **“overthrown by the mouth of the wicked”** Proverbs 11:11, God will spare **“the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof”** Ezekiel 9:4-6 but God spared none of **“the men of Sodom.”** What, then, of the criers?

“The Cry of Sodom” – the Child Victims

The cry of a city in scripture is of its citizens and is of distress. **“...and the cry of the city went up to heaven”** 1 Samuel 5:12. See also Jeremiah 11:12, 14:2, 51:54 but note Genesis 19:4-5:

“But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.”

“...all the people” were guilty, whether they **“commit such things...worthy of death”** or **“have pleasure in them that do them”** Romans 1:32. *The only ones crying in distress were victims, child victims. Only they could have cried “unto me.”* That is why **“God destroyed the cities of the plain,”** for sodomy and paedophilia, mercifully delivering the victims by sudden death.

“Occupy till I come” Luke 19:13

Government strategy is **“...as it was in the days of Lot.”** *“They want the world to become like Sodom”⁹ and new versions conceal the danger to children even though psychiatrists confirm it¹⁰. “...2-4% of men attracted to adults prefer men...; in contrast...25-40% of men attracted to children prefer boys...Thus the rate of homosexual attraction is [at least] 6-20 times higher among pedophiles”*

Nevertheless, **“Occupy till I come”** Luke 19:13 because **“turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes...The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished”** 2 Peter 2:6, 9.

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