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A Note From the President

Dear Friends in Christ,

With each new year comes the excitement of new beginnings and possibilities. At BBS, we have an exciting announcement to make about a new project that is already in the works: a *Grace Reference Bible*. For many years, the idea of creating a mid-Acts, dispensational reference Bible has been discussed by the BBS Board but, at a meeting in October 2020, we decided that the time was right to move forward.

Early in the 20th century, C. I. Scofield's reference Bible revolutionized people's understanding of God's Word, and it has helped many to interpret the Scriptures in light of God's dispensations. However, Dr. Scofield did not fully understand Paul's unique apostleship and message. Our prayer is that this *Grace Reference Bible* will be the next step in helping the Church "see what is the fellowship of the mystery" (Eph. 3:9).

In the past year there has been a flurry of activity. A three-man editorial committee was formed to lead the project: John Fredericksen, Ken Lawson, and David Stewart. When Brother Stewart, a gifted and learned man in the Word, was suddenly promoted to glory, David Havard willingly stepped into the gap. David Havard, likewise, is highly capable in the Word.

There are currently between 15-20 grace pastors and teachers writing notes for the 66 books. These men have graciously agreed to make a sacrifice of time for this project although they all have ministries and commitments of their own. Notes and cross references are being created for the *entire* Bible in light of Paul's gospel. The notes will be conservative, fundamental, and will teach right division with practical application.

Grace charts are being selected and created to be included in the Bible. These comparison charts will aid the reader in seeing the difference between prophecy and the mystery. Maps, a glossary of grace terms, and an index of topics with short write-ups will also be included. The Bible will be King James Version and leather-bound.

On page 4, you will find an example of a page from the Book of Daniel, which has been assigned to Pastor Ricky Kurth. This will give you a feel for the appearance of the Bible, its content, and how to use it. Superscript letters in the Bible text indicate notes and cross references in the side columns, and superscript numbers guide the reader to notes at the bottom of the page.

This reference Bible is still three to four years away from completion. Please pray for this exciting project, and if you'd like to give toward the costs of its creation and printing, please designate your gift as being for the "Grace Bible."

Grace and peace,

Pastor Kevin J. Sadler, President

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

Daniel's name means "God is my Judge," reflecting how God had allowed King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon to judge his nation by conquering it, and typifying how God will allow Antichrist to conquer Israel in the Tribulation. His book makes prophecies that focus on the Tribulation, and describes miracles that are types which *act out* Tribulation events.

The theme of the book is what the Lord later called "the times of the Gentiles" (Luke 21:24), i.e., the times when the Gentiles rule the world instead of the nation of Israel as God always intended (Exod. 19:6). It chronicles the beginning of those times with the raising up of Nebuchadnezzar, then predicts the rise and fall of Media-Persia and Greece, nations it identifies by name (8:20,21). Daniel leaves the nation that conquered Greece unnamed—not because God didn't know it would be Rome, but because He knew He planned to interrupt His prophetic timetable with the dispensation of the mystery (Eph. 3:1-9).

Without an understanding of the mystery, it is impossible to understand Daniel's prophecies of the times of the Gentiles, which describe them as ending in Rome's day with Christ's return to defeat the antichrist and restore rulership of the world to Israel (Rev. 5:10).

CHAPTER 1

1 In the third year¹ of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem,^a and besieged it.^b

2 And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand,^c with part of the vessels of the house of God: which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god; and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.²

3 ¶ And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs,^d that he should bring *certain* of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes;

4 Children in whom *was* no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as *had* ability in them to stand in

the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans.^e

5 And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank: so nourishing them three years, that at the end thereof they might stand before the king.^f

6 Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

7 Unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names:^g for he gave unto Daniel *the name* of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abed-nego.

8 ¶ But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile^h himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wineⁱ which he drank: therefore he requested

d. Daniel was one of these (v. 6).

God warned the king of Israel that this would happen (II Kings 20:16-18; Isa. 39:7).

e. Another name for Babylonians (Ezek. 23:15).

f. As his trained advisors (1:19).

g. To show his dominion over them (Gen. 1:28 cf. 2:19).

h. The king likely ate meat prohibited by Leviticus 11. Plus, the word "defile" is associated with *idolatry* (Ezek. 20:7,18; 22:3,4; 23:7; 37:23), so his meat probably died in sacrifice to idols, another problem for Daniel (Exod. 34:15). Like the Jews, pagans only sacrificed the best unblemished animals to their gods, and kings would

a. As God warned He would allow to happen if Israel disobeyed Him (Deut. 28:15,49-52).

b. As God warned He would if Israel disobeyed Him (Lev. 26:21,32-39).

c. Jehoiakim was captured in the first of three Babylonian assaults on Jerusalem (II Chron. 36). God's glory departed Israel in three stages (Ezek. 10:4,18; 11:22,23; 21:25-27) to begin "the times of the Gentiles" (Luke 21:24), the times when Gentile nations replaced Israel as "the head" of the nations (Deut. 8:15,43,44). These times continue through the dispensation of grace (Eph. 3:1-3), and end in Luke 21:24-27.

1. Jeremiah 25:1 says it was "in the *fourth* year of Jehoiakim" because Daniel wrote this many years later *in Babylon*, and so records when he was taught Nebuchadnezzar had *left* for Jerusalem. Writing *from Jerusalem*, Jeremiah records when he *arrived* a year later, a year-long delay that is explained by Nebuchadnezzar's campaign against Egypt that year (Jer. 46:2).

2. Just as God's glory departed from Israel in three stages when "the times of the Gentiles" began *politically*, it departed from Israel *spiritually* in three stages as well. Paul first pronounced judgment upon the nation in Acts 13:46, then again in Acts 18:6, with a final pronouncement in Acts 28:28. Both departures were marked by the blinding of a Jew (II Kings 25:7; Acts 13:6-12).



The Depiction of Daniel's Prediction

Daniel 2:31-39

PASTOR RICKY KURTH
Searchlight Editor

Did you hear about the man who said that his grandfather predicted the sinking of the Titanic? He said he tried to tell everyone, from the people in charge, right on down to the people who bought tickets. But they all told him to just *shut up*. This went on until finally he had to be asked to leave the movie theater.

Well, if any man *had* been able to predict the sinking of the Titanic, he would have been considered an *amazing* prophet, for it was a ship that was said to be unsinkable. But here in our text in Daniel 2:31-35, *Daniel* makes a pretty amazing prediction of his own.

In the first part of Daniel 2, God gave King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon a dream that troubled him so sorely that he asked his sorcerers and astrologers to tell him two things. First, what he dreamt; and second, what his dream *meant*. None of his spiritual advisers could do that, of course.

But Daniel could! He began by telling the king that his dream was a prediction about the future (2:29), and now he's ready to tell him what he had actually seen in his dream. He began by saying,

"Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible" (Dan. 2:31).

Now to begin with, when it says that this image "stood" before the king in his dream, that's our first hint that this was the image of a *man*—but not the walking, talking variety of men. He saw the kind of statue-like *image* of a man that he was used to worshipping, the idols made of gold and silver that made up his idolatrous religion, as we see when Daniel goes on to say that the image he saw was made of silver and gold:

"This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass,

“His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay” (Daniel 2:32,33).

The Original Metal Man

Now if you know anything about *metallurgy*—and as a former tool and die maker, I’m probably smarter than the average bear about metallurgy—you know two things about the metals of this image.

First, you know that these metals are getting *stronger* as you view the image from top to bottom, starting with this head of gold. Gold is one of the *softest* of



metals. The reason jewelers have always valued and treasured it is that it is soft enough to easily form into rings, chains, and other pieces of jewelry. That makes it what we in the world of metallurgy call *malleable*. You didn’t know your editor knew big words like malleable and metallurgy, did ya?

Now silver is a little *harder* and *stronger* than gold, and brass and iron are stronger yet. So the metals of this image provide an excellent representation of the dream’s interpretation that Daniel is about to give. He is going to explain how they depict the coming of some *kingdoms* that

would rise and fall and dominate the world *for the next 600 years*. The metals keep getting stronger because the nations they represent would *have* to be stronger in order to be able to conquer the nation that came before them. In Daniel 8, the prophet is going to explain that these metals depict the rise and fall of the kingdoms of Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece, and Rome—and ultimately the kingdom of the antichrist.

It’s All Downhill From Here

But you don’t have to know much about metallurgy to know that these metals are *also* getting *cheaper* as you go down. Gold is the most expensive of the metals, silver is a little less costly, and iron is the least expensive of them all. That tells you that these future kingdoms may be getting stronger as the prophecy unfolds, but they are also becoming less and less valuable, at least in the eyes of God. This is God’s way of telling us that *civilization is going downhill*. That certainly flies in the face of what evolutionists would have us believe. They hold that man is evolving and getting better and better!

It *also* flies in the face of something called post-millennial theology. That’s the thinking that says that Christians like us are going to keep making things better and better in the world until we finally bring in the thousand-year millennial kingdom that the Bible says is coming. After that, the Lord will see how well we’ve fixed things down here and feel comfortable enough to come back to

live among us! But as Pastor J. C. O'Hair used to say, if Christians are going to bring in the kingdom, they are going to have to *back* it in, for the world is certainly not heading in that direction!

Daniel's image rather predicts that the world is going to get *worse and worse*, culminating in the Tribulation that will follow the Rapture, and *then* the Lord will return *before* the millennium to set up His kingdom, after defeating the antichrist at Armageddon, and all the kingdoms of men who will follow the beast.

And Daniel sees the Lord's return and defeat of those kingdoms depicted in the next verse of our text when he continues to tell the king what he dreamed:

"Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces" (Dan. 2:34).

The Rock of Ages

Now the *stone* here is the same one that Paul says the Jews drank from in the wilderness, when he wrote,

"...they drank of that spiritual Rock...and that Rock was Christ" (1 Cor. 10:4).

That's Paul's way of saying that the stone *represented* Christ, the way the bread represented His body when He said, "this is My body" (1 Cor. 11:24). The stone in the king's dream represented Him as well.

If you're thinking, "How come it says Christ was a stone *cut 'without hands'?*" it's because that expression "without hands"

means *without human instrumentality*. It's the opposite of what we read about in Acts 7:48, where Stephen declared,



"...the most High dwelleth not in temples made *with* hands."

Temples are made *with* human hands, but some things are made *without* them, as we see when Paul tells believers,

"...ye are circumcised with the circumcision made *without* hands..." (Col. 2:11).

That's talking about our *spiritual* circumcision in Christ, the one that was made without human instrumentality.

But why would Daniel call the Lord *a stone* cut without hands? Well, when a stone is cut, that's when it becomes *a stone of its own*. Up until then, it's just part of a *larger* stone. And the Lord Jesus Christ was cut out of a *really* large stone, as Daniel went on to tell the king later in this chapter:

"...thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands..." (Dan. 2:45).

The Original Mountain Man

A "mountain" in the Bible is a symbol of a *kingdom*, as we see when Isaiah describes the kingdom of heaven on earth by predicting,

“The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock....They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, saith the LORD” (Isa. 65:25).

And the “stone” of the Lord was part of the mountain of God’s kingdom *in heaven* before He became a man. But He was cut out of that mountain and came to earth, where he was conceived in a human body *without human instrumentality*, through a little miracle known as *the virgin birth*. Joseph had nothing to do with the Lord’s conception.

When He came to earth, the Lord was given a body much like the one you and I will have in heaven someday, one that Paul described in 2 Corinthians 5:1 by saying:

“...if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”

The body that you’ll have in heaven someday will be built by God so it can be eternal. But it will also be the *same* body your mother built in her womb so it can be recognizable—just like the Lord’s resurrection body was both eternal in that it was made by God, and recognizable by His disciples in that it was made by Mary.

Okay, now that we’ve identified the stone here as the Lord, what’s verse 34 mean when it says that the stone “smote” the image? Well, if these metals represent future nations, that means what you’re seeing depicted here is something we read about in

John’s description of the Lord’s Second Coming:

“...out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations” (Rev. 19:15).

That’s the stone of the Lord smiting the metals of this image at His coming.

Holding the Image’s Feet to the Fire of the Second Coming

The reason the stone smote the image “upon his feet” is that this image represented the nations that would rule the world in the future, and the *last* nation that will be ruling the world when the Lord comes will be headed up by *the antichrist*. His nation will be the *culmination* of all those previous nations. That is, it will be the culmination of all human wickedness that came before him. So in smiting *antichrist’s* nation, the Lord will bring down the culmination of all *previous* nations, as Daniel depicts when the stone topples the image representing *all* the nations by smiting it upon the feet that represent the *final* nation. That explains why he went on to say,

“Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth” (Dan. 2:35).

The reason it says these nations were “broken to pieces *together*” is that the kingdom of the antichrist

will represent all the evil nations of the past, so in smashing *it*, the Lord will be smashing *them* as well.

And when Daniel says that the nations became like “chaff,” it helps to know that chaff is the light husk that envelops a grain of wheat. I’m told that in Bible days, farmers separated the chaff



from the wheat by throwing it into the air on a breezy day. The heavier grain would fall at the farmer’s feet, while the light and airy husks would be gone with the wind. That’s how God wants us to picture the future of the kingdoms of men, as a civilization gone with the wind.

And when Daniel says the Lord will break those nations to “pieces,” now you know how small those pieces will be! In fact, when the Lord talked about *Himself* as a stone, He said,

“The stone which the builders rejected...on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder” (Matt. 21:42,44).

—powder that will be *blown away* by the fiery Second Coming of Christ (2 Thes. 1:7,8).

Fiends in High Places

And when verse 35 says that “no *place* was found for them,” that

word *place* often refers to places or positions *in government*, as when people talk about having “friends in high places.” The Bible uses the word that way as well. In describing something that happened during the Lord’s ministry in Israel, John wrote:

“Then gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. If we let Him thus alone, all men will believe on Him: and the Romans shall come and take away both *our place and nation*” (John 11:47,48).

Israel’s unsaved rulers there were worried about losing their “*place in the government of Israel*.” The Romans had conquered Israel, but they allowed the Jews to retain some semblance of self-government. But if the Lord became too popular, the Romans would consider Israel a threat and *take away* the nation, and the places in her government held by those fiendish rulers.

We see this definition of “*place*” again when Paul wrote,

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in *high places*” (Eph. 6:12).

That’s talking about the fallen angels who currently occupy positions of government *in heaven*—and will *continue* to occupy them until the Lord boots them out, as we read in Revelation 12:7,8:

“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the


**dragon fought and his angels,
And prevailed not; neither was
their place found any more in
heaven.”**

As you can imagine, there's no place for fallen angels in the government of heaven in eternity to come! So midway through the Tribulation, Michael is going to give them the left foot of fellowship and kick them to the curb of the earth.



And that's what the Lord will do with the nations of the earth at His second coming! Verse 35 says that after He smites the nations, “no place was found for

them” *in the government of the earth*. You see, the kingdom that the Lord will set up after them is not going to be the culmination of all the kingdoms that came before, like Antichrist's kingdom. Verse 35 says that *the stone* will become a great mountain, it doesn't say that the obliterated powdery pieces of *the nations* will become the mountain of the kingdom. The Lord is going to make a kingdom out of Himself, *not* out of them.

In closing, how would you like to try to predict what nation will conquer the United States, the current most powerful nation in the world, and what nation will conquer *that* nation, and what nation will conquer *that* conquering nation, over the course of the next 600 years? You couldn't do that if you tried, *but God could!* And when He did it here in Daniel 2, it not only proved He exists, it proved that the God of *the Bible* is the one true God, and worthy of all the worshipful service you can give Him. 



The Great Estate

You may not possess the riches of the “great estate” that Solomon possessed (Eccl. 1:16), but there is a way to make your estate great in the eyes of God. Just be sure to name *Berean Bible Society* in your

trust or last will and testament, and even *death itself* will not be able to put a stop to your efforts to “make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery” (Eph. 3:9). With the help of your great estate, we'll continue to help “all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:4) long after your great escape to glory brings all of your personal efforts to help them to an end. Don't let death win! Talk to your estate planner *today*.



UNIVERSALISM

**(This excerpt from
Pastor Don Webb's book,
Basic Bible Doctrines addresses a
heresy that is once again being taught
in the grace movement.)**



Few *isms* are more dangerous to the Gospel than that of universalism, otherwise known as the universal reconciliation or universal redemption view. This view purports that God will ultimately save all created beings including Satan. Their logic is shallow, indeed, and rests mostly on the claim that the words eternal, everlasting, and forever do not really mean forever but only have to do with specific periods of time or specific ages. Their claim is unsupported by Greek grammar, as well as the fact that these same words are used of God and the Lord Jesus Christ to describe their eternal power and Deity!

One of the particular dangers of this view is that it must logically attribute the creation of sin to God. By their logic, just as God originated sin to accomplish His own purpose, He also allowed for the redemption of all beings—some through faith in Christ and the others later, after a painless judgment and time of unconscious separation. This teaching is both dangerous and sinful; it attacks the very character of God and the truth of His Word.

Both of these erroneous views have a common denominator. They rest in the question, “How can a God of love ever torture His creatures with everlasting fire?” But God’s love is manifest in the cross, not in compromising His holiness and righteousness. The fact that He allowed His Son to suffer the equivalent of an eternal death upon the cross to redeem sinful man is the proof that He loves the world. His love never compromises His justice or righteousness. Those who reject His love are then subject to His justice. This is manifest in wrath and judgment against sin—the sin of rejecting His love and the redemptive work of His Son!

We simply cannot let our human emotions negate the clear teaching of the Word of God! While we do believe there will be degrees of punishment in the lake of fire (from such passages as Luke 12:47–48), they will nonetheless be in conscious suffering forever.

God be thanked that the redeemed—all those who are justified by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ—will be eternally with Him!

—Don Webb



FATHER TO FATHER

Growing up I rarely heard Scripture and certainly did not read it. The Bible was not relied upon nor taught in my home. I trusted Christ as my Savior at 14 years old, and years later as I started my own family, I understood God had called me to be the spiritual leader in the home. This is a responsibility placed upon fathers, but also a tremendous blessing. Ephesians 6:4 reads, *“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”* It is easy to push behaviors upon a son or daughter, even to the point of arousing anger, but the better way is to focus the child’s heart upon the Lord and His Word so children can come to know Christ and understand the reason behind the standards.

One way my wife and I decided to do this was to have frequent times in the Word together as a family. Some call this time family devotions or family worship, but the point is to come together as a family and read and seek to understand Scripture together. It is a simple commitment in which a father can lead his family in knowing our heavenly Father and the person of Jesus Christ. We usually have a time together in the morning in which we read and discuss Scripture, sing, and pray. As one who missed out on this as a child, and not having someone in my life to share the Word with me until I was a teen, I wanted things to be different for my family. I wanted my family to regularly learn the Word together and talk about God’s work in our lives. It is a blessing to see our kids excited to read and know Scripture, and through that learning to walk with our Lord Jesus Christ daily.

—Pastor Andy Kern

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“And I Saw Thrones”

(An excerpt from
Revelation Volume 4)

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THRONES FOR TRIBULATION MARTYRS

“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” (Rev. 20:4).

The Apostle John wrote, “And I saw,” four times in Revelation 20. He was an eyewitness of these events which are to come. In verses 1-3, John “saw” the angel come down from heaven and seize Satan, binding him and casting him into the bottomless pit for 1000 years. Here in verse 4, John “saw thrones,” and those who “sat upon them.”

Christ will reign over the earth from His throne in Jerusalem during the Millennial Kingdom

(Isa. 9:7; 24:23). Revelation 20:4 shows that Christ will not reign alone. The “thrones” are seats of authority, judicial and regal. “Thrones” is plural. There are an undefined number of them. In the vision, John saw an array of thrones, and then as he was watching, “*they* sat upon them.” I believe the rest of the verse shows us who the “they” is: “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.” “They” are the martyred believers of the second half of the Tribulation.

John puts special emphasis on the martyrs of the Tribulation. It will be the law by worldwide decree “that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed” (13:15). Those who withstand the Antichrist, refusing to worship him

and receive his mark, will be the special objects of his fury. They will be relentlessly hunted and executed. Through the power of Satan, it will be “given unto him [the Antichrist] to make war with the saints, and to overcome them...” (13:7).

And so in that day, many will be “beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the Word of God” (20:4). This is a reiteration of 6:9. The martyrs of the Tribulation will be beheaded for two reasons: (1) because of their witness and stand for Jesus Christ and God’s Word, and (2) because they refuse to worship the Beast or take his mark. Unlike any other period in human history, the coming Tribulation will be characterized by an unimaginable number of beheadings.

“They were the special objects of Satan’s *hatred*, but forever they will be special objects of Christ’s love...”

LOVE

While the rest of the world is swept up in the cultic worship of the Beast and his idol, willingly taking the mark of the Beast on their foreheads or right hands, these followers of Jesus Christ will *refuse* to go with the majority. They will perceive that the Antichrist is a liar and a fake. Their faith will be in Jesus Christ as the true Messiah of Israel, and

they will stand for Him and give their lives for their unshakable faith in Christ (12:11).

Because of their faithful witness and stand for Christ and their willingness to die for His name, the Lord gives these dear saints “thrones,” seats of honor and authority in His Millennial Kingdom. They were the special objects of Satan’s *hatred*, but forever they will be special objects of Christ’s *love* when they are rewarded, exalted, and blessed by Him. They will be given positions of exaltation with Christ for 1000 years.

They died for Christ, but they *live!* Verse 4 shows that “...*they lived...with Christ a thousand years.*” Their bodies will be raised and they will receive resurrected, glorified bodies at the first resurrection of prophecy. As the Lord told Martha in John 11:25, “I am the Resurrection, and the Life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, *yet shall he live.*” Only a literal, bodily resurrection would make it possible for these martyrs to live after they have been “*beheaded* for the witness of Jesus.” The Greek word translated as “beheaded” means to cut off with an ax.¹ It doesn’t get any more literal than that!

These martyrs will die “for the witness [Gr. *marturia*] of Jesus.” Revelation 19:10 says, “the testimony [same Gr. word, *marturia*] of Jesus *is the spirit of prophecy.*” The focus and purpose of prophecy points to the Person of Jesus Christ. These martyrs are future believers who will die for “the witness [testimony] of Jesus, and

for the Word of God”—in other words, Jesus as revealed in the prophetic Scriptures as the Messiah and King of Israel. According to the gospel of the kingdom, their faith in Jesus as the true Messiah is what will save their souls, along with water baptism (Mark 16:15-16). Their faith in Jesus according to prophecy, that He is the Messiah of Israel and the Son of God (John 20:31), is what these martyrs will die for.

In Revelation 1:6, John states that Christ “hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father.” A *king* sits on a throne. These martyrs sitting on their thrones will have royal authority. They will enjoy the privileges of a king and will have the power and supremacy of a king in the Kingdom. At the same time, they will, of course, be under the authority of the King of kings, the Lord Jesus Christ, and Him they will willingly serve.

As John saw the Tribulation martyrs sit on these thrones, “judgment was given unto them” (20:4). A *judge* is one who makes a “judgment.” Authority to act as rulers and judges will be granted these martyrs (Isa. 1:26). The judges of Israel’s ancient past were distinguished people of valor. These judges will be as well. The martyrs will have demonstrated their courage and honor during the Tribulation. Judges 2:18 says, “And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the judge....” Well, the Lord will *literally* be with these judges in the Millennial Kingdom. Their judgments

and rulings as they preside over the nations will be made according to His perfect will.



TWELVE THRONES

Others will share prominent places of rule in the Kingdom. The twelve apostles will also be ruling from thrones in the Millennial Kingdom. After the account of the rich young ruler and his unwillingness to forsake his riches for eternal life (Matt. 19:16-22), Peter questioned the Lord, asking, “Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed Thee; what shall we have therefore?” The Lord answered,

“Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel” (Matt. 19:27-28).

“In the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of His glory” is a concise description of the Millennial Kingdom. The Son of man will sit on His throne of glory, sovereignly ruling as “King over all the earth” (Zech. 14:9). Jesus Christ is the righteous Branch promised to King David (Jer. 23:5). As Peter

said in Acts 2:30, “God had sworn with an oath to him [David], that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, He would raise up Christ to sit on His throne.” Peter’s message on the day of Pentecost attested beyond a doubt that Jesus of Nazareth is Israel’s Messiah (Acts 2:36), the rightful One that is to sit on David’s throne and rule over Israel and the world in the Kingdom.

“Regeneration” refers to new birth, the making of all things new. Under grace, personal regeneration comes by the Holy Spirit at the moment of our salvation (Titus 3:5). And regeneration is what the Millennial Kingdom will be for this world. The world will have a new birth, and all things will be made new by Christ.

The Twelve will have noble positions of administration in the Millennial Kingdom. They will be highly honored and rewarded for their willingness to have followed Christ in His earthly ministry and to have sacrificed for Him.



Israel will be the *preeminent nation* in the world during the Kingdom. Scripture testifies to the greatness of the nation Israel:

“For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto

them, as the LORD our God is in all things that we call upon Him for?” (Deut. 4:7).

“And to make thee high above all nations which He hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as He hath spoken” (Deut. 26:19).

“...the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth...And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath” (Deut. 28:1,13).

“And what one nation in the earth is like Thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to Himself, and to make Him a name, and to do for You great things...which Thou redeemedst to Thee from Egypt...?” (2 Sam. 7:23).

Ruling in *supreme* positions over the *preeminent* nation of the world in the Kingdom will be the twelve apostles on their twelve thrones. They will be judges over the twelve tribes of Israel. The Lord has bestowed a high honor to these faithful men. One way to think about it is that the twelve apostles will be like the Supreme Court in the Kingdom, and the thrones of the martyrs are like lower courts presiding over the nations.

Along with the high honor of judging the twelve tribes of Israel, the Lord told the apostles that they could “eat and drink at My table in My kingdom” (Luke 22:30). They will have the regular privilege of eating and drinking at His table as His most trusted and beloved friends.

Also, the Lord told the apostles, “In My Father’s house are many mansions [abodes]...I go to prepare a place for you...I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also” (John 14:2-3). According to John 2:16, “My Father’s house” is the temple. In that passage, the Lord drove the moneychangers out of the temple “And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not *My Father’s house* an house of merchandise.” In John 14:2-3, the Lord foretells of the future millennial temple when He refers to “My Father’s house,” and that within it there “are many mansions” or dwelling places. The Lord was telling the apostles that, after He returns at His Second Coming, “that where I am, there ye may be also.” Where the Lord Jesus Christ will be, where He will live and reign, is the temple in Jerusalem. Thus, along with the high honor of sitting on twelve thrones over the supreme nation of the world, the twelve apostles will live in the millennial temple with the King! In the Kingdom, the Twelve will have a home within the Temple, places at the Lord’s table, and they will each have a throne and a job to do, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

MORE SEATS OF AUTHORITY

Other faithful Kingdom saints will have positions of leadership within the Kingdom as well. The Lord told a parable of “A certain nobleman [who] went into a far country to receive for himself a

kingdom, and to return” (Luke 19:12). The parable is about Christ’s ascension to heaven and His return to Israel at His Second Coming to bring the Kingdom of Heaven to the earth. The parable continues,

“And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities” (Luke 19:13-19).



Before the nobleman left, he placed ten of his servants in charge of conducting his business while he was gone. He gave them

each one pound and told them to “Occupy till I come,” or do business with that money until he came back. When the nobleman returned, “he commanded these servants to be called unto him... that he might know how much every man had gained by trading” (Luke 19:15).

The first servant had earned ten pounds with the one pound that had been entrusted to him. He knew the money was not his own and he used it to advance the interest of his master, the nobleman. And so the nobleman commended him, “Thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities.” This happens again for a servant that gained five pounds and was given authority over five cities.



These men did their jobs faithfully and served their master, seeking his good, even without being promised reward for it. And other than his word, they had no assurance that their master would return. Very simply, they were faithful to their lord. Among other things, what the parable teaches us is that Christ will award positions in the government of the

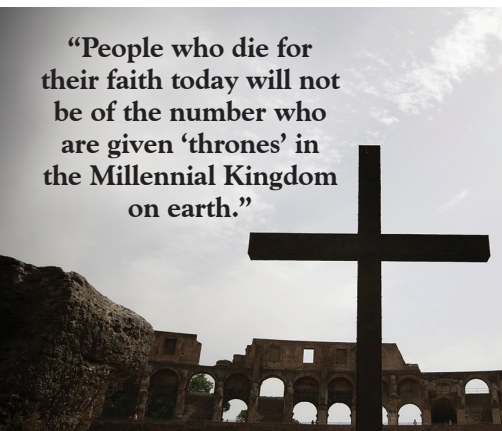
Kingdom to people who were faithful to Him under that Kingdom program, and they will be given authority over *actual cities*.

The Lord tells us that, within the Tribulation period, “...he that overcometh, and keepeth My works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations” (Rev. 2:26), and, “To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne” (Rev. 3:21). The overcomers of the Tribulation period will be those who overcome the intense pressure to take the mark of the Beast and who believe in Christ as the Messiah and endure the persecution by the Antichrist to the end of the Tribulation. These faithful saints will also be rewarded with “power over the nations” and will sit with Christ in His throne. God will reward the faithfulness of the Kingdom saints with exalted positions in His Millennial Kingdom.

Across every dispensation, God desires and is well-pleased by faithfulness from His people. It’s been rightly said that the world crowns success, but God crowns faithfulness. God will reward our faithfulness to Him in the Body of Christ under grace as well. 1 Corinthians 4:1-2 states, “Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.” God wants us to be faithful to His truth of the mystery, the revealed secret of the heavenly hope and calling of the

Body of Christ. And God wants us to be faithful to live a life for His glory in service to Him.

“People who die for their faith today will not be of the number who are given ‘thrones’ in the Millennial Kingdom on earth.”



People who die for their faith today will not be of the number who are given “thrones” in the Millennial Kingdom on earth. Today, the ministry of Christ is

“according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began” (Rom. 16:25). Faith in Christ, that He died for our sins and rose again, is what saves our souls today. This is the gospel of the grace of God. For the Body of Christ, 2 Timothy 2:12 tells us, “If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him....” There will be an exalted, reigning position for those who suffer and die for Christ under grace, but their reigning position for all eternity is *in the heavenly places*, where God “hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus” (Eph. 2:6).



1. Joseph H. Thayer, *Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament* (Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson Publishers, Inc., 1997), entry no. 3990, p. 499.

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PUZZLE OR PICTURE

Where “rightly dividing the Word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15) is concerned, our spiritual leaders are like a group of people, each one of whom holds a part or several parts of a jig-saw puzzle, but who fail to put them together and so never get to see the picture.

One sees clearly that the so-called “Great Commission” was a Kingdom commission and not ours. Another sees that the “one baptism” of Ephesians 4:5 MUST be the DIVINE baptism which makes believers one in Christ. Another sees that Paul’s apostleship was wholly distinct from that of the Twelve. Another sees that Romans 6:3,4 does not contain one drop of water. Another sees that the Christian’s position is spiritual and heavenly in character. Another sees that the Body of Christ, the Church of today, was never prophesied—even, that it did not begin at Pentecost with Peter and the eleven, but later, with Paul.

But while each sees some component part of “the Mystery,” Satan has used tradition to blind him to the rest. The result is that confusion continues to prevail, and they still have a puzzle instead of a picture.

If only they would put the pieces together! What a clear picture they would see of “the Dispensation of the Grace of God,” and how eagerly they would join us in “THE PREACHING OF JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO THE REVELATION OF THE MYSTERY” (Rom. 16:25)!

—Cornelius R. Stam

This article by Pastor Stam reminded me of how former *Berean Bible Institute* director Dr. Ed Bedore came to know the grace message from his denominational background. He said he could refute each piece of the puzzle that Pastor Stam talks about here as he learned them, but when he put them all together he couldn’t deny that the grace message must be *the truth of God!* —Editor

Intermission of **GRACE**

PASTOR FRED LEWIS

Guest Writer

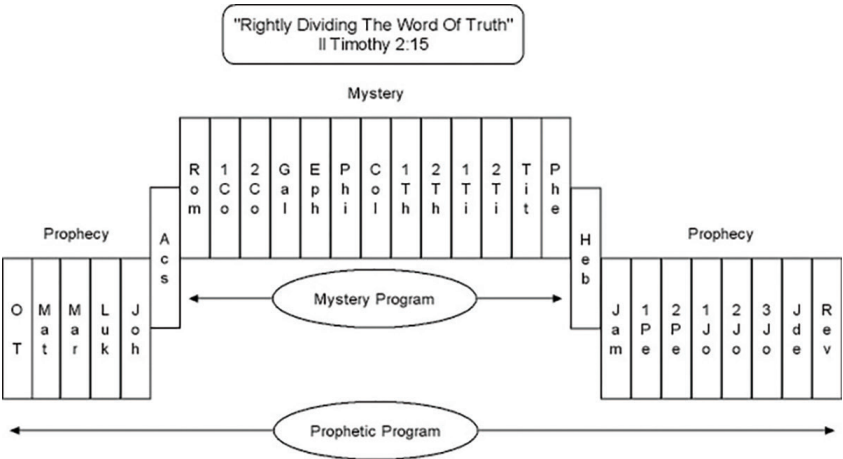
My journey to understand the Bible began in my early 30s, during the 1970s, when I joined a marketing organization whose leadership was mostly Christian. We had prayer regularly at our meetings and even Sunday services at our weekend training sessions. My interest in spiritual things was rekindled during those years, and I began to have an urge to be able to understand the End Times scenario. Also, I ran across a book by Hal Lindsey titled *The Late Great Planet Earth*. This was released in the 1970s and had sold more than 10 million copies world-wide. This book presented an Acts 2 dispensational view of the End Times and used daily newspaper headlines to show that the prophesied events were happening now. Later, Hal wrote another book titled *The 1980s: Countdown to Armageddon*, and by the mid 1980s I realized the book was all wrong. This motivated me to research all the other positions for interpreting the correct Biblical interpretation for the sequence of events in the time known as the End Times. I read about everything I could get my hands on and began studying the Scriptures in earnest.

I was raised as a Baptist in a Dispensational Theology setting and therefore was brought up to believe that there would be a literal Rapture to rescue Christians before the Tribulation would begin. My wife was raised in a Lutheran church, and based on the Covenant Theology from her upbringing, there were wide differences in their End Times scenario. In the early 1980s we joined a new church which was based on Covenant Theology, and I studied with the pastor for about five years and got a good understanding of the End Times scenario from a Covenant viewpoint. Covenant Theology spiritualizes many passages the Dispensational Theology takes as literal. For example Covenant Theology doesn't believe in the Rapture of the church or that there will be a literal kingdom set up by Christ on earth where He will reign from David's throne with the resurrected twelve apostles, sitting on thrones, judging the resurrected twelve tribes of Israel. However,

both Covenant and Dispensational Theology adherents believe the current church, the body of Christ, began on the day of Pentecost in Acts chapter 2.

It's now 1988 and I'm suffering from massive confusion without any end in sight when a Christian friend invites me to lunch. At that lunch he describes a Bible tract he had found in his zippered Bible that he had put there 20 years earlier but had never read until recently. The Bible tract was *Simple As Can Be* by Cornelius Stam published in the 1940s by the *Berean Bible Society*. This tract shows that God changed His dealings with His creation after the conversion of the apostle Paul in Acts chapter 9. He put the earthly prophetic program on hold and started His unprophesied heavenly mystery program with that new apostle. This is what I call the "simplifying concept" in the new Book Two to describe the change from prophecy to mystery. The complete changeover to the new program took about 30 years as Paul was receiving visions and revelations directly from Jesus Christ from heaven. During those years the prophetic and mystery programs were running concurrently and caused much confusion then as is the case today. In order to understand God's program for today, one must "rightly divide" the Scriptures (2 Tim. 2:15). Failure to do so results in a confusing mixture when various parts of the two programs are improperly combined to form non-Scriptural denominations. There are no denominations in the Bible, and Satan has made good use of the hundreds of such that have been formed since the first century. God is not the Author of confusion (1 Cor. 14:33), and it is not beneath Satan to make use of denominations to confuse the church.

The following chart shows the books of the Bible that pertain to which program:



Note: The books of Acts and Hebrews are transitional from one program to the other and back again.

Book One, published in 2006, titled, *Understanding the Bible and End Times* was the result of 18 years of studying the Bible with the “simplifying concept” that was learned from Pastor Stam’s Bible tract. Then, Book Two was the result of continued study over the next 15 years and writing articles for my website that became chapters in the new book published this year. I began compiling and finishing the new book titled *The Intermission of Grace* in the Spring of 2020. The title came about from a discussion with the same Christian friend who had told me about the *Simple As Can Be* tract from Pastor Stam. He said he didn’t like the word “mystery” to describe the new program in effect for today. This got me thinking about something we could call the “mystery” and “dispensation of the grace of God” that would be more descriptive and more quickly understandable. I came up with the word “intermission” from modern stage plays that we are all familiar with and used it to describe the interruption used by God when he brought in the current dispensation with its attendant Gospel of the Grace of God.

If you think of the entire Bible, in a metaphorical sense, as a two-act play, you have Act One as the Old Testament and Old Covenant, followed by Act Two as the New Testament and New Covenant, and of course there will be a Finale when the eternal state begins. There are many scenes in each act that record what God has revealed to us in the Scriptures. The transition from the old to the new was prophesied to be a continuous process, but based on the simplifying concept, God interrupted the process, at the raising up of the apostle Paul, with what this author has identified as the Intermission of Grace. This is the greatest news that God has ever shared with His creation, and therefore Satan’s worst nightmare. Don’t count on everyone readily embracing this key to understanding the Scriptures, but if you arm yourself with it, you will be able to share an accurate account of what God is doing today to deal with His creation. If we can get a sizable enough critical mass of Grace believers in the Grace Movement, there is the possibility of getting a good share of Christendom on the same page, which has been my dream for 45 years. The chart at the end of this article diagrams and lays out details of the Intermission of Grace.

We know that the timing of the Rapture is imminent, and the best hint on the timing from Scripture is in Romans 11:25,26:

“For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

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

The “fulness of the Gentiles” portends the Rapture of the Church before God brings in His wrath in the Tribulation. Then, in order for all Israel to be saved, the blindness has to be removed, and this will require the Tribulation foretold in the four gospels and prophesied in Acts chapter 2, verses 17 and 18:

“And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

“And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

(Intermission of Grace (Mystery))

“And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

“The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

“And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Acts 2:17-21).

Act One
Old Testament
Old Covenant

Creation
Original Sin
Covenant with Adam
Covenant with Noah
Covenant with Abraham
Establishment of the Nation Israel
Covenant with Moses
Giving of the Law
God's reign through the Judges
Man's reign through the Kings
Covenant with King David

Act Two - Begins
New Testament
New Covenant

Birth of Jesus Christ
Earthly Ministry of Jesus Christ
Twelve Apostles
Gospel of the Kingdom to the Jew first
Water Baptism
Crucifixion
Resurrection
Day of Pentecost
Stoning of Stephen

**Intermission
of Grace**

Heavenly Ministry of Jesus Christ thru
Apostle Paul's Ministry
Dispensation of Grace (Mystery)
Gospel of the Grace of God
Spiritual Baptism
Joint Body of Jews and Gentiles
Rapture of Believers before Wrath

Act Two - Continues
New Testament
New Covenant

Anti-Christ Revealed
7 Year Covenant
Two Witnesses
144,000 Jewish Evangelists
Seven Churches in Asia
False Prophet
7 Year Covenant Broken
Mark of the Beast
Second Coming of Christ
Battle of Armageddon
1,000 Year Millennial Kingdom
Battle of Gog and Magog
White Throne Judgment
Lake of Fire

Finale
Eternal State

New Heaven
New Earth
New Jerusalem

Verses 19-21 describe the Tribulation (day of the Lord) that was postponed by the Mystery that I have called the Intermission of Grace. We know that the events from verses 19–21 haven’t happened yet, and the blindness is still on Israel. (Today, only about 2% of the Jews in Israel are Christian.)

I am grateful to have found the Grace message through literature from the *Berean Bible Society* and am greatly blessed to have met and had fellowship with members of the BBS staff, as well as pastors that preach the Grace message. I’m sure that had I not learned about rightly dividing the Scriptures, I would still be searching for a Biblically correct solution to the End Times scenario.

May God bless your efforts to understand and share His Word! 

Question Box

“We know that that, as Gentiles, we will be in heaven with our Savior, but our Lord and Savior will also reign in the new Jerusalem. Will He be in both places at the same time?”

In the eternal state, the Lamb will have a throne on the new earth and will reign from the new Jerusalem (Rev. 21:1-3; 22:1-3). At the same time, Christ’s throne in heaven will remain forever (Rev. 4:1-11). But Christ won’t physically sit on either of those thrones at all times. Christ’s thrones in both heaven and earth teach that He reigns over all things in the eternal state. The Body of Christ will reign in Christ from our eternal position in the heavenly places (Eph. 2:6), while believing Israel will reign in Christ from their eternal position on the new earth in the new Jerusalem (Rev. 22:5).

Part of Christ’s loving sacrifice for us is that He is the God-man for eternity, the “one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus” (1 Tim. 2:5). As God, Christ is omnipresent, but as a man, like us, He is in one place at a time. The Lord will not be confined to the earth in the eternal state. But when Christ is on the new earth with Israel, we will still experience the fullness of His indwelling presence as we reign in Christ in the heavenly places (and vice versa for Israel when He is with us in heaven). Our apostle reminds us Gentiles in the Body of Christ that we have the blessing of “Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Col. 1:27). We are in Christ and Christ is in us for all eternity.

—Pastor Kevin Sadler

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Letter Excerpts



From Texas:

"I heard Pastor Sadler on TV and recognized him immediately as a teacher who understands God has two programs: one with Israel under law and one with Gentiles under grace.... It is so refreshing to hear preachers who understand and can expound it as Pastor Sadler does."

From our Inbox:

"Pastor Kurth, thank you, *so much*, for 'putting me in my place'! After reading Romans 14 (this time objectively), then reading your article, I actually felt myself redden, and realized the error of my ways. God forgive me for being SO judgmental/critical." (God's Word often puts me in my place as well. I'm just sharing the place-putting blessing. -Ed.).

From Connecticut:

"Thank you for your response to my question about I John 1:7-10. That is how I understood it...but I struggle with guilt feelings if I don't confess my sin to God, because it has been so ingrained in me from 95% of Christian pastors and teachers. I always thought, 'Who am I, how can I be right and those giants in the faith be wrong?'"

From our Inbox:

"Just a quick note to thank you for your time and work writing this *Two Minutes* devotional ["Dining With the King"]. It was illuminating and meaningful. Your work is valued and appreciated."

From Minnesota:

"Thank you...for this excellent teaching ["Dining With the King"]. What a blessing you are to us!"

From our Inbox:

"This *Two Minutes* was rich and powerful enough to restore a fainting minister ["Don't Give Up!" by John Fredericksen]. I enjoyed it."

From Colorado:

"I want to be among the first to state that the article you have in the December 2021 *Searchlight* by Robert Brock is a real winner, and easily one that could be shared with folks who are confused by religious circles. In fact, it would be a good one to get printed up as a single tract or small booklet. I had not thought about the so-called term Judaeo-Christian in relation to rightly dividing before, but Robert is correct in separating what God separates relative to this subject." (That article was taken from a booklet you can order on our website. -Ed.).

From Texas:

"The more I read your books and articles, the more I become a pure Grace believer. Keep up the work you do. My church says it is a Grace church but still tries to tie the Old Testament Scriptures and gospels to Gentiles which is very confusing to many. I have read *Things That Differ* and other books you all publish, and now I'm able to rightly divide the Scriptures. Thanks for opening my eyes to the truth."

From our Inbox:

"Wow, thank you for the message on 2 Timothy 2:26 and the messages on Timothy. They have been a great blessing to me. I feel very loved in my heart by the Lord Jesus Christ."

From Illinois:

"I read your links, and I agree. I realize now in hindsight that the 1948 reinstating of Israel is not prophetic. I remember reading Hal Lindsey saying by 1988, 'one generation' shall see the Lord's coming. Now it's 2021, and how's that going?"

From British Columbia:

"Thank you for continuing in the truth, rightly divided."

From Texas:

"Who knew? I've been with you folks for quite a while and had no idea you had an online store. Thank you for being an integral part of my study!" (Now all our readers know. Thanks! -Ed.).

From Facebook:

"I bought the hard copy of this book [*Runaways* by Kevin Sadler] and am still reading it. It is absolutely wonderful and very full of great truths and insights. I am learning and growing from it very much. I highly encourage others to check it out. Very good read."

From Ohio:

"... 'The Temple Hour of Prayer,' in the October issue of *Searchlight*... was a skillful outline of why the Church the Body of Christ, which is often called the Gentile Church, could not have started in Acts 2. This article should be converted into a tri-fold tract and titled, *Why the Church did not start in Acts 2.*"

From Arizona:

"I have been struggling! And clarity is such a BLESSING. Thank you for using the WORD to clarify. So many don't.... I have listened to my own pastor teach out of context, and I don't know what to do about it. I try to stay in love, but I have a gripping need for truth."

From our Inbox:

"I've read Pastor Paul Sadler's first two books on *Revelation* and have started now on the 3rd volume. These are wonderful and easy to understand commentaries, giving the reader a deeper understanding of Biblical end-times prophecy (rightly divided), and explaining well specifically how what Jesus taught in the four gospels relate to God's fulfillment of prophecy and His promises to Israel in Revelation."

From Missouri:

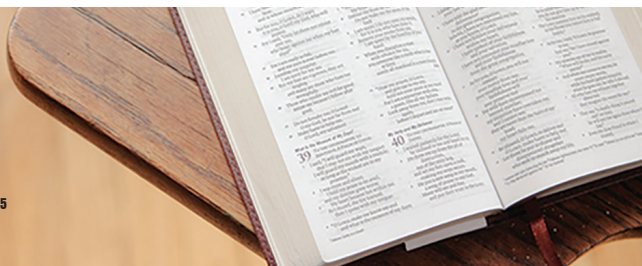
"Thank you for the free magazine [*Berean Searchlight*]. I recently discovered your TV program and truly appreciate your study on the eight dispensations. I recently learned about them from Les Feldick, and your program came on after his and you confirmed the dispensations. I have been a Christian since 1975 and never knew before that we live in the dispensation of grace. I have been confused as to why we don't adopt the Jewish way of life when we get saved, now I know why. Thank you for your truthful ministry."

From our Inbox:

"Thank you for sending the *Berean Searchlight* to me faithfully for so many years. I treasure the blessed truths contained within! The Word of God rightly divided is such a precious message!"

**"Study to show thyself
approved unto God,
a workman that needeth not to
be ashamed, rightly dividing
the Word of truth."**

—2 Timothy 2:15

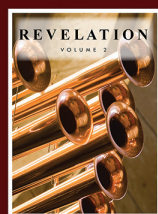


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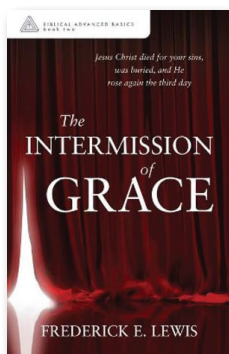


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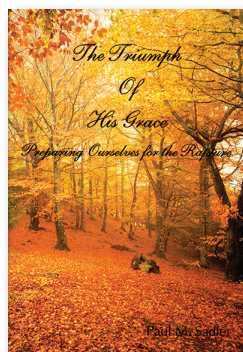
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