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"Blessed be the LORD God of *Israel*; For He hath visited and redeemed *His* people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for *us* in the house of his servant David; as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began; That *we* should be saved from *our* enemies and from the hand of all that hate *us*; to perform the mercy promised to *our* fathers and to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he swore to *our* father Abraham, That he would grant unto *us*, that *we* being delivered out of the hand of *our* enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of *our* lives." Luke 1:68-75; the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic-Germanic-Scandinavian people are *ISRAEL!*

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### WHAT IS BALAAM'S DOCTRINE?

by Arnold Kennedy

*But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet - 2 Peter 2:15.*

#### WHAT IS BALAAM'S DOCTRINE?

*But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam - Revelation 2:14.*

We find first mention of this doctrine in the book of Numbers, chapter 22, and involved in this doctrine is advocacy for race-mixing. Balaam's doctrine is a subject that is seldom mentioned in the teaching of the denominational churches. But it must be very important if Jesus says He holds it against a church. When Balaam's doctrine is mentioned, generally it is suggested that holding the doctrine was a matter for that day and age because the pagan morality of that day would have corrupted the church. The subject is avoided because racial intermarriage is now thought to be a good thing, which fulfils the churches' wrong idea of what the "that they might be one" of John 17:11+21+22 means. In this chapter, Jesus does not extend His words about oneness to include other than His disciples, and subsequent Israelite disciples, in this oneness.

In His messages to the "churches" in the Revelation, Jesus makes scathing remarks about Balaam, the Nicolaitans and Jezebel, all of which are symbols of beliefs. We will see that Jesus holds something against every modern Judeo-Christian Church, as well as all cults that hold the doctrine of Balaam.

Jesus immediately carries on referring this matter back to the Old Testament and He goes on to tell us simply just what the doctrine is that Balaam taught:

*"Who taught Balak to cast a stumbling block before the Children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication." Rev. 2:14.*

Well the churches say, "we do not have any problem with that, we do not do, believe, or teach any of those things." One reason why they say this is because they put an unbiblical modern meaning upon the word "fornication." Let us have a look and see if any hold the Doctrine if Balaam in fact, either directly or indirectly.

The Doctrine of Balaam deals with "fornication" = porno (subconjunctive) that is not primarily about whoring after false gods. From 1 Corinthians 10:8 where we read, "Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand," we can see from this example that we are taken back to the major passages about Balaam, and that "fornication" here is about Israelite males having sexual relationships with non-Israelite

women, either single or married. In this passage, idolatry is a separate issue but the two subjects are coupled intimately together. Israel was warned for all time that God would act against His own people who transgressed His eternal law in this regard.

Jesus described the actions in the verse above as a stumblingblock [a stumbling-stone] to the children of Israel (and Israel *only*). Jesus is writing to the "churches," [that is, those who are the 'called out' of Israel under the New Testament]. These are "sons" = *huios* of Israel, that is, they are among the descendants of Jacob. Jesus says that some among these hold a doctrine that is false. Eating things offered to idols may not be an issue today in the literal sense, but fornication (racially mixed marriage) is a major issue.

Immediately anything against racial intermarriage is mentioned in churches, there is instant opposition. Those who hold the error of the doctrine of Balaam always oppose anything against their belief. But what is being quoted above is New Testament doctrine! It is Jesus who is speaking, so please tread carefully. The cherished denominational multi-racial concepts and the multi-cultural ideas have to go down the drain; we must pull the plug on them. The Book of the Revelation is not the only New Testament reference to the doctrine of Balaam. Jude calls it an error and Peter describes it as a teaching of false prophets, calling it "*damnable heresies*"-(2 Peter 2:1). Now as this is a heresy that leads to damnation, we had better take heed! **If any do not want certain damnation, then no longer hold**

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## to this doctrine.

That perhaps ninety odd percent of the so-called Christian Churches follow this pernicious doctrine of Balaam, will not alter the fact that Jesus says, "I have this against you." Are we to believe Jesus or are we to believe today's false teachers? Jude claims that these teachers "speak evil of things which they know not ... after the error of Balaam." They do not know they are teaching error. This is no minor doctrine because Balaam appears by name 60 times through the Bible. Because of this, there is no excuse for not knowing what the doctrine is. To be damned for holding the doctrine of balaam is no minor matter!

### WHAT DID BALAAM ADVISE BALAK?

The story of the hiring of the prophet Balaam by King Balak to curse the children of Israel is found in the book of Numbers chapter 22. However, it is not until Num. 31:16 that we discover the doctrine expressed:

*"Behold, these [the Moabite women] caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the Lord in the matter of Peor,"* Num 31:16.

In the first instance, Balaam was hired by Balak to curse Israel and God prevented him from doing so. In the end, Balaam counselled Balak to use their women to seduce Israel so that Israel would come to worship the gods of Moab and thus God would punish Israel.

The consequence to Israel of Balaam's advice was seen in a very short time:

*"And, Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab. And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods."* Num 25:1.

That this was the work of the women is confirmed in verse 18. God's judgment on the offenders was swift - everyone who had joined to Baal-Peor was executed. This is what 1 Cor. 10:8 confirms.

In Ezra 10:10,11 and Nehemiah 9:2 we see the required divorce of the "holy" seed of Israel from the seed of others. In Ezra the word "wives" is used, and the words "separate yourselves" is about making a wall of separation between Israelites and their foreign wives, and mixed-blood children. *"Shall we then hearken unto you to do this great evil, to transgress against our God in marrying strange wives?"* [Neh. 13:27]. The "strange" in "strange wives" is *nokriy* meaning foreign, as being non-Israelite. It was the "strange" foreign wives that led to the sin of idolatry.

*"... but hired Balaam against them, that he should curse them: howbeit, our God turned the curse into a blessing. Now it came to pass, when they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude."* Neh. 13:2,3.

**There is a lesson in this! It is not just a divorce option; it is a divorce command!**

Note here that most people seem to think that the "mixed multitude" refers to Israelites plus other races, never seeming to consider that it may refer to racially mixed offspring produced during Israel's time in Egypt.

The prophet Micah also reminds Israel about this matter of Balaam. Through Micah, God asks tenderly in Micah 6:3, *"Oh My people, what have I done unto you, and wherein have I wearied you? Testify against Me."* Then Micah goes on to tell how He brought Israel out from Egypt, and then asks Israel to remember about Balaam.

*"O my people, remember now what Balak king of*

*Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteousness of the LORD."* Micah 6:5

Some say that this is purely about Balak asking Balaam to curse Israel, but the consultation went of from Shittim in Moab right across the Jordan into Gilgal. It was in Shittim where the trouble started.

*"And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab. And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods."* Num 25:1

Micah says that the consequence of inter-racial sexual activity is a controversy that the Lord has with His people. God will yet plead with Israel [verse 2]. This controversy is over pursuit of the wrong object, contrary to the beliefs in Israel's spirit.

*"For the statutes of Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab [who took Jezebel to wife - 1 Kings 16:30], and ye walk in their counsels."* Micah 6:16

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The "righteousness of the Lord" in Micah 6:5 above carries the meaning of "an authoritative decision," and thus has a connection with this matter of racial intermarriage, although this is not commonly taught. This matter of righteousness is mentioned in most places where Balaam's doctrine, or whoredom by Israel, is found. Peter says it is forsaking the "right (immediate, straight/narrow) way and are gone astray following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness"-[2 Peter 2:15]. God warns Israel in Hosea 5:7, *"they have dealt treacherously against the Lord for they have begotten 'strange children'* and says they would be quickly consumed because of it.

The prophecies of Micah concern the children of Israel, and Micah shows the elect remnant that is to be regathered from Israel at the end of this age. It is still the Children of Israel only and not any multi-racial church. The other nations. The other nations "flow into the mountain of the Lord" after it is established and the other nations learn God's ways and thus there will be peace on earth. Micah makes this clear.

Balaam knew that no man could curse the Nation of Israel because *"there is no enchantment against Israel"*- (Num. 23:23). But he also knew that God would judge Israel for fornication and worshipping the gods of other races. Balaam answered Balak's consultation and advised that Israel could be seduced to worship other gods through sexual activity with foreign women. In this case it was Moabite women. (Before any raise the story of Ruth, let me say, listen to #B-106, *The Truth About Ruth*, by Alan Campbell; #K-100, *Ruth The Israelitess*, James Brugge-man; and #F-313, 314, *The Story of Ruth* pts 1 & 2, Stephen Jones) Micah says this is to be remembered. It is to be remembered for all time. If the seduction by foreign women is prohibited for Israelites, then it is entirely consistent that racial intermarriage is equally unacceptable - for the latter is only a ceremonial version of the former. The mixed multitude in our midst can intermarry as much as they like, for there are no constraints placed upon them. The sad part of this is that their life-styles are held up as examples to the rest of the community, and thus to Israelites (and over time it will become difficult to tell one's ancestry by appearance!). This is when the damage is



done. These examples cause ignorant Israelites to be seduced into accepting and even promoting such “tolerant” behaviour. **Every vote for such tolerance in this area is a vote for Balaam’s doctrine.** When we see it condoned or even put into practice by senior politicians, we know that the counsel of Balaam are still alive today. And therefore, we know that the Doctrine of Balaam is still taught today, in Church and State.

**Racial equality, racial integration and anti-discrimination laws are the modern day equivalent of Balaam’s doctrine.** Under various racial vilification laws of one form or another, it is illegal to espouse anything to the contrary in most of the Saxon world. Notice that it is not illegal anywhere else - not in Asia, not in India, not in the Middle East, not in Russia. It is only the Israel countries. Challenge any of Ahab’s counsellors with this information and you will be told that once the basic human rights issues are resolved in these other countries, loftier issues, such as racial tolerance will be next on the agenda. It is a plausible answer, is it not?

Jesus says, “*I have this against you - repent, or else I will come against you quickly.*” As it always is through the Bible, Israelites who marry out of Israel are cut off, or those foreigners whom they marry are destroyed or removed. When reading this, please do not suppose that “Israel” refers to “Jews” because “The Jews” are most certainly not Israel. Israel refers to the Caucasian-Saxon peoples.

## NEW TESTAMENT FORNICATION

We do find some sort of teaching about “fornication” today, it is true, but there are various interpretations. The matter of concern is, with whom is the fornication committed? It has been shown that Jesus referred the matter back to Balaam and the Old Testament, and we can do no better. The Apostles Peter and Jude did the same. The Apostle Paul is bold in his connecting of fornication in the New Testament with fornication in the Old Testament.

“*Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.*” 1 Cor 10:8.

This is about the worship of Baal-Peor. This refers us once again to Balaam’s advice, although Paul does not use Balaam’s name. the judgment against Israel for “fornication” is given here as an example confirming God’s judgment against this.

“*Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition,*” 1 Cor 10:11

Are we to accept admonishment and this example, or not? Paul shows that this is a common temptation for all the Israelite males. At this point it is necessary to remind readers of the foundation that was laid in, “*That Unfortunate Word ‘Gentile’*” a chapter in the author’s book **THE EXCLUSIVENESS OF ISRAEL** (#714 @ \$21.95) The importance of 1 Corinthians 10:1 cannot be escaped where the fathers of these “Gentile” Israelites had been under Moses and went through the Red Sea. These so-called Gentiles being addressed could only be Israelites! Look at it;

they were Israelites! What happened to Israel was that they were led into idolatry through sexual intercourse with foreign women. **This is New Testament doctrine!** The realization of the importance of this aspect of “fornication” will add to the appreciated of a number of other Scriptures. Let us consider some of these.

In response to a question about whether it was appropriate for a man to divorce his wife, Jesus answered:

“*And I say unto you, who-so-ever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery, and whosoever marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery.*” Matt 19:9.

Here “fornication” is not *porneuo*, it is *porneia* (dative). This passage then is not referring especially about marriage to foreign women. Jesus made it clear that all men could not receive this saying, save they to whom it is given [verse 11]. It is not given to every one of every race; Jesus

says so. Much has been written about what *porneia* [fornication] applies to and it is now usually generalized to include all illicit sexual intercourse. This generalization is not valid since “adultery” = *moichao*, for instance, is a different word completely.

“*Porneia*” has also become inclusive of all pornography as this is known today. This is appropriate because pornography is lust of the mind and it is, in the words of Jesus, equivalent to the physical act. Hence pornography is simply the application of modern technology to implement Balaam’s doctrine. Perhaps if we called it *Moabiteography* fewer Israelites would be seduced by it - but Ahab’s counsellors would never accept such a move. It

would be discrimination against Moabites and hence illegal!

Look further into this in the book of Jude, who mentions Cain. “*Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward.*” Jude :11.

Jude links the New Testament with Genesis. What did Cain do? He bedded pre-Adamites thinking it would be to his advantage (reward)! Jude links false teachers with Cain and with Balaam. They had the same error. There was an anticipated reward through the error of Balaam. This is nothing new; preachers still want to keep their jobs and be rewarded by the mixed multitude in their churches.

Paul shows that the pagan practise of mixed racial marriage is not to be indulged in by Israelite Christians.

“*Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing...*” 2 Cor 6:17.

Paul is talking about people coming out from amongst people, not “things.” The “*them*” are people. Can any deny this? [“*Thing*” in the KJV and other translations is not in the Greek text] In this verse, “*touch*” = *haptomai*, is a word used of carnal intercourse with a woman, like it or not [confirm this in 1 Cor. 7:1-3]. The “*them*” in this verse are “unclean” people that are not to be “touched.” “Unclean” = *akathartou* shows that there is a difference between ‘clean’ and ‘unclean’ people, with the clean not to ‘touch’ the

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unclean (people). The “yoke” in 2 Cor 6:14 is with “heterozugeo” which means a *different sort* [Vine], or *one who is not an equal* [Thayer]. This again presents the racial separation of Israel from other nations. God also made clean and unclean animals and fish; each were born that way, so it is a matter of race rather than a matter of belief. Throughout the entire Bible, we have a consistent theme; we find God always keeping a portion of His Order pure, separate and undefiled.

“*Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.*” 1 Cor 6:9-10

No “fornicator” will inherit the Kingdom of God. Here the word is  *pornos*, a word that is popularly taken to be about sodomy, but this must be questioned. Note that these verses link fornicators, idolaters and adulterers together with thieves, covetous people, drunkards, revilers and extortioners, as having the same destiny. Thus those who claim that idolatry alone is the issue, rather than including all the other things, are wrong.

There are frequent biblical references to show that God’s judgment is upon those of Israel who transgress by having this common carnal intercourse with other races and going after “strange flesh.” This is not about sodomy as is often claimed, because “strange” = “hetros” which Strong gives as “one who is NOT of the same nature.” Homosexuals are of the same nature. This shows up also throughout the New testament. Jesus says in Revelation He holds it against the churches which hold the Doctrine of Balaam - Rev 2:14. From the 60 mentions of “Balaam,” it is possible to determine the nature of this doctrine. because almost all denominations hold the doctrine of Balaam without knowing it, we can understand just why it is never properly taught. Probably few “preachers” know what this doctrine is, but all should if Jesus holds it against them! 2 Peter 2:15 indicates that people with this doctrine have “gone astray;” they are off the track! Jude verse 11 calls holding Balaam’s doctrine an “error.”

New Testament “fornication” has not changed from what Old Testament fornication was, even if most like to try to say that *porneuo* has no racial connection today. In 1 Corinthians 10:8 we are told that everything that is mentioned in this passage are for examples to us. When we read what one example is, we find, “*neither let us commit fornication as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.*” We can look back to the Old Testament and find that what caused three and twenty thousand to die started with Israelites having sexual relationships with non-Israelites [Numbers 25:1]. Moses previously had demanded that all Israelites who did this should be slain because of the idolatry that would follow. King Solomon got caught this way and it led to idolatry on his part. We read of plagues in Israel because of this - [Numbers 25:6-8]. We have seen how these things are written for our admonition (vs 11), but because of the popular, but wrong, doctrine to the contrary, this necessity for admonition is not accepted today even if Jesus says He holds this also against the churches [Rev. 2:20]. What this means is that the New Testament doctrine about racial intermarriage is the same as that in the Old Testament.

When we look further at “fornication” as starting with sexual activity, we find the Jewish leaders raised the matter of fornication with Jesus, saying:

“*We be not born (gennaos) of fornication (porneia); we have one father, even God.*” Jn 8:41.

Jesus laid in on the line to them, replying that they were not Abraham’s children through Isaac, although they were Abraham’s seed. These Edomites knew that Israelites were the children of God, and hence tried to claim descent from Abraham as entitlement to be included with Israel, as children of God. They also knew that the pursuit of other gods was classed as fornication and it is by their actions that they show from which side of the line they came. Jesus said to them, “*I know that you are Abraham’s seed, but you seek to kill me ... because my word has no place in you.*” They could not “hear” what Jesus was saying. Then Jesus goes on to speak about observing deeds done as a means of determining who are begotten of God and who are not. Jesus said to them, “*If God were your Father, you would love Me.*” Their actions showed they did not love Jesus. Jesus told them, “*The lusts of your father you will do.*” This indicates the 100% orientation of the minds of the

Edomite Pharisees against Jesus, even if they said, “*we have one Father, even God,*” in the same way church people do today. Although they were Abraham’s seed, their seed had “*gone astray*” when Esau polluted the line by marriage outside of his race. Esau thus despised his birthright. This is what led to his idolatry. Esau tried to find repentance with tears, but could not find it. This is true of Esau’s mixed race descendants for all generations [Mal. 1:3-5]. The whole subject of divorce on grounds of “*except for fornication*” would be hammered home if the churches were prepared to give a

balanced account of the Bible’s teachings.

Nothing has changed in the New testament from that in the Old Testament in regard to “fornication,” a word that has differing forms. we will not go into parts of speech here, but note this for those who can follow it through themselves:

Acts 15:29 *That ye abstain from fornication.....* (Genitive)

1 Corinthians 6:13 *The body is not for fornication ...* (Dative)

1 Corinthians 6:18 *Flee fornication ...* (Accusative)

Ephesians 5:3 *But fornication ... let it not once be named among you ...* (Nominative)

Colosians 3:5 *Mortify therefore ... fornication ..* (Nominative)

1 Thess 4:3 *For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication.* (Genitive)

The “*not be named among you*” is absolutely strict. The essence and consequence of “fornication” is corruption of the truth; a leaven that has to be purged. In the book of Revelation, there is much reference to fornication in connection with Babylon and the Harlot of Rome. Rome is described as *The Great Whore*. This is the whore above all whores [Rev. 19:2] “*which corrupts the earth with her fornication.*”

Ask these questions about the Roman catholic Church:

1. Who is the great advocate of racial intermarriage? Who always has been?
2. Who does not believe that God set boundaries for the

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races [Deut 32:8 and Acts 17:26] and seeks for a world without national borders?

3. Who advocates a one world church of all races?

4. Whom can we blame for the problems relating to multiculturalism, particularly in the Western world?

5. Whose religion blends in with any culture?

6. Who originated much of what is taught today in Protestant churches on the subject of the Universal Church from all races?

Yes, and ask similar questions from those who believe that the Talmud is their heartbeat. Are they not promoting so-called Human Rights and are they not those who call racial separation "racial hatred"?

Corruption in doctrine has led to the many denominations that ignore what "fornication" really is. Jesus said, "Never-the-less, when the Son of Man comes, shall he find THE faith (belief) on the earth"- [Luke 17:8]? The doctrine of Balaam is accepted almost universally and it is one of the objectives of the United Nations. World Government is working to promote the fusion of all races by inter-racial marriage. The object is the corruption of the Saxon/Israel bloodline through inter-racial marriage. Evangelist Billy Graham is reported in the Charlotte Observer as saying, "I don't see anything wrong with inter-racial marriage - there is nothing in the Bible to forbid it. It all comes down to a practical matter in today's culture and, integration is the only solution. We've got to be totally integrated - in our homes, in our worship services, even in marriage." The Apostle Peter would call Billy Graham a heretic, and we must do the same.

Jezebel is alive and well! Rev 2:20,

"Notwithstanding, I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication ....."

What is the effect of Jezebel's teaching? It is "to teach and seduce my servants to commit fornication and to eat things sacrificed to idols." Here we see the two factors linked together - sex and idolatry! Who does Jezebel seduce? It is "my servants," Jesus says. It is God's servant race that is seduced. The seduction is to commit fornication with other races, as Balaam advised Balak. Note well, Jezebel herself was not an Israelite by race. She wrought havoc within the nation. But, Jezebel is teaching within the assemblies! Can we afford to continue to suffer her teachings any longer?

### GOING ASTRAY

We might have our own ideas about what "going astray" means. There may well be many applications, but the Apostle Peter identifies one way of going astray in particular. We can be certain about this way! Please take note that this is a New Testament statement:

"Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness." 2 Peter 2:15

Here we find another mention of unrighteousness that is connected with Balaam's teaching. We cannot avoid the connection, in context, with sex and "eyes full of adultery"- [vs 14] and "cursed children" [vs 14]. These teachers' "promise of liberty" [vs 19] is to be avoided at all costs. To indulge is to have an "end that is worse than the beginning," says the Apostle Peter.

The Apostle Jude brings up the theme also, saying:

"Woe unto them! for they have gone the way of Cain, and run greedily after the error of Balaam, for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core." Jude v 11.

Here we see an attempt to profiteer outside of God's purposes. In Jude, we find again the warning is one of woe over Balaam's doctrine through which the promoters of false doctrine hoped for reward to satisfy their greed.

### WHOREDOM

Throughout the Old Testament, there is much reference to whoredom. When God complains about this whoredom, it is because of Jerusalem's whoredom with other races {Ezekiel 16}. The results of mis-using God's gifts were lewdness and abominations through breaking their covenant with God {v 59}. There are two main words, *zanah* and *taznuwth*, which are translated as "whoredom." Both have a lot in common but the latter word is exclusive to Ezekiel who associates whoredom with non-Israel races twenty-one times. *Zanah* comes from a prime root meaning "highly fed, and therefore wanton." It is used 105 times. There is mention of "strange women" (non-Israel stock), that is *nokriy* and *nekar* as explained in the chapter, "Pilgrims, Strangers and Israel" of the book **THE EXCLUSIVENESS OF ISRAEL** (#714 @ \$21.95)

Solomon knew the dangers, and he fell into the trap nevertheless. It was foreign wives that caused his downfall and descent into idolatry.

"For a whore is a deep ditch; the strange woman is a narrow pit." Proverbs 23:27.

"Ditch" and the "pit" are not the same thing. The ditch can be got out of more easily! ("Narrow" here connects with *the adversary*, in Hebrew). Complete separation (divorce) from foreign wives and children is the only way to climb out of the pit an Israelite has dug for

himself. There is a biblical difference between an Israelite having sex with a harlot who is also an Israelite, and all sex with strange women who are foreigners!

"Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things." Prov. 23:23

"And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman, and embrace the bosom of a stranger?" Prov. 5:20

These three verses tell about "strange" women of a foreign race. - Speaking about whoredom Hosea says to Israel: "Therefore, the people that doth not understand shall fall." Hos. 4:14.

It must happen! They shall fall! Let there be understanding!

All through Scripture, we can find such warnings presented in different ways. They all add up to the same answer from both Testaments. Racial intermarriage leads to idolatry. It always has been so; God's judgment is upon it. While there may appear to be examples in Scripture where Israelite men married non-Israelite women, it can be shown that this is not so. Let us take Ruth as example. Her mother-in-law's kinsmen, Boaz, together with all the elders of the city, had no hesitation in helping Ruth in accordance with Israelite law. Furthermore, Ruth married Boaz and this is the line that gave rise to Jesse and David and this is the line in which Jesus "became like unto His brethren." (Note that Jesus had no human descendancy on the male inheritance side). This is sufficient to establish that Ruth was an Israelite who, along with many, many others, were living in the Plains of Moab. The Israelites had taken it from Moab as part of Israel's advance into the Promised Land. All the Moabites in that area had been exterminated, so Ruth, as an

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Israelitess, was a “Moabites” (only) in the territorial sense; just as a Galilean was an Israelite who lived in Galilee rather than in Judea.

### BALAAAM’S DOCTRINE IS THE NORMAL TEACHING

It is painfully obvious that Balaam’s doctrine is the standard teaching in our Churches, Bible Schools and Seminaries. It has been advocated on Christian radio, television and the press. The false prophet Balaam is heard advocating racial mixture, multi-culturalism and a one world multi-racial church. We have Promise Keepers and other well-funded organizations advocating “breaking down the barriers” between the races in the sense that there is no difference between the races as far as God is concerned. As in Balaam’s time, so in our time; Moabites and Ammonites are still attacking Israel with their false doctrine. The Canaanite is still attacking Israel with their false doctrine. The Canaanite is still in the house of God too, but when Jesus returns there will no longer be found the Canaanite in the House of the Lord (Zech 14:21). The word from those days still applies:

*“Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. 2 Chron 20:20*

But, who will believe today? Who wants to prosper in God? It seems most prefer for Jesus to have something against them.

#### HARD SAYINGS

The whole subject of race is a problem to most Christians. Most try to get over the problem by using one of the following methods:

[a] Teaching the doctrine, and actively promoting it.

[b] Just going along with it.

[c] Spiritualising it away, saying that all believers of all races are the nation of Israel.

[d] Believing/teaching that Israel no longer exists.

[e] Saying there is both a natural and a spiritual Israel - a nation and a church respectively.

Many will admit to not feeling at ease over any mixed race marriage, but they are afraid to express the disquiet even if they do see that racially mixed marriages do not work out well. Today, in this Biblical time of Man’s day, *racism* is classed as a sin of major proportions. To be labelled racist is supposed to be wrong. The racist person himself is considered to be evil. The very fact that this is the teaching of the anti-Christ world government indicates that this teaching must be anti-God. This attitude is being brought into the churches. It is a platform of the World Council of Churches and those who preach a social humanistic universalised gospel.

In the Old Testament, God is presented as being absolutely racist and racially selective. God told Israel to destroy whole nations, exterminating men, women, children and their animals. That Israel as a nation did not do so is the reason that many of these problems still exist today. The question has been asked, *“Has the unchanging God changed?”* He cannot change, can He? God is shown as being totally racist in the Old Testament. What He has said will surely come to pass, even if some church-goers think He has changed and that His Word will not come to pass. We can no longer hold the doctrine of Balaam and be blessed by God. Jesus holds this against the Churches, so we can see that the New Testament is as racist as is the Old Testament.

### QUESTIONING GOD

The vogue today, as ever, is to question God. Election is what Romans chapter 9 is about. We also might like to say that there is unrighteousness with God [vs 14-18] when God says that He *“will have mercy on whom He will have mercy, ... and that whom He will He hardeneth.”* Why then should we resist God’s will? Why should the churches reply against God?

*“Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God. Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?”* Romans 9:20,21.

Paul goes on to show that there actually are vessels (people) *“fitted for destruction”* and that there are vessels of mercy, which He had *“afore prepared unto glory.”* This chapter of Romans confirms the Old Testament sense of being of race, not of belief of individuals. The whole context still isolates Israel from other races. We have to settle whether or not there are these racial differences today. If not, then Balaam’s Doctrine could not apply today. The rising tide of racial strife through the world shows that there

are these differences. The attempts by world leaders to mix the races are not working and cannot work. We are seeing anti-discrimination legislation attempting to enforce multi-cultural concepts. With this, we are seeing growing anti-(so-called “right wing”)-Christian sentiment on the part of humanistic governments.

So, what about the other races? Can we still declare that all races are treated the same way by God? In Romans 9 we find mention of Pharaoh, a non-Israelite, who was raised up by God for a purpose, that through

God’s power, God’s name might be known throughout the earth. God then has different purposes for the different races. Who are we to argue with God? Paul’s sayings are hard sayings. When Jesus spoke some hard sayings [John 6.60], many of His disciples walked no more with him. **Will you also go away?**

#### PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

We can believe that God will hold the doctrine of Balaam against us, or we can continue to follow Balaam’s doctrine. The current multi-cultural doctrine has no basis in the Law, the Psalms and the Prophets. In the churches it is based upon:

1. The popular interpretation of Galatians 3:26-29 which ignores that this book is written to Israelites who had been under the Law. This was covered in the chapter *“Galatians and Israel Exclusive”* in **THE EXCLUSIVENESS OF ISRAEL.**

2. The popular meaning of the word “Gentile” [see the chapter entitled “That Unfortunate Word ‘Gentile’ in **THE EXCLUSIVENESS OF ISRAEL.**”

3. The popular wrong application of *“God so loved the world”* and *“Go ye into all the world,”* where the context “world of Israel” is extended to try to include all races.

The disbelievers try to hide behind every type of argument. The majority spiritualize the subject away by saying the promises were not to the genetic seed of Abraham, but to the spiritual seed of Abraham. The great error in this is that there is no prophetic foundation for this view. It does not have foundation in the Law, the Psalms and the Prophets; therefore it is not valid. The popular thought is to spiritualize the whole matter and to make it a matter of



conversion and non-conversion.

So, what is to be done from a practical point of view? What are we to do if we agree with Jesus and continue in the Apostles doctrine?-[Acts 2:42]. Is it not clear? Mixed-race marriages are increasingly common in our churches. Many have the racial mixtures in their immediate families. This is not easy to deal with in the light of not allowing the Doctrine of Balaam. The answers come from knowing who we are, and in not arguing with God. The message of the New Testament is to believe Jesus and obey God. These are actions to be taken by individuals and hence it is as individuals we must respond. Everyone in Israel is given the opportunity, at some time or other, to hear and respond to the things of the spirit. If, like Esau, the decision is to turn away - so be it for that individual. If, like Abraham, the decision is to believe and to prove it through the deeds of one's life - so be it for that individual. One thing is certain: for everyone who chooses to believe, stumbling blocks and difficulties will appear in the course of life. Understanding our roles as individuals, understanding our society and the forces that afflict it, together with successfully holding fast to the truth is the challenge for those whom Revelation identifies as overcomers. To the overcomers go the rewards. to put it bluntly in the modern idiom, those who reject God will fry!

*"He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death."* Revelation 21:7-8.

In this verse, the word translated as "whoremongers," is that which is also translated as "fornicators" elsewhere in the New Testament.

#### TO CONCLUDE

Tolerance is sometimes called a Christian virtue, but truth is totally intolerant of untruth. This paper has endeavoured to make what the doctrine of Balaam is very clear and that it is a doctrine that Israelite Christians should not tolerate. When Balaam spoke prophetically, it is not the same thing as the counsel he offered Balak. In his prophecy he entrenched the blessing that was established upon Israel who had no enchantment against them. This blessing was for "the last days," that is, following the First Advent. In blessing Israel, Balaam said:

*"Lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be reckoned amongst the nations."* Numbers 23:9

Alone means only in the sense of being "in a class of its own". Israel is still very much unlike all the nations. Israel is peculiar and Israel remains exclusive from the other races in the Word of the Lord. It is God's decree that Israel will always be this way. But how many Israelites will believe Jesus and obey God so that they attain the eternal life to see it?

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**An Investigative Report**  
**& SCRIPTURAL UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT HAPPENS**  
**AFTER DEATH**  
**Pastor Chuck Kuhler**  
**Introduction**

There are three criteria which must be defined and

understood in the analysis of what happens to a person following their death. These three criteria are: (1) the physical body; (2) the soul; and, (3) the spirit.

**THE BODY:** The flesh of the body begins to deteriorate and the body is consigned to the grave awaiting the resurrection. Some have asked, "If the body returns to dust, how can there be a resurrection of the body?" It is a scientific fact that "matter" can not be destroyed, and so while the body may change its state, it still remains. A simple illustration of this can be found in the state of water, which is liquid under normal conditions, a solid (ice) under freezing temperatures, and a vapour during boiling. Flesh and bones may turn to dust, but their matter remains.

**THE SOUL:** Many are told that the soul leaves the body upon death and ascends into heaven. In going back to the early mention of physical man and the soul, we must go to the formation (not creation) of Adam in Genesis 2:7, "And the LORD GOD formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Adam was not given a soul, but he became a living soul, after he received the breath. The word "soul" is derived from the Hebrew "nephesh," which means a creature with breath of life or the 'spirit.' This includes not only man, but also all of the animals and beasts (see Genesis 7:21-22). The soul is not a conscious and separate entity from the body. The following scriptures illustrate this well" Leviticus 5:1-4; 7:20-21; and Revelation 16:3. The body when combined with the spirit from the Almighty, becomes the living soul. When the 'spirit' (or ghost) is taken back to God, the body ceases life and the soul is no longer living (i.e. it is a dead soul), and remains with the body

in the grave awaiting the resurrection.

**THE SPIRIT:** The 'spirit' (or ghost) received from God was "the breath of life," referred to as "neshamah" in the Hebrew and "pneuma" in the Greek. Both the Hebrew and Greek words have meanings to breath, air, wind, animation, etc. This "breath of life" (the spirit), when combined with the physical body, makes a "living soul." This 'spirit' or "breath of life," which is received from God can not be destroyed through death. When you stop breathing, you physically die. Refer to scripture found in Job 34:14-15; Psalm 104:29-30; and Psalm 146:4. In Ecclesiastes 12:7, we read, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."

May this paper and the scriptural references cited, with explanations, provide you with a better knowledge of what happens to the body, the soul, and the spirit after death. The "false" teachings of some may be comforting to those surviving, but these teachings are in direct conflict with the Word of God. I look forward to seeing you at the resurrection where the truth will be known! Praise God.

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Death is considered a rather morbid and foreboding topic and one that most churches and indeed religions seldom stress and bring into general conversation. It is however a melancholy truth, and a fact of life that we all must die at some appointed time. Truly it can be said that so soon as we begin to live, so also we begin to die. For many, death is the great unknown. The Christian who understands Scripture however, unlike all of the other religious beliefs should be aware of what ultimately will be his or her



reward. However, to make the separation of death more palatable to those who remain, the churches have managed to “invent” all manner of traditions, which although they may be comforting to those surviving in this life, are not to be found in Scripture and are false and untrue doctrines.

We find today a serious misinterpretation of death, and what happens to individuals who die. The Roman Church has of course invented the untruth [mentioned nowhere in Scripture] of “purgatory.” This is a sort of limbo dimension in which the individual is subjected to a type of “refining” so that they are prepared to ultimately gain admittance into some heavenly realm. And of course, the more prayers said for the deceased, along with monetary contributions to the church, supposedly allows that the deceased individual will be forgiven a certain number of years of “refining” in this “fictional” realm. In the period circa 1400 to 1500 AD, the selling of indulgences became so widespread and such a highly profitable endeavour for the raising of church revenues that it led most directly to the second-major split (The first schism in Christianity was between the Roman (Western) Church and the Greek (Eastern) Church which took place 867-877 AD, in a feud between the Roman Pope and the Greek Patriarch which involved, among other considerations, power, control, and doctrine.) in Christianity in the form of the Protestant Reformation.

Some of the Protestant churches, for unknown reasons, have continued a variation of this concept, by stating that the deceased “go immediately to heaven,” where they are in the company of the saints, Christ Jesus, and our heavenly Father. This is a very comforting perception, especially to friends and the immediate family of the deceased, but, is it true?

And some churches have adopted the unscriptural doctrine of “universalism,” (The epistle of Paul to the Hebrews, 9:27 states: “*And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment,*” refutes the unscriptural claim for multiple lives, deaths, and resurrections.) which is somewhat akin to an admixture of the Roman purgatory doctrine with that of the reincarnation doctrines of Hinduism, and other oriental religions. “Universalism” is the belief that **all** mankind (humans) will be saved, and that after death you must go through a refining process involving reincarnation(s) and multiple deaths until you reach the plateau of spiritual acceptance to God. There is however, nothing in Scripture which relates to any such practice. In addition, this would negate the atoning blood sacrifice of “the Lamb of God.” A person could lead a life of evil, unrepentance, and blasphemy, and be given another chance, or even multiple opportunities to “correct” their faults in later lives and achieve ultimate salvation. There is no agreement on just how many lives it would take and over what length of time.

How often do we hear at a funeral or memorial service that “Aunt Jane” or “uncle Bill” or “Grandpa,” or some other relative, or friend, “*is looking down on us right now,*” and that “*they are with the Lord*”? The question is, how do they know this? Are these individuals so sure that the deceased person is really *saved*? It depends upon the heart of the person, not whether they went to church and were outwardly good.

Only God knows our innermost feelings! And while

“*salvation*” (‘Salvation’ is accomplished through the acceptance and personal belief that Jesus is the Son of God the Father, who was made man, and shed His blood for the forgiveness of the sins of His people, Israel.) must precede “*death,*” most people and many churches forget about the third consideration, which is “*judgment.*” Are we to believe that when a person dies, we remain alive, or the apostate church, can deliver that person, through intercessory prayer, immediately to a heavenly realm strictly on our wishes and desires?

The 20th chapter of Revelation to John, in vs 11-13 speaks to the great white throne judgment and the opening of the book of life.

*“And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged every man according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to their works.”*

And we are further told in vs 15: “*And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*”

What happens then when our earthly body of flesh dies? The physical body *and the soul,* go into the ground to await the resurrection, and final judgment. The *spirit* returns to God from whence it came. When Jesus was put to death, He went into the grave. He didn’t go to heaven. He had to die, in accordance with Scriptural prophecies, in order for the resurrection and the overcoming of death to take place.

I have heard from some, that the Christ promised the good thief crucified with him that he would be in “paradise” with

Him that very day. But that could not be if Jesus went to the grave. The scripture quoted in the above contention is from Luke 23:43: “*Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.*” (KJV)

Perhaps the explanation of the contradiction could be explained as a translational error due to the placement of the comma following the word ‘*thee.*’ The Greek contains no such punctuation and the comma was added by the translators. If this verse read, “*Verily I say unto you today, with me you will be in paradise*” (Interlinear) there would be no problem as it would indicate that the statement was made ‘today,’ but that the paradise spoken of, is in the ‘future.’

Throughout Scripture, in both Testaments, we find that the dead “sleepeth” in the grave until the day of judgment. This is not a restricted or limited occurrence, as many, even the godly Patriarchs, are yet asleep in the earth. I realize that there is little “comfort” in what the Scriptures truly say relative to the disposition of the dead, but we are to seek the truth of God’s word, and not be lulled by the erroneous and misleading “traditions of men.” See the following scriptural passages as examples, 2 Kings 21:17, 18; John 11:11-14; 1 Corinthians 15:18; 2 Peter 3:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17.

#### OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES ON DEATH

The first mention of death in the Bible can be found in Genesis 2:16-17 when Adam is commanded by the Almighty not to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge

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of good and evil. it does appear to me that our father knew that Adam would eat of that prohibited fruit when when read the words, "for in the day that thou eatest thereof."

Genesis 2:16-17: "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, of every tree in the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die." In Genesis 2:7, we are informed that the Almighty formed man (singular) of the dust of the ground.

Genesis 3:19: "...till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return." Here Adam is told that he will return to the ground, dust to dust, because he has disobeyed God's command in Genesis 2:17. Adam was created mortal with the ability to sin (1 John 3:4, "Sin is the transgression of the Law"). You will note that Adam is to return to the ground. He is not going to heaven.

Job 3:11-19: vs 17-19 specifically speak of a finality of death - that there is no vexation, and all rank and distinguishing characteristics of life on earth are equated. The wicked will cease from their evil, the weary are at rest, the prisoners rest together without hearing the voice of their oppressor. The small and great are there. The servant is free from his master. Wealth and riches provide no benefit or privilege and both the rich and poor are equal.

Job 14:10-12: The fourteenth chapter of Job speaks to the certainty of death. Vs 10 and 11 tell us, "But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost (spirit) and where is he? As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up:

And these lead to vs 12 which reads, "So, man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake nor be raided out of their sleep."

"Sleep" is compared to "death" in this verse, and the words "till the heavens be no more" would indicate that **ALL** sleep until the end of the age and the day of judgment.

Even righteous Job expected to be in the grave until his Redeemer returned, as we read in Job 19:25-26, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and thou after skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God."

Ecclesiastes 9:2-10: The first verses speak to hope, the manner of proper living, and the certainty of death. Vs 5 tells us that, "For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more reward; for the memory of them is forgotten"

Vs 10 provides us with insight about the grave (death). "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." In spite of what some may claim, you can't be prayed into salvation after death!

Deuteronomy 31:14-16: "And the Lord said unto Moses, Behold, thy days approach that thou must die: call Joshua, and present yourselves in the tabernacle of the congregation, that I may give him a charger. And Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the tabernacle of the congregation. And the Lord appeared in the tabernacle in a pillar of a cloud: and the pillar of cloud stood over the doors of the tabernacle. And the Lord said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers..."

In vs 14, we read of God telling Moses that the end of

his earthly days were nigh. In vs 16, Moses is told that "... thou shalt sleep with thy fathers ..." The word 'sleep' is definitely speaking of death, especially with the added reference to 'thy fathers.' Moses, a servant of the Most High, is still asleep in the ground today ... he is not in heaven. If Moses and all of the patriarchs were entombed in the grave when they died, can we expect anything else? When Jesus after 3 days was resurrected, He came from the grave, not from heaven.

Daniel 12:1-2: "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

In these verses we read of those that "sleep," or are dead, being in the dust of the earth and the awakening of some "to everlasting life" and "some to shame and everlasting contempt." This refers to the great day of judgment, when the dead shall arise for judgment. Verse 13 of this chapter, speaks of Daniel "resting" until the end of days. Daniel is not in heaven.

Psalms 6:5: "For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?" Those who are in the grave remember nothing. They are not in heaven thanking and praising God.

Psalms 115:17: "The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence." The dead are not

in Heaven where they can offer praises to the Most High. They are silent in the grave awaiting the resurrection unto judgment.

Psalms 146:4: "Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in the dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead." We read here that the dead shall rise from the grave (earth) together with their dead bodies (a resurrection of the body). The word "awake" denotes that the dead have been asleep, "ye that dwell in the dust ... and the earth shall cast out the dead." These dead are not in heaven, they are asleep in the earth awaiting the resurrection.

Isaiah 38:18-19: "For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth. The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day..." There is no hope in the "pit," which refers to the grave. And in vs 19 of this chapter, we are informed that only the living shall praise God.

Ezekiel 37:10-13: "So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath (the spirit) came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost: we are cut off from our parts. Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and bring you in to the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves."

This speaks to the "dry bones" prophecy in which those of the "whole house of Israel" will be brought forth "out of their graves." Breath (the spirit - the animating force - that had returned to God following their death) will be returned to those in the grave and they will live again. The resurrec-

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tion of the body and the soul from the grave will be combined with the spirit and the whole house of Israel will again live.

### NEW TESTAMENT PASSAGES ON DEATH

Luke 8:51-53: *“And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, save Peter, James, and John, and the father and mother of the maiden. And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth.”* Here again we see the correlation between death and sleep. And when the others did not believe we read in verses 54 and 55, *“And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise. And her spirit came again, and she arose straightaway....”* You will note that her “spirit” came again, or returned to her, and she lived again. It was the “spirit” and not the “soul” that returned.

John 11:11-13: *“These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that He had spoken of taking a rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.”*

Here the saviour states that Lazarus was not dead, but “sleeping.” Another example of the correlation between the words “death” and “sleep.” In vs 17, we learn that Lazarus had been dead in the grave for four days. The balance of this chapter speaks to the faith in the glory of God, and in verse 43 Jesus calls for Lazarus to come forth from the tomb and in the next vs (44) he that was dead came forth.

Romans 5:12: Death was introduced through sin - the sin of disobedience by one man - Adam. As a result, death passed to all men, as all men have sinned and are therefore worthy of death. The redemption by our Saviour through his shed blood, will give us eternal life.

Romans 6:23: This is the well-known, “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” If we die in sin, without the acceptance of Christ Jesus as our redeemer and saviour, acknowledging Him as the Son of God, who shed his blood for our redemption, we are truly dead (the second death). The problem is that we never know when the Lord will call us, and we had best always be ready.

1 Corinthians 15:6: Here Paul alludes to those who had seen the resurrected Jesus and who at that time remained, and some who *“are fallen asleep,”* or who are in the grave.

1 Corinthians 15:16-20: Those who have fallen asleep in Christ shall rise from the dead. Paul is emphasizing the need to sustain our faith, especially when he states that if Christ was not raised from death, our faith is in vain and we are still condemned in our sins. In vs 18, we are again introduced to the correlation between sleep and death. Paul makes no mention of the dead (those fallen asleep in the faith and belief of Jesus) being in heaven. Paul knew that those who had “fallen asleep” were in the grave and stated that without the resurrection, those persons in the grave would perish in their sins.

1 Corinthians 15:26: “The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.” Jesus Christ conquered death which was that last enemy.

1 Corinthians 15:50-54: “Now this I say, brethren, that

flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither shall corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.” Paul is stating that our earthly bodies cannot inherit the Kingdom of God. When he speaks that not all should sleep, he is referring to the fact that not all will die. *“Death is swallowed up in victory.”*

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17: The dead are asleep in the grave. They are not in some heaven, floating on a cloud, looking down on the earth, praising God, and enjoying themselves. They know nothing until they are resurrected.

Hebrews 2:9: *“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.”* It was Jesus who paid the price for our sin.

Hebrews 9:27-28: *“... it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.”* After this, for some, will be the “second death” which is final and eternal. There is no such thing as reincarnation, as the Hindu beliefs suggest. This also refutes the claims of the “universalists” who believe in similar refining reincarnations.

In Revelation 21:1, John speaks of a *“new heaven and a new earth”* replacing the first heaven and the first earth, and the fact that there would be *“no more sea.”* And in the second verse John relates that he observed the holy city, the new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven. This follows the great white throne judgment of Revelation 20. If we are going to heaven, why is there a need for a new earth and a new

heaven and a new holy city?  
2 Peter 3:2-4: *“That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour: knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.”* We see all manner of scoffers and evildoers walking amongst us today and denying the very existence of Christ Jesus. We see his “supposed” shepherds blatantly violating the Almighty’s laws and commandments with impunity. Peter also makes reference to the words, *“since the fathers fell asleep.”* This does not allude to daily sleep, but to the deaths of all our earthly fathers over all of the many centuries. There are many who may publicly confess with their mouth, but in their hearts they secretly deny both the Father and the Son.

Yes, all things have been continuing from the beginning of the creation, but that is soon about to change with catastrophic consequences to the unbelievers.

Revelation 21:1-4: *“And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they*

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*Few want to discuss the issue. Most would rather silently avoid it. After all, it is unacceptable, very uncomfortable and definitely threatening to the majority of Christendom today. And it is because of one simple question:*

### DID ALL RACES COME FROM ADAM?

By Pastor Lawrence Blanchard

*This is a book that cannot be ignored. It is a must read for every seminary and Bible school professor, every student, every Christian pastor and missionary and everyone who claims to be a Christian. Everyone who seeks the truth will have to read this book and discover for themselves whether they can remain silent any longer.*

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shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”

What geologic happening or heavenly occurrence is going to bring about a new heaven and a new earth? If we are all going off to some heavenly abode, why is there a need for a new heaven and earth? And why do we need a new holy city? In the new Jerusalem, there will be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. This is what we look forward to. Have faith in the Scriptures. Accept and believe in the salvation brought by Christ Jesus.

“... Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come LORD Jesus. The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.” (Revelation 22:20-21).

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**DID JESUS AND THE  
DYING THIEF GO TO PAR-  
ADISE THAT DAY?**  
A STUDY OF LUKE 23:43 BY

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Which did Jesus say? “**Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with Me in paradise.**” or

“**Verily I say unto thee today: With Me thou shalt be in paradise.**”

“*And he said unto Jesus, ‘Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom.’ And Jesus said unto him, ‘Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with Me in paradise.’*” (Luke 23:42-43 KJV)

As it is generally translated in modern versions, as well as in the KJV above, this passage has Jesus telling the dying thief on the cross that he would be with Jesus in paradise that very day. Presumably, this would mean that the consciousness (soul) of each were to survive the death of the body, and that they were to go consciously to a place called “paradise.”

However, this interpretation is entirely dependent upon the punctuation of the passage, which was added to the original text many centuries after the Apostle penned these words. When the writers of the New Testament lived, punctuation was unknown. All the words and sentences were run together, making it quite difficult to read. It was not until the ninth century that any Greek manuscripts contained even the barest rudiments of punctuation. The earliest punctuated manuscript (Cod. Augiensis) has only dots separating each word.

It is obvious, then, that any and all punctuation found in the Scriptures rests entirely on human authority and cannot be used to prove how any passage must be read. It is the purpose of this article to prove that the weight of internal evidence is in favor of rendering Luke 23:43 in this way: “**And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee today: With me thou shalt be in paradise.**”

As the reader will note, this manner of punctuation has Jesus saying to the thief: “**With me thou shalt be in paradise.**” Jesus said those words “today.” Jesus did not say that they would be together in paradise “today.”

Keep in mind that since punctuation rests only on

human authority, neither rendering can take precedence over the other, except as may be dictated by OTHER EVIDENCE. We shall now present evidence in the case which will show clearly, we believe, that Jesus and the thief did indeed die, and that neither of them went to paradise that day.

It is commonly thought today that paradise is a place that was at one time a “compartment of hell” (Heb. *Sheol*; Greek *Hades*), where all the saints of the Old Testament lived consciously after they “died” until Jesus “took them to heaven with Him” after the resurrection. And since Revelation 2:7 states that one of the rewards of the overcomers was that they would be given access to “the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God,” it is necessary to assume that Jesus not only took the saints to heaven with Him, but that He also took paradise itself with Him, including the Tree of Life.

This explanation, though believed by many (who must find some way to make paradise consistent with their belief in man’s inherent immortality) is not supported by the definition of paradise prevalent in the

New Testament era. This is made evident by the Septuagint’s version of Isaiah 51:3, where it puts “paradise” in place of “Eden” and “the garden of the Lord.” (The Septuagint is a Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament made about 280 BC. It was in common use during Jesus’ day).

Let us compare the Hebrew version with the Greek. Isaiah 51:3 reads in the King James Version (from Hebrew manuscripts): “*For the Lord shall comfort Zion: He will comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like EDEN, and her desert like THE GARDEN OF THE*

*LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.*”

The Septuagint reads: “An I will be comforting you,. O Zion, and I will place her deserts as PARADISE and her wilderness as THE LORD’S PARADISE. They shall find gladness and exultation in her, confession and the voice of praise.”

The Septuagint version is very important here, because it shows us how the Judeans defined “paradise” during the New Testament era. The word was used to describe perfection of the world order before sin entered into the world (i.e. in Eden); and thus it was also connected with the future, perfected kingdom of God, when the earth would again become a paradise.

It is certain that the thief was asking Jesus for resurrection into His future kingdom. However, Jesus was not about to enter into His kingdom that day, nor was that the purpose of His first advent. Jesus came first as the Lamb of God who was to take away the sins of the world - not as the Lion of the tribe of Judah, coming to rule all nations. Only in His second advent will He come into His kingdom. This is made evident in 2 Timothy 4:1, where Paul says, “**I charge thee therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom.**”

Thus, for Jesus to supposedly answer that they would be together in a compartment of hell called paradise that day would be ignoring his request, or at best it would be a CORRECTION of the dying thief’s faith. The thief spoke of the future kingdom, but Jesus supposedly said, “No, we’re going to a compartment of hell called paradise, and further-



more, we're going there today.

Inasmuch as the thief expressed confidence in Jesus for entrance into a future kingdom following the resurrection, and since Jesus obviously equated the kingdom with paradise, as did the Septuagint Version in His day, it is much more reasonable to believe that Jesus answered the man's request by promising that he would indeed be with Christ in the future kingdom (i.e. "Paradise"). The historical content of Luke 23:42-43 proves this.

Sometimes 2 Cor. 12:1-4 is used as evidence to show that paradise was located in heaven (presumably only after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus). In this passage the Apostle Paul says he knew a man about 14 years previously who had "visions and revelations" (see vs 1) and had been "caught up" (literally CAUGHT AWAY) into paradise. This is often used to show that paradise is a literal place in existence today, and that it is now located in heaven.

The passage merely tells us, however, that an acquaintance of Paul's (or Paul himself) had a vision of the future paradise. Thus, the man was caught away into paradise in the spirit only, as John was in Rev. 1:10. He saw the paradise, the kingdom of God in its restored condition, which the elect will inherit at the resurrection. This is the only interpretation that is consistent with the definition of paradise current in the New Testament era.

Getting back to Luke 23:43, we come now to the actual grammatical evidence. If we translate the original wording literally, leaving out all man-made punctuation, we read this: "To you I am saying today with me you will be in paradise." (LEGO SEMERON MET EMOU ESE EN TO PARADEISO).

It is most important that Luke did not include the Greek word HOTI ("that" between "saying" and "today." When the Greek uses HOTI after the verb "to say," it means (in effect) that we can put quotation marks around the following sentence that is being stated. If Luke had used the word after LEGO ("to you I am saying") there would be no doubt but that he was quoting Jesus' words: "Today with me you will be in paradise." However, Luke did not use HOTI.

There are other passages in which Luke DID use HOTI:

1. Luke 5:26, "And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with feat, saying (that- HOTI) 'We have seen strange things today.'"

2. Luke 19:9, "And Jesus said unto him (that - HOTI) 'This day is salvation come to this house, forso much as he also is a son of Abraham.'"

Perhaps the most significant example is found in Mark 14:30. This example is important, because it uses the same sentence structure as that found in Luke 23:43, except that here it uses the word HOTI.

3. Mark 14:30, "And Jesus saith unto him, 'Verily I say unto thee (that - HOTI) 'this day, even this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny Me thrice.'"

Thus, if Luke had wanted to make it clear that Jesus was saying, "today thou shalt be with me in paradise," he should have used the Greek word HOTI before the word "today."

As English-speaking people, we would seldom, if ever, say, "I say to you TODAY." To our English ears the word "today" would be redundant. Since this simple fact may serve to prejudice the reader against the evidence presented, we should remind him that this was a very common idiom in the languages of the Bible. All three verses quoted above in connection with HOTI used the word "today" (Gr, SEMERON). This idiom was used in ancient times for emphasis, showing the gravity of the event that was occurring on that day.

The day Jesus died on the Cross was a day beyond

comparison. Jesus knew that, and thus He said, "I'm telling you TODAY of all days, though all seems lost, though we will soon die, with me you will be in paradise."

The final grammatical point to make is the simple fact that in the original Greek, the word "today" stands next to the verb LEGO ("saying"). However, the phrase "with me" (MET EMOU) separates "today" from "you will be" (ESE). Since the word "today" is an adverb and modifies a verb, we must recognize that "today" obviously modifies "saying" rather than "will be."

In other words, we should understand it to mean SAYING TODAY, rather than TODAY WITH ME YOU WILL BE. The alternative merely strains the interpretation of the passage. Thus, we find prominent and respected translators recognizing this very fact. Rotherham's "The Emphasized Bible" reads: "Verily I say unto thee this day: With me shalt thou be in paradise."

The Concordant Literal New Testament reads: "Verily, to you I am saying today, with me shall you be in paradise."

Bullinger's 'The Companion Bible' in its notation on Luke 23:43 says, "TODAY. Connect this with 'I say,' to emphasize the solemnity of the occasion; not with 'shalt thou be.'"

We conclude, then, that Luke 23:43 cannot be used to prove either the "compartment" theory of paradise in hell nor the immortality of the soul. We can read passages like 1 Timothy 6:16 with confidence, when Paul tells us that only Christ has immortality. We need not wonder if this contradicts Luke 23:43. We can place our emphasis, not on going to heaven when we die, but on the resurrection of the dead, which is our great hope of salvation (Rom 8:23-25).

For further study in the state of the dead as revealed in Scripture, order the following:

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## THE GREENHOUSE EFFECT & SCIENTIFIC FRAUD

(This essay was written a few years ago, but is still very relevant)

An unprecedented global heatwave. melting polar ice-caps. Rising sea levels. Withering water supplies. Uncertain agricultural productivity. These are but a few of the calamities predicted as a result of a rise in the atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide. And this rise in carbon dioxide, say the environmentalists, is all due to man's insatiable appetite for industrialization, which has put all this carbon dioxide into the air. The solution, insist the greenies, is to drastically cut back industrial production worldwide. But is all this true? Does the 'greenhouse effect' - the alleged warming of the earth's atmosphere due to higher carbon dioxide levels - really exist?

In the second week of December 1988, 12 of the most prestigious atmospheric scientists in the United States responded with a resounding 'No!' These scientists used words as 'irresponsible,' 'a fraud,' and 'lacks any scientific foundation,' to describe the greenhouse effect arguments of the environmentalists and their allies in the major media. (one of the major problems, though, as I see it, [HR] is that this nonsense is spoon-fed to our youngsters in the schools and they are growing up believing it! CIM)

There is no question that the atmospheric carbon dioxide content has been rising steadily over the past quarter-century. That much has been proven by direct measurement. Neither is there any question that it has been generally increasing ever since the inception of the Industrial



Revolution, although some question still exists about the magnitude of rise. And it is likely that it will continue to rise. But from this empirical observation to a 'greenhouse effect' is a wild leap of imagination.

Some years ago, a few environmentalist-oriented scientists of the atmospheric sciences' community created a computer model which predicted what they thought would be the most likely consequence of a doubling of the atmospheric carbon dioxide concentration. They found, according to their model, that there would be a 0.3 - 1.5% rise in mean global air temperatures. Their model also indicated that the warming in the polar regions, particularly around the north pole, would be several times greater than the global mean. And from these two conclusions, came the 'greenhouse effect.'

One bothersome fact, however, is that the real world does not seem to work as their model predicts. Using the precise equations which were used to predict the 'greenhouse effect,' it can be calculated that, over the 100-year period from 1880 to 1980, the mean surface air temperature of the northern third of the globe should have increased about 3.0°C. However, the actual temperature data for this time period and region indicate a warming of only 0.3%. And, as for the north polar region, it has grown steadily colder over the past four decades. To this should be added the work of scientist B.A. Kimball, who has concluded that a doubling of the carbon dioxide, one of the prime raw materials consumed in the photosynthetic process - would, other things being equal, lead to a 33% increase in global agricultural production.

As for this year's drought, a frequently-pointed-to 'result' of the 'greenhouse effect,' the highly respected Dr. Jeremy Namias from the Scripps Institute of Oceanography stated:

*"The publicity that has come about associating the drought of last summer with the greenhouse effect is ABSOLUTELY WRONG! There is no indication that that had anything to do with the drought. It can be explained with normal things as has been done in studies of many droughts in the past and even droughts of similar nature in the plains, and so forth."*

So, at the very best, the actual results from increased carbon dioxide in the earth's atmosphere would have to be classified as an 'open question,' and more likely, just plain wrong. So, why the hysteria?

Dr. Pat Michaels, one of the U.S.'s most respected meteorologists, pointed to a statement from U.S. Senator Tim Wirth, sponsor of several Bills on the 'greenhouse effect' in the U.S. Senate, as an explanation of what is really happening. Michaels stated that Senator Wirth said in August 1988:

*"What we've got to do in energy conservation is try to ride the global warming shift. EVEN IF THE THEORY OF GLOBAL WARMING IS WRONG, we have to approach global warming as if it is real; we need energy conservation, so we will be doing the right thing anyway in terms of economic policy and environmental policy."*

Said scientist Michaels about this statement: *"Now that's a very interesting quotation because what it says is we're going to scare the daylight out of people to get the policy we want, and it doesn't matter whether we're right or wrong."*

The real truth behind the 'greenhouse effect' is that it has been concocted by the Club of Rome and other one-worldist bodies in order to shut down agricultural and industrial production worldwide. Had these people been

genuinely concerned about an alleged 'greenhouse effect,' the first thing they would have done is begun screaming about the burning down of the Amazon rain forest in Brazil. Over 95,000 square miles were burned out - an area larger than West Germany - in 1988 alone. This put over four billion tons of carbon dioxide into the air, almost equalling the estimated five billion tons of carbon dioxide produced by all human activities in the rest of the world. However, this burning was done by multinationals such as Atlantic Richfield Corporation, the Volkswagen Corporation and some of the other multinationals which themselves are some of the prime funders of the world's environmentalist movement.

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#### A Bit of Humor for Today

A young boy had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss his use of the family car. His father took him into his study and said, *"I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about it."*

After about a month, the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss his use of the car. They again went into the father's study where the father said, *"Son, I've been very proud of you. You have brought your grades up and you've studied the Bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut."*

The young man waited a moment and then replied, *"You know dad, I've been thinking about that. Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair."*

The minister said, *"Yes, and everywhere they went, they walked!"*

#### THE PUNISHMENT OF GOD - HAPPENING NOW by Chuck kuhler, Pastor, Virginia Christian Israelites

There are many today who bemoan the conditions and circumstances that are coming upon this nation (and to a large degree upon all of the "Israel nations" in the world. Of course, there are many others who are totally oblivious to what is occurring and they continue in their daily routines without any hesitation. If they do ever consider that Yahweh our God might mete out some form of punishment, they believe that it will be nothing more than a booming voice from heaven chastising and admonishing us, and absent that, they continue in their blatant sinful ways.

Many of our people, including a goodly portion of the clergy, consider the Bible to be a wonderful history book, and the sustenance of the Christian beliefs. They don't look at the Bible as being applicable to modern times. The Bible provides us with pertinent data and information from our Heavenly Father, His Son, and the inspired writings of men. Without the Scriptures, there would be no guidelines for our Christian endeavours.

Our Israel nations are currently being invaded by aliens and non-Israelite strangers. This invasion has been going on for decades, and for the most part is unrecognized as it is not as huge military invasion, but a more surreptitious and covert happening. It is however, just as dangerous and deadly as a military campaign. It can be compared to a piece of hard granite eventually being worn away by a continuous dripping of water. It takes time, but it will happen.

At this time of the year, we hear much about patriotism, and we continually hear the much vaunted rhetoric, "God Bless America." My question is, "Why Should God Bless



America?" America has been ignoring our God in everything. We don't want any mention of Him in schools, courts, media, and government. We have become so wise, that we feel that we don't need God anymore. Consider well what Paul said in his epistle to the Romans (1:22), "*Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.*"

The prophet Isaiah, was born in Jerusalem about 2,770 years ago (circa 765 BC) and the name "Isaiah" in Hebrew means "*God's salvation.*" A more appropriate meaning could not be imagined, as I consider Isaiah to be one of the greatest Old Testament prophets. The words of his Book, written so many years ago, are highly applicable to us today.

The first chapter of Isaiah is a condemnation of the conduct and forgetfulness of the people. Consider verse 4, "*Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger...*" Does this not also fit our sinful nation today? Consider vs 7 where we read, "Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers." Our cities in the past have burned with fire and it is conceivable that they will do so again (caused by the non-Israelite strangers).

In Isaiah 10:5-7, we read of the "Assyrian" being "*the rod of mine anger.*" This is not some new development. In the past our God has used other nations (peoples) to chastise and punish Israel when the Israel people strayed from abiding by His Laws.

The prophet Ezekiel in chapters 6 and 7 of his Book, speaks to the punishment that will come upon Israel; I would direct your attention to 7:24 which reads, "Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses..." We see uncontrolled immigration in this nation with open borders allowing all manner of heathen to enter the country. Our neighbourhoods have become cesspools of crime and violence (see again the box on the previous page). our prison populations, of those heathen who may be apprehended is growing at alarming rates, with the average costs of individual incarceration exceeding \$40,000 a year. We see all manner of foreign-born gangs prowling the streets committing violence and crime. [Note: in the Washington DC and surrounding areas it is estimated that there are more than 6,000 gun and machete-wielding gang members and this pattern can be seen in most other urban and suburban areas of this country\*] People are being terrorized in their homes and neighbourhoods, and this is happening in this nation by "heathen terrorists" who legally, or illegally, reside here. Of course, Tom Ridge, and the "Homeland Security Agency" are blind to all this. And then we see the various church councils and mainline denominations bringing in all sorts of aliens from third-world nations in Africa, Latin America, the Orient, and the Caribbean. By bringing them here they hope to "Christianize" them and provide them with better lives. Their efforts have been greatly less than successful, as can be witnessed by the disasters in such areas as Maine and Georgia and elsewhere.

What did Christ Jesus say in Matthew 15:24? "*I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*" Is this not clear? Further, in Matthew 10:5-6, Jesus tells His disciples, "*...Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*" Jesus did not tell His disciples to go to ALL people. He was very specific about who they should go to. In John 10:26-27, our LORD plainly states to the ungodly Kenites, "*But you believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.*" The heathen are not of His sheep (not of Israel) and know Him not. The mixed multitude at the time was the ungodly rabble who had come out of Babylon.

You are all aware of the myriad of problems that are plaguing our people, and which we feel are the cause for

the punishment being meted out by Yahweh at this very time. After all, if He didn't want it to happen, it would not happen. You can find additional references to this "invasion" in Isaiah 10:12-27; Lam. 1:10; Jer. 51:51; Eze. 28:24, and elsewhere in Scripture. The remnant is well aware of what the problems are and what is happening to our people. The question then becomes, "what is the answer to our problem"? Obviously in today's climate of political correctness, we are not going to change anything. Forget about revitalizing the U.S. Constitution and returning to a semblance of justice and rights. This was based upon a God-involved system which is now long gone. Our leaders - civil, justice, religious, and governmental - now reflect those spoken of by Jesus Christ in Matthew 15:14, "...they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch. well, we're in the ditch.

We are to continue to pray to Yahweh our God for help in this matter. That is our only hope! There is a total Babylonian control over our people, in such areas as government, commerce, and especially religion. we look forward to the return of Christ Jesus, the hope of Israel. In 2 Pet. 3:3-4 speaks to these days, "...there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.' Our leaders today are these same scoffers, who question the very return of our saviour. Please read the remainder of 2 Pet. 3, to ascertain what the future holds.

What is to happen to this invading mob of heathen? Once again, the prophet Isaiah informs us in 13:13-16, "*Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the Lord of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger. And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee everyone into his own land. Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined unto them shall fall by the sword. Their children shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished.*" Especially note the underlined text above. God originally separated the peoples of the world into their own habitation, as can be readily determined by secular history. Obviously God had a purpose for doing this, but man in his infinite and faulty wisdom seeks to improve upon God's ways.

Notice also in vs 13 above, that there will be "a violent shaking of the heavens, and that the earth shall remove out of her place." This obviously alludes to some cataclysmic happening which will take place. We have in the past been addressing various possibilities for such an end-time happening. may I urge you to turn to Psalm 91 and read it for comfort and assurance. Yahweh's blessing be with you.

\* U.S. Dept. of Justice, State and local law enforcement statistics, 6/2004.  
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Sorry about the lateness of this issue. We had to go to Brisbane and were away from home for 10 days. We went to a family reunion, and also had a bit of a holiday at the same time. It was very good to catch up with some of our family and long-time readers, and meet new ones - and thank you so very much to those who provided us with beds and/or meals, We really appreciated your efforts.. We noticed how very dry the majority of the state is especially when one gets south of Mackay. It looked like a tinder box ready to ignite (2 Chron 7:13) We are tentatively considering a camp for next winter. Please let us know if you are interested in coming. Thank you for all the mail received, we are trying to catch up with the backlog. So please be understanding and remember some things may be a little slow getting back to you. May the God of our forefathers bless you, and keep you safe,

