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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 YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE POPES OF ROME"**

by Mark Owen - Canada

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"We have recently witnessed an overwhelming media coverage and spectacle relative to the illness and the eventual death of Pope John Paul II. I am sure that in the forthcoming weeks, the Roman Church will continue the hype and publicity with regard to the selection of a new Pope. We have been exposed and subject to all of the ungodly traditions of this church, all in the name of representing a true and holy Christian religion. What has not been spoken, is all of the evil surrounding and permeating this ungodly church throughout almost the last 2,000 years. Mark Owen, a Canadian journalist, has written a short dissertation on this subject, which barely scratches the surface of the corruption and hypocrisy of Romanism. At the conclusion of this paper, we have listed two references which cover in greater detail those situations listed here in this paper; and thousands of additional infractions committed by the false Roman church." (late) pastor Chuck Kuhler; VCI

On the evening of Saturday April 2, 2005, after receiving the Rite of Extreme Unction, Pope John Paul II passed away. At this time his chamberlain would have gone to the papal hospital bed and asked the Bishop of Rome a question, "Are you dead?" There would be no reply from the Pope. The chamberlain would then pick up a silver hammer and strike the Pope on the head and repeat his question, "Are you dead?" Again there would be no reply. The chamberlain would then thrice call out the Pope's baptismal name. He would then declare the Pope to be dead. This is the way the Church has determined papal deaths for centuries. This is the way of the world's oldest monarchy.

Since 1763 the august Almanach de Gotha has been the ultimate authority on the royal houses of Europe. Listed under 'Reigning Sovereign Houses' is the Holy See. Therein is stated, "the incumbent of the Holy See is considered by Christian sovereign families as the 'Father of the Family of Kings,' [and] his Holiness represents the OLDEST MONARCHY on earth."

The triple sovereignty of the Pope-Person, Holy See and Vatican City - is distinct in fact and in law. Internationally, he is not subject to any authority on earth. His Cardinals are considered to be Princes of the Church and peers of the sons of reigning monarchs. Each diocese is considered to be a royal fiefdom. The word 'diocese' originally signified an administrative unit devised by the Emperor Diocletian, a tyrant noted for his persecution of Christians.

Following are brief sketches of some of the more interesting holders of the title 'Vicar of Christ' (it should be noted that the Latin equivalent of the Greek 'anti' is 'vicarius,' from whence is derived the word 'vicar').

Without a doubt, there was one Pope who was completely mad. In 896 Stephen VII set in motion the trial of his rival, the late Pope Formosus who had been dead for 9

months at the time. Formosus' corpse was dragged from its tomb and arrayed on a throne in the council chamber. The corpse, wrapped in a hair shirt, was provided with counsel, who wisely remained silent while Pope Stephen raved and screamed at it. The crime of Formosus was that he had crowned emperor one of the numerous illegitimate heirs of Charlemagne after first having performed the same office for a candidate favored by Stephen. After Stephen's rant, the corpse was stripped of its clothes and its fingers were chopped off. It was then dragged through the palace and hurled from a balcony to a howling mob below who threw it into the Tiber. The body was later rescued by people sympathetic to Formosus and given a quiet burial. Stephen was strangled to death a few years later.

In 964 Pope Benedict V raped a young girl and absconded to Constantinople with the papal treasury only to reappear when the money ran out. Church historian Gerbert called Benedict 'the most iniquitous of all the monsters of ungodliness.' The pontiff was eventually slain by a jealous husband. His corpse, bearing a hundred dagger wounds was dragged through the streets before being tossed into a cesspit.

In October 1032 the papal miter was purchased for the 11-year old Benedict IX. Upon reaching his 14th year, a chronicler wrote that Benedict had already surpassed the wantonness and profligacy of all who had preceded him. He often had to leave Rome in a hurry.

Gregory VII was a master forger, surpassing even the great fraud known as the 'Donation of Constantine,' the

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document that created the Papal States. Gregory had an entire school of forgers turning out document after document bearing the papal seal of approval. These documents were later systematized in the mid-1100s in Bologna by Gratian, a Benedictine monk. He called his work the Decretum, or Code of Canon Law. It was peppered throughout with several centuries of forgeries along with Gratian's own fictional additions. Gregory also formalized the celibacy doctrine in order to curtail the many gifts of church lands being given away to all of the illegitimate children of priests and bishops. According to Catholic historian Pete de Rosa in his book *Vicars of Christ*:

"Popes had mistresses as young as fifteen years of age; were guilty of incest and sexual perversions of every sort; had innumerable children; were murdered in the very act of adultery. In the old Catholic phrase *"why be holier than the Pope?"*"

Another interesting figure was Alexander VI (formerly Rodrigo Borgia). He reigned from 1492 - 1503. Alexander committed his first murder at the age of 12. Upon assuming the Papal miter he cried, "I am Pope, Vicar of Christ!" In his *Decline and Fall*, Gibbon referred to Alexander as the Tiberias of Rome. Like his predecessor Innocent VIII, Alexander sired many children, baptized them personally and officiated at their weddings in the Vatican. He had ten known illegitimate children (including the notorious Cesare and Lucrezia), by his favorite mistress Vannoza Catanei. When she faded, Borgia took the 15-year old Giulia Farnese. Farnese obtained a Cardinal's red hat for her brother who later became Paul III.

Alexander was followed by Julius II who purchased the papacy with his own private fortune. He didn't even pretend to be a Christian. A notorious womanizer who sired any number of bastards, Julius was so eaten away with syphilis that he couldn't even expose his foot to be kissed.

Under Leo X (1513-21) - who cursed and excommunicated Martin Luther - specific prices were enumerated by the Roman Chancery for every imaginable crime. For instance, a deacon accused of murder could be absolved for 20 crowns. Once pardoned, he could not be prosecuted by the civil authorities. Two hundred years earlier, John XXII had done much the same thing, setting prices for crimes ranging from incest to sodomy.

During his pontificate Innocent VIII (1484-92) granted a 20-year Butterbrieft indulgence to persons who met his price. For a sum, one could purchase the privilege of eating favourite dishes during Lent.

Leo X (Giovanni de Medici) commissioned the Dominican friar Tetzl to sell indulgences which released one from purgatory. Tetzl's famous refrain went, *"As soon as the coin in the coffer rings, a soul from purgatory springs!"* (it is said, that a group of protestors against indulgences, purchased an indulgence for a crime "yet to be committed:" and then lay in wait for Tetzl and beat him up. When he cursed them to hell, and to purgatory, they replied, they were free from those, having already purchased their indulgence).

Pope Sixtus IV charged Roman brothels a Church tax. According to historian Will Durant, in 1490 there were 6800 registered prostitutes in Rome. Pius II declared that Rome was the only city run by bastards (the sons of Popes

and Cardinals).

The iniquity of the various Popes has filled many books, and one has to wonder if the Church has been cursed from the very beginning. After all, Constantine levelled the Stadium of Caligula and the Temple of Apollo and used the stones and marble from them to erect the original basilica of Peter. Could he have been engaging in an act of sympathetic magic, as some have alleged? Constantine's choice of building materials might account for the observation made in Rome by Martin Luther centuries later who declared, *"If there is a Hell, Rome is built over it. It is an abyss from whence issues every kind of sin."*

Very brief mention should be made of the staggering scale of the Inquisition. In his *History of the Inquisition*, Canon Llorente, who was Secretary of the Inquisition in Madrid from 1790-92 estimated the number of condemned in Spain alone to have exceeded 3 million, with 300,000 burned at the stake. A Catholic historian comments on the events leading up to the suppression of the Spanish Inquisition:

*"When Napoleon conquered Spain in 1808, a Polish officer in his army, Col. Lemanski, reported that the Dominicans (in charge of the Inquisition) blockaded themselves in their monastery in Madrid. When Lemanski's troops forced an entry, the inquisitors denied the existence of any torture chambers. The soldiers searched the monastery and discovered them under the floors. The chambers were full of prisoners, all naked, many insane. The French troops, used to cruelty and blood, could not stomach the sight. They emptied the torture chambers, laid gunpowder to the monastery and blew the place up."*

Rome was truly drunk with the Martyr's blood! And, the Papacy isn't faring much better in

our modern age, and would appear to be in serious decline, if not in outright defeat.

In November 2000 Italian headlines screamed, "Devil Defeats Pope!" *Il Messaggero* reported that the Pope had been confronted by a teenage girl in the Vatican who screamed insults in a cavernous voice during an audience. John Paul attempted an exorcism but his ministrations had no effect on the girl.

Devils in the Vatican would come as no surprise to Msgr. Luigi Marinelli. His book *Gone With the Wind at the Vatican* fairly flew off the shelves in Italy, revealing as it did stories of money-laundering prelates, sex abuse and Satanic rituals performed within the walls of the Holy See.

Marinelli's comments echo those of the late Fr. Malachi Martin, a former Jesuit and exorcist, whose 1990 book *The keys of this Blood* contains the following disturbing information:

*"Most frighteningly for John Paul, he had come up against the irremovable presence of a malign strength in his own Vatican and in certain bishop's chanceries. It was what knowledgeable Churchmen called the 'superforce.' Rumors, difficult to verify, tied its installation to the beginning of Paul VI's reign in 1963. Indeed, Paul had alluded somberly to "the smoke of satan which has entered the Sanctuary"-an oblique reference to an enthronement ceremony performed by Satanists in the vatican. Besides, the incidence of Satanic pedophilia-rites and practices-was already documented among certain bishops and priests as*

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widely dispersed as Turin in Italy and South Carolina in the United States. The cultic acts of Satanic pedophilia are considered by professionals to be the culmination of the Fallen Archangel's rites."

Adding fuel to the fire is ex-Jesuit Robert Kaiser with his recent book Clerical Error. Kaiser states that Malachi Martin was something of a confabulist who lived for 30 years as a kept man under the roof of Manhattan socialite Kakia Livanos, the ex-wife of Greek shipping magnate Stavros Niarchos. Kaiser goes on to say that Martin also stole his wife Mary from at one point in the 60s when all three were quartered in Rome. Kaiser also surmises that Martin may have been a paid lobbyist for the American Jewish Committee.

In his new book Glimpses of the Devil, psychiatrist M. Scott Peck weighs in with many interesting comments on possession and exorcism. He also declares Martin to have been most scrupulous in his histories of the exorcisms recounted in Hostage to the Devil. However, according to Peck, although a formidable scholar and gifted polyglot (17 languages), Martin could by turns be a 'pathological liar' and a 'leprechaun.' Needless to say, the jury is still out on the legacy of Malachi Martin.

On the other hand, the verdict on the pederasty that is endemic to the Roman priesthood, is in. The Church paid out more than \$1 Billion in claims to victims of sex abuse by clergy in the 1990s alone. And the American branch offers a very disturbing treatment method to offenders. One startling example should suffice:

Fr. Jay Mullin was accused of molesting a boy more than 20 years ago in Boston. Then Cardinal Bernard Law commanded Mullin to be evaluated at St. Luke's Institute. The Institute is a Washington clinic that was profiled in a Boston Globe article of February 24, 2002:

"Mullin was flown south in 1992 to a clinic outside Washington, DC. The church-run clinic had a huge collection of child pornography of varying degrees, which ranged from soft porn to hard-core S&M images, all featuring pre-teen boys and girls."

This would have to rate as the most devilish form of aversion therapy ever known. It would be akin to treating alcoholics with copious quantities of vintage wine or bombarding junkies with free packets of China White heroin. Truly degenerate and depraved lunatics were running the asylum known as St. Luke's.

Notwithstanding the scandal and shock of the aforementioned, Rome carries on quietly with her program of world dominion. They lead the competition to establish the first one-world system that has ever existed. Their ultimate goal is global religious syncretism, and to eventually wield control and authority over every individual on earth. The human solidarity goals of the Roman Church are identical to the goals and objectives of the United Nations. This is why they are such a perfect fit. Rome only gives the appearance of objecting to the UN agenda. At the 1996 World Food Summit in Rome, Cardinal Angelo Sodana pledged the Holy See's support for the UN's humanistic 'Programs of Action.'

Rome also has designs on Jerusalem.

For 46 years after Israel's (re)birth, the Vatican refused to acknowledge Israel's right to exist. But Rome wants to exert premier influence over Jerusalem, which will one day function as the capital of her World Church.

In a 1993 letter to the Pope, Shimon Peres promised to

internationalize Jerusalem, granting the UN political control of the Old City and the Vatican hegemony over the holy sites within. This was confirmed by the Italian newspaper La Stampa. In March 1995 the Israeli radio station Arutz Sheva was leaked a cable from the Israeli Embassy in Rome, confirming the hand over of Jerusalem to the Vatican. A future Pope will establish his throne one day within the walls of the rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem. It is from here that he will rule his World Church. And this day may not be as far off as many believe. The cornerstones for the Third Temple have already been quarried by the Jewish group known as the Temple Mount Faithful. They are extremely well financed and organized. They have also produced priestly vestments in accordance with scriptural outlines and are presently attempting to breed a perfect red heifer in anticipation of the coming dedication ceremonies. Obviously, Rome and the Temple Mount Faithful are headed for a showdown.

In a letter sent to the Vatican in January 2004, the TMF demanded that Pope John Paul return the Temple Menorah and other vessels and treasures removed in 70 AD by Titus and taken to Rome, where they are presently held within the Secret Vatican Archives.

Recommended for further study:

**Chronicle of the Popes**, P.G. Maxwell-Stuart, Thames and Hudson Ltd, London England, 1997, 240pp.

**Papal Sin: Structures of Deceit**, Garry Wills, Darton, Longman, Todd Ltd, London England, 2000, 312pp

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## HOW DO WE DEAL WITH TYRANNICAL POWERS?

by pastor John Weaver

Do we simply ignore them and hope they will go away?

Do we submit to them in every detail?

Do we begin an unwinnable war against them just simply to say we are fighting against evil?

What are the examples that are given to us in Scripture? What are the admonitions and the exhortations in the Word of God? How did our forefathers deal with tyrants? Are patience and faith involved?

In the *Bible*, one of the most important and fundamental ways of dealing with tyranny, totalitarian and

oppressive government, when that power is already deeply entrenched, is by an age-old method known as Deception. Job 12:16 says "***With Him is strength and wisdom: the deceived and deceiver are His.***"

I'm going to show you Scripture after Scripture which will verify what I am telling you. The basic means for dealing with tyrants is with deception. You have to remember that all tyrants are wicked, evil and satanic. Even those that are called benevolent dictators. Please underline this in your minds . . . write it down in your hearts: **tyranny is never a Divinely-appointed means of government.**

It is true that God has ordained government, but God has never ordained tyranny. How can we say that? Because the *Bible* tells us that **the government that God has ordained is for the protection of the good and the punishment of the evil.** Tyranny is a mis-use and a perversion of that system that God ordained. Tyranny oppresses the good and the righteous and the holy and punishes them, while on the other hand, it will oftentimes elevate the wicked, and they will remain unpunished (e.g. sodomites).



## Lex Talionis of Scripture

Deception against wickedness is part of the *Lex Talionis* of Scripture. This is a Latin term which just simply means the Law of Retribution. Do you remember in the *Bible* where God says “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, ... wound for wound, and life for life”? So that is the *Lex Talionis* where God just simply uses justice and gives back that which is justly deserved.

Let's ask a question. How did the first sin come to be committed? Through deception. Turn to Genesis 3:1-6. The Bible says:

*“the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made.”*

It is the first case of deception. The Bible tells us very plainly that Eve was deceived (1 Tim. 2). Turn to Revelation 12:9-12. The devil is known as the deceiver. Note vs 9:

*“And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the devil and satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”*

Why do you think our Lord in Matt 10:16 tells us that we are to be “wise as serpents and harmless as doves. Behold, I send you forth as sheep in wolf country.”

A sheep is probably one of the most defenseless of all animals. They really can't bite, can't kick, can't run very fast, and the truth is that unless a sheep uses wisdom it's soon going to be devoured by the wolves. So God tells us we are to be 'wise as serpents and harmless as doves.'

Deception is the basic means that God has ordained to use when dealing with tyrants ... those who are already entrenched in their power. It is true that deception is part of the *Lex Talionis* of Scripture, and since deception started, there are many deceivers, it is therefore lawful to deceive the deceiver.

### A Word of caution:

Deception is to be used against tyranny and wickedness and evil and unGodliness; it is not to be used against those to whom we owe the truth.

Let me go a little bit further. We cannot use what I am going to teach you today to violate the 9th Commandment where God says we are not to bear false witness against our neighbour. Turn in your Bibles to Psalms 24:3-4,

*“Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in His holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.”*

So very obviously God is saying that we are to be, generally speaking, people without guile, and people without a deceitful heart. The truth is that being without guile and being without deception is one of the most important things for the child of God to be. Now look at Psalm 10:7. Note what God says about the wicked:

*“His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and vanity.”*

Look in Psalm 36:3. Talking about the wicked, God says,

*“The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, and to do good.”* and Ps. 50:19

*“Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit.”*

God has classified the wicked as always being deceitful people. How is it then that there are times that the righ-

teous, Godly, undeceitful people may lawfully use deceit?

### Deceit is used in Warfare

Deception is the art of misleading the enemy into doing something or not doing something ... into thinking something or into not thinking something ... so that his position will be weakened and undermined with the result that he will not be able to accomplish his purpose.

Deception is used in every war. When our troops go to war, they do not stand in orange and say, “Here we are.” What do our troops do? They put on camouflaged clothing. Do you realize that camouflaged clothing is a form of deception?

I have in my library a book that is titled Deception in WWII. And I was astounded at some of the things we did during WWII. Do you realize there were bunkers with huge guns in them camouflaged as ice cream shacks? We had inflatable tanks and bombers to make the enemy think we had more than we had.

So camouflage is just simply a type of deception and deception is used in war. Deception is plainly, obviously a form of dying. It's a form of stretching the truth, or perverting the truth.

God Himself used deception in the Bible. God still uses deception, and I can show it to you in black and white. Look in your Bible at 1 Sam 16:1-2, look at verse 2,

*“and the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD...”*

Well, was that true? Yes, Well, was it the whole truth? No, because he's going to do more than sacrifice. He was going to anoint David to be king. So, not only did God use deception in this instance, God is the one who told Samuel to do that which was an act of deception on God's part. Look to 1 Sam 15:26-29. God had rejected Saul. And God is the one that came up with this

ruse. Turn to Ezekiel 14:7-9,

*“And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the LORD have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of My people Israel.”*

How much plainer could you have it? God said “if there's a prophet that is deceived, I have deceived him.” Saul and Ahab were tyrants. They had deceived others, so God allowed them to be deceived. It's the *Lex Talionis* of Scripture. It's an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, ... **deceit for deceit.** Does God still use deception? Oh, yes. Look at 2 Thess 2:10-12,

*“And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish: because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.** That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”*

The word delusion is the Greek word *plane*. It literally means a fraud, a deceit, a delusion, an error. God said “I will send them deceit. I will send them a delusion that they may believe a lie.” God said “if they want a deceit, that is exactly what I shall give them.” It's a lawful method to use when you deal with tyrants. I want to show you from the Bible how our fathers dealt with deceit toward tyranny.

### God Almighty Blessed Abraham's Deceit

Here is one of the first illustrations in the Bible of using deceit to deal with tyranny. Turn to Gen. 12:10-13:4, this is

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when Abram said Sarai was his sister and the Pharaoh was plagued because he took Sarai. A famine forced Abram to go down into Egypt. Abram knew the wickedness of the Egyptians. He knew the tyranny of the pharaoh. Abram told Sarai to tell everybody she was his sister "because they'll kill me just to get to you."

This was not unmanly for Abram to do. In Bible times and in Bible lands, there was a custom known as patriarchy. This is, if a woman's parents were dead, it meant that if someone wanted to marry that woman, he had to negotiate with her brother. And when Abraham told Sarai to tell them he was her brother, Abraham knew that he could still protect his wife because he could prevent any marriage from taking place because anyone who wanted Sarai had to deal with him.

Pharaoh was a wicked man and what he did was that he simply took Sarai, against custom, against the laws of hospitality; and therefore, God plagued his house.

Look in verses 18,19. Pharaoh tries to be an accuser: **Why did thou not tell me she was thy wife?** Pharaoh says, "I am the righteous one, you are the unrighteous one."

No, if Pharaoh was so righteous, why did he just reach out and take Sarai without even trying to negotiate with Abram? No, if pharaoh was so righteous, why did he just reach out and take Sarai without even trying to negotiate with Abram?

Abram used deceit in dealing with a tyrant in order to save his life, and also save the life of his wife. **There was no condemnation of Abraham in this instance for using deceit for dealing with pharaoh.** Look at Genesis 20:1-18. You will see Abraham dealing with deceit again. Once again here is a king that violates the law of the custom of the land. Abimelech King of Gerar, took Sarah. vs 11 says:

"Because I thought Surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake."

I want you to note once again that Abraham lies or deceives the king of gerar. Note also there is no condemnation for Abraham. Also note that which made Abraham's deceit successful was the blessing of God upon it. God used this deceit to deal with this tyrant, and once again He increased and blessed Abraham because of it. Isaac picked up this same method of dealing with tyranny from his father, Turn to Genesis 26:1-12. vs 12 says,

"Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold; and the LORD blessed him."

What did Isaac do? He used deceit. He said "Rebekah is my sister." Although the king found out his ruse, his deceit was from God. The Bible says he reaped a hundred-fold and the LORD blessed him. Exodus 1:15-21 says,

"And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah: and he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it be a daughter, then she shall live. But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive...: Therefore God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxes very mighty."

The midwives lied. They used deceit. They knew pharaoh was a tyrant and wicked. And the Bible says God dealt well with them because of it. [would that our people today picked up on this principle to become mighty as a people, but many can't even find a suitable spouse! CIM]

Continuing into chapter 2, is the story of Moses. Moses' mother uses deceit, keeping her pregnancy hid, and

hid the child three months, deliberately, deceitfully going contrary to the law of the land in dealing with the pharaoh. Hebrews 11:23 says,

"By faith, Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment."

Turn to Joshua 2:4. Here is the story of Rahab the harlot. You remember how the two spies came into her house and she hid them? Rahab responded to the king and his men with an out and out lie. What was she doing? She was deceiving a tyrant, an oppressor. She was deceiving the wicked unGodly ruler. Turn in your bibles to the book of Judges 4:16-24. Balak has been chasing Sicerca, who is the leader of the enemy army. Look what happens:

"But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Harosheth of the Gentiles (nations), and all the host of Sisera fell upon the edge of the sword; and there was not a man left. Howbeit Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite. And jael went out to meet Sisera, and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And when he had turned in unto her into the tent, she covered him with a mantle..... Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died....."

Let me show you the praise that Jael got. In judges 5:24, you have the Song of Deborah and Balak. Here God records

"Blessed above women shall Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite be, blessed shall she be above women in the tent."

God is praising jael for what she did. What did she do? She used deceit and then took the life, and murdered the enemy.

Turn to 1 Samuel 19:8-17. David and Michal used deceit. What has Michal done? She told David, if you tarry here in the morning, you're going to die. She lied to the messengers, and when her father asked why she had deceived him, she lied again. She was using deceit.

1 Samuel 21:10-15, watch how David does it. David fled from saul, but he happens to have fled to Achish.

"And he changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard..."

What did David do? David used deceit. He pretended like he was insane to escape this particular tyrant. Read 1 Samuel 27. Once again David uses deceit against Achish. The whole time David is with Achish, David is fighting against the enemies of his people. For instance, skip down to vs 10,

"And Achish said, Whither have ye made a road today? And david said, Against the south of Judah, and against the south of the Jerahmeelites, and against the south of the Kenites."

What did David do? David is killing Philistines! He's staying with the enemy Philistines, and killing the enemy Philistines, and deceiving the enemy and lying to the enemy.

Look at 1 Samuel 20. David is about to escape from Saul, and Jonathan devised a method to let David know if Saul was wanting to kill him. Jonathan joined in with David in deceiving his father because his father was a

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### WHEN LACK OF DECEIT CAUSES YOU TO SIN

I told you that deception is the most basic and fundamental way of dealing with tyrants. Deception is a lawful means to combat evil wickedness and tyranny.

It is a non-violent way of protecting our lives, our families, and our property. It is right to protect your life or your family or your property by use of deception. Let me give you the principle:

You do not owe the truth to one who's going to abuse the truth. If you give the truth to someone who's going to abuse it, then you become a partaker and accomplice in that individual sin.

Let me give you an illustration. Here's a man who puts a pistol in my face and says "Give me all your money." I reach into my pocket and pull out two federal reserve notes and I hand them to him. He looks at me and says, "Is this all you've got?" Do you think I'm going to stand there and say "cannot tell a lie; there's a hundred dollar bill in my shoe?" If I tell him that, I'm assisting him in his thievery and violating the Law of God! I'm not going to assist a thief in stealing what I've got. [think also of thieves in government and thieves in uniform].

I may lawfully use deception to prevent him from taking from me that which God has given me stewardship over.

**The principle is: You do not owe the truth to someone who's going to abuse the truth. That's why deception may lawfully be used in dealing with tyrants and wickedness and oppressive governments and their departments.**

Let me give you one other caution. Young people, listen to me! We are not to be liars or deceivers generally speaking. We cannot use what I have just preached about to lie to and deceive those individuals we owe the truth. You owe the truth to your parents [even if you think they may be tyrannical]. you owe the truth to those who have Lawful authority over you, who are exercising that authority in obedience to God. If you have a teacher that is exercising a Lawful authority in obedience to God, you owe that teacher the truth!

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### WHOSE MARK?

Most people are worried about defining and not taking what they believe is the "Mark of the Beast." There are lots of interpretations about just what that particular mark is and much time and study... and fear .... devoted to that subject.

But don't you think we should be more concerned about whether or not we have the Mark of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus the Anointed?

Let us ever strive to be His obedient servants and to learn and live to bring glory and honor to Him in all we do, so to be worthy of His Mark.

He alone has the power to save us. It is to Him our Heavenly Father hath given all authority over all of us, and over all His creation ... for ever. (Matt 28:18).

### TREATISE ON OATHS by William Penn

As oaths were introduced on account of falsehood and distrust, it is reasonable that a religion which establishes truth and confidence should put an end to them [a religion which does the opposite, does away with oaths through the use of the Kol Nidre prayer, once a year! CIM]

They subject truth and those that love it to the same

tests that have been invented against fraud, thereby effacing the distinction between integrity and perfidiousness. By complying with the custom of taking oaths, we fear we should be guilty of rebellion against the discoveries God hath made to our souls of His ancient holy way of Truth.

Oaths have been so familiar among men, that they have lost that "awful influence," which was the reason alleged for using them. A proper sense of the omnipresence of God renders oaths unnecessary.

They do not afford the hearer any certain evidence of truth, for the judgments of God are not usually seen to attend false swearing as they did in the ancient law of jealousy. We consider it presumptuous to summon God as a witness on trivial occasions. The form of the oath is itself objectionable, being made up of superstition and ceremony.

The example and precepts of our Saviour are directly opposed to oaths of every kind. Under the Mosaic Law, swearing, like divorce, and some other practices, was permitted "because of the hardness of their hearts," but "Jesus Christ refers to that law, and adds, "I say unto you, swear not at all" - Matt 5:34.

Swearing is contrary to the very nature of Christianity, for it is intended to extirpate those dispositions in man which first led to oaths.

Courtesy Hear Ye! Hear Ye!, address above.

### AS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH by Stephen Flurry

Listening to the media after President Bush and the Republicans won the 2004 elections, one might have assumed that the United States was in the midst of a great spiritual revival. According to the skewed findings of one poll. Americans supposedly based their vote on "moral values" more than any other single issue, including terrorism, the war in Iraq and the economy. *Americans had had enough. Moral values now mattered.*

As is often the case, the mainstream media couldn't have been more wrong. As we informed our readers in December 2004, "In truth, our moral values have been in sharp decline for decades. ... No Republican victory will ever resurrect our nationwide moral collapse."

Fast-forward two years. Led by a radical leftist from San Francisco, the Democrats rallied to wrest control of Congress from the Republicans. This time, however, mainstream commentators seemed indifferent to the agenda of America's new third-most powerful leader, Nancy Pelosi—who is for homosexual marriage, abortion rights, higher taxes, and amnesty for illegal immigrants, and is anti-military.

One right-wing commentator insisted that America was still a morally conservative nation, no matter the gains liberals enjoyed at the ballot boxes. How did he arrive at that conclusion? By pointing to controversial referendums also voted on in November, like homosexual marriage. America is morally conservative, he said, because 56 percent of Coloradoans voted to ban homosexual marriage.

Fifty-six percent? We're morally "conservative" because only 44 percent of citizens in Colorado want to legalize homosexual marriage? Imagine George Washington stepping into a voting booth in 1792 and reading "Legalize Same-Sex Marriage" on his ballot. Or "Legalize Marijuana." Or "Parental Notification"—should doctors notify parents before performing an abortion on a 12-year-old?

That these items are *even being voted on* illustrates how steep our moral slide has been the past few genera-

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**PREMARITAL SEX NOW “NORMAL”** In December, a new study revealed that 95 percent of Americans have had sex prior to marriage. Based on his findings, the author of the study argued against government-sponsored abstinence-only programs, saying that we should focus instead on teaching young people to be “safe once they become sexually active—which nearly everyone eventually will.”

In other words, why bother with teaching God’s Laws if everyone fornicates before marriage? When called upon to defend the Bush administration’s abstinence policies, Wade Horn of the Department of Health and Human Services said the purpose was to “help young people delay the onset of sexual activity.” But was it to discourage premarital sex among adults? “Absolutely not,” he said. “The Bush administration does not believe the government should be regulating or stigmatizing the behaviour of adults.”

Fine—the government cannot regulate human conduct. Churches do that, right? - Wrong! Church leaders today know well that if they were to preach God’s view on morality, they would lose congregants. As Jay Tolson wrote in *U.S. News & World Report*, “While most evangelicals would like to see Christian morality as the ruling ethos of the nation, they also believe Americans should be free to live the way they choose” (Dec. 8, 2003). The title of a *USA Today* article says it all: “Americans define faith *their* way” (Sept 12, 2006; emphasis SF throughout).

Tolson quoted one preacher from North Carolina saying, “The bottom line is that evangelicals subscribe to personal faith as paramount ... You can’t shove religion down people’s throats.” This is why, Tolson explained, “evangelicals put so much money and energy into extensive *social-service* ministries, and why so many evangelical pastors strive to create ‘*seeker-friendly*’ mega-churches with non-traditional, multimedia services that *reassure* and *entertain* as much as they edify.”

And to think, these social-service ministries with a *come-as-you-are, stay-as-you-are* gospel have those on the secular left downright terrified. FORGET ABOUT RADICAL ISLAM. Run from the Christian fundamentalists!

### KNOW JESUS?

Another pastor quoted in Tolson’s article admitted that abortion and homosexuality were “minor concerns” at his church. “The bell we beat is that we must know Jesus.”

*Know Jesus?* You mean the same Jesus who called upon sinners to *repent*? The same Jesus who admonished the Samaritan woman at Jacob’s well to “call thy husband,” knowing full well that she was living with a man out of wedlock? “Ye worship ye know not what,” He told the woman after she claimed to be religious (John 4:22). *That Jesus?*

What about the Jesus who confronted the woman caught in the act of adultery? *I don’t condemn you*, He said, before adding, “Go and SIN NO MORE” (John 8:11). She wasn’t lost. But she was living in sin—AND JESUS CHRIST TOLD HER TO STOP. *Shame on Him for “shoving His religion down her throat.”*

Jesus said to even *look* upon a woman in lust is adultery (Matt 5:28)). And adultery is something we must repent of—or else.

Or else what? *New Testament* theology says that adulterers and fornicators will NOT inherit the Kingdom of God (1 Cor 6:9-10). It most certainly does not say *define your religious views YOUR way*. It does not say, *We want to reassure you that we’re fine with premarital sex. Just come join us for some good old-fashioned entertainment this*

*Sunday.*

God’s Word says, point blank, that adulterers and fornicators will not inherit the Kingdom of God—period. Now put yourself in the congregation at Corinth. You’re sitting there before services in the spring of AD55 and find out that your pastor wrote a lengthy letter that will be read as the sermon for the day. *Fantastic!* you think to yourself. *We get to hear from God’s apostle today.*

And then—BAM! Paul rebukes the entire congregation for allowing FORNICATION in the church (1 Cor 5:1). He then publicly excommunicates the known offender and asks the brethren pointedly, DON’T YOU KNOW *that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?* (vs 6). *This is Christianity 101*, he says. *If we begin to tolerate such blatant disregard for God’s Laws in our midst, then that rebellious, define-faith-your-own-way attitude will infect the whole congregation.* Paul instructs, *Cast out the offender and don’t even communicate with him* (vs 9).

He then asks, *Don’t you know that adulterers and fornicators will not inherit the Kingdom of God?* This is fundamental, in other words.

IT’S ALSO DEADLY SERIOUS! Why aren’t theologians today willing to risk personal gain for the sake of telling their congregants the TRUTH? That’s how Paul ministered. Right after his conversion, while in Damascus, antagonists plotted to kill jim, prompting a few of his supporters to lower him from a window in a basket to facilitate his escape to Jerusalem. After he arrived there, his disputing with the Grecians triggered another murderous plot. Paul fled again to Caesarea and then Tarsus.

During his evangelistic tours, Paul was expelled from Antioch, Iconium and Berea; stoned and left for dead at Lystra; mobbed at Thessalonica and Ephesus; beaten with rods and jailed in Philippi; arrested in Corinth and Jerusalem; jailed in Caesarea; shipwrecked in Malta; and then jailed twice in Rome, his second go-round ending in his beheading. *That’s just what we glean from the book of Acts.* In 2 Corinthians, Paul tells us the Jews whipped him with 39 stripes on five separate occasions. Three times he was beaten with rods.

Now imagine this same Paul, whose body was visibly marred by the multiple beatings, stonings and whippings, starting a mega-church where Christians were free to live the way *they* chose. Imagine this same servant of God, who “knew Jesus,” saying that abortion, homosexuality, adultery and fornication were of “minor concern.” Entertainment and building up people’s self-esteem—*that’s what really fills the seats.*

YOU KNOW it wasn’t like that. Paul risked everything—and ultimately sacrificed his own head—in order to preach the word, “to REPROVE, REBUKE, EXHORT with all longsuffering and doctrine,” which is what he instructed his most trusted assistant to do. Shortly before his beheading, Paul wrote, “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (2 Tim 4:3-4).

Because of their own lusts, people simply will not hear the law of God. They want to be told “smooth things” (Isaiah 30-9-10). And preachers today—under the heavy influence of our secularist, anti-God, moral-relativist culture—seem more than happy to oblige them.

Where does Almighty God pin the guilt for this moral collapse? He pins it squarely on the world’s clergy—the theologians—the priests—the rectors—the ministers—the

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preachers! They, who ought to be society's moral leaders, have forsaken the Creator God and have become society's followers.

Just because 95 percent of the people are doing it doesn't mean God considers the conduct lawful.

### **DIVORCE NOW "MORAL"**

Sixty-six percent of Americans now view divorce as "morally acceptable," according to Gallup's annual Values and Beliefs survey. Not just acceptable—*morally* acceptable.

How would Jesus respond to that poll? "It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: BUT I SAY UNTO YOU, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication [this has to do with illicit sexual activity prior to marriage that was not disclosed to the spouse until after the wedding; fraud, in other words] causeth her to commit adultery; and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery" (Matt 5:31-32).

Forget about today: What Jesus taught on the subject of divorce was viewed as extreme *in His day*—even among self-righteous Pharisees. *But didn't Moses "command" Israelites to divorce if their marriages didn't work out?* They asked Jesus in Matthew 19. Moses did allow it, He told them, but only "because of the hardness of your hearts." Jesus continued, "But from the beginning it was not so" (vs 8).

Jesus asked them, "Haven't you read ... ?" *These are fundamental principles of God's Word! Don't you know? This is basic.*

*"Have you not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female. And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder"* (Matthew 19:4-6) (for more on this, **WHOM HAS GOD JOINED TOGETHER**, by Dallas Jackson #303 @ \$28.55)

Is your mind capable of analyzing the subject of divorce from God's viewpoint? Or do you now see it as "moral" simply because everyone's doing it?

**GOD HATES DIVORCE!** He hates it because, as *Jesus Himself* said, it not only wrecks families—it destroys nations (Mark 3:24-25). And so God doesn't care if 100 percent of Americans label it as morally acceptable. It isn't. And the devastating consequences of divorce prove God is right.

In a recent issue of *Time*, James Dobson wrote, "Because adults wanted to dissolve difficult marriages with fewer strings attached, reformers made it easier in the late 1960s to dissolve nuclear families. Though there are exceptions, the legacy of no-fault divorce is countless shattered lives within three generations, adversely affecting children's behaviour, academic performance and mental and physical health. No-fault divorce reflected our selfish determination to do what was convenient for adults, and it has been, on balance, a disaster" (Dec 18, 2006).

*But you have to understand, people say, We're way beyond divorce and pre-marital sex. Everybody does those things. Let's get to the real issues, like same-sex marriages,*

*or legalization of mind-altering drugs, or partial-birth abortions.*

Radical leftists WANT these **sins** legalized. These are the issues they are MOST passionate about. And it is *these issues* over which they encounter resistance from the right. *That fact alone* shows how far our standards of morality have dropped! "*Conservatives*" have already conceded *miles of territory in the morality war.*

One wonders what we'll be voting on 20 years from now, assuming God doesn't intervene before then in order to save our sin-sick society.

### **WIDESPREAD ACCEPTANCE OF HOMOSEXUALITY**

Here again, that the debate is about is about whether or not homosexuals can marry is revealing in itself. Half of Americans have apparently drawn the line in the sand and would favour a constitutional amendment to ban homosexual marriage. But the other half, about 47 percent, actually oppose a constitutional ban. It's THAT statistic that illustrates our *overwhelming* acceptance of homosexual *behaviour.*

Unnatural, unlawful sexual behaviour is not controversial—it's homosexuals *marrying* that has us divided.

President Bush responded to the 2003 Massachusetts Supreme Court ruling allowing homosexual marriage by saying marriage was a "sacred institution" and that he was committed to do what is legally necessary to defend the sanctity of marriage. 'Never mind what fornication, sexually transmitted diseases, out-of-wedlock births, abortions on demand, adultery, no-fault divorce, feminist-driven role reversals, dead-beat dads and working moms have done to the sanctity of marriage. As far as "conservatives" are concerned, the real threat to this sacred union is HOMOSEXUALS. As Donald Sensing asked in a *Wall Street Journal* editorial, "If society has abandoned regulating heterosexual conduct of men and women, what right does it have to regulate homosexual conduct...?" (March 15, 2004). As Sensing correctly noted,

those now defending the sacredness of the marriage union are a little late. "The walls of traditional marriage were breached 40 years ago; what we are witnessing now is the storming of the last bastion," he wrote. Traditionalists, he said, "need to get a clue about what has really been going on and face the fact that same-sex marriage, if it comes about, will not *cause* the degeneration of the institution of marriage; it is the *result* of it."

Our society, as Isaiah prophesied, is heavy-laden with sin. The **WHOLE HEAD** is sick, he wrote. "From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment" (Isaiah 1:6). We have provoked our God to anger! And *Jesus* too.

Does it shock you when I say that if Jesus Christ was in charge of our nation, He wouldn't just ban same-sex marriage, He would **outlaw homosexuality**? If so, then it reveals how far your thinking is from God's and how much Adversarial propaganda your mind has absorbed!

Even going back to the foundation of our nation, as Mark Levin wrote in *Men in Black*, "sodomy was a crimi-

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nal offense under the common law and was prohibited by the original 13 states when they ratified the Bill of Rights.” Why, do you suppose, would our nation’s Founders establish laws prohibiting homosexuality? Where would they have gotten such a strict standard of morality? The New Testament—that’s where! (See Romans 1:26-27)[see also Leviticus 20:13!]

Nevertheless, homosexual activists point to the “equal protection” and “due process” clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment as grounds for enjoying the same rights as heterosexuals. The problem with that argument is that when the Fourteenth Amendment was ratified in 1868, as Levin brings out, 32 out of 37 states had laws *against* sodomy. Even as late as 1961, every state in America criminalized sodomy.

But with the emergence of the homosexual rights movement, about half the states had abolished sodomy laws by the early 1980s. Even still, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld one state’s sodomy law in 1986. But when called upon to uphold a Texas law against sodomy in 2003, the Supreme Court buckled under pressure from activists in a 6-3 ruling. According to the majority opinion, “The State cannot demean their existence or control their destiny by making their private sexual conduct a crime. Their right to liberty under the Due Process Clause gives them the full right to engage in their conduct without intervention of the government.”

In his dissent, Justice Scalia noted that if states had no right to criminalize homosexual conduct, then “what justification could there possibly be for denying the benefits of marriage to homosexual couples?”

That was in June 2003. In November of that same year, a Massachusetts court decision favoring homosexual marriage made headlines across America. Yet it was the Supreme Court—not Massachusetts, as Levin notes in his book—that “set the stage for imposing gay marriage on every state under a distorted reading of the Fourteenth Amendment.”

But don’t worry. There’s bound to be an army of hardcore conservatives ready for all-out war in the fight for upholding and preserving the sanctity and sacredness of marriage.

Right?

### SODOM AND GOMORRAH

The word sodomy is derived from a Latin phrase meaning the “sin of Sodom,” which is vividly discussed, as most people know, in the biblical book of Genesis. Ancient Sodom, like its neighbouring city Gomorrah, was well-known for its widespread practice *and acceptance* of homosexuality. Jude 7 says that besides going after “strange flesh,” the people of Sodom and Gomorrah [and Admah, Zeboim and Zoar] were “giving themselves over to fornication.” Ezekiel tells us that Sodom was a prosperous area, with an abundance of idleness. But it was also full of pride and abominations (Ezekiel 16:49-50).

In the Genesis 19 account, the men of Sodom wanted to sodomize the two visitors, actually angels (messengers), who had come to see if the city should be spared God’s wrath. While these two angels (messengers) remained

locked inside the home of Lot, an angry mob outside cried out for the new flesh. Inside the home, the angels (messengers) proceeded to give Lot and his family clear and precise instructions concerning the future welfare of Sodom and the neighbouring cities. “Then the men said to Lot, Have you any one else here? Sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone you have in the city, bring them out of the place; for we are about to destroy this place, because the outcry against its people has become great before the Lord, and the Lord has sent us to destroy it” (vs 12-13, RSV).

Lot relayed this sobering message to the two young men who were to marry his daughters. Now these were two decent men—heterosexuals who had not taken advantage of Lot’s daughters. There had probably been numerous instances where they sat around the table decrying the evils and perversions of society. And yet, without realizing it, much of that evil had rubbed off on them! They might have recognized many of the more extreme evils in Sodom, but they had grown accustomed to living there—and actually enjoyed much of it (a bit of speculation there by SF. But

when you see the number of people who turn out in Sydney for the Gay Mardis Gras, you see that there are a great number of people who obviously enjoy watching that spectacle! Rom. 1:32 CIM)

*How strong society’s pull must have been for these two men, at this most critical hour, to mock God’s warning, as it was delivered through His servant Lot.*

Their ridicule even caused a seed of doubt to sprout in Lot’s mind. The next morning, even after the constant prodding from the two angels (messengers), Lot began to linger, delaying his departure—so much so that the angels (messengers) seized Lot, his wife, and two daughters by the hands and forcibly led them out of the sinful city. Upon leaving the city, the angels (messengers) shouted at Lot’s family, *Run for your lives! And don’t even stop to look back, lest you be consumed as*

*well!*

*“Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven; And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground”* (vs 24-25, RSV) [see the video **CI-245 SURPRISING DISCOVERIES, Loan Only \$5**] God yanked Lot’s family out of the mess and burned everything else to the ground. Even then, Lot’s wife couldn’t let it go.

### CORRUPTING GOD’S WAY

In Noah’s day, society’s evil was just as bad as it was in cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, only more widespread. Genesis 6:5 says, “And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that EVERY IMAGINATION of the thoughts of his heart was only *evil continually*.”

Later in Genesis 6, God says the Earth was “filled with violence” (vs 11). This violence had become so universal that God determined to spare humanity from suffering longer in mounting misery and anguish.

In verse 12, God says “all flesh had corrupted *his way*.” This has been mankind’s legacy: substituting his way of thinking and reasoning, *his definition* of right and wrong, for God’s way! “There is no fear of God before their eyes,” Paul wrote (Romans 3:18). He said the ways of man are

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destruction and misery—and “the way of peace have they not known” (vs 16-17). The fruits of man’s societies prove God true! “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the WAYS OF DEATH” (Proverbs 14:12). That has been man’s track record in going his own way without fear of God: misery and destruction.

Noah tried to warn the people of his day, but, as Jewish historian Josephus explained, “they did not yield to him”—they “were slaves to their wicked pleasures” (Antiquities 1,3,1). And so - God took away their miserable lives, by the great flood.

#### AS IN THE DAYS . . . .

Do we think we are so superior to these ancient societies that the same God who brought universal destruction by fire and rain cannot cause it to happen again? If you know Jesus, you should know the answer to that.

Jesus said, “Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded” (Luke 17:28). They were eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building—right up to the day God destroyed their cities (vs 29). “Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed” (vs 30). In other words, before Jesus returns to this earth in power and glory, God prophesied that our sophisticated, ultra-modern and ANTI-GOD society would revert back to the way it was in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah. - **That has happened!**

The Apostle Peter also issued a grave warning for our present day, drawing on the lesson from Sodom and Gomorrah, saying that God turned them into ashes, “making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly” (2 Peter 2:6).

The epistle of Jude, another New Testament message, speaks of these two cities as suffering the “vengeance of eternal fire.” Jude wrote that God set them forth as an example for our day!

In like manner, Jesus reminded us of Noah’s day, saying, “*And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all*” (Luke 17:26-27).

So shall it be in the days of the Son of man. Can we grasp what this means? HISTORY IS REPEATING ITSELF. We should have learned our lesson after the Flood of Noah’s day. We should have learned the lesson from Sodom and Gomorrah. But we didn’t—and so universal destruction is coming again

If you know Jesus, you know He said it would get so bad before His Second Coming that, unless God cut the destruction short, there would be NO FLESH SAVED ALIVE! (Matt 24:21-22). [although many say that Matt 24 refers to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70AD, CIM] And right before that universal destruction, Jesus said it would be just as it was in the days leading up to the Flood— and in the days before Sodom and Gomorrah were reduced to ashes. He said we would be eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building—with our minds on every imaginable evil.

And then—suddenly—the end will be upon us (Luke 17:30). Very little time remains. A few years from now, a small minority of humanity will be left alive. “Watch ye therefore, and pray always,” Jesus warned in Luke 21:36,

“that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.”

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[I don’t usually find too much agreement with the PCG, but found this article quite useful. CIM.]

#### WEATHER CHANNEL FOUNDER:

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by John Coleman

It is the greatest scam in history. I am amazed, appalled and highly offended by it. Global Warming; It is a SCAM. Some dastardly scientists with environmental and political motives manipulated long term scientific data to create an illusion of rapid global warming. Other scientists

of the same environmental wacko type jumped into the circle to support and broaden the “research” to further enhance to totally slanted, bogus global warming claims. Their friends in government steered huge research grants their way to keep the movement going. Soon they claimed to be a consensus.

Environmental extremists, notable politicians among them, then teamed up with movie, media and other liberal, environmental journalists to create this wild “scientific” scenario of the civilization threatening environmental consequences from Global Warming unless we adhere to their radical agenda. Now their ridiculous manipulated science has been accepted as fact and become a cornerstone issue for CNN, CBS, NBC, the Democratic Political Party, the Governor of California, school teachers and, in many cases, well informed but very gullible environmentally conscientious citizens. Only one reporter at ABC has been allowed to counter the Global Warming frenzy with one 15 minute documentary segment. I do not oppose environmentalism. I do not oppose the political positions of either party. However, Global Warming, i.e. Climate Change, is not about environmentalism or politics. It is not a religion. It is not something you “believe in.” It is science; the science of meteorology. This is my field of life-long expertise. And I telling you Global Warming is a non-event, a manufactured crisis and a total scam. I say this knowing you probably won’t believe me, a mere TV weatherman, challenging a Nobel Prize, Academy Award and Emmy Award winning former Vice President of the United States. So be it.

I have read dozens of scientific papers. I have talked with numerous scientists. I have studied

. I have thought about it. I know I am correct. There is no run away climate change. The impact of humans on climate is not catastrophic. Our planet is not in peril. I am incensed by the incredible media glamour, the politically correct silliness and rude dismissal of counter arguments by the high priest of Global Warming.

In time, a decade or two, the outrageous scam will be obvious. As the temperature rises, polar ice cap melting, coastal flooding and super storm pattern all fail to occur as

#### **Pamphlet** **STATUES AND STATUTES** **by Bill Strittmatter**

*What is meant by: “Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image”? when there are a number of instances where images were required? With only 10 Commandments, there is little room for duplication. Could this have to do with other law systems to which we should not bow down? nor serve? Study to show thyself approved!*

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predicted everyone will come to realize we have been duped. The sky is not falling. And, natural cycles and drifts in climate are as much if not more responsible for any climate changes underway. I strongly believe that the next twenty years are equally as likely to see a cooling trend as they are to see a warming trend.

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## ROBBING GOD

by Howard B. Rand

Is it possible for a mortal to rob God? Can a man deprive God of that which is His and thus defraud Him? If the answer to these questions is in the affirmative, then it behooves all to give careful consideration to their motives and performances, lest, through deliberate carelessness, indifference, or by presumptive action, they not only rob God but cheat themselves. God will not hold him guiltless who turns away from the observance of His commandments and refuses to obey His laws, considering it useless to serve Him.

To serve the Lord is to discharge the obligations of a servant, for such are all those whom He accepts as worthy of discipleship and to be called by His name; that is, Christian. Singleness of purpose and faithfulness in the discharge of duties and responsibilities are required of all who would be the recipients of His favor, else their service becomes faulty in His sight.

Do you object to being called a servant? The revelation of Jesus Christ was given by God to His Son so that He might show unto His servants "things which must shortly come to pass" (Rev. 1:1). It is His servants the prophets (those who teach and proclaim) who are to be rewarded with knowledge concerning the Divine purposes:

**"Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."** (Amos 3:7).

Blessings are pronounced upon those who are faithful, for they will have a right to the Tree of Life and are to enter into the gates of the Holy City (Rev. 22:14).

What constitutes a servant and what type of service is required of him? In the first place the acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour is requisite to initiating one into His service. Afterward the Christian demonstrates his sincerity by keeping the obligations of a servant through loyalty to His name and obedience to His commandments.

What are the commandments of Jesus? Jesus Christ laid down a foundation principle for His disciples that their righteousness - that is, their observance of the Law - should exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, or else they would not enter into the Kingdom (Matt. 5:20). The gates of the Holy City will not be opened to those who do not qualify in this respect. The scribes and Pharisees outwardly appeared righteous - that is, they pretended to reverence and obey the law - but in their hearts they rebelled against its observance. Recognizing this, Jesus took the law that was written upon the tables of stone and, as the Messenger of the New Covenant (Mal. 3:1), He wrote them upon the hearts of His servants according to the terms of the New Covenant. Thus Jesus required that His followers keep the spirit of the law; then the outward observance would take care of itself. All this Jesus clearly set forth in the so-called Sermon on the Mount. Paul as well confirmed

the need of keeping the spirit of the law in proper heart relationship to God and neighbour:

**"He that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."** (Rom 13:8-10).

This statement expresses the truth because, when the love of God is in the heart of His servant, motivating all of his actions, there will be Christian love and respect for a neighbour's rights. This, on itself, would prevent the servant from contemplating any harm to his neighbour and would also deter him from violating any of the requirements of the law.

The Bible in no respect sets aside the Law of the Lord in behalf of the Christian; rather, one who has accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour is moved to obey those laws through love instead of in unwilling adherence to Christian standards to which he does not subscribe in his secret heart. Having grown in grace to the point of mastering this requirement, coming to know the true meaning of "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself," the servant of God will be more than willing to obey even the least of His laws. That is important to his future spiritual well-being is made clear in no uncertain terms by the Lord Himself:

**"Whosoever therefore shall break one of the least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."** (Matt. 5:19)

What are our obligations under the law? One requirement if the law is that His people support the work of the Lord through their tithes; that is, a tenth of their increase (income). Of that tithe one tenth was set aside for the use of the Aaronic priesthood (Num. 18:26-28). Nine-tenths of the tithe was applied to the operation of Kingdom functions, this portion being administered by the Levites. Did Jesus make any pronouncement emphasizing the necessity to continue to observe this law of tithing?

When accusing the scribes and Pharisees of hypocrisy, Jesus stated they were very careful to see to it that the insignificant herbs were tithed, while they overlooked the more important questions of justice and equity under the law. He did not condemn their observance of the tithing law, but neither did He approve their feigned devotion to duty which was for outward show only. He did, at the same time, excoriate them for their neglect of the weightier matters of the law (Matt 23:23; Luke 11:42). Moreover, He confirmed and perpetuated the institution of tithing under the law.

Many Christians neglect this requirement of the Law; some are even presumptuous in their refusal to heed the instructions to bring in their tithes and offerings. Malachi the Prophet records the Lord's controversy with His people because they ignore that part of His Law which deals with obligations they wish to avoid by contending it is no longer applicable to them:

**"Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances and have not kept them. Return unto Me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts."** (Mal 3:7).

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Pretending they do not understand, the people ask, "Wherein shall we return?" The Lord answers with another question, "Will a man rob God? Yet YE have robbed Me."

But the people counter, "Wherein have we robbed thee?" And the answer goes right to the point, "*In tithes and offerings.*" (see the whole discussion in Malachi 3:7-10).

Men of the world recognize no obligation on their part as owed to the Lord, either as to their income or their time. But their Creator will ultimately bring them to judgment and deal with them accordingly.

His servants, on the other hand, those who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour, being committed to serve Him in every way, should recognize that they are definitely obligated as to their time and as to their money. One seventh of their time and one tenth on their income (increase) is required in order that His servants may continue to propagate the glad tidings of the Kingdom and testify to the way of salvation. It is understandable, of course, that not everyone can go out on such missions of witnessing, but each one has the opportunity to participate in the work and activity of those who do. This is the purport of Jesus' statement:

**"He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward."** (Matt 10:41).

It is not only possible for the servants of the Lord to rob God by refusing to live up to their duty as tithers but they also cheat themselves by failing to provide for future dividends to be realized for work accomplished through the support of the servants whom God has called to full-time service.

A study of Christian witnessing proves that the Gospel, both pertaining to the Kingdom and to Salvation, has never been able to go forward without financial support from God-fearing men and women who have been willing to sacrifice in work, with monetary gifts and in time spent in prayer. Thus God has provided a way for His faithful servants to lay up treasures for themselves, not necessarily according to the actual amount given, through work done by themselves or others whom they support, in money given and time spent in intercessory prayer, but in accordance with their ability and in relation to their assets.

Where assets are concerned, the widow, with her "two mites," cast more into the Lord's treasury than the abundance paid by the wealthy (Mark 12:41-44), for she cast in all she had. Under this investment program, instituted by God, the poor have as good if not better opportunity than the rich to acquire Kingdom assets and be assured of dividends on the basis of a "hundredfold" in the age to come. If only they take the opportunity!

This is a type of investment modern finance cannot possibly duplicate. It is impossible under the system of Mammon to offer the poor like returns on their meager holdings with those of the rich with their abundance. But by taking into account the ratio of one's giving to his assets, the Lord sees to it that the rich shall have no advantage

whatever over the poor in respect to the returns on their investments in His Kingdom work. It is indeed a privilege to be His servant and those among His servants who are foolish enough to try to rob God only destroy the wonderful opportunity He has presented to them to lay up for themselves treasures in assets that are incorruptible and which will survive the collapse of the present economic world order now rapidly coming to judgment.

It is unfortunate but true that very few Christians are today aware of the great opportunity God has given to each one in this time of uncertainty when, through service to the King in the use of our possessions and the investment of our money, we can convert Babylonian assets into Kingdom treasure that will lay up an abundance to endure throughout all eternity. This is the only way we can be sure our possessions will be secure—there is no other way to bridge the chasm between the present world order and the new world coming, and carry our assets over into the Kingdom Age. Happy indeed is the man who, recognizing the times and seasons in which we are living, has the faith to act accordingly.

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### **The Case of SAUL or PAUL by Brandon P. Hawkins**

*There is today much controversy within the Israel-Identity movement concerning this man "Saul" or "Paul." Conflicting reports are coming to us from scholarly sources expounding both pro and anti points of view. Were Paul's writings inspired, or conspired? This is the point of study and only the acid test of Scripture will reveal the justice of God, for His words are perfect and do not contradict themselves. Do Paul's words, then, conflict with themselves or with writings of any others in the Bible, including those words spoken by our Master - Jesus the Anointed. Before examining the evidence we must be impartial, gathering our conclusions from the inspired text of God - that is from the Hebrew and Greek texts in which God caused our Bible to be written, and not from man-made translations of these texts.*

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### **THE DIVINE LAW by Pastor Bob Hallstrom**

To most people, Moses is known as Israel's first great prophet who led Israel out of Egyptian bondage and as the receiver of the Ten Commandments, and that he was also Israel's leader for some forty years during their wanderings in the wilderness before they entered the promised land.

However during this period, as the prophet and leader of Israel, he instructed and guided them through the rewards, disciplines, and chastisements as they observed or violated The Divine Law, as handed down by God.

God's Divine Law not only consists of the Ten Commandments but also consists of Statutes and Judgments. It embraces all of the needs, activities, and requirements of men and nations. It directs them in all things that should and should not be

done. The Divine Law, like the eternal, immutable laws that rule the physical universe, governs the conduct of men and society. It is natural Law, and as such, not subject to change, and the passage of time has no effect upon its existence or its effectiveness. Obedience to it leads to spiritual, economic, military, and physical blessings, and transgression of it leads to effects just the opposite.

When it comes to violation of the law, the Bible only allows for two types of offenses: capital crimes and civil crimes. And there were only two types of punishment: 1) death for capital offenses, and 2) restitution for civil offenses. There is no such thing as jail time in the Bible.

Among those offenses punishable by death were murder, adultery, bestiality, striking or cursing parents, incest, sodomy (homosexuality) and rape. (for broader explanations, I suggest the **John Weaver DVD CI-237 @ \$15**). Today's society, much to its disadvantage, has turned



against the severity of this decree and in so doing, it overlooks the fact that the purpose of terminal punishment under Biblical Law was not to make the wrongdoer suffer, but to protect society against criminals and also for the suppression of capital crimes by the permanent removal of evildoers from a society which they endangered.

Examples of the civil laws - and of particular interest to the present generation, so steeped in economic problems - are the requirements such as periodic cancellation of all debt, thus preventing one generation from heaping its financial burdens or abuses on a succeeding one; the prohibition of usury, or the lending of money with an interest accumulation for its use; and the establishment of an unchanging and uniform tax rate, alike to the servant and to the master, based, not on property value (for property had no assessed valuation), but only upon the increase of the individual, or earnings.

The Ten Commandments were intended to be the "fundamental and abiding truth for Israel, and they are divided into two classes of duties: duties to God and duties to others. The first four Commandments related to God. There was one God and no other gods or idols were to be tolerated. God's character was to be held in reverence; and God's day, the Sabbath, or seventh day after six work days, was to be kept holy. The remaining six Commandments had to do with man's relationship with other men. The Statutes and Judgments followed. This body of the Law left no room for a legislature, or for legislators or lawmakers. God's Law was sufficient for that age, for this age, and for all ages to follow. Only magistrates were required to administer the Law as situations arose.

Now I know that some of you are mulling over these remarks about the Law and may be saying, "But how in the society of that time, could the Law have foreseen the various contingencies of today's mechanical and technological age, such as traffic laws for the automobile?"

But I assure you that these laws are complete and no other law is necessary. you see many of the Statutes were matters of equity from which inferences can be drawn to fit new circumstances by the magistrates who apply them. Broad principles are subject to many applications. Take for example, the Divine injunction, "Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn." Specifically, this says that while the ox is being worked, it is entitled to feed on that which it works. In other words, the ox is entitled to share in the fruits of the harvest

But the application of this principle has a literal application to our daily lives. In its broader context, it says that the laborer is entitled to share in the fruit of the harvest. Let's apply this to corporations, which are legal entities certainly not know to the period when the Divine Law was given. If they had adopted this rule of equity by permitting the employee to have a fair share of company profits, there would probably be no labor unions, with all their attendant grief to our society today.

Regarding traffic codes, Bible Law was a law of damages and restitution for damages. Stop signs, lines down the middle of roads, etc., are absolutely necessary to establish orderly traffic flow and to establish blame and liability, in the event of accidents. But failure to observe them, unless a damage results to some person, cannot be a crime under a Biblical Law (and therefore carries no penalty).

#### WHY WAS THERE AN ATONEMENT

One of the first acts of apostasy by the Israelites in the

wilderness was worshipping the golden calf while Moses was on Mt Sinai. Not only were they severely punished by God for their action; there was added to the Divine Law of Commandments, Statutes, and Judgments a new set of laws—the Ordinances, or the Ritual Laws.

These sacrificial laws provided a system of national worship by which atonement was made for sin, which is defined in 1 John 3:4 as "transgression of the Law." Atonement was necessary for Israel, if they were not to be cast off forever by reason of their broken Covenant. Thus an offering was stipulated by which the judgment of a righteous God would be enabled to to "pass over" the guilty nation and let the people go free.

Centuries later, when Jesus sacrificed His own life for Israel, there was no further need for the ritual law of the ordinances. In other words the small sacrifices made by men gave way to the Great Sacrifice of Jesus the Christ. When He, on the Cross, said "it is finished," He meant, among other things, that the priesthood and the sacrificial ordinances, under the priesthood's charge, were ended or done away with completely. so through Calvary, while the ritual laws were abolished, we were still left with God's

Divine Laws, as codified in the Commandments, Statutes and Judgments.

It was the law of Ordinances which Paul said was dead. He asked the question: Why serve the law which was added? However, the Divine Law of the Commandments, Statutes and Judgments, as laid down in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, was not the added law, and they remained, and will continue in effect throughout all human history. As Jesus said at the beginning of His ministry:

*"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be*

*fulfilled."*

I should also state that the first appearance of the Divine Law was not first disclosed to Moses at Mount Sinai. For example, we have God's statement when blessing Isaac, as to His reason for fulfilling His sworn oath to Abraham. "Because that Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws." (Gen 26:5).

So God's Laws began long before Mt Sinai and are eternal and were even known to man long before the time of Abraham. No doubt when God walked and talked with Adam in the Garden, and when He later gave His instruction to Noah, the Law was clearly given to each of them.

But as Mr. Howard B. Rand states in his book **Digest of the Divine Law (#321 @ \$22.75)** "Once the fact is established that law observance is essential to orderly social relationships it becomes necessary to make known to men the laws that must be kept. But along with a knowledge that law is the need of an effective instrument or organization through which the law may be administered for the benefit of all men."

God recognized this need and even though His laws were known for centuries before Abraham's day, God called Abraham and Abraham's family through whom He proposed to work, making them a servant nation (to serve Him) to become the administrators of Kingdom Laws.

Today, we recognize Abraham's descendants as the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred peoples of the world, and through them, God would demonstrate to all nations the

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righteousness and perfection of His Kingdom. Moses understood this when he told the people of Israel to:

***“Keep therefore and do them: for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.”*** (Deut 4:6).

Thus Israel was charged with obedience to the laws statutes, and judgments of God and since we as the Israel people of the world have failed to keep them as our forefathers promised God, we are now suffering politically, economically, and religiously.

The solution, of course, is to repent and return to obeying the laws of God!

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12.1 What is meant by [The Law and the Prophets were until John...] Matthew 11:13 and the first half of Luke 16:16? My friends use these to insist we are no longer to observe God's Laws.

Those who insist those phrases abolish the Law ought to read the entire passages. The rest of Luke 16:16 reads, "Since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it," and in the next verse (17), Jesus says, "And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the Law to fail (weaken)."

Since Jesus can not be saying both, that the Law is put away, and then that it can not be put away, something else in the passage must explain the seeming contradiction. In this case it is the phrase "since that time" [when John came], "the kingdom of God is preached."

Actually, it is the "kingdom of God" or as Robert Young more correctly renders it in his Literal Translation of the Bible, "the reign of God," that is the subject of the passage.

We learn from the Law and the prophets that Yahweh selected Israel as His own possession, over whom He was to be King. This arrangement was short-lived because of Israel's preference of an earthly king. 1 Samuel 8:7, "And the Lord said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them."

From that time until the appearance of Jesus, Israel had operated politically under either an earthly (human) king or no king at all. During this interim, the law and the prophets proclaimed "a coming king." Israel's prophets preached, and the law symbolized the coming of Jesus our Saviour and King. One way the law symbolized this was in the ordinance of Passover. Thus, up to the time of John the Baptist, the law and prophets were still proclaiming a future Messiah who would reign over Israel.

With John's appearance we detect a difference in that proclamation. The long awaited, future reign was not "at hand." This was the good news, or gospel. Israel was to have a heavenly King again, and that royal event (the receiving of His reign or Kingdom) was now "at hand." Matt. 3:1-2, "In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, Repent ye: for the Kingdom (reign) of Heaven is at hand." It was no longer a future prophecy, it was right at the door; it was beginning to take place. Thus "The law and the prophets were

until John..." *Since that time the Kingdom (reign) of God is preached.*" The reign of God, over Israel, could not have been rightfully proclaimed until it was beginning its fulfillment with John who was sent to announce its arrival (Matt. 3:3).

Jesus, during His life, ministry, death, and resurrection actually fulfilled this. His sovereign reign is announced in Isaiah 9:6-7, "For unto us a child is born....etc- and in Matthew 28:18, "and Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, all authority is given unto me in heaven and in earth." He mounted the throne of God (in this case also the throne of David as Israel's King) and has ever since been Israel's King. The fact that the majority of Israelites have not recognized Him as their King does not invalidate His reign. Israel will one day repent and accept her rightful national King.

This belated acceptance of the true King reminds us of David's coming to the throne of Israel about one thousand years earlier than Jesus, who was called "the son of David." David was selected by God, anointed as king (therefore true king) but waited several years for his subjects to accept him. This story is found in 1 Sam. 16, to 2 Sam 5:3. Likewise, the reign of Jesus was established, and we are waiting for Israel to recognize Him. Then the marriage of the Lamb will be complete.

The laws of God were not abrogated in the past when Israel underwent a change in rulers. neither were they cancelled when Jesus took His throne over Israel. As stated at the beginning of this answer, the subject of the passage is not a change in the Law, but rather a change in the King. Until John announced Jesus as King, Israel had no true King, but only "the law and the prophets" which foretold His dominion. So the passage, instead of saying that the Law and the prophets were ended, simply added that what they had foretold had now come to pass. The proclaiming of Jesus' Kingdom [the kingdom of heaven is at hand] did NOT supplant the law and the prophets, but rather was added to it. To prevent His hearers from thinking He had come to supplant the law and the prophets, Jesus immediately added (vs 17) that the law would not fail, and of course, He also said in Matt 5:17, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill."

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Again I remind you that in about a month's time, we will, God willing, be in Tasmania for a week. We will try and catch up with friends if we can. Pray for our safe journey and safe return. Our stay is from 4 to 11 March. Please note that because of this absence, the April Messenger will probably be late. We hope and pray that you will find this Messenger as beneficial as previous ones. Remember to ask for LOAN TAPES if you are not listening to these, they are available in a box of 5 for a month's loan!

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