

HISTORY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH - VOL. I - 4 B. C. - 1600 A. D.

INTRODUCTION

- *All apostasy, sin, and ills in society begin with questioning what God said. - Gen. 3:1*
- All apostates recommend many authorities which are in conflict with one another, leading to confusion so that "scholars" can become their own final authority.
- The Alexandrian Cult has controlled the RCC from about 400 A. D. to the present and it controls every major Christian college, university, and seminary in the USA, England, and Europe by secretly infiltrating the faculty and staff.
- These colleges, universities, and seminaries teach there is not a single Book on this earth that is the final and absolute authority for anything and that all truth is relative and progressive.
- The teaching is accomplished by setting up competing and conflicting authorities, which make use of the many different "bibles" available today.
- Be reminded that the old sin nature is alive and well and still operating in all men who are still in the flesh, even "godly, separated" men.
- A man's character, even if it is good, is no excuse for sinning against God's infallible Book.
- Modern science, materialism, and evolution are based on relative rather than absolute truth.
- Any subject, including Church History, **MUST BE** approached using God's infallible Book, the KJB. Everything must be judged by the ultimate standard of the KJB.
- Catholicism and communism are "like two peas in a pod" and are "bosom buddies."
- When the KJB is abandoned, doubted, disregarded, or perverted, then social, political, moral, economic, and religious disaster is sure to follow. - Gal. 6:7
- The KJB must be believed (1 Thess. 2:13) or all freedoms are eventually lost.
- The term "Christian" has become meaningless but is frequently used to mean a nice Socialist who believes in making a living by getting along with everyone, including the devil!
- Modern schools are set up to produce the *maximum* amount of unbelief in the students concerning absolute and final authority.
- This leads to reliance upon modern "godly scholars" to give their *opinions and preferences*, by which they establish themselves as *the final authority* and they become *their own God*.
- As a result, *man's opinions and preferences* are established as the final authority rather than *the Book* that God Himself wrote.

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1 - THE NATURE OF CHURCH HISTORY - Rev. 1:11

APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION

- After the Acts of the Apostles, there are no apostolic signs, miracles, and wonders *anywhere* in church history.
- The *only* apostolic succession that history recognizes is a succession of people converted under the Apostles in the book of Acts who passed on (2 Tim. 2:2) the seven great NT Mysteries (1 Cor. 4:1-2) given to the Body of Christ (1 Tim. 3:16; Rom. 11:25; Col. 1:27; 1 Cor. 15:49-51; Rev. 17:5; Eph. 5:32; and 2 Thess. 2:7).
- The signs which were required by the Jews (1 Cor. 1:22) *ceased* with God's temporary setting aside the Jews and His *beginning* to deal with the Gentiles in the Church Age.
- Paul lost the sign gifts at the end of his ministry around 68 A. D. - 1 Tim. 5:23; 2 Tim. 4:20
- Modern apostates *counterfeit the sign gifts* by promoting false signs past the times of the apostles through the "invention" of supposed signs and miracles (healing, tongues, etc.)
- The other way signs are propagated today is by Charismatic groups who violate the scriptures and make them no longer for unbelieving Jews (1 Cor. 14:22), but for Gentile ecumenical groups who are bent on setting up the one-world church under the Antichrist. (Rev. 17)

THE TRUE TEST OF ORTHODOXY IN TRUE CHURCH HISTORY

- Actual *belief* in the Bible and its *practice* and *application* to the people in each generation.
- The opinions, creeds, and preferences of man that go against the Bible mean *nothing*.
- Believers who profess to believe a book they have never seen, heard, or read are nothing short of abject *hypocrites*.
- If the Bible is true, we must accept what it says about itself. - Ps. 12:6-7; Ps. 119:140; Prov. 30:5-6; Matt. 24:35
- Just because a man professes to believe "the Bible is the word of God" doesn't mean his profession is true, he could be *lying through his teeth*.
- *Practice* has always takes precedence over *profession*. (Watch what a man does in his ministries, not what he says with his mouth!)
- *Everything the Bible says is true*, whether or not we can all agree on what it says.
- Leaving the Bible words within its context will always lead us closer to truth than a man who goes to the Greek or Hebrew and/or consults other translations to make the words "teach" what he has already decided they mean.
- Being a heretic is the standard charge against Bible believers who refuse to bow down to the recognized scholars. A true heretic is anyone who changes the Bible to make it teach what they want it to teach. - Acts 24:14
- *A true Bible believer actually believes what God says*. - Gen. 3:1; 1 Thess 2:13; Acts 27:25; John 8:47) *and will not add or subtract from it* - Prov. 30:5-6; Rev. 22:19
- Truth is truth because God said it, whether or not you agree with it. - Gen. 1:3, 9; Num. 23:19

THE CYCLE OF HISTORY (including all religious movements)

1. **MAN** - A man preaching and evangelizing. (*Evangelist*)
2. **MOVEMENT** - The setting up of teaching facilities to educate students. (*Education*)
3. **MACHINE** - The patterning of the movement after the world's system of education, i.e. the introduction of science, philosophy, and tradition (Col. 2:8; 1 Tim. 6:20) into the teaching. (*Culture*)
4. **MONUMENT** - The Holy Spirit departs and abandons the machine to paganism. Academic standards are substituted and put in place of the Holy Spirit. (*Apostasy*)

NOTE: Finally *materialism* takes over and there is no part of the movement left. - Eph. 2:12

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- The only long-term survival is when you never go beyond step 2-Movement.(Matt. 28:19-20; 2 Tim. 2:15) Going beyond step 2 always results in apostasy due to establishment of Alexandrian educational system. This is why all modern day seminaries and colleges end up rejecting the Bible.

A LOCAL NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH DEFINED

- A called out assembly of an independent body of baptized believers (Acts 6) who met on the first day of the week. (Ex. 12:16; Acts 2:1; 20:7; John 20:1; 1 Cor. 16:2)
- They operated as individual entities without any supervision or governing hierarchies.
- They were self-governing, self-propagating, and self-sustaining under the headship of Jesus.
- Acts 15:23-29 and 1 Peter 5:1-6 gives the church some of its guidelines (not orders).
- A true NT church never baptized infants or made water baptism a part of the gospel.
- Its purpose of assembly is for worship and prayer (Acts 4), mutual help (Acts 11), teaching and preaching the Bible (Acts 13), mission endeavors (Acts 16), and to evangelize the lost.
- It chooses its own pastors and deacons (1 Tim. 3:1-12); its pastor is a man who labors in the word and doctrine and leads in the spiritual direction of the church (Heb. 13:17; 1 Tim. 5:17); it supports saints and widows who are poor (Rom. 15:25-26; 1 Cor. 16:1-3); it water baptizes new believers by immersion (Acts 16:33); and it sends out evangelists and missionaries (Acts 13:1-4; 16:1-4)

NOTE: Any other setup should be considered ANTI-CHURCH HISTORY!

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2 - PUTTING THE CHURCH BACK INTO CHURCH HISTORY - Acts 9:31

ROME PERVERSIONS

- The local church in the book of Acts is severely harassed and persecuted by Rome. - Acts 24
- It is **Rome** who cuts off James' head (Acts 12) and imprisons Paul (Acts 28) and scourges, nails, and crucifies Jesus Christ (Matt. 17).
- The church/state setup organized under Constantine (325-500 A. D.) pronounced a death sentence on every Bible believing Christian who did not subscribe to its decrees.
- The local church is about edifying Jesus Christ, its head, and not the hierarchy of men.
- There are no Christian "councils" anywhere in the NT. The seven standard "official councils" (Nicea, 325, Constantinople 381, Ephesus 431, Chalcedon 451, Constantinople 553, Constantinople 680, and Nicaea 787) are the inventions of Roman Catholicism.
- If a practice is not condemned in the scriptures, it cannot be absolutely forbidden, but any practice condemned by scripture must be forbidden. - Matt. 23:9; 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 9:22, 10:8-12

CHARACTERISTICS OF A TRUE NT CHURCH

- Baptized believers who go by the Bible which does **not** contain a single word of the Apocrypha.
- The NT is from manuscripts (Byzantine TR) originating from Antioch Syria, not Rome or from Alexandria Egypt.
- Busy with prayer and ministry of the word. - Acts 6:4; 13:1-4; 16:1-6
- **Never** baptize infants or promote water baptism for salvation. - Acts 15:11
- Boldly proclaim (without compromise) salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone as a **free gift without the good works of men**. - Eph. 2:8-10
- Not **entangled** with government social programs or worldly affairs. - John 17:16
- Do not promote "peace on earth" as possible before Jesus second coming, i.e. no Kingdom of Heaven is about to come to this earth until the King of Heaven returns and establishes His throne (Matt. 19:28; 25:31) at Jerusalem (Luke 1:30-33; Matt. 5:35)
- Its members believe the KJB is **God's pure words**, then apply it and practice it in their lives.

INTERNAL ENEMIES OF A TRUE NT CHURCH

- Jealousy (1 Cor. 3:3) and pride (Prov. 13:10)
- Desire for vengeance - 1 Cor. 6:1-6
- False apostles, deceitful workers, falsely posing as apostles of Christ - 2 Cor. 11:1-13
- Selfish and power-hungry church leaders - 3 John 9
- Teachers of false doctrine - 2 Peter 2:1
- Religious hypocrites that promote works for salvation - Matt. 23
- Religious leaders who promote the traditions of men which oppose the Bible - Mark 7:1-13
- Those puffed up with worldly "knowledge" and promote worldly science as better than the Bible - 1 Tim. 6:20
- Those who believe material wealth proves they are godly and spiritual - 1 Tim. 6:5, 17
- Those who sow discord and division to promote themselves - Acts 20:29-30
- Deceivers who claim to represent Jesus Christ - 2 Cor. 11:10-14; Matt. 7:15
- "Scholars" who are educated beyond their capacity - 1 Cor. 1:18-31; Phil 3:18-19

Enemies of the church are to be **carefully noted** (Rom. 16:18), **soundly rebuked** (Titus 1:13), and **justly dealt with** (2 Thess. 3:15) and, if necessary, **separated from** (1 Cor. 6:17)

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3 - THE CONSTITUTION FOR THE CHURCHES - 2 Tim. 3:16-17

- Since the church "fathers" quote the Holy Bible more than 35,000 times (almost 20,000 from the Gospels alone), it is obvious that the Book was around somewhere in the first three centuries of church history.
- The mythological Septuagint (the LXX), a Greek Old Testament, which was *supposedly* translated in 250 B. C., has no manuscript evidence before 150 A. D.
- Job 32:9 - Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment.
- Psalm 118:8 - It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.
- Latin translations were made around 180-200 A. D.
- Many of the ancient Syrian and Latin translations agree with the KJV text

ORIGINAL AUTOGRAPHS VERSUS ORAL TRADITIONS (33-90 A. D.)

- While those putting together the canon of scripture (Council of Carthage in 387 A. D.) were not pre-millennialists, the 27 books of the NT which were accepted as inspired scripture by the Body of Christ, were laid out in the proper Dispensational order. Specifically,
 - The transition from OT to NT - Matthew (presents Jesus as King of the Jews)
 - The transition from Israel to the Church - Acts (of the Jewish apostles)
 - The transition from the Church to the Tribulation - Hebrews (Jewish Christians)
 - The transition from the Tribulation to the consummation of all things (Revelation)

The Holy Spirit ultimately governed canonicity by using these questions:

- What the writer an Apostle?
 - Is the writer made clear in the writings themselves?
 - Does the Holy Spirit in the believer bear witness to the these writings?
 - Do any of them contradict anything else found in the scriptures?
 - Are they in line with the general tenor of revelation up to now?
 - How has the body of Christ felt about them up to now?
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- The seven books that were disputed (called "Antilegomena") were Hebrews, James, 2 Peter, 2 and 3 John, Jude, and Revelation. Interestingly, these were books were disputed because they contained many things an apostate would not like. For example, Dionysius and Gaius tried to get rid of the apostolic authorship of Revelation because neither they nor Origen were Premillennialists. Never forget that those disputing the true words of God (Origen, Marcion, Eusebius, Jerome, Constantine, Clement, Augustine, et. al.) were the same men who accepted the Apocrypha as inspired scripture.
 - Pseudepigrapha (pseude→false grapha→writings) refers to those books that were never admitted into the NT Canon. They are published in a book *called The Lost Books of the Bible*. Two of these non-inspired books are found in the Sinaiticus manuscript that Tischendorf used to "correct" the KJV NT in about 5,000 places. Vaticanus (B) contains the OT Apocrypha as part of the OT and Sinaiticus (Aleph) contains NT Apocrypha. None of these men dared to print these Greek manuscripts in their entirety, as they would be exposed for the *hypocrites and liars they really are*.
 - The OT books were formed into a canon and preserved by an official priest-class from one tribe, Levi. The NT knows no priesthood except a priesthood of believers (1 Peter 2:5)
 - The 27 books of the NT prove to be the inspired words of the living God by virtue of their own merit and the witness of the Author, the Holy Spirit (John 15:20; 2 Peter 1:21)

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- History shows quotations from all 27 books of the NT Canon before the year 200 A. D. which is nearly 200 years before the Council of Carthage in 387 A. D. where the Canon was formalized.
- ***It is a lie*** that the NT manuscripts were being preserved in a "pure" or "neutral" state in Alexandria, Egypt during the 2nd and 3rd centuries.
- Egypt is a type of this sinful world, and God would not tolerate His Son (Matt. 2:15), or His nation (Ex. 12-15), His saints (Gen. 50:5), or even the bones of His saints (Ex. 13:19) to remain there. God would not even tolerate horses brought up from there. - Deut. 17:16
- ***Every perversion of the word of God originates in Alexandria, Egypt.***
- The precise dates of when certain books are written remain in dispute. For example, the books of James and Hebrews were undoubtedly written much earlier than most scholars give them credit for, and were probably written around 35-40 A. D.
- The NT was originally written on cheap paper called "papyrus."
- The inspiration and truthfulness of the KJB is validated by these papyrus texts and writings of the church fathers some ***200 years before*** the perversions of Vaticanus and Siniaticus were forged in Alexandria, Egypt.

ROME'S CHURCH-STATE ESTABLISHMENT

- A true NT church is ***always*** to be found in direct conflict with a church state.
- It is the Roman church-state that is the "whore" in Rev. 17:1-5. The "woman" (Rev. 17) is also identified in Matt. 13:33 who implants false doctrine (Matt. 16:12) which is designed to corrupt the entire world (Gal. 5:9) by corrupting the word of God.
- ***Before*** the NT Canon is even complete, Satan is actively corrupting God's word.-2 Cor. 2:17
- Rome cannot be credited with one righteous or moral act (in a Biblical sense) since the city was founded. (Matt. 2; Acts 12:1-5; 18:2)
- If "all roads lead to Rome", then undoubtedly the road to Hell is paved with Alexandrian manuscripts and modern Christian scholarship.
- Rome receives its Bible from the corrupt North African Alexandrian manuscripts.
- When Rome hosts the Apostle to the Gentiles (Paul-Rom. 15:16), he gets jailed the first time and Rome beheads him the second time. - 2 Tim. 4:6
- When Rome puts Jesus Christ on trial (John 19), they release a murderer. - John 18:40
- When Rome has custody of an Apostle, they seek to murder him.
- Rome is responsible for millions of bloody crimes. - Rev. 17:4-7
- Fox's Book of Martyrs lists countless crimes of papal Rome (400-1800 A. D.)
- Adolf Hitler was a Roman Catholic who had Herman Goering, another Roman Catholic, set up the first concentration camp at Dachau under a Roman Catholic Rudolph Diels, and later Eike) who in turn obeyed Himmler and Heydrich (who were both Roman Catholics).

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4 - THE FIERY FURNACE - 1 Peter 4:12-13

SUFFERING IS THE NORM FOR TRUE BELIEVERS

- Believers must understand that Jesus Christ is our perfect example in suffering and that suffering can *never* be removed as a necessity if believers are to live out a genuine NT faith.
- 1 Peter 2:21; Isa. 53:3; Phil. 3:10; Acts 9:16; 2 Cor. 11:23-28; Acts 12:1-5; 1 Peter 2:19-24; 2 Tim. 2:1-4; Heb. 13:13; 2 Tim. 2:12; James 5:10
- Stephen, the first NT martyr, is from *Stephanos*, which means "*a crown*".
- Faithful believers are marked by their *cheerfulness* under persecution. - Acts 5:41; 7:59-60
- Modern apostates in no way resemble Paul and his ministry in the least. Paul's standard of living was "food and raiment." - 1 Tim. 6:8
- Paul was called to suffer - Acts 9
- For centuries, genuine Bible believers who stood up against the Roman church state paid for it with their lives by being torn to pieces with hooks, laid on red hot grills, rolled on broken glass, pulled apart by horses, eaten by wild beasts, whipped, starved to death, etc. - Acts 5:29
- Nero and Domitian persecuted Christians during the time period 51-96 A. D.
- The first organized persecution *officially* took place in Bithynia in 112 A. D. when Pliny was governor. Pliny would have Christians brought before his tribunal and would ask them three times if they were a Christian. They could recant anytime during these three interrogations, but if they answered "Yes" three times in a row, they were sentenced to death. The charge in nearly every case was: *odio humani generis*, which means "hatred of the human race." That is, they were supposedly against the people and were "society's troublemakers." - Acts 21:28
- Persecution by Rome was so vicious that later Alexandrian apostates (Jerome and Augustine) re-interpreted Revelation 13 back into the past and claimed the Antichrist (Nero) had already come and gone, so the whore of Rev. 17-18 could not possibly be the Roman Catholic church state; rather she had been *pagan* Rome of the past.
- This is why the corrupt Alexandrian manuscripts are the ones promoted and believed by all modern day apostates and will be the text of the Bible that will usher in the one-world religion and government of the Antichrist.

GENUINE BIBLE BELIEVERS TAKE A STAND AGAINST SIN

- Bible believers obey what God says, *regardless of the consequences*. - James 1:22; 4:17
- Bible believers are non-conformists to the world system. - Heb. 13:13-14
- When contemporary fads and pressures violate the scriptures, e.g. modesty (1 Tim. 2:9), Bible believers reject the pressure and suffer whatever consequences may come.
- The devil won't bother you much at all if you will just conform to the world system.
- By God's *permissive* will today, Rome is out to enforce conformity to its political and religious system, which is under the control of Satan. - Luke 4:6; 2 Cor. 4:4

HUMANISM VERSUS THE TRUE CHURCH

- Humanism is the religion of Communists and Catholics, who are bent on the total extermination of every genuine Bible believer on earth.
- Communists and the RCC promote its own decrees and councils to be as binding as the inspired words of God.
- Cyprian (200-258 A. D.), in spite of his zeal for Christ, was probably more responsible for the destruction of NT Christianity than any man outside of Origen. It was Cyprian, the African bishop of Carthage who first stated that the church was built on Peter, that Peter was in Rome, and that the Roman church was not Satan's seat but "the chair of Peter."

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- Ever since (even though Cyprian was martyred for his beliefs), the RCC has used Cyprian's lies (see above) to be verbally inspired in spite of the scriptural facts that Peter was never in Rome (Rom. 15:20-22), he was not a Gentile (Gal. 2:15), he was married (Matt. 8:14), he preached in the East, not the West (1 Peter 5:13), he would let no man bow down to him (Acts 10:26), and he taught salvation by grace (Acts 15:11) **before** water baptism (Acts 10).
- Romans 3:4 - God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.
- **Final authority** has been (and always will be) the real issue. - Gen 3:1; Isa. 14:13-14

SEEDS OF PAGANISM AND PAPACY

- The seeds of pagan papacy are found in Cyprian's writings and also in the NT Apocrypha of Sinaiticus (Aleph) in a work called *A Letter from Clement* forged (by an anonymous writer of Rome) about 98 A. D., long before the council of Constantine in 325 A. D.
- The cancer of the papacy can also be found in the writing of Irenaeus (120-192 A. D.), who calls Rome the "greatest and oldest church, acknowledged by all," and founded by Peter.
NOTE: The Epistle to the Romans was written by Paul, not Peter.
- Roman authorities claimed absolute power and that they could never be deposed or compelled to resign no matter what kind of sin they were involved with, which has continued to be their position ever since.
- Undoubtedly the seeds of pagan papacy go all the way back to 2 Cor. 2:17 with the corrupters of the word of God in the first century.
- The RCC constantly used Bible believing Christians as scapegoats for all the ills of society, which brought relentless and vicious persecution to the true church.
- Ten imperial persecutions follow.

THE NOVATIANS

- This group arose in 281 A. D. and they insisted upon adult immersion of believers only and a pure discipline in the local church.
- They rejected anyone's baptism who had been baptized by an immoral bishop or anyone who had defected under persecution by denying the Lord Jesus Christ.
- God always has a remnant of true Bible believers.

OTHER REMNANTS

- The last Roman emperor before the demoniac Constantine was Diocletian (284-313 A. D.). He compelled all of his soldiers to sacrifice to the State gods. He followed this in 303 A. D. by throwing all pastors of local churches in prison, leveling all church buildings to the ground, and burning up every copy of the scriptures that could be found. However, no RCC "bibles" from Origen's manuscripts were ever burned by any leader or ruler in church history.
- Those who complied and turned over their Bibles to this **facist monster** were called "traitors," resulting in a split up of the churches and the formation of a group called Donatists. Donatists are linked in church history with the Paulicans, Bogomiles, Henricians, Petrobrusians, Albigenses, Waldenses, Anabaptists, Vaudois, Paterines, and Cathari.
- The outstanding thing about the Donatists was they **rejected** infant baptism when the RCC **accepted** it. They also insisted upon adult immersion of believers only as did the Novatians.

CONSTANTINE "THE GREAT" (217-337 A. D.)

- Constantine took over in 313 A. D. and almost succeeded in wiping Biblical Christianity off the face of the earth for 1,200 years.

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- Under Constantine, the Bible was completely abandoned as the final authority in all matters of faith and practice in favor of the traditions of the RCC and the purpose of the church vanishes completely.
- Under Constantine, the Biblical authority of the local church disappears and the separation of church and state disappears altogether.
- At this point of church history, the Pergamos period (Rev. 2:12) is in view as there is a marriage between the church and the state.
- The church is taken over by Rome and steps out and offers herself as a whore to the highest bidder. - Ezek. 16:30-33; 23:30:38
- Under Constantine, fifty copies of an apostate Bible are produced from *corrupt* Alexandrian manuscripts, from the pens of Pamphilus and Eusebius.

EGYPT AT THIS TIME

- Scholars with "superior education" arose in the schools of Alexandria and created many damnable heresies such as babies needing to be regenerated by sprinkling water and this sprinkling took away "original sin."
- Bible believers refer to this "elitist fraternity" as the "*The Alexandrian Cult.*"
- The Alexandrian Cult also made NT bishops into priests who belonged to an organization destined to rule the political, economic, and social world.
- The men most responsible for this perverted church establishment were Plato, Philo, Pantaenus, Clement of Alexandria, and Origen.
- From the Alexandrian Cult comes the foundational beliefs of the JW, RCC, Church of Christ, Unitarians, and all religious liberals who reject the true word of God.
- The roots of the RCC are in North Africa - Cyprian from Carthage, Augustine from Hippo, and Origen from Alexandria.

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5 - AFRICA'S MOST UNUSUAL UNIVERSITY - Rom. 1:22

MANKIND'S APOSTASY

- **Every** time period in the history of mankind ends in apostasy. Whether you are talking about 1) Innocence, 2) Conscience, 3) Law, 4) Jesus on the earth, 5) Church Age, 6) Tribulation, or 7) Millennium, in the end, **mankind fails** in every one of them.
- For example, the "high point" of civilization, paving the way for Noah, was the outward manifestation of continual evil and total depravity. - Gen. 6:2-6, Also, when considering Abram in Gen. 11:1-9, it was the Tower of Babel and God's judgment on the nations.

THE SECOND ADVENT

- The preparation for the Second Advent will be worldwide dominion of Satan, incarnate in the flesh as the Antichrist, as head of the UN, in a Roman capacity. - Rev. 13-17
- Rome was in power at the First Advent, and Rome will be in power at the Second Advent, however, God will destroy the Roman (Gentile) Empire at the Second Advent.
- Just as there was a private and a public element to the First Advent, there will be a private (Rapture - 1 Thess. 4:13-18) and a public element (Rev. 1:7) to the Second Advent.

CHARACTERISTICS OF EARLY NT CHRISTIANITY

- It begins in a pagan system. Evangelism takes place in the book of Acts.
- A certain Jew from Alexandria, a man named Apollos has only partial truth and a Christian man and wife (Priscilla and Aquilla) have to get him on the right track. - Acts 18:24-26
- Following the preaching and teaching ministries of Christians from 33-200 A. D., the "**M**achine" of culture in the form of the Alexandrian Cult takes over.

EXAMPLES OF WHAT MANY DID NOT OR DO NOT NOW BELIEVE IN THE BIBLE

- That Jesus' blood atonement is better than man's good works. - Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 4:5; 5:1
- Many did not believe a flood was coming when they were told it was. - Gen. 6; 2 Pet. 3
- Some still don't believe Jesus is coming back "with ten thousands of his saints" - Jude 14
- Many didn't believe God's laws were to be taken seriously. - Gen. 38:7
- Many did not believe God could provide food when people are starving. - Matt. 14
- Many do not believe God can supply all their need through His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. - Phil. 4:19
- Many do not believe Israel is going to be restored. - Rom. 11
- Many do not believe a man will go to Hell for eternity if he lives a good life. - Matt. 7:20-24
- Many do not believe Jesus Christ will sit down on a literal Throne of David at Jerusalem and rule from there for 1,000 literal years. - Matt. 25:31
- Many do not believe that God can preserve a Book that He wrote Himself. - Ps. 12:6-7
- Many do not believe the RCC is the bride of Satan. - Rev. 17:1-6; Judges 2:13; 18:19-28; 1 Kings 18; Jer. 44:17-19; Matt. 23:9; John 17:11; 1 Tim. 2:5; Heb. 10:8-12; Matt. 13:33
- Many believe what they want to believe regardless of what the scriptures say.

BIBLE CORRECTORS AND CORRUPTERS FROM ALEXANDRIA

- The founding fathers of the Alexandria Cult are as follows: Plato (427-347 B. C.), Philo (20 B. C. - 50 A. D.), Pantaenus (145-200 A. D.), Clement (150-215 A. D.), and finally Origen (184-254 A. D.).
- There is no indication that any of these men were born again or Bible believers.
- There is no indication that any of these "scholars" or their pupils **ever** led anybody to Christ.

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- Science, philosophy, pride, and scholarship drove all of these men.
- Their favorite phrases: "not in the originals," or "not to be taken literally."
- All perverted the scripture by allegorizing it wherever they felt like it.
- They accepted the Apocrypha as inspired scripture.
- Even though they absolutely knew the scriptures did not teach infant baptism or baptismal regeneration, they continually taught these heresies and that the whole pagan world would be converted to Christ since Jesus Christ was reigning over the world now through His "priests."
- If these "scholars" were supposedly closer to the originals some 1,800 years ago, how did they come to propagate so many unscriptural doctrines?
- Guess who it was that had such a profound influence on church history. - Answer: 2 Cor. 4:4
- Alexandrian theology taught the falsehood that the Septuagint (LXX) was verbally inspired.
- Modern scholars today hold many of these founders of the Alexandrian Cult in high esteem.

PLATO

- His philosophy was the guiding light to the first "Christian" school in Alexandria.
- He was an unsaved Greek philosopher who thought wisdom was the highest good.
- He glamorized the mind and held that the "social mind" was the ideal mind.
- He hated democracy in any form and conceived of a fascist utopia where evolution was the guarantee of progress.
- He taught that the State should take children away from their parents (as is common in Communistic countries) and give them twenty years of "reeducation" consisting of a "values clarification program."
- He believed in selective breeding and "guardian pools" for raising children.
- He believed in Church-State priests as the civil authority and that capital punishment should be the sentence for anyone meeting in private homes for "secret devotions."
- He believed in evolution and did not believe in Heaven, Hell, judgment, or the resurrection.
- His followers believed that truth was contained in his book "Plato's Republic" rather than the Bible.

PHILO

- While there is no evidence he was saved, he was supposedly the Rabbi of the "Great Synagogue" in Alexandria. He was a renegade and God defiling Jew, did not believe the OT or attend the mandatory feasts or sacrifices. - Deut. 16:16; Lev. 17
- He was a close follower of Plato in his thinking and writings, and he allegorized everything in the Bible he did not like. - Col. 2:8 - How convenient, same as "scholars" do today.

PANTAENUS

- None of his writings were left behind.
- The only information we have on him is that Clement, who spoke of him, always speaks of him in terms of the very highest respect. He states that Pantaenus was not a bible believing Christian but that he was a deep gnostic who had a perfect insight into Christianity.
- Pantaenus was the founder of the catechetical school in Alexandria.

CLEMENT

- Ignoring Acts 7:42, Clement considered star worship to be God's way of "helping people to a purer religion."
- He stated that a sinner gets to Heaven by overcoming sensuality. - Col 2:20-23
- Clement believed there was no salvation outside the church.

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- Clement knew nothing of the work of the Holy Spirit: e.g. in creation (Gen. 1:2-3), regeneration (John 1:12-13), being sealed (Eph. 4:30), preserving and comforting (John 14:16, 26), transforming (2 Cor. 3), or teaching (John 16:13)

ORIGEN

- Shortly after 200 A. D., Origen's school in Alexandria is "blossoming" and he promotes a long line of apostates who believe Christianity would come to rule the world through priests, which is where the heresy of Postmillennialism has its roots.
- His approach was that Christianity had to be made respectable so that the unsaved rulers of the world system would court it as a superior religion and eventually yoke up with it to help it rule the world.
- He believed it was necessary to compromise with Satan to gain ground. - Luke 4:6
- His philosophy was to seek advantage by admiring men. - Jude 16
- He decided Gen. 1-3 was *not* literal history and took the liberty to modify the Bible with any changes he wanted, i.e. he was a "**Bible-corrector**" and did not believe much of what God said in the Bible.
- He knew nothing about NT salvation.
- He was a "baby-sprinkler" to get rid of inherited sins; he did not believe in a literal Hell; he denied that men's bodies will be physically resurrected; he believed in the universal salvation of all men after a time in purgatory; he believed that if one received the mystical "kiss of peace" and denies himself fleshly pleasures and "holds the end of his life," he will earn eternal life by GOOD WORKS!
- Of course Origen believed that God wrote the Bible, that Jesus Christ was the Virgin born Son of God, that He died on the cross, and that He was buried and rose again, and that some day will come in judgment. (All fundamentalists today believe these things.)

GNOSTICISM

- The satanic system of philosophy used in Alexandria. A "gnostic" is a "knower" or a "know-it-all" and an "agnostic" would be a "non-knower" or "ignoramus" in the Latin.
- Gnosticism led to those considered "super elect" versus the commoner who had no education and today evidences itself in nearly all Christian colleges and seminaries and in the doctrine that God hates called "Nicolaitism." - Rev. 2:6, 15
- This is an unscriptural religious elitism which pits those "who know (the educated)" against those "who don't know (the common man)."
- This system has invaded every branch of science, philosophy, religion, and education for nearly 2,000 years (and counting). The "scholars" all believe that the more education a man has, the better equipped he is to *usurp* the place of final authority.
- This system is behind all changes to pervert the true word of God.

CREED OF THE ALEXANDRIAN CULT TODAY

1. There is no final written authority but God.
2. Since God is a Spirit, there is no final authority that can be seen, heard, read, felt, or handled.
3. Since all books are material, there is no book on this earth that is the final and absolute authority on what is right and what is wrong (or truth and error).
4. There was a series of writings one time which, if they had all been put into a book as soon as they were written the first time, would have constituted and infallible and final authority by which to judge truth and error.
5. However, this series of writings was lost, and the God who inspired them was unable to preserve their content through Bible-believing Christians at Antioch, Syria, where the first

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Bible teachers were (Acts 13:1), where the first missionary trip originated (Acts 13:1-52), and where the term "Christian" originated (Acts 11:26).

6. So, God chose to *almost* preserve them through Gnostics and philosophers from Alexandria, Egypt, even though God called His Son OUT of Egypt (Matt. 2:15), Jacob OUT of Egypt (Gen. 49), Israel OUT of Egypt (Ex. 15), and Joseph's bones OUT of Egypt (Ex. 13).
7. So, there are two streams of Bibles: 1) the most accurate, though of course, there is no final, absolute authority for determining truth and error, 2) it is a matter of "preference," i.e. the Egyptian translations from Alexandria, Egypt are "almost the originals," although not quite.
8. The most *inaccurate* translations were those that brought about the German Reformation and the worldwide missionary movement of the English-speaking people, which was the Bible of Sunday, Torrey, Moody, Finney, Spurgeon, Whitefield, Wesley, Chapman, et. al. used.
9. But we can "tolerate" these if those who believe in them will tolerate US. After all, since there is NO ABSOLUTE AND FINAL AUTHORITY that anyone can read, teach, preach, or handle, the whole thing is a matter of "preference." You may prefer what you prefer, and we will prefer what we prefer; let us live in peace, and if we cannot agree on anything or everything, let us all agree on one thing: THERE IS NO FINAL, ABSOLUTE, WRITTEN AUTHORITY OF GOD ANYWHERE ON THIS EARTH.

ALEXANDRIA INFLUENCE TODAY

- Alexandrian scholars today like to be identified and associated with the KJB in order to con the naïve into coming to their schools.
- The end product (today) of the Alexandrian Cult are the more than 250 English perversions that have been translated from Nestle-Aland's Alexandrian text, which is the text of Wescott and Hort. These "bibles" are the contemporary survivors of 1800 years of church history and the witness to man's infidelity and unfaithfulness in believing what God said - Gen. 3:1
- The Alexandria University has branches in every state and all over the world.

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6 - WATER, WATER, EVERYWHERE - Rev. 12:15

"HOLY" WATER, BLACK MAGIC, NORTH AFRICAN VOODOOISM

- Water baptismal regeneration is salvation by *works* and contrary to the gospel of grace.
- Starting early in church history through the present time, every major "Christian" denomination, *except Baptists and their predecessors*, believe that water baptism, (sprinkling or immersion) brings forth a "new creature in Christ" who has been regenerated by the Holy Spirit (for salvation).
- This would include all Catholics, Church of England, Campbellites (Church of Christ), Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Reformed Churches, Lutherans, etc.
- The official councils of Rome pronounce 14 *curses* against every Baptist for not adhering to the RCC belief system.
- Other than the so-called "mass," the non-biblical heresy of water baptismal regeneration has caused more bloodshed and death than any other single doctrine wrested from the word of God. - Matt. 26:26

WHAT THE SCRIPTURES SAY

- Water baptism as necessary for salvation comes from a private interpretation of John 3:5, where these groups state this verse is *not* a reference to the first (physical) birth *even though physical life originated in water* (Gen. 1:20) and a man's wife is his "fountain" (Prov. 5:16-18). They believe John 3:5 refers to water baptism.
- Also, these groups erroneously believe Romans 6:3-4, Gal. 3:27, and Titus 3:5 refer to water baptism when they DO NOT!
- Water baptism for salvation is believed by groups which use their own private interpretation of Acts 2:38, Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21; Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:27; Eph. 4:5, Titus 3:5.
- Acts 15:9-11, Titus 3:5, Eph. 2:8-9, 1 Peter 3:19-21, and 1 Cor. 1:14-17 (along with hosts of other verses which show salvation is by repentance and believing on Jesus Christ alone) prove water baptism is not integral to salvation.
- In the Bible, Gentiles are water baptized only AFTER they are saved. - Acts 10:47-48

WATER BAPTISM AND CIRCUMCISION

- By 220 A. D., water baptism was taught to be the sacrament by which a person becomes a member of the church.
- Augustine taught in error that water baptism for infants as the replacement for circumcision.
- Baptism is only a *figure or symbol*; it is not a "sign" or a "seal" as circumcision was to the Jews for the covenant God made with Abraham. - Gen. 17:6-11; Rom. 4:11.
- Water baptism was taught as having cleansed a sinner from PAST sins, which meant two more heresies had to be invented: 1) "enduring to the end" which means nobody has any assurance of salvation and 2) the RCC doctrine of penance (and the false doctrine of purgatory.)
- This "liquid salvation" led to the RCC sacraments of a "liquid communion" whereby priests alone could officiate communion and make the wafer and wine into the literal body and blood sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ (*transubstantiation*). - 1 Cor. 11:26

WHO STARTED THE WATER BAPTISM FOR SALVATION HERESY?

- The heretics and Bible perverters Origen and Augustine were given credit for originating infant baptism for salvation as a foundational Catholic belief.
- Augustine taught the only true water baptism for salvation was in the RCC and any baptism outside the RCC was heretical.

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- Augustine taught unbaptized babies could go to Hell.
- The RCC got the emperors Theodosius and Honorius to declare capital punishment for Christians who would not baptize infants or for anyone who would rebaptize adults (which meant they did not believe in infant baptism).
- Water baptism was made into an orthodox decree in 401 A. D. and by the Council of Mela in 415 A. D. In 789 A. D., Charlemagne made infant baptism compulsory in a State Law.
- Augustine held to all five points of modern-day Calvinism and his unscriptural beliefs largely influenced John Calvin during the reformation.
- The unscriptural, pagan, hierarchy of the Church-State RCC has persecuted thousands of genuine Bible believers over the centuries over these gross perversions of scripture.
- America is the only major country to escape a Church-State setup. Some of the major Church States are England-Anglican, German-Lutheran, France/Spain/Italy-Catholic, Greece-Orthodox, etc.

WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?

- Water baptism (and infant sprinkling) which is controlled by a Church State guarantees:
 1. A large membership in the state church with plenty of money flowing into the church.
 2. Death or excommunication is threatened if the people fail to bring their babies in.
 3. Families get "church membership" at their physical birth rather than seeking any spiritual birth.
 4. People start believing that physical water applied to a physical sinner can produce a spiritual birth, which it cannot.
 5. The Church State will absolutely control the consciences of the people since they will all date their conversion to be their water baptism.
 6. People cannot have any assurance of eternal life since salvation is based on works.
 7. Nobody will seek to learn the true plan of salvation or seek to win any souls to Christ.
 8. Infant water baptism becomes a unifying power among the unregenerate and remains so to this day and allows the RCC to classify everybody else as heretics.
 9. Even many of the reformers could not escape the RCC infant sprinkling (e.g. Calvin, Zwingli, Luther)
- At the Council of Nicaea in 325 A. D., Pagan Rome converted to Papal Rome and of the two, Papal Rome turns out to be the bloodiest and most hellish, by far. It's no wonder the next 1,000 years turn out to be called the Dark Ages.

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7 - EASTER BUNNIES AND CHRISTMAS TREES - Mark 7:9, 13

HISTORICAL RECORD OF CONSTANTINE

- Written by Eusebius in his Ecclesiastical History, the standard history on Constantine is called "*The Life of Constantine*."
- In spite of 1 Cor. 1:22, Constantine pretended to be a Jew being talked to by an Apostle (Mark 16:17) who had "the signs" and was supposedly told "In this sign conquer." Constantine pretended this sign meant "conquer Maxentius, thereby liberating Rome."
- After his victory over Maxentius at the Milvian bridge near Rome, Constantine thought so much of himself that he erected a statue of himself in Rome.
- Constantine proceeded to exempt the clergy from taxes (313 A. D.) (just as RCC clergy are exempt today), establish observance of Sunday by all unsaved pagans (321 A. D.), and he then promised to give every "convert" to "Christianity" 20 pieces of gold and a white robe.
- Floods of people responded and were water baptized into the RCC.
- In the last hours of Constantine's life, he asked Eusebius (bishop of Caesaria) to prepare fifty copies of an Alexandrian Bible for use in the Roman palace.
- Eusebius and his friend Pamphilus went back to North Africa and took Origen's Hexapla and copied out the fifth column of that corrupted work and sent it to Constantine. It contained the Apocrypha interspersed as part of the Old Testament.
- To this day, Origen's corrupted "bible" remains as the RCC's official "bible." In 1901 it was published in America as the ASV, in 1960 the NASV, and in 1978 the NIV. To deceive the public and make these perversions appear as merely updates to the "archaic" language of the A.V., the OT Apocrypha was omitted (as well as in all the other modern-day frauds.)
- Constantine put many of the true Bible believing Donatists to death. Donatists believed the church was a called out assembly of regenerated people who lived separated lives, NOT an organization where unregenerate pagans were taught they were the "true Christians."
- Constantine did not believe in salvation by grace through faith in the finished work of Christ.
- Constantine supposedly gets saved when he gets sprinkled with water about a week before his death, which he believed conferred upon him immortality and sealed his salvation. Just before his death, Constantine prayed and said that in his own estimation he "deserved immortal life."
- Widespread mourning, weeping, and wailing occurred when he died. Markets were closed.
- Constantine corpse was laid in a gold coffin and placed between twelve coffins, which represented the twelve Apostles. However, we know Paul was really the thirteenth Apostle.
- Constantine reigned 24 years and called himself the "Bishop of Bishops" (Arch-Bishop).
- All Catholic bishops accepted Constantine as the final authority in all religious disputes.

COUNCIL OF ARLES (314 A. D.) COUNCIL OF NICAEA (325 A. D.)

- The council of Nicaea was the start of the Pergamos period.
- There is no Biblical basis for councils, but they were an established practice before 100 B. C.
- Constantine stated that he was called of God to decide all Biblical issues and that unity was the most important thing in NT Christianity. (Today we call it "ecumenicism.")
- Divisions among "Christians" were not to be tolerated and Constantine was ready, willing, and able to exterminate any Bible believer who did not subscribe to the tenets of the RCC.
- No real issues are dealt with at the councils, e.g. final and absolute authority, what the final authority says about water baptism, the Second Coming of Christ, etc.

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IDOLATRY AND PAGANISM IN THE RCC

- Pagans brought into the church Christmas trees and Easter bunnies and much more idolatry.
- The RCC have since implemented many *unscriptural* rituals from pagan idolatry. These included water baptism for salvation, vestal virgins, robed priests, robed choirs, kissing pieces of wood and clothing, sprinkling holy water, pretending every week they were eating and drinking the literal body and blood of Jesus, wedding bands, religious processions, panoplies (suits or coverings) for statues, prayers for the dead, sign of the cross, rosary, penance, relic worship, idol processions, lamps and wax candles, worshipping a deified mother, Mary, the queen of heaven (Jer. 44:19), mistletoe with a boar's head, Christmas goose, "Lady Day" in connection with the birthday of Baal on Dec. 25, Easter (from Ishtar) around May 1, Easter eggs at sacred festivals, Venus (Astarte) hatching out from an egg, etc. And above all, the supreme "Pontiff," ruler of Heaven, earth and Hell, "God" manifest in the flesh on earth, sitting as absolute sovereign above all jurisdictions and powers, with power to kill, uproot, tear down, and destroy, and with power to use armed force to eradicate Bible believing "dissidents."

"CHRISTIAN" NATIONS AND EMPIRES

- The RCC soon became the "only church." The RCC instituted the incredible idea that a city or a town can be a Christian city or town. Now we have "Christian nations" like America!
- The RCC took the notion even farther and declared there was a "Holy Roman Empire."
- RCC church members were encouraged to believe that Rome was the New Jerusalem and that the bishops and priests of the RCC were the earthly rulers destined to *conquer the world for Jesus Christ*.

CONSTANTINE'S NEGATIVE AFFECT ON THE BIBLICAL WORLD VIEW

- Perhaps the most damaging result of Constantine's decrees was the effect they had on many theologians and Bible teachers, many (from 120-311 A. D.) of whom were Premillennialists.
- Premillennialism back in Constantine's day was called "*Chiliasm*." and was rejected by Jerome, Augustine, and later John Calvin.
- Many became Postmillennialists and ultimately Amillennialists after WW-I and WW-II.
- Origen, Clement, et. al. called Premillennialism "a Jewish dream."
- *According to the Bible*, man will be **UNABLE** to bring peace on earth before the Lord returns at the Second Advent.
- RCC believes the millennial reign of Jesus Christ on earth is figurative and not literal.

THE PERVERTED SALVATION AND PERVERTED BELIEF SYSTEM OF THE RCC

- To be saved according to the RCC, every person has to be brought under the RCC and subject to the Roman Pontiff.
- Roman Catholics, even today, believe all unsaved men have God for their Father and Christ for their brother.
- Catholics believe that *nobody* can be saved outside the RCC.
- They believe only through *water baptism* of the RCC can somebody be saved (*the big issue*).
- RCC teaches the "damned" of Mark 16:16 are not those who fail to believe on Jesus Christ, but is a reference to people who think they ought to join the Catholic church and then **don't**.
- RCC believe the Pope is the Vicar of Jesus Christ and is in the place between man and God.
- RCC believe the Pope can judge mankind, *but is judged by no one*.
- RCC believe all "Christians" should look upon the Pope as God Himself!
- RCC believe a man is saved from second death by martyrdom.

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- RCC believe Adam's soul died, not his spirit.
- RCC believe the Septuagint, with the Apocrypha, is inspired scripture.
- RCC believe that references to the resurrection and restoration of Israel in Hosea 6:2 were fulfilled in 33 A. D. and that the resurrected saints who sit in judgment in Revelation 20 are Catholic priests and bishops now judging heathen.
- RCC believe that Malachi 4 is a reference to the last judgment instead of the Second Advent.
- RCC believe Romans 8:29 refers to a present spiritual growth in grace, not a final state at the resurrection.
- RCC believe that unsprinkled babies go to Hell if they are not "elect" babies.
- RCC believe the Second Coming of Christ occurs one piece of Christ at a time every Sunday morning in Catholic churches, (transubstantiation).

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8 - THE FIRST WORLD CONGRESS OF FUNDAMENTALISM - 1 Tim. 1:5-6

THE APOSTLES CREED AT THE COUNCIL OF NICAIA (325 A. D.)

- The Council of Nicaea initiates the Pergamos church period (Rev. 2:12) and effectively marks *the end* of New Testament Biblical Christianity. Any group who believed and followed the true Bible would now have to withstand an Imperial Church-State in order to maintain the purity and integrity of the words of God.
- To this day the RCC places the creeds of RCC Councils on an equal level with inspired scripture and they believe that progressive revelation is still forthcoming through the RCC who have effectively placed the RCC above God's words in scripture.
- This is the reason the Bible is continually being changed through the modern Bible versions.
- The earliest creed omitted the magic word "Catholic," so it was not adopted.
- It was a very short document in the beginning, but it was later revised in 341 and 381 A. D. to reflect the RCC as the only one holy and apostolic church and acknowledging one (water) baptism for the remission of sins.
- This is the same today as the Campbellite (Church of Christ) doctrine where they misinterpret and misapply Acts 2:38 and Eph. 4:5.
- Origen was responsible early on for laying the groundwork for the controversies addressed at the Council of Nicaea. After Nicaea, many recognized Origen (184-254 A. D.) as a heretic and so he was "blackballed" by the RCC because he failed to line up with the Council's position on the Doctrine of the Trinity. Never mind that Origen believed in the heresies of: priests, baptismal regeneration, unbelief in Gen. 3, salvation by works, belief that Jesus was begotten before Gen. 1:1 (i.e. a created or lesser god, cf. John 1:18), the necessity of changing the Bible to line up with Socratic and Platonic thinking, etc.
- While nearly all church leaders in the first and second centuries were Premillennial, none of the RCC leaders (popes, bishops, priests, or archbishop) was ever Premillennial.
- The Council of Nicaea denied the Premillennial truths of the Second Coming of Christ and refused to adopt the corollary which dealt with Premillennialism that had been proposed as an attachment to the Apostles Creed.
- The Council of Nicaea proceeded to set up principles of the *organized hierarchy*, which are nowhere found in the Bible.
- This led to modern *RCC dogma* that states there will be no rapture, no restoration of Israel, no Millennium, and no Judgment Seat of Christ.
- The Council of Nicaea stated that *nobody* could be saved unless he "held to the Catholic Faith."
- The Council of Nicaea stated nobody can be saved unless they accept the Doctrine of the Trinity as stated by the council. It was for this reason John Calvin (1509-1564 A. D.) had a Christian named Servetus (1511-1553 A. D.) burned at the stake.
- The African Cyprian was the first to misapply Matt. 16:18 and believe the heresy of the church as founded on Peter and destined to bring in "peace on earth to men of good will."
- The RCC began to *claim for themselves* the literal promises that God made to the Jews.
- The RCC advocated a Church State, contrary to the scriptures.
- The RCC instituted three competing authorities for the word of God: 1) Science - 1 Tim. 6:20, 2) Tradition - Mark 7:3-13, and 3) Philosophy - Col. 2:8
- Constantine ended up his unscriptural and pious fraud at the Council of Nicaea with "Discord in the church I consider more fearful and painful than any other war. Delay not, therefore, my friends, delay not servants of God; put away all causes of strife and loose all knots of

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discord by the laws of peace." Sounds good except for "put away all causes" *meant MURDER anyone that doesn't go along with the Council.*

- If you believed everything the Council of Nicaea decided on, you would go straight to Hell, e.g. the new birth is not conditioned on subscribing to a man-made creed, but on receiving Jesus Christ alone by faith as your personal Saviour. - John 1:12-13
- From the Council of Nicaea forward, the bloody Mother Whore of Rev. 17:1-8 is in clear view.

AUGUSTINE

- The Council of Nicaea paved the way for Augustine's (354-430 A. D.) unscriptural and ungodly "history" of the church called "*City of God.*"
- True church history shows that the African *Augustine* was in a true sense *the founder of Roman Catholicism.*

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9 - THE GREAT WITCH HUNT - 1 Cor. 11:19

HERESY, HERETIC, AND INFIDELITY (TO THE WORD) DEFINED

- Heresy is normally used to describe those who profess to believe the Bible and then misuse the Bible to prove or teach something that is *not* true. - Acts 24:14; 1 Cor. 11:18-19
- **Heresy** can be distinguished from **infidelity** in that **infidelity** is mainly used of unbelief in the Bible as a whole.
- Heretical teaching is a false teaching normally derived by: 1) adding to the Bible, 2) taking from the Bible, 3) severing a verse in the Bible from its context or 4) "spiritualizing" or "allegorizing" a passage so that it does not apply to nor have an effect on the reader.
- It is *proper* to presume the KJB is always 100% correct and anybody who disagrees with it is *always wrong*. - Prov. 30:5-6; Ps. 12:6-7, 119:89; Jer. 23:36; Matt. 24:35; Mark 13:31; Luke 21:33
- The first real heretics in church history were Bible corrupters who became Roman Catholics even before the Council of Nicaea. - 2 Cor. 2:17

EXAMPLES OF HERETICAL TEACHING

- Acts 2:38 - Many today try to prove this verse teaches the plan of salvation. To do so, the teacher must ignore: 1) who the verse is addressed to (Israel) in vv. 5, 12, 22, 36, 2) the amount of *revealed truth* available at the time (Only Genesis thru Malachi had been written), 3) the question in v. 37 that was being answered in comparison to the question in Acts 16:30, and 4) all the subsequent revelation on the Plan of Salvation for the Church Age (Gal. 2:16; Acts 10:44-48; 15:1-20; John 3:16-18, 36; John 5:24; Eph. 2:8-10; Rom. 4:5, 5:1, 6:23; etc.)
- In an attempt to prove water baptism is necessary for salvation, many teach Eph. 4:5, Rom. 6:1-4, 1 Cor. 12:13; Gal. 3:27, and Col. 2:12 refer to water baptism *when they do not*.
- In order to teach evolution as true science, teachers (and new Bibles) change the word "science" to "knowledge" in 1 Tim. 6:20.
- In order to teach the creation period was over an "indefinite period," one must interpret the word "day" in Gen. 1 and 2 to mean an "indefinite period of time."
- Many heretics teach that 2 Tim. 3:16 ("inspiration") refers only to the "original autographs."

TREATMENT OF HERETICS

- True Bible believers do not seek the persecution, bodily harm or the murder of heretics, nor will you ever find in church history any true Bible believer persecuting a Jew.
- The weapons of a Bible believer are not carnal, but spiritual. - 2 Cor. 10:4; Heb. 4:12
- For more than 1,000 years, the RCC has a history that is **full** of persecution, torture, and murder of Bible believers, which they erroneously call "heretics." - Rev. 17:5-6
- Many barbaric invasions began during the life of Augustine (350-430 A. D.).
- The RCC looted and burned church buildings, killed clergymen, imprisoned, and tortured all who opposed the RCC.
- It was Augustine who first decided that those who taught against infant baptism were heretics and should be killed.
- The foundational creed of the Council of Nicaea (325 A. D. to the present) is that if you are anti-Catholic, you are a God-defying, God-hating, Christ-rejecting, hell-bound heretic.
- In spite of heavy persecution in the first two centuries, the church rapidly expanded due to four primary reasons: 1) zeal in personal witnessing, 2) pure morals, 3) compact church organization, 4) expectancy of the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

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THE LUCIAN RECENSION

- In about 330-340 A. D. (just after the Council of Nicaea), this *unbelievable theory* is conjectured as being when Lucian suddenly brought Vaticanus and Sinaiticus with him to Antioch, (or was it Constantinople?), and then by conflating Vaticanus and Sinaiticus with Western manuscripts, Lucian manufactured a "textus receptus" that added 536 words in the gospels to Vaticanus and 839 words to Sinaiticus, while subtracting 1,048 words from both of them. He then transposed or altered 1,098 words from one (B) and 2,299 from the other (Aleph), thereby producing a *corrupt* text, which dropped out of circulation for 1,200 years, but then *suddenly reappears* and supposedly brings Europe out of the Dark Ages! **RIGHT!**

WHERE ARE THE BIBLE BELIEVERS TODAY?

- Today they are the soul winners which take the gospel into the public square. They are found knocking on doors, preaching in the prisons, and preaching on the street.
- They are **NOT** in conventions, associations, hierarchies, or other ecumenical groups.
- Bible believers practice a **PRACTICAL THEOLOGY**, not a systematic or dogmatic theology debating vain genealogies. - 1 Tim 1:4; Titus 3:9
- True Bible believers are *not* interested in showing you how much Bible they know, but are interested in proclaiming *the pure gospel* for the glory of God and to keep people from going to an eternal Hell.
- Bible believers suffer persecution and trust God to handle, in His own time, the revenge and recompense that is necessary. - 2 Tim. 3:12; Rom. 12:19; Heb. 10:30

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10 - THE LIGHTS GO OUT - John 9:4

THE DARK AGES (500-1000 A. D.)

- **Modernists** call this period "*the Middle Ages*" in order to cover up the atrocities brought about by the RCC upon Bible believing Christians.
- The outstanding character of the period of history just prior to the Dark Ages is Chrysostom (303-407 A. D.) who represented the school at Antioch, which followed the Byzantine text of the King James Bible.
- The Roman Catholic counterpart, was Jerome (340-420 A. D.), who produced a **corrupt** NT text from the **corrupted** Alexandrian Cult manuscripts (known as the Latin Vulgate) which became (and still is), the official "bible" of the RCC. It is called the Jesuit Rheims Bible, and was the basis for Westcott and Hort's **corrupt** Greek text.
- The Dark Ages, from a **scriptural** standpoint, are the results of an official Church-State, which adopted the Devil's bible.

THE ROLE OF THE RCC COUNCILS

- All the various RCC councils pretended to be settling various doctrinal issues but the true (albeit hidden) agenda was to transfer to the councils the power to have final authority in all matters of faith and practice.
- Hierarchy, unity, power, and absolute authority to dictate all ecclesiastical functions were (and are) the main issues and objectives of the RCC.
- Once **power and authority** was vested in the councils, the Roman bishops were well on their way to becoming military dictators.
- The councils were able to incorporate worldly philosophy, science, and especially church tradition above the words of God in the Bible.
- An example of council rule was demonstrated when a synod in 449 A. D. decided that a man was a blasphemer of Christ if he refused to call Mary "the Mother of God." The RCC has updated this in modern times where anyone who claims that God is his father but does not claim Mary as his mother is an unsaved sinner on his way to Hell.
- The pure truths of the Bible, which are found in northern Italy, came westward from Asia Minor and Antioch, and not up from Rome.
- **God refused to give Rome anything but corruption.**

"DISSENTERS"

- Theodosius, who reigned from 392-395 A. D., professed Nicene Catholicism and firmly anchored the Catholic Church to the Roman State, giving it all the rights and privileges of a State religion, including armed officers to kill Bible believing dissenters.
- Bible believing "dissenters" were called heretics, which is the designation the Bible gives in Acts 24:14. (If you **believe** the words of God in the Bible, you too will be called a heretic!)
- After Theodosius' death, his four sons inherited a fractured empire which had broken into two parts due to the controversies between Bible believing dissenters in the East and Roman Catholics in the West, from which the **imperial form** of the Roman Empire never recovered.
- True Bible believers believed in the autonomy of the local assembly, the truth of salvation by grace through faith, laboring to spread the true Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. They also believed in the imminent and the Premillennial return of Jesus Christ, and held that each and every believer was a priest with direct access to God through Jesus Christ.
- **Antioch of Syria** was the **home base** for New Testament Christianity and the missionary center of the early church. (Acts 11:26; 13:1-4; 16:1-6)

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- There was *never* any pure or Biblical Christianity in Alexandria or Rome after the time of Cyprian (258 A. D.)
- *Syria* had the scriptures in her own language *before* Origen was even born in Alexandria.
- The Goths, up on the NW side of the Black Sea had their own Bible in their own language around 350 A. D. before Augustine pronounced the curse on the Donatists and while Jerome was getting his Alexandrian Latin Vulgate printed at Rome around 400 A. D.
- So many were truly getting saved that many confessed that the word "Christian" is not the same word as "Catholic." *Truly they are different and not of the same flock.*
- Hundreds of thousands of early Bible believers that had access to Paul's writings knew that a sinner was saved by grace through faith without water baptism or any "good" works of men.
- In Europe for the next 1,000 years, *God preserved His word* in the Bibles of the Old Latin, Old Syriac, Koine Greek, and the Old Gothic.
- The Lord God evidently had enough of the killings and persecutions on Bible believers and decided to wipe Rome out.

PELAGIUS (about 400 A. D.)

- He was a British monk who followed the Antiochan school of theology and used the Old Latin, which supports the Textus Receptus, which supports the King James Bible.
- The RCC church condemned Pelagius' writings since he believed in separation of church and state, rejected infant baptism, and rejected baptismal regeneration.
- Pope Innocent (402-417 A. D.) declared that any Christian who said that infant baptism could not take away "original sin" was damned, and any Christian who said that Adam would have died naturally if he had not taken of the tree of life was damned. Further, he declared that if a Bible believer says that babies can get into the Kingdom of Heaven without water baptism (Catholic sprinkling), he is damned. - Deut. 1:39
- However, the teaching of Pelagius that most provoked the RCC was that if there is no original sin inherited from Adam, then *sprinkling babies gets rid of nothing.*
- Pelagius' beliefs were a direct threat to a Church-State system that used babies to force Christians to submit to the RCC perverted religious system that kept the RCC full of unregenerate church members who were nothing but whitewashed religious hypocrites.
- Bible believers who agreed with Pelagius were killed by the RCC for nearly 50 years.
- Regeneration of infants by sprinkling became an official Catholic doctrine and had the backing of Greek emperors and Roman bishops. This heresy had *more* to do with the bloody massacres of the Dark Ages *than any other* RCC heresy.

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11 - LESSER LIGHTS IN THE TWILIGHT - Matt. 5:14

MONASTICISM ("MONO" MEANS "ALONE", HENCE "MONASTERY")

- Monasticism began in North Africa, around the time of Augustine and Jerome.
- It is a *fraud* warned against in Col. 2:20-23
- These people *compromised* true Bible believing Christianity and helped established man's (RCC) traditions, philosophy, and science as the Final Authority. They feared God enough to want to live holy, but also feared the Bishops of the RCC at the same time. It was an effort to serve two masters, which the Bible condemns. - Matt. 6:24; Luke 16:13
- It is based on being cut off completely from all interactions with the outside world.
- Its practices include self-denial, spiritual meditation, self-mutilation, humiliation of the body, and eventually resulted in the building of convents, nunneries, and monasteries.
- Monasticism's greatest "fathers" were Athanasius (of Alexandria Africa), Jerome (of Rome), Chrysostom (of Constantinople), and Augustine (of Hippo → Carthage, Africa)
- The apostates taught that the more asceticism (strict self-denial) one practiced, the more spiritual he was. To prove this doctrinal conviction, Origen castrated himself, under the pretense of following Matt. 5:29-30
- Monasticism most certainly was the *start of celibacy*, which was the perpetual virginity of every male unless he had married before he went into the monastery.

MONASTICISM AND ITS EFFECT ON THE BIBLE

- Most striking thing is that Monasticism is no where to be found in the New Testament but was used by the devil to *replace* the New Testament over time.
- It was a Bible-rejecting apostate monk named Jerome (340-420 A. D.) who got rid of the Old Latin Receptus at a time when Latin was becoming the universal language. Jerome replaced it with an Alexandrian New Testament (called the Latin Vulgate) where he changed the Old Latin in about 3,000 places. It is preserved today in the RV, ASV, NIV, NASV, etc. The idea was to give Rome a standard Bible by which she could prove the Latin Receptus was from "late manuscripts" which showed many "careless copyist errors," and claim a "far purer text." (It is the W&H text of 1881)
- Perverting the scriptures led to perverting the gospel where unsaved self-deniers attempt to work their way to Heaven by *self-crucifixion*.
- Their supposed "godliness" was based on self-mortification and self-denial where they tried to *appear godly* while changing and rejecting the words of God. (Same as scholars do today.)
- Jerome's corrupt text was the start of the false teaching that the popes came from "apostolic succession" from Peter and that Peter was not married. He was! - Matt. 8:14; 1 Cor. 9:5
- Jerome ignored Augustine's advice to translate the OT from Sinaiticus and Vaticanus (which contain both NT & OT). However, Jerome could not resist translating the Greek and Hebrew Apocryphal books contained in the Alexandrian canon set up by Clement, Philo, and Origen.
- These apocryphal books provide justification for praying for the dead and drinking liquor.
- These apostates take Matt. 13:33 and in error claim "leaven" means "the gospel" and that Christianity would eventually "leaven the whole earth" with "pure" doctrine and practice.
- Jerome's "eclectic" NT text is ideal for scholars today so they can become the "recognized authorities" to cancel each other out and maintain the *authority and power of the institution*.
- With the acceptance of Jerome's corrupt text, *the Dark Ages begin*.

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12 - THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE - 1 Sam. 8:5-7

THYATIRA CHURCH PERIOD (500-1000 A. D.)

- This period exhibits the *greatest departure* from the "faith once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 1:3) of any period in church history.
- The people who preach and teach the true Bible in this period are called Paulicians, Bulgarians, Paterines, Burgundians, Bogomiles, Armenians, Cathari, Waldenses, and others.
- God always has a remnant of born-again believers who hold to Bible (Baptist) doctrine.

TRUE CHURCH HISTORY DEFINED

- It is not the study of the RCC hierarchy. The truth is that RCC history would be correctly termed "Anti-church history" because the history of Roman Catholicism is anti-Biblical!
- Genuine church history must deal with the body of born-again Bible believers who meet as baptized adults (believers) in a local assembly.
- Biblical church history has existed back to the first century and was certainly established in England before the year 200 A. D.

THE STRANGLEHOLD OF THE RCC

- When Augustine (354-430 A. D.) died in Canterbury, the deceitful Catholics put on his tombstone *the following lie*: "Here rests the LORD Augustine who...rescued King Ethelbert and his NATION from the worship of IDOLS to the faith of Christ."
- By 715 A. D., the stranglehold of the RCC was so intense that they could label a man a heretic for not observing a holy day. - Col. 2:16; Rom. 14:5
- The RCC routinely excommunicated those they considered heretics, many times without even a just hearing or representation.
- Canonizing popular RCC men from different countries became a powerful and effective means of keeping a group of different nations under one Roman dictatorship.
- *Unity and power* were (and are) the RCC's first considerations in any situation, rather than *Biblical truth* and *righteousness*.
- Any group of Bible believing Christians that 1) rejected infant baptism or 2) would not baptize and adult until he professed faith in Christ or 3) would not subscribe openly to the decrees and canons of the RCC councils became subject to *STATE ACTION* and became a target to be destroyed by the RCC.
- The pastors of true Bible believing churches were subject to death.
- By 1000 A. D., every Bible believing Christian in Europe was in danger of imprisonment, banishment, or death if he was caught one time taking the Bible's side against the RCC bishop's side in any religious dispute.
- Pope Boniface played a great part in anti-church history for giving the Germans his RCC "plan of salvation" which follows:
 1. You must renounce the devil and his works because if you do any of them, e.g. lying, hatred, theft, etc., you *shall not* inherit the Kingdom of Heaven, (Today this heresy is preached as "you must repent of (turn from) your sins" as a prerequisite to salvation!).
 2. You must profess to believe in the Trinity *according* to the Council of Nicaea (325 A. D.)
 3. You must keep the Sabbath and go to church, sponsor babies when they get sprinkled, and give alms because giving alms gets rid of sin.
 4. Abstain from all that is lewd or impure around Christmas time and don't have marital relations with your own wife at this holy season.
 5. Obtain eternal life by fulfilling the commandments given above. (Works, works, works!)

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- 800 A. D. marks the installation of a RCC pope as the supreme political ruler of the nations of Europe and marks the identity of the greatest type of the Antichrist on this earth. - 2 Thess. 2:1-9 and Rev. 13:1-10
- Good and bad, right and wrong, truth and heresy, are no longer determined by the Bible but by the RCC.

CHARLEMAGNE (768-814 A. D.)

- Charlemagne, who stood nearly 7 ft. tall, with "a strong sympathy for intellectual excellence," was a prototype of all RCC dictators and had a strong military army. His life's ambition was to bring in the kingdom on earth (of course without the return of Jesus Christ), overthrow the prophecies of the Bible, and set up a "Christian" (RCC) theocracy on earth.
- Charlemagne conducted more than 50 military campaigns in an attempt to unite all of the Teutonic and Latin peoples in Europe into a United Nations under himself and a RCC pope.
- Charlemagne enforced water baptism for salvation at sword point...either get sprinkled (infant baptism) or get executed.
- Charlemagne presided at the Council of Frankfort in 794 A. D. instead of the pope and continued to appoint his own bishops without the pope's consent.
- Charlemagne's war with the Saxons was the first Church-approved massacre (forced conversion) for extension of the RCC and set the pace for many more massacres later on.
- Charlemagne is most remembered, not for his temporary conquest of the Saxons or his founding of RCC schools and monasteries, but being "crowned by God (Pope Leo)" as *Caesar* (cf. Rev. 5:10 and 2 Cor. 4:4) and passing a new law compelling every European leader under his dominion to take an oath of loyalty to *HIM!* (ditto Hitler, 1939)

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13 - MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE RANCH - Eccles. 5:8

POWER AND AUTHORITY - RCC VERSUS THE BIBLE

- The RCC's infallible rule on all religious matters is the only means whereby the RCC could ever hope to maintain **POWER and UNITY**.
- As long as power and unity are maintained for the "Holy Mother Church (RCC)," it is easy to understand how any un-Biblical teaching could be adopted, even promoted.
- A low estimation of the **POWER AND AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE** will never produce a true Bible scholar, i.e. a man who knows, understands, and believes the Bible. - Luke 10:21
- Catholicism under the Vatican State is **totalitarian system** of two classes, a ruling class on top and the rest of humanity on the bottom, and is exactly the same as Fascism, Communism, Socialism, Nazism, and Humanism. They all **hide** behind a false front of "the welfare of the poverty stricken masses" and the "good of the common people."

PAGAN PRACTICES IN THE RCC

- Pagan "converts" were not only allowed to keep pagan practices, but were encouraged to adopt additional ones they knew nothing about. For example, by 312 A. D., prayers for the dead and making the "sign of the cross" were officially ruled by RCC leaders to be orthodox practices for all "good" Catholics.
- By 320 A. D., candles came into use in the services, by 375 A. D. veneration for angels and saints, by 394 A. D. the mass became a celebration of the death of Christ (instead of a memorial as per 1 Cor. 11:24-26), and by 431 A. D. worship of Mary was considered to be "NT Christianity."
- By 596 A. D., RCC clergy were dressing differently than the laity (Rev. 17:4), by 611 A. D. the title of "Universal Bishop" or "Pope" was being used, and by 709 A. D. Christians were supposed to kiss his feet.
- By 787 A. D., the popes all stated it was the duty of Christians to use and worship images of Christ, the Virgin, and the saints, since they were of "special value" to the common people who could not read the scriptures.
- By 788 A. D., crosses and images became objects of worship and by 850 A. D. the priests were mixing salt with water to perform various acts of North African black magic.
- Bells were baptized in 956 A. D. and by 1000 A. D. Catholics were fasting on Friday and observing "Lent" and the mass became an obligatory "sacrifice." (Go to mass or lose your head!)
- Popes very often encouraged rebellion against kings, and in some cases encouraged assassinations ("for the glory of God," of course) to get a ruler out of the way who either would not tax his people for church profit or wouldn't kill Christians.
- By 900 A. D., the RCC had become **a religious Mafia of professional killers** to retain power.
- Self-whipping (flagellation) was instituted as a means of paying for one's sins. - 1 Kings 18
- Penance was taught in concert with salvation by works, for there was no absolution of sins until the penitent had done the required good works.
- As a substitute for "doing penance," filthy lucre (money) became the standard practice where indulgences were bought and sold. This led to the unconverted sinners of the RCC being able to continue sinning without protest as long as they had enough money from liquor sales and bingo tables to pay off the Catholic monk or priest.

RCC FORGERIES AND COUNTERFEITING

- Forgeries abounded in the first 10 centuries of the RCC's defection from the truth.

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- The standard practice was to attach the name of a well-known "devout" and "godly" man to a false teaching to "prove" the lie was the truth.
- Luther said of the RCC influence and practice of counterfeiting true Christianity "the average Jew would rather be a pig than a Christian."

MOHAMMED (570-632 A. D.) AND THE KORAN

- Mohammed claims to have had "regular visits" from angels (2 Cor. 11:10-14), he often growled like a camel, he foamed at the mouth, and streamed with perspiration during his frequent epileptic fits.
- He prepared and dictated the Koran, which became the most powerful rival of the Bible in the Eastern Hemisphere.
- The Koran lacks four major features necessary for any inspired book to have:
 1. It avoids making any prophecies on anything that is not already found in the Bible's OT.
 2. The Koran had only one writer who completed his work in less than 30 years, whereas the Holy Bible has more than 24 writers writing some 2000 years apart on 3 continents.
 3. There is no absolute assurance of salvation for anyone in the Koran unless they get killed in battle while slaughtering Jews or Christians, in which case he supposedly gets an immediate passport into a wine garden and is supplied with several dozen virgins.
 4. According to the Koran, no one needs the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for atonement of sin, there is no redemption in Christ's blood, and Koran doctrine is that Christ didn't even die on the cross (Sura 4), rather he was raptured with his RCC mother.
- Salvation for Mohammedans (as well as for all Catholics) is by works: fasting, praying, and alms giving.
- Polygamy and slavery are both condoned in the Moslem religion.
- Moslems are considered "the children of God" according to the Roman Catholic popes.

ISLAM AS AN ONGOING RELIGION, LEADING TO THE ONE-WORLD RELIGION

- The Moslem religion is established and maintained only by bloodshed.
- The Moslem religion is controlled by the "god of this world" (2 Cor. 4:4), who owns the kingdoms of this world (Luke 4:6), under the permissive will of God (Matt. 28:18), who will allow the present world system to continue its downward course (2 Tim. 4:1-6) until Satan incarnate, the Antichrist, takes his seat as "God incarnate" (2 Thess. 2:1-13) at Rome (RCC), and controls the United Nations (UN) from there.

THE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE

- Besides, Mohammedism, the Greek Orthodox church also contended for Roman authority.
- It also had returned to wholesale paganism by 800 A. D. and persecuted true Bible believers just as Mohammed's religion.

THE SARDIS PERIOD OF CHURCH HISTORY

- The Crusades usher in this period. The "Red Ones" refer to the bloodied bodies of the crusaders stretching out on the land for 1000 miles between Constantinople and Cairo.
- This period contains the Black Death of some 50,000,000 men, women, and children hacked to pieces by Catholic priests, bishops, and their congregations, more appropriately known as the Hellish Mother Whore - Rev. 17:1-9

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14 - HELLISH MOTHER CHURCH - Matt. 23:9, 33

THE SARDIS PERIOD OF CHURCH HISTORY (1000-1500 A. D.)

- In this period the RCC is in full bloom where she attains the very heights of her power and authority and does not fail to exercise them to the fullest.
- With this satanic Harlot "church" (Rev. 17:1-6), which stained Europe with blood and false doctrine, it is an insult to the Holy Spirit to refer to the RCC as being in any way connected with Bible believing Christianity.
- The RCC *forbade* laymen from reading the Bible in any language while continuing to propagate their false doctrines of infant sprinkling, water regeneration, transubstantiation, selling indulgences, twiddling beads on rosaries, confessing sins to RCC "priests", and torturing and killing Jews and Bible believers who failed to adhere to the RCC credo.
- The RCC was adamantly against the separation of Church and State, from which it derived its authority and power.
- Pagan Rome could never compete with papal Rome when it came to slaughtering Christians.
- All totalitarian systems (Catholicism, Communism, Fascism, and Socialism) are corrupt.
- ***Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely!***
- European kings of this period posed a threat to a pope, therefore the pope was willing to make almost any concession to a king as long as the RCC was allowed complete freedom to operate in that nation, i.e. selling God and the Bible out for "favors" is standard operating practice for a religious whore. - Rev. 17:5
- The RCC taught it was a crime to disobey any pope in ***ANY MATTER*** and if you did, you should be tortured, burned at the stake, or beheaded.
- Millions of people have been killed by the RCC.
- The first English monarch who regularly burned "heretics" at the stake was Henry IV (1399).
- ***RCC always breeds atheism*** because an unsaved intellectual will take for granted that the RCC is an accurate representation of Biblical Christianity (which it is not) and wants no part of her bondage.
- The establishment of conflicting authorities creates confusion of the issues whereby no clear-cut decisions can be arrived at. This leads to men becoming their own final authority based on their own preferences and opinions.
- By warring against the various groups of Biblical Christianity, the RCC worked hard to keep the impression that Christianity could only be associated with the RCC. By changing the names of anti-Catholic groups constantly, the RCC attempted to prove they were the one and only true church.
- In reality, popes, cardinals, monks, nuns, and priests have nothing to do with the true Biblical NT church at all; they are all part of Satan's world system which is based on being its own power and authority system.

CONTRASTING RCC WITH BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY (BC)

- BC holds the Bible up to be believed as its final authority on all matters of faith and practice.
- BC would never sprinkle or baptize babies or anybody prior to believing on and receiving Jesus Christ by faith. - John 1:12; Acts 2:41; 8:12-13, 18
- BC does not believe the State has any business dictating to a local church in matters of religious beliefs and practice.
- BC would never pray "to saints" or "for the dead" and whole-heartedly reject the RCC mass.
- BC hold to salvation by grace through faith as a free gift and believe the Bible doctrine of eternal security. - Eph. 2:8-9; 1 Peter 1:4-5; 1 John 5:10-13

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THE CRUSADERS

- Acting as the militant army of the RCC, they handled all of the RCC's "dirty-work."
- After mass killings throughout Europe, they eventually went on and conquered Jerusalem in 1099 A. D.
- A product of the Catholic crusades were three great military orders: 1) the Knights of St. John (French), 2) the Knight Templars (Rhine), and 3) the Teutonic Knights (German). From such titles came the subversives known in America today, e.g. Knights of Columbus.

THE INQUISITION

- This Satanic, RCC institution was established by the Pope with "Saint" Dominic given the authority as the first inquisitor. (**NOTE:** This RCC practice was put into place more than 600 years before Adolf Hitler was born.)
- Their mission was the genocide and extermination of entire populaces of "heretics" throughout Europe so that the "vine of the Lord might bear the fruit of Catholic purity."
- The Inquisition was not abolished in Spain until 1820 and is responsible for having killed millions of "anti-Catholics" throughout Europe.

THE LORD'S RESPONSE

- God split the RCC into two by putting one antichrist in France and the other in Rome to silence forever the mouths of RCC liars who claim that Rome was always "one holy church."
- God raised up Wycliffe in England who drove a wedge so deep between London and Rome that the pope never fully recovered.
- God sent "**Black Death**" to Europe and quietly wiped out over 5,000,000 people who were about 90% members of the RCC.

RAYS OF HOPE

- In the early 1200's, Greek grammars by Greek grammarians began to show up and there came about a revival of interest in Greek and Byzantine culture (instead of Roman).
- At this time Wycliffe (1320-1384), who is remembered as "the Morning Star of the Reformation" appears with a group of street preachers who teach and preach that the Bible is the final authority and not the Pope (***the Pope is declared as the ANTICHRIST***). - Rev. 13:18
- Throughout Europe, Bible believing groups continued to emerge: Catharis, Waldenses, Albigenses, Arians, Bogomiles, Novatians, Donatists, Paterines, etc. Many of these groups passed through the RCC Crusades that attempted to exterminate them.
- Many brave and great men in God's eyes (and by the standards of God's word) are hardly noticed by this world! For example, Arnold of Brescia (1110-1155), Wycliffe (1320-1384), John Huss of Bohemia (1369-1415), Girolamo Savonarola (1452-1498), Henry of Lausanne (1090-1145), Leuthard and Tanchelm of Flanders, Bruno of Segni, Berthold of Roumania (1210-1272), Meister Eckhart (1260-1327).

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15 - ANTI-CHURCH HISTORY - Job 12:16-18, 21

GENERAL

- Anti-church history may be summarized *as all efforts that promote the RCC as the only true church of Christ and all efforts to exterminate true Bible believing Christianity.*
- There is absolutely no resemblance whatsoever between the conduct of the popes or the kings with New Testament Christianity. These men were infatuated with papal politics, worldly ambition, earthly power and fame, without the least concern about Biblical Christianity.
- The universities and learning were, like the culture during the time of Charlemagne, *the cultural product of the Bible-rejecting Catholic mind.*
- "Realism" and "Nominalism" became the nomenclature for the Alexandrian Cult while the RCC was busy burning, stabbing, drowning, racking, whipping, imprisoning, exiling, strangling, and killing Bible believing Christians.

MORE ROMAN CATHOLIC FALSE BELIEFS

- Catholics hold to the belief that there is more certainty of being in the will of God by obedience to his RCC superiors than obedience to Jesus Christ Himself (or the scriptures), *even if* Christ should appear in person and give His commands.
- Catholics believe they cannot ever go to Hell as long as they obey their superiors in the RCC hierarchy.
- Catholics believe the priests' power surpasses all the powers of heaven and earth, (i.e. priests are "redeemers" and "a god who makes gods") and are second only to the "Mother of God."
- This puts the priests above Jesus Christ in power (Matt. 28:18) and above Satan in power (Luke 4:4-6).

HENRY III, KING OF GERMANY (1036-1056); HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR (1046-1056)

- He went to Rome in 1046 and called a council to put an end to three rival "vicars of Christ" (Silvester III, Benedict IX, and Gregory VI).
- "Apostolic succession" for the RCC depended on who had the biggest army to back them up.
- There was constant friction between the RCC and State, there arose a situation in England where either an English king or a Roman dictator had to be obeyed.
- Taxation and who was going to get the money was at the root of the friction. - 1 Tim. 6:10

THOMAS 'a BECKET (1118-1170)

- Becket, a Bible perverting Catholic, was born in London and became the Archbishop of Canterbury, which was the primary source of England's seditions, civil wars, perverted Bibles, church splits, and the burning of the Lollards.
- In 1155, King Henry II elevated Becket to the chancellorship of England and he led armed troops to attack castles, destroy towns, burn down houses, and carry out all manner of carnage in service to the king.
- There is nothing about Becket that could be considered true Church History.
- Becket's death received *more publicity and more sympathy* than the massacre of 100,000 true Bible believing Christians in France and Holland.

KING JOHN I

- Pope Innocent III came into conflict with the king over the successor to Archbishop Hubert of Canterbury. Steven Langton was made Archbishop by the pope and the king didn't like it, so he confiscated all the property of the Canterbury chapel and expelled the monks.

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- In 1212, the pope declared the throne of England to be vacant since he considered himself to be God and God is the one who set up the powers that be.
- Soon afterwards, King John I fell into line and in 1213 he signed over the entire British Empire to the pope.
- In 1215, however, King John's nobles and many of the bishops got together and placed before the king the first Declaration of Independence known to the English people: they made the king sign the Magna Charta. Among other things, it required that a man was entitled to a trial by jury, that he could not be incarcerated for months at a time waiting for trial, and that the king could not levy taxes against anyone (anymore) until a vote had been given by a common council of the Realm.
- Pope Innocent III immediately recognized that anyone's liberty was detrimental to Catholicism, so he absolved King John I of his oath that he had sworn when he signed the Magna Charta because it would eventually be the end of every pope as well as every king.
- Both men were fascist dictators propagating a totalitarian system who now had to join forces to stay in power and they did so by having the pope declare the Magna Charta "null and void for all time."

PETER THE LOMBARD (1100-1160)

- He is known as the father of systematic theology in the RCC and the "greatest" teacher and representative of scholastic theology.
- He believed in baptismal regeneration by sprinkling babies, the literal drinking of Christ's *unbloody* blood at mass, no assurance of salvation, purgatory, and all the other RCC heresies.
- He would kill a true Bible believer as quick as look at him.

THOMAS AQUINAS (1227-1280)

- A true Alexandrian Italian Catholic, he wrote the "Summa Theologia" which is a mass of perverted scripture, distorted doctrine, torturous rationalization, pagan philosophy, etc.
- He is known as the "Angelic Doctor" or the "Prince of the Schoolman," but really was a Bible-rejecting apostate who gave his unconditional support to the torturing and killing of those the RCC considered "heretics" by the Inquisition.
- Aquinas believed such things as: 1) Infants are detained in Hell for the sin of Adam and if the RCC sacrament of water baptism is not administered, babies are lost forever, 2) the RCC can save or damn anyone by giving or refusing to give water baptism to them, 3) the false doctrine of transubstantiation, 4) no millennium, 5) no restoration of Israel, 6) no judgment seat of Christ, 7) no Rapture, 8) no Tribulation, 9) the pope has the right to kill "heretics", and 10) all kings should be in subjection to the RCC pope.

WILLIAM OF OCCAM (1300-1349)

- Born in Surrey, England, he was a Bible believer and studied at Oxford, which meant he was exposed to anti-RCC doctrines long before he began to teach in Paris.
- Occam taught the Bible alone was inerrant and that a Christian should not believe anything not found in the Bible, no matter who authorized or recommended it.
- Occam taught that the true NT church was not the RCC hierarchy, but the "community of the faithful" who were true to the Bible.
- Occam flatly denied the infallibility of any pope. Consequently, Pope John XXII tried him and found him guilty of heresy and had him imprisoned. He was also excommunicated by Benedict XII.

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THE POWER STRUGGLE AND MONEY

- The popes and the emperors were in a constant struggle for supremacy and tax money for their coffers. The popes had reserved for themselves the exclusive title of *Holy Father* given to God the Father by Jesus Christ in John 17:11.
- French Emperor Philip the "Fair" boldly stood up to Pope Boniface and refused to pay taxes to the RCC. In response, Boniface interdicted France, cursed Philip, and issued the *Unam Sanctum*, which became "classic RCC orthodoxy" and has never been rescinded. It states that the RCC is the true church and outside of it there is no salvation, that the pope is the Vicar of Christ, that literal weapons can be used to kill those who disagree with him, and finally, that every human being on earth must obey the Catholic pope in Rome or go to Hell. Thus (after only 900 years of camouflaged piety) the true purposes and intents of the original Council of Nicaea (see Ch. 8) came to light. The purpose was to set genuine Bible believers up for the kill if they would not obey the Bride of Satan.
- To a Catholic, **HERESY IS NOT** a matter of Bible perversion, false teaching, religious convictions, or doctrinal error; rather **HERESY IS** a matter of not giving money to the RCC when the church demands it.
- **NOTE:** Today, while all other denominations must file tax forms and pay taxes, the RCC subversive agents from Rome remain tax exempt.

TRACTARIAN LITERATURE

- In the 12th, 13th, and 14th centuries, while the RCC and the emperors were struggling for power and authority, the Lord was disseminating Biblical truth throughout Europe truth via underground sources.
- Many men wrote strongly against the RCC, its papal system, which substantially weakened papal Catholicism. These tracts stated things such as:
 1. The pope had no right to punish anyone with penalties like death, imprisonment, fines, or exile and the church had the right to call any pope to account for his sins.
 2. Priests should be allowed to marry, and the pope had no business in the affairs of State.
 3. The "church" is the Body of Christ, not a Roman Catholic hierarchy, and the head of the "church" is Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 12:1-13), not some pope (Eph. 1; Col. 1).
 4. There are no political successors of St. Peter. Peter was not any more powerful or authoritative than any other apostle, and he was the bishop of Antioch, **NOT** Rome.
 5. No Catholic can forgive sins or punish sins, be he priest or pope.
 6. No bishop or priest has the right to interdict or excommunicate anyone without the consent of his or her own government.
 7. ***The ultimate and final authority for the church is the Bible, and the Bible does not get its authority from the church, but rather vice versa.***
- As a result, the popes found their worldwide influence shrinking and their spirituality being questioned in the daily marketplaces.

THE "BABYLON CAPTIVITY OF THE CHURCH" (1305-1379)

- In an attempt to somehow prove Peter was in Rome instead of Babylon (which he never was), the RCC tries to deceive Bible readers by taking the word "Babylon" in 1 Peter 5:13 and saying the Bible really means "Rome."

THE RENAISSANCE (1264-1321)

- This period introduces the supremacy of "culture," (which as we have learned in this study always follows evangelism and Bible education).

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- Historians call the period the "rebirth of learning" and includes "gems of intelligence" such as requiring all Catholics to pray to over 60 dead saints for various physical ailments.
- This period largely amounted to a return to Greek and Roman "classicism" with an emphasis on nude bodies (pornography) in sculpture and art. It is also characterized by humanism (men worshiping the dignity of men), classical studies of art, music, and literature of ancient Greece and Rome.
- When culture is substituted for Biblical Christianity, it produces a milder paganism than Roman Catholicism: Roman Catholicism substituted **TRADITION** in place of the Bible.
- The Bible never boasts in man's art, literature, music, culture, or philosophies. ***The only thing that matters is what GOD SAYS in HIS BOOK!***
- **God** wrote the greatest book ever written against Roman Catholicism, ***the Holy Bible!***

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16 - REPLACING THE NEW ASV WITH THE KING JAMES BIBLE 2 Chron. 34:14-18

THE SOURCE OF CORRUPTION

- The New ASV (as well its grossly corrupt counterparts: the RV of 1885, the NIV of 1978 and the ASV of 1901) is the American form of Origen's Alexandrian text, and was also used by Jerome (400 A. D.) and the National Council of Churches in America (RSV and New RSV).
- The corrupt Alexandrian text was adopted by Origen, Jerome, Eusebia, Constantine, the RCC, and was the official book of the Dark Ages (500-1500 A. D.) popes.
- A "spiritual blackout" occurred in the Dark Ages and the *exact same thing* is occurring today as more than 250 corrupt modern bibles have been thrust on unsuspecting Christendom under the *disguise* of being from "older and better" manuscripts.
- The corrupt Alexandrian text had resulted in the torture and death of multiplied millions of Bible believers. This is the *same* corrupt text that is the *basis* for the corrupt modern bibles.
- Bible believers throughout history have rejected corrupt texts and many referred to the popes (collectively and individually) using the term "Antichrist."
- The RCC was (and always will be) a totalitarian fascist state headed up by a demonic dictator and self-commissioned to rid the earth of Bible believing Christianity.
- The RCC had always attempted to *reserve for herself* all the civil rights and human rights which she professes to believe in, and all these rights are reserved for her *exclusively*.

SOURCE OF WARS

- *All wars* are the result of the ambitious desires (for power and authority) of ecclesiastical politicians who want to enforce a totalitarian Church-State system as a substitute in the place of the millennial Kingdom of Heaven with Jesus Christ reigning as King, i.e. *all wars* are religious or "holy wars."
- Wars are promoted to the public by the empty promises of "bringing peace on earth" or "bringing about the perfect society on earth."
- All wars are fought because the participants will not abide by the Bible as the final authority in religious and political matters. - 1 Peter 2-3
- Genuine Bible believers will never kill or imprison any person to enforce any belief, not even will a Bible believer *force* another person into a belief in the true Bible.
- *RCC leaders are involved in every major war* because they are trying to force their beliefs on the populace and exterminate anybody who disagrees with them.
- *The final goal and ambition of the RCC* is the absolute dictatorial control over the private, public, and religious lives of every individual on the face of the earth.

THE PHILADELPHIA CHURCH AND THE TRUE WORD OF GOD

- During and just prior to the Philadelphia church (approx. 1500-1900), the textual base for the King James Bible *replaced* the corrupt Alexandrian texts. *Worldwide revival resulted.*
- The Philadelphia church period is when the church "*kept*" the word of God. - Rev. 3:8
- The AV 1611 is not based on the Bishop's Bible, but is about 90% the English of Tyndale.
- A true Bible believer rejects every doctrine that cannot be verified by the true word of God.

THE REFORMATION

- The "Reformation" actually reformed nothing; it was an attempt at reformation, which did not succeed, *except it helped ignite a revolution.*

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- The RCC was not (and is not) about to be reformed by God or anybody else. Rev. 2:21 says "And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not."
- The **most important thing to remember** about the Reformation is that God the Holy Spirit (who wrote the true Bible and promised to preserve it - Psalm 12:6-7) preserved the true text and used it to bring about worldwide revival.
- God used the reformers to accomplish five other remarkable things:
 1. **Break the control** of a universal foreign dictatorship (the RCC Church-State) over national groups of Christians.
 2. **Inflict a serious wound** into the bosom of Rome's authority of popes and priests by emphasizing the authority of the true scriptures and the priesthood of the believers.
 3. **Stimulate the capitalistic system** where the third estate (the middle class) acted as a buffer to any demagogue who wanted to install another totalitarian system.
 4. **Bring about a revival of preaching** that affected the moral tone of every nation where Bible believing preachers were allowed to take a stand and preach the word.
 5. **Emphasize reading and believing the KJB**, which drove many religious leaders and laymen to understand, follow, and recognize the Bible as the final authority.

MARTIN LUTHER (1483-1546)

- Many of the reformers, including Martin Luther, never escaped completely from the Church-State or baby sprinkling systems of the RCC.
- Luther believed scripture itself is its own best interpreter and that scripture by itself "should reign" (*sola Scriptura*).
- Luther spoke of the Bible as "the Holy Spirit's own peculiar book" with God "in every syllable."
- Luther's was a Bible believer with his strong suit being his preaching, not his theology.
- Unlike Jerome and Origen, Luther approached the scriptures **UNCRITICALLY**.
- Luther held the Septuagint translators to be falsifiers of the truth and **never** thought for a moment that the LXX was inspired.
- Luther's *German Receptus* is the **first** complete Bible translation from the original languages into a modern vernacular language of Europe.
- Luther was fearless, had a violent temper, and could be rightly considered a "man of war," which God used it as an instrument to complete the battering process against the papal system begun many years earlier.
- Luther addressed Pope Paul III as "Your Hellishness" and as "Most Hellish Father."

JOHN CALVIN (1509-1561)

- Calvin rightly deserves to be called "the Pope of Protestantism."
- Calvin is the least satisfactory of all the Protestant leaders regarding prophecies in general.
- Calvin aspired to be a "theological dictator," and he believed in burning people at the stake who didn't accept his theology, e.g. Servetus.
- Calvin denied the Premillennial return of Jesus Christ and foolishly engaged in "bringing in the Kingdom" by trying to set up the "City of God" to complete Augustine's vision, albeit in Geneva rather than Rome.
- Calvin's famous five point system (TULIP) **is unscriptural on all five points**. The definitive work on Calvin's TULIP is documented in Dr. Vance's book: *The Other Side of Calvinism*.
- Calvin was a philosopher (Col. 2:8) whose favorite source was none other than Augustine, one of the original Catholics.
- Calvin's **false** theology had a tremendous impact on Christianity then, and it still does today.

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ULRICH ZWINGLI (1484-1531)

- Zwingli was the guiding light in Zurich, Switzerland and became a parish priest in 1506.
- Zwingli became a protestant Bible believer through reading the true Bible.
- Zwingli stood up against clerical celibacy and the selling of indulgences.
- Zwingli preached nothing that he could not prove from the scriptures, but never got away from Rome's tradition of baby sprinkling (just like Luther, Calvin and other reformers).

THE FALSE PROPAGANDA OF TODAY'S ENEMIES OF THE KING JAMES TEXT

- Westcott & Hort and all proponents of modern bibles that are based on the Alexandrian text call the King James text "vile" and "corrupt."
- The King James text is said to be "full of errors" because it came from "late manuscripts" according to all modern apostate scholars, Bible schools, seminaries, colleges, etc.
- The King James text is not based on the best manuscripts because anyone knows that a trained body of professional scribes in a university would do a better job of transcribing than a bunch of street-preaching laymen who were being murdered for their preaching.
- The King James text was condemned by every pope in the history of the church from the time of Augustine till the present.
- The King James text contains 7000 changes from the "best and oldest manuscripts," therefore it had to be altered at least 5800 times in the NT to become a "pure text" for the modern bibles.
- Translations from the King James text were burned by the Papists as soon as they were found anywhere.
- No "recognized, qualified, or godly scholar" in the eighteenth or nineteenth century recommended the King James text.

WHAT THE KING JAMES TRANSLATORS KNEW

- Their parents passed down to them *the clear facts of church history* and manuscript evidence to that point.
- When it came to the choice of manuscripts, you could not fool them by offering the corrupted Alexandrian manuscripts in place of the true received texts of Bible believing martyrs.
- They knew all about the *FRUITS* of the corrupt RCC bibles, teachings, traditions, etc. and that the fruit of the RCC always carried the *stink of burning flesh*.
- In 1605, by God's grace and providence, they discovered the plot of the papists to bomb the Parliament as soon as the AV translators were to start their translation work for the King James Bible. The plot consisted of Catholic assassins placing 36 barrels of gunpowder under the House of Lords where ten days later the Parliament would have met. The Catholic assassins were arrested and executed ("persecuted and unjustly sentenced" if you are Catholic historian).

THE SUPERIORITY OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE

- The KJB is superior to any extant (copy available today) Greek text for a number of reasons:
 1. It is in the universal language of today: none of Greek texts are.
 2. It has paragraph marks, chapter divisions, and verse numbers (which "the originals" did not have) to enable us to check out the perverted bibles, (cf. Mark 9:44, 46 - NWT, and Acts 8:37 - NWT or NIV)
 3. It is written in poetic and rhythmical cadences, which makes it easier to memorize than the perverted Bibles.
 4. God programmed man's mind to be "in tune" with the KJB.

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5. The KJB is laid out in Premillennial order even though the translators were *not* Premillennialists..
 6. God has blessed the KJB and used it to win millions of souls, whereas the "original Greek" manuscripts would have only been used by God to win a small fraction of that number.
- The KJB produces a "rugged individualism" of such a nature that the country that adopted it and believed it (*America*) was quite able to whip the country that produced and shelved it (*England*). God also used America to save England on two other occasions from being blotted off the face of the earth, WW-I and WW-II. *America's success was because after 1611 England did not abandon a Church-State system of government, America did!*
 - Erasmus' Greek text (1516-1522), with the other Receptus editions by Stephanus (1546-1555), Colnaeus (1534), Beza (1559-1598), and Elzevir (1624-1641) formed the basis of the received "eclectic" text for the greatest Book the world has ever known, the KJB. No Catholic bibles exist that are from these received texts.
 - The KJB was a direct product of the Reformation period, and is the Book that no RCC pope, priest, nun, monk, bishop, or cardinal can recommend for anyone to read.

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17 - THE BRIDE OF SATAN - Prov. 30:20; 5:4-5

RCC PROPAGANDA AND VIEW OF THE REFORMATION

- Catholic literature (Rom. 16:18) regarding the Reformation varies widely, and includes:
 1. Ecumenical efforts throughout the world;
 2. Restoring "straying brethren" on the grounds that "though you did cause us trouble, it was the spirit of the times," and now we are enlightened and understand each other better;
 3. More honest writers who look upon the revival of Bible believing Christianity as one of the most horrible calamities ever to come upon civilization.
- Many in the RCC feel America and Europe are still suffering from the Reformation's incalculable damage and believe if the Catholics had just stuck to Rome and kept on burning Bible believers, the kingdom would have come by now and "God's will" would have been done on this earth.
- RCC see Bible believers as rebels who need to be restored to their former estate: ***being burned alive.***
- According to the RCC, the cause of all the evil in the present world system is ***DISUNITY***, and this problem will never be solved until all the world unites under "the pope" (who the RCC promotes as the Shepherd of John 10:16, when he has clearly proven himself to be the shepherd of Zech. 11:17).
- The ***ideal setup*** for this world (according to the Catholic plan for the UN) would be for a black pope to head up the UN with a Soviet-German army behind him to enforce "human rights, civil liberties, liberation of oppressed minorities, bring in the kingdom, etc." Of course, this totalitarian system would require mass imprisonment and mass murder.
- ***All "kingdom builders" look at mass murder in a positive light.***
- Even Adolf Hitler was born a Catholic, sprinkled a Catholic, and raised a Catholic. Hitler said, "I am now (1943) as before (1939) a Catholic and will always remain so." Hitler was never excommunicated or interdicted by any pope. RCC excommunication and interdiction were for people like King James I and Queen Elizabeth.

SEVEN STEPS THE RCC TOOK TO STAMP OUT THE HATED TEXTUS RECEPTUS OF ANTIOCH OF SYRIA IN THE SIXTEENTH AND SEVENTEENTH CENTURIES

1. The popes ordered all Catholic kings to ***kill*** as many Bible believing people as quickly as possible.
2. The RCC ordered all inquisitors to step up the inquisition and ***kill*** as many Bible believers as possible by accusing them of being "witches", holding "Black Masses", etc.
3. The Papists at Trent drew up an official list of non-recommended reading called "The Index," to guarantee that anything that came off the deadly printing press would never be read unless it was approved of by the Fascist dictators at Rome. Tops on the list were any writing the RCC considered "heretical" such as writings of Luther, Zwingli, Calvin, Hubmaier, Schwendfeldt, etc. Included was the requirement that no one could read a Bible in their own tongue unless permitted by a priest or bishop, and then only with ***written permission***, and then it has to be a Roman Catholic translation from the Alexandrian text of North Africa. Punishment for any Catholic found reading a King James Bible, or Martin Luther's Bible, was excommunication, plus no absolution for any sins he had committed.
4. Rome allowed Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556) to set up the "Society of Jesus" (***the Jesuits***) as a group of militant educators, whose job was to meet Bible believers on an intellectual level and convert them to Romanism. (The popes recognized the danger to themselves and their system brought about by people who read and understood the Bible, which allowed Bible believers to see the fallacies of the RCC and its leaders and become anti-Catholic.)

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5. Rome called the Council at Trent (1545-1546) whose job was to clarify, define, and establish correct "orthodox beliefs" exactly as they had done it at Nicaea, ***which are binding on the consciences of all Catholics***. The "orthodox beliefs" at Trent also pronounced 125 curses (meaning they went to Hell) on all non-Catholics, which included:
 - Pronouncing 33 curses against anyone who believed in justification by faith;
 - Pronouncing 14 curses against anyone who didn't believe in regeneration by water;
 - Pronouncing 65 curses against anyone who didn't believe anything the popes and cardinals thought they should believe.
6. Rome established an extensive counterfeit "missionary burden," at all levels of the RCC, with a counterfeit (2 Cor. 11:6-14) expansion of Christianity worldwide based on "converting the heathen to the true faith, etc. by water baptism." Rome adopted any means (***including lying under oath***) to "glorify God and His church" and the popes afforded themselves the "force of arms" in overthrowing any political entity that tolerated any religion but Roman Catholicism.
7. Underground agents (spies) were established in Roman Catholic France, following the murder of 50,000 Bible believing Huguenots, to infiltrate the Church of England through the Archbishop of Canterbury and the faculty members of Oxford and Cambridge. ***"Militant Christianity" to a pope means armed warfare against unarmed civilians***. Millions of Bible believers have been killed throughout church history by the RCC, including women and children.
 - Truly the RCC Council of Trent certainly fulfilled the description of Gentile depravity found in Romans 3:15-23.

CHARACTERISTICS OF ROMAN CATHOLIC "MISSIONARY EFFORTS"

- They always retain the statues, idols, incense, forms of service and prayers, music, symbols, art, traditions, and customs of heathens and pagans.
- They constantly seek to gain political control over every government official in the country, which they were successful in doing: e.g. Cuba, Mexico, Central and South America, etc.
- They have absolutely no factual Bible knowledge of any kind.

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18 - THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES - Luke 12:56; Matt. 16:3

GO WEST, YOUNG MAN, GO WEST

- With the spiritual explosion in Europe during the Reformation brought about by the King James Bible, many Europeans began to cross the Atlantic Ocean as the Hellish Mother Whore of Roman Catholicism drove the "poor and huddled masses" to the Americas to seek religious freedom. - 1 Cor. 10:13
- In post-Reformation times, spiritual death crept back over Europe as it began to return once again to Paganism. When the Holy Spirit moved from East to West, the vacuum left behind was filled with Culture (1700-1800) and eventually Apostasy (1800-1900), and then Paganism (1900-present).
- By the grace of God, America becomes the only nation in Western civilization since the birth of Jesus Christ to be founded on the idea of Separation of Church and State.

JOHN KNOX OF SCOTLAND (1513-1572)

- Knox was raised under the preaching of a Bible believer named George Wishart, who was burned at the stake in 1546.
- Knox was arrested and served as a galley slave for 19 months.
- Knox preached in England for 5 years and also in France and Germany.
- Knox escaped Bloody Mary and went to Germany and then to Geneva to meet with Calvin.
- Knox returned to Scotland in 1539 and boldly declared before his Catholic queen (Mary of Lorraine) that the *Catholic mass was a mess* and that the RCC was a whore!
- Knox miraculously escaped death a second time and lived to see Mary Stuart (1560) come on the throne; she had Knox arrested for "treason" and a court acquitted Knox and he continued to preach the Bible till he died of old age in 1572.
- The strong Protestant flavor of Scotch Christianity (especially in North Ireland) is largely due to the work and ministry of John Knox.

OLIVER CROMWELL OF ENGLAND (1599-1658)

- A soldier and statesman, Cromwell was "Lord Protector" of the Commonwealth of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and was elected President of the Commonwealth of England in 1649.
- No other man (with perhaps a few exceptions) is so hated by the RCC hierarchy.
- Cromwell was elected to Parliament in 1628 and began a long fight against the opponents of Puritanism.
- Cromwell adopted the Baptist position: *tolerating anyone's religion*.
- In the first civil war (1642-1646), Cromwell won every battle he fought.
- Cromwell had to execute a Catholic traitor (Charles I) after he raised up a foreign army (France and Spain) of Catholics to invade England and kill the Puritan Parliament.
- After the Catholics had murdered 150,000 unarmed civilian Protestants in Ireland in 1641, Cromwell came to fight against them. Of course, Catholic historians paint Cromwell as evil when in reality all he did was stop the Catholic massacre of unarmed Christians.

DESIDERIUS ERASMUS OF ROTTERDAM (1466-1536)

- Erasmus on one the most controversial figures of the Reformation with both sides appealing to him for support and both sides cursing him for his "neutrality."
- Erasmus had just enough Catholicism in him to want unity in the church and just enough Protestantism in him to know the texts of the RCC from Alexandria were corrupt.

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- Erasmus was considered, far and away, the most brilliant scholar of his day. He was an expert Greek scholar with much learning.
- Erasmus was held in high regard by the RCC hierarchy and was made an offer to become a cardinal, which he refused.
- Erasmus refused to leave the RCC, but sought to reform her from the inside.
- It has been rightly stated, "Erasmus laid the egg that Luther hatched."
- Working from within the RCC, Erasmus had access to any library in Europe, including the Vatican Library, and therefore he had a much wider range of sources in constructing his Greek NT text than the leading scholars of 1884 which produced the corrupt RV.
- Erasmus made his own Latin translation of the NT at Oxford in 1505 before he ever began work in Basel in 1515 with his five editions of Greek NT manuscripts. Erasmus obtained the Latin manuscripts from John Colet, all of which showed the anti-Catholic readings of the Albigenin and Waldensen Bibles. This means Erasmus had a *standard* by which he could accurately tell when Jerome's Vulgate was right (Acts 8:37; Acts 9:5-6; Acts 20:28) and when it was wrong (Rev. 22:19).
- Following Erasmus' **five** editions of the Greek NT there came **four** editions from Stephanus (1546, 1549, 1550, and 1551), then Beza's **ten** editions (1560-1598), and then Elzevir's **two** editions (1624, 1633). All of these were editions of the Textus Receptus, they came from Antioch in Syria and Asia Minor, where the majority of "the originals" were written.
- When the majority of Greek manuscripts are found, they testify to the "five late" manuscripts Erasmus used, not to the one or two Alexandrian manuscripts recommended by the supporters of the texts which the modern perverted bibles are based.
- There were three views of NT preservation in the days of Erasmus (as there are today): 1) the humanistic view (Westcott & Hort - oldest is best), 2) the scholastic view (modern day Bible colleges, seminaries, and Bible correctors), and 3) the common view (the Body of Christ, the view of faith).

MENNO SIMMON (SOMETIMES SIMON) OF HOLLAND (1496-1559)

- Menno was ordained a Catholic priest in 1524, but he gave up the priesthood and at the age of 40 (1536) and renounced the RCC and left it.
- Along with a man he saw burned at the stake in 1531, he saw several hundred Baptists killed near his home, among them his own brother.
- Menno joined the Anabaptists in 1537 and became a leader among them. This automatically made him an enemy of the RCC.
- Menno was a voluminous writer, spent the rest of his life running from place to place just to stay ahead of the Catholic gestapo and its assassins.
- Menno held to no baptism of infants, no Church-State, immersion of believers only after profession of faith in Jesus Christ, and became the founder of modern-day Mennonites.

KING JAMES I (1566-1625)

- The most hated character in English history for Greek and Hebrew scholars is King James I of Scotland and England (1603-1625).
- King James has been wrongly vilified and called everything from a tyrant to a homosexual.
- Greek and Hebrew scholars have been trying to replace the Book he is associated with ever since it came out (how odd to fight against God and the Book He preserved!) - Eph. 6:12
- Wherever the King James Bible was preached during the Philadelphia church period, revivals and churches sprang up like clover, widespread social reforms followed, progress was made

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in science and technology, art and music reached their peak, and standards of living were obtained that no country could match that had abandoned the King James Bible.

- There is one common bond among all modern RCC philosophers and scholars: a ***wholehearted rejection*** of the King James Bible and its supporting manuscripts from Antioch in Syria and the ***acceptance*** of the corrupted manuscripts from Alexandria in Egypt.

JOHN BUNYAN OF ENGLAND (1628-1688)

- Bunyan was an English Baptist and the author of *Pilgrim's Progress*.
- After a wreckless, God-less, and profane life as a boy, in 1655 he was led to Christ after marrying a Christian girl and was baptized by immersion and joined the Bedford Baptist (*not Puritan*) Church.
- Bunyan's wife died leaving him four small children, but he remarried four years later.
- Bunyan was arrested in 1660 for preaching without a license and without the permission of the bishop; he was thrown in jail where he stayed off and on for nearly thirteen years.
- In 1672 the Act of Pardon freed Bunyan and he started preaching again..
- Only the King James Bible and Fox's Book of Martyrs were more important in the lives of the English speaking people than Bunyan's famous allegory, *Pilgrim's Progress*.

JOHANN HEINRICH BULLINGER (1504-1575)

- Bullinger was the son of a highly respected married Catholic priest in Switzerland.
- When Zingli was killed in battle, Bullinger became pastor of the Great Minister Church in Zurich, Switzerland in 1531.
- In 1536, Bullinger helped draw up the Helvidic Confession and in 1549 he helped compose the Consensus of Zurich which ended disputes among Protestants in Switzerland.
- Bullinger was a staunch reformer, taking sides with Calvin and Zwingli against the Catholics, but unlike Calvin and Zwingli, he showed more toleration and was not in favor of imprisoning or killing anyone for their religious convictions (like the Baptists).

BLAISE PASCAL (1623-1662)

- Pascal belong to that class of Catholics that were connected with an evangelical group within the RCC called "Jansenists," from Cornelius Jansen (1585-1638), a professor in France. The Jansenists leaned towards Augustine's interpretation of the Bible, i.e. kill the "heretics."
- Pascal wrote a volume called *Provincial Letters* (1657) which attacked the Jesuits. The pope promptly condemned the writing and had every copy of it in Paris burned and Louis XIV went to work to exterminate all of the Jansenists.
- Pascal spent his last years in retirement in France but the RCC powers were too strong for him to openly preach the Bible without getting burned at the stake.

CASPER SCHWENKFELD OF SILESIA (1489-1561)

- A close friend of Martin Luther, Schwenkfeld developed a Biblical theology that was not acceptable to the Reformers because it resembled the Baptist position too closely.
- Schwenkfeld insisted that the State had no right to dictate laws of conduct to any citizen contrary to that citizen's religious conscience.
- Schwenkfeld taught that a man was saved by grace through faith and that the Holy Spirit regenerated him without water baptism.
- Schwenkfeld also taught that the Lord's Supper was not a literal sacrifice and that infant baptism was heresy.

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- In the eyes of the RCC, Schwenkfeld was a first rate heretic, a deadly enemy of the truth, and child of Satan, and headed for Hell for trying to overthrow "holy mother church".

JACOB ARMINIUS OF HOLLAND (1560-1609)

- Arminius studied in Geneva and Basel under Theodore Beza and became a professor of theology at the University of Leyden in 1603.
- Arminius was a "thorn in the flesh" of John Calvin and his followers. Today most Calvinists believe (in error) that anybody who is not a Calvinist believes in salvation by works. (Strange how modern Calvinists always forget to mention that John Calvin believed in water baptismal regeneration and infant baptism.)
- Before his death, Arminius held a Synod of Reformed theologians for the purpose of clarifying some of Calvin's anti-Scriptural guesswork.
- Arminius and his teachings were/are often slandered by Calvinists and Hyper-Calvinists.
- Today, the Calvinists (Sovereign Grace Baptists, Hard Shell Baptists, and Primitive Baptists) like to call any Baptist an "Arminian" who doesn't believe all five points of Calvin's TULIP.
- Regarding the "T" of the TULIP (Total Depravity), Arminius believed that a man was totally depraved but HIS WILL was not depraved, i.e. he (correctly) did not subscribe to the Calvinistic definition of "total inability." Arminius taught that any sinner could resist the Holy Spirit and the grace of God, exactly as the Scriptures teach. - Acts 7:51
- Arminius taught that Jesus Christ died for all sinners (1 John 2:2), including those who trod His blood under foot (Heb. 10:29) and those who rejected His Atonement (2 Peter 2:1).

SUMMARY OF CHURCH HISTORY (33-1611 A. D.)

1. The ***greatest enemy*** of NT Biblical Christianity is Rome, in any form.
2. The ***greatest deceivers and seducers*** in Western civilization are ecclesiastical or political leaders connected with the hierarchy of the RCC.
3. History moves ***East to West*** and the New Testament Biblical witness (KJB) is never given credit for the effect of its witness in any listing or accounts of the major events as they are documented by the writers of those times.
4. There is a ***continual line of congregations*** from the Apostle John to the Bible believers of King James' time who stand by the Book and will not compromise the line it draws between the unregenerated church member who has been baptized in water and the regenerated church member who believes the Book. That line of congregations or individuals has been and will be persecuted, slandered, misrepresented, imprisoned, tortured, or murdered. The unbroken line runs as follows:
 - Bible Believing Christians: 33 A. D. to present
 - Bible-believing martyrs: 70-313
 - Montanists: 160- 400 (Priscillianists, etc.)
 - Novations: 250-600 (Waldenses and Fratrecilli)
 - Nestorians: 490-1000 (Arians and others)
 - Euchites / Messalines: 300-800 (Bulgarians, Manichaeans)
 - Donatists: 300-800 (New Manichaeans, Vaudois, Waldenses)
 - Paulicians: 600-1200 (Bulgarians, Manichaeans, Nestorians)
 - Bogomiles: 800-1200 (Waldenses, Albigenses, Cathari, Picards, Beghards, Bogards)

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- Cathari: 1200-1500 (Albigenses, Waldenses, New Manichaeans, Henricians, Petrobrusians, Lollards, Hussites, etc.)
 - Waldenses: 1200-1980 (Baptists, Anabaptists, Cathari, etc.)
 - Anabaptists: 1400-1700 (Baptists, Protestants, Radicals, Hussites, Brethren, Mennonites)
 - Protestants: 1520-present (Lutherans, Calvinists, Puritans, Evangelische)
 - Baptists: 1500-present (Separatists, Dispensationalists, Fundamentalists, Norrisites, Ruckmanites)
5. Fundamentalists vary from those who believe five things to those who believe ten (e.g. virgin birth, deity of Christ, verbal inspiration of the originals, bodily resurrection, blood atonement, Premillennial second coming of Jesus Christ, separation of Church and State, autonomy of the local church, eternal security, etc.) ***But fundamentalism in itself, is nothing without genuine belief in and reliance on the sole and final authority of the KJB!***
 6. No Christian group can improve itself by going beyond believing and teaching the KJB. God has limited believers to John 5:39 and 2 Tim. 2:15 for all matters of faith and practice. Any literature or other material used for doctrine and teaching must be limited by the Bible itself. ***Evangelism and knowledge of the Bible are the limits of a genuine Christian education.***
 7. ***Even small deviations*** from the Bible are Satan's source for false doctrine and apostasy. It only takes a little leaven to leaven the whole lump. - 1 Cor. 5:6; Gal. 5:9