

The Gospel Unashamed

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half-truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."

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Understanding a Misunderstood, Misquoted Passage

Peter says some things that Paul wrote were hard to understand. It is true. But the following verses are crystal clear to those who want to know the mind of God.

1 Corinthians 14:27-38, "27 If any man speak in an *unknown* tongue, *let it be* by two, or at the most *by* three, and *that* by course; and let one interpret. 28 But if there be no interpreter, **let him keep silence** in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. 29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. 30 If *any thing* be revealed to another that sitteth by, **let the first hold his peace**. 31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. 32 And **the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets**. 33 For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. 34 Let your **women keep silence** in the churches: for **it is not permitted** unto them to speak; but **they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law**. 35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for **it is a shame for women to speak in the church**. 36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only? 37 **If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are**

the commandments of the Lord. 38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant."

Things we Should Remember About this Passage

1. The spirit of the prophets or those with spiritual gifts have control of the gift so there is no room "for not being silent" even if you had a spiritual gift. Why would He give an inspired gift or even a talent if you were to be in silence except when it is your appointed time to speak? **Women are not the only ones in this passage who are told to be silent. It is not any more restrictive on a talented woman than an inspired prophet or tongue speaker.**
2. **It is a universal command of an inspired apostle and applies to all churches** and therefore **there is no room for congregational autonomy** on the subject. **The elders cannot supersede** what an apostle bound in Heaven. The Chapter is the commands of God.
3. **The New Testament law does not permit women to be the teachers of men** but remain in obedience **as the Old Testament taught**. So, two laws forbade it.

The priests were the teachers of Israel and there were no women priests.

4. **They are not to teach by public interrogation, thereby becoming the teacher** instead of the designated teacher. She may do so to her own husband at home,

but she is not to become the leader by questioning the teacher. She is to learn quietly in the assembly.

5. **The inspired apostle says it is a shame for a woman to speak or teach in the Church. He who says it is not calls God's apostle a liar.** To reject him is to reject Christ.
6. This was written at a time when people were gifted with gifts of the Spirit, and **they are told to be silent**. I doubt seriously if women today, regardless of their education or knowledge, can defend themselves with the argument that women today are smarter. **Are they more knowledgeable than an inspired prophet or tongue speaker or have more wisdom than those with the gift of discernment?**
7. When some are ignorant there is no use trying to make them wise in this regard; because one cannot possibly misunderstand what the apostle said is God's commandment, except by prejudice thinking. **They are the bigots, not the ones trying to hold to God's command.**
8. Other translations speak much stronger in **verse 38**.
"If he rejects this he will be rejected." NASB
"If he will not recognize this he will not be recognized." RSV
"If anyone is without knowledge, don't be influenced by him." George Swan.

"If he ignores this, he himself will be ignored." NIV

"But if anyone disregards or does not recognize that is a command of the Lord, he is disregarded and not recognized. He is one whom God knows not." Amplified Bible.

9. To make **verse 36** a question to just the men at Corinth by translating it as a rhetorical rebuke to men so that it appears to contradict what the Scripture says, some translate it like this, "What! Did the Word of God originate with you, **or are you men the only ones it has reached?**" **They add the word "men", but the question was to the whole Church, not just men.** The Corinthian church was out of order and Paul was trying to set the Church in order. **This is a good example of the dishonesty of the critics of Paul. Scripture says that one who adds to it will be found a liar, and so they are.** This was a commandment of God Himself.

10. One thing more should be noted. The **Galatians 3:28** passage which says, "There is neither male or female", etc. was written in 58 AD. It refers to salvation not job descriptions in the Church.

This passage we are looking at was written the next year in 59 AD and **1 Timothy 2:12** which forbids women to be teachers of men or have authority over men, was written in 65 AD.

Again, we see the **misuse of the meaning of Scripture and the disregard of when a passage was written.** This will cause you to not rightly divide the Word of Truth.

We believe it may be well for the reader to read Brother Terry Carter's article called, "*Women Teachers – A Satire*" July subscription Volume 27 #3. It exposes the new brotherhood's defense of allowing women to assume roles teaching and exercising authority over men.

Dear Brother Faull,

What is so unique about the resurrection of Jesus? Even in the Bible there are many others who were raised to life after being dead. How was His resurrection so unique that it would be accepted as sufficient for our salvation?

ANSWER:

You are right, dear reader. There are nine occasions of other resurrections besides Jesus' recorded resurrection in Scripture. That assumes that the ones mentioned in **Hebrews 11:26** are included in the nine I mention here.

Hebrews says that the women received their dead raised back to life, but I think they are included in these nine occasions.

Pre-resurrection of Jesus:

Elijah raised a little boy. **1 Kings 17:22**

Elisha raised a child. **2 Kings 4:36**
Elisha died and a corpse touched his bones and lived again. **2 Kings 23:21**

Jesus Raised Some Dead People:

The widow of Nain's son. **Luke 7:14-15**
Jairus' daughter. **Mark 5:41-43**
Lazarus. **John 11:39-44**

Post Resurrection:

Many Saints after Jesus resurrected.

Matthew 27:52-53

Peter raised Dorcas or Tabitha. **Acts 9:39-40**

Paul raised Eutychus. **Acts 20:9-12**

It is interesting to note how many of these were Gentiles rather than Israelites, whether raised by Prophets, Jesus, or His apostles.

But these interesting facts do not answer your question. Why couldn't these people's death and resurrection pay for our sins?

Why could Jesus say on the cross, "It is finished" (or it is paid) and the others could not?

Can those who have the guilt of sin pay for the sins of others?

Did those people rise from the dead and never die again?

Did not their bodies finally see corruption when they died again?

Were they raised to go to Heaven thus arriving in Heaven before Jesus paid the price of their sins? He is called "the firstfruit from the dead". These will not rise again until Jesus comes (**1 Corinthians 15:23**).

Can they make intercession for us forever?

Where are they now?

As High Priest He must enter into the Holiest alone.

Are they the one whom God raised up to sit on David's throne?

Are you beginning to get the picture that only Jesus, the one whom God sent to die, the sinless one, who everliveth is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world? Only He qualifies to be the risen living Christ?

I am glad you asked this question, however, for it gives me a chance to affirm that it is Jesus' resurrection that provides us hope for the forgiveness of our sins and that we have an intercessor forever and a hope for our own resurrection.

There are many Scriptures affirming that Jesus' death and physical resurrection are essential to our salvation. Sometimes Scripture says we are saved by his death. Other times it says we are saved by His resurrection. Those are figures of speech called "synecdoche" where the part is put for the whole.

Sometimes His death is put for the whole scheme of redemption and other times the resurrection is put for the whole scheme of redemption.

Examples:

"God forbid that I should glory **except in the cross** of Jesus Christ." See how the cross or crucifixion is put for the whole?

How about **1 Peter 1:3**, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a **lively hope by the resurrection** of Jesus Christ from the dead,"

See how the resurrection is put for the whole?

The mistake is when we put the word "only" where God never put one. There are at least 16 things that the Bible specifically says saves us. (Can you find them?)

But there is not an "only" after any of these things. We are saved by faith. But we are not saved by faith **only**. We are justified by works but not by works only. They too are often put for the whole and we error greatly when we say if you believe (only) you shall be saved.

Bible students know the part is put for the whole. If a doctor says just put your trust in me, you will get well. He means if you submit to his exams, medicine, exercises, and diet you will live. It is not enough to believe he exists or is a doctor. You must submit to him and obey him.

Many a Baptist preacher is using the Bible dishonestly when they tell us that faith only will save us. Peter says baptism saves us, but we know baptism only is false Catholic doctrine.

There is a reason the resurrection saves us. Let us see what all is included, however, when we say the resurrection of Jesus is essential to our salvation. Obviously, He had to die. He had to give His life. He had to shed His blood.

But let's see what all is meant by His resurrection:

Psalms 2:6-12, "6 Yet have I **set my king upon my holy hill of Zion**. 7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, **Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee**. 8 Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the

uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession. 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. 10 Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. 11 **Serve the LORD with fear**, and rejoice with trembling. 12 **Kiss the Son**, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. **Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.**"

The following is the Divine Commentary of **Psalms 2** Prophecy. *'The begotten speaks of His resurrection not His incarnation. He was raised to be the King worthy of worship or kissed and served'*.

Acts 13:33-37, "33 God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, **in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee**. 34 **And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David**. 35 Wherefore he saith also in another *psalm*, **Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption**. 36 **For David**, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and **saw corruption**: 37 **But he, whom God raised again, saw no corruption.**"

Even the parables foretold that Jesus would have to go into a far country to receive a Kingdom and He did receive it.

Luke 19:12, 15, "12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went **into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return**. 15 **And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom**, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading."

The book of **Acts** and **Daniel** show that after His resurrection He did so.

Acts 1:9-11, "9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, **he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight**. 10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, **Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.**"

It was fulfilled.

Daniel 7:13-14, "13 I saw in the night visions, and, **behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him**. 14 **And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him**: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed."

Jesus everliveth and has a Priesthood that passeth not unto another.

Hebrews 7:11-22, "11 If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need **was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?** 12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. 13 For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. 14 **For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood**. 15 **And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest**, 16 **Who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life**. 17 **For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of**

Melchisedec. 18 For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof. 19 For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope *did*; by the which we draw nigh unto God. 20 And inasmuch as not without an oath *he was made priest*: 21 **(For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:)** 22 By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.”

Nor could Jesus be a Priest on earth, and He is Priest that everliveth.

Zechariaiah 6:12-13, “12 And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: 13 **Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.**”

Again – **Psalms 110:1-5**, “1 The LORD said unto my Lord, **Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.** 2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. 3 Thy people *shall be* willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth. 4 **The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.** 5 **The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.**”

He is a Priest and King on His throne.

Acts 2:30-36, “30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, **he would raise up Christ to**

sit on his throne; 31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. 32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. 33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. 34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, 35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool. 36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

So here we see the fulfillment of another prophecy; for on Pentecost **Peter shows Jesus is raised, never to die**, never to return to Hades and gave the word of the Law out of Zion in Jerusalem. **Isaiah 2:3**, “And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: **for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.**”

After Jesus gave the great commission with promises of the signs to the Apostles, here is the Divine Commentary of His ascension:

Mark 16:19-20, “19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, **he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.** 20 And they went forth, and preached every where, **the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.**”

The resurrection involved much more than raising Him from the dead. He was raised to be set up as King after His resurrection and ascension. He is the firstfruit. No corruption, no return to Hades, He is the mediator of the new covenant (**Jeremiah 31**), Spirit sent, glorified by the Father, declared by Peter to be both Lord and Christ.

He was made priest who everliveth to make intercession. He is Priest and King now on His throne in Heaven. He is worthy of worship and service.

The resurrection is put for the whole system. If He was not sinless, there could be no sacrifice. If there was no crucifixion there would have been no penalty paid, no resurrection, there would be no proof of God's acceptance, no ascension to Heaven, there would be no King and Priest on His throne. No declaration of a new covenant offered, the lost would have no forgiveness of sins. No worship of the Son, only judgment. Blessed are they who put their trust in Him.

FOUNDER SAYS THANKS!

George L. Faull, Founder of Summit Theological Seminary this month enjoyed receiving over 200 birthday greetings through cards, emails and calls for his 80th birthday.

Many gave donations in his honor to the school. For this we are especially grateful because he is aware that during this pandemic, many have no income.

He wishes to express the following:

“The love shown to me in these greetings came from people of all ages and States from my past. I feel like the escaped convict, it is good to feel wanted!”

I am glad to still be preaching and teaching and writing and giving. I have always said I prefer to wear out than rust out. I am enjoying many good days in spite of having about 10 different maladies with which to contend. I am so thankful to God for my family and you and very little pain.

Feel free to continue to call me or write with your Bible questions. It keeps me fresh.”

To listen to my sermons, just “Google” my name.

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Ten Things Jesus Warns us About!!

--By George L. Faull, Rel. D.

Jesus is Lord! In the New Testament the Lord gives not only commands to be obeyed, promises to be enjoyed, facts to be believed, but warnings to be heeded.

It is the latter that we wish to study for a few minutes.

When our Creator, Savior, Sustainer and Protector encourages us to "take heed" or "beware of certain things", it behooves us to listen to His Words of warning. The Lord gives us specific things of which we should "beware" or "take heed"!

I first want to give you the Greek words He specifically used and the definitions of these words.

There are four words translated "beware" and which are translated "take heed". I will give you Strong's number and there you can see the sample verses of that particular word.

1. **BEWARE** (#4337. προσεχω *prosecho*, pros-ekh'-o)

from 4314 and 2192; (figuratively) to hold the mind (3563 implied) towards, i.e. **pay attention to, be cautious about, apply oneself to, adhere to:--(give) attend(-ance, -ance at, -ance to, unto), beware, be given to, give (take) heed (to unto); have regard.**

E.g. **Matthew 7:15**, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

2. **BEWARE** (#5442. φυλασσω *phulasso*, foo-las'-so)

Probably from 5443 through the idea of isolation; **to watch**, i.e. **be on guard** (literally or figuratively); by implication, **to preserve, obey, avoid:--**

beware, keep (self), observe, save. Compare 5083.

E.g. **Luke 12:15**, "And he said unto them, Take heed, and **beware** of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."

3. **BEWARE or TAKE HEED** (#3708. οραω *horaō*, hor-ah'-o)

Properly, **to stare at** (compare 3700), i.e. (by implication) to **discern clearly** (physically or mentally); by extension, **to attend to**; by Hebraism, to experience; passively, to appear:--**behold, perceive, see, take heed.**

E.g. **Matthew 16:6, 11-12**, "6 Then Jesus said unto them, **Take heed** and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. 11 How is it that ye do not understand that I spake *it* not to you concerning bread, that **ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?** 12 Then understood they how that he bade *them* not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees."

4. **BEWARE** (#991. βλέπω *blepo*, blep'-o)

a primary verb; **to look at** (literally or figuratively):--**behold, beware, lie, look** (on, to), **perceive, regard, see, sight, take heed.** Compare 3700.

E.g. **Mark 8:15**, "And he charged them, saying, Take heed, **beware** of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod."

Of what does Jesus tell us to beware or take heed of or perceive spiritual dangers? Let us review.

1. **False teachers or Wolves in sheep's clothing.**
2. **Men in general who betray their fellowman.**

Matthew 10:17, "But **beware of men**: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;"

3. **Doctrines of men, both new and what you have been taught.** (Pharisees, Sadducees, and Herod instruction or teachings.)

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Mark 8:15, "And he charged them, saying, **Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod.**"

4. **Religious hypocritical experts who love to show in dress, titles, best seats in the synagogue and at feasts.**

Luke 20:46, "Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts;"

5. **The reward of false prophets who are hypocrites and pretenders.**

Acts 13:40, "Beware therefore, lest that come **upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets;**"

6. **Dogs, evil workers, concision.**

Philippians 3:2, "Beware of **dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.**"

7. **Pied pipers who lead away by philosophy, vain deceits, astrology, traditions of men, seducing you away from Christ.**

Colossians 2:8, “Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”

2 Peter 3:17, “Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, **beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.**”

8. **Covetousness - Men who covet or hoard.**

Luke 12:15, “And he said unto them, **Take heed**, and **beware of covetousness**: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth”

9. **Despisers of children or new converts.**

Matthew 18:10, “Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.”

10. **Those who misunderstand the End Times and false Christ.**

Matthew 24:4-6, “4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. 6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.”

If Jesus and the New Testament writers warn or give us a caution light, we better take heed to what He says. Pride, arrogance, and desire

of being exalted will see us humbled. Covetousness will see us poor.

Even what we have been taught can cause us to be deceived. Despising men will cause us to be judged. Our worldview leads us away from God and causes us to fall.

An understanding of the times spoken of needs to be understood as the destruction of Jerusalem or the world in view in the passage.

When we see or hear “beware warnings”, we should take heed. How much more we should take heed if it is Jesus, Who loved us so much that He died for us, who speaks.

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“Woe” Unto You

When Jesus says “woe” unto someone, it should cause us to sit up and take notice. He is Lord.

The word “woe” is a warning that grief is coming on that person or a group of persons or nations. It also indicates judgment or terror is coming. It is often translated ‘alas’.

Some of the woes that were given are already fulfilled.

For example: To the women of Jerusalem who would see its destruction. **Matthew 24:10**.

Matthew 24:19, “And **woe** unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!”

Mark 13:17, “**But woe** to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!”

Luke 21:23, “**But woe** unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon **this** people.”

To Judas who betrayed Him, it would be better if he had not have been born. **Mark 14:21**, “The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: **but woe** to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born.”

Luke 22:22, “And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: **but woe** unto that man by whom he is betrayed!”

But some “woes” remain to be relevant to hypocrites today. They are like the hypocrites of yesteryear. Jesus places a woe on those and those like them today.

1. **Matthew 11:21**, “**Woe** unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.”

People who do not take heed to their much greater advantages than others who did not have such advantages.

2. **Matthew 18:7**, “**Woe** unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!”

Those who are stumblingblocks to others. **Luke 17:1-2**, “1 Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but **woe unto him**, through whom they come! 2 It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.”

3. **Matthew 23:13**, “**But woe** unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.”

Those who will not enter the Kingdom of God and try to keep others from seeking the Kingdom of God.

4. **Matthew 23:14**, “**Woe** unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.”

Those who profit on religion and con people out of their money will receive greater judgment, such as the TV Evangelists.

5. **Matthew 23:15**, “**Woe** unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.”

Those who proselyte around the world but whose converts are more children of Hell than even they are.

6. **Matthew 23:16**, “**Woe** unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor!”

The blind guides who believe and make the symbol greater than the reality.

7. **Matthew 23:23**, “**Woe** unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier *matters* of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.”

Those who major in minors but who ignore that which is the basis of the Christian faith.

8. **Matthew 23:25**, “**Woe** unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.”

Those who are interested in seeming to be clean in outward appearances but whose heart is full of wickedness and excess filth.

9. **Matthew 23:27**, “**Woe** unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead *men's* bones, and of all uncleanness.”

Those teachers and groups who like to appear religious but are full of death and filth and white-washed graves. **Luke 11:44**, “**Woe** unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are as graves which appear not, and the men that walk over *them* are not aware of *them*.”

10. **Matthew 23:29**, “**Woe** unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the

tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous,”

Those who honor good dead men and care for the righteous men's tomb, but they live contrary to their teachings and examples.

11. **Luke 6:24-25**, “24 **But woe** unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation. 25 **Woe** unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. **Woe** unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep.”

Those who are rich and laugh, for they have their reward and are joyous, but later will mourn.

12. **Luke 6:26**, “**Woe** unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.”

Those who are false prophets and of whom are spoken well of by all men. They shall suffer fate of those they are like.

13. **Luke 11:43**, “**Woe** unto you, Pharisees! for ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets.”

Those prideful men who exalt themselves to the best seats, special recognition, and live for the praises of men.

14. **Luke 11:46**, “And he said, **Woe** unto you also, ye lawyers! for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers.”

Those who add to God's Word and add difficult burdens but will not help those followers lift their burdens.

15. **Luke 11:52**, “**Woe** unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.”

Those who take away the key of knowledge so men cannot find their way, thus hindering their way to God.

The woes are on these 15 as well as Judas who betrayed Jesus. There was a woe unto the women whose grief was for Jesus at His death. But Jesus wanted to straighten out their priorities. Likewise, these 15 people need to get their priorities straight, too.

We may be needing to rearrange our grief. It may be as we need to realize Jesus is pronouncing a "woe" against us.

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Is Genesis Historical?

If one reads the Book of Genesis without pre-conceived ideas, and as if he lived in 1400 B.C., before so-called modern science and dozens of hypotheses, what would he conclude?

- ↳ That God created the heavens and the earth in six literal 24-hour days, with evening and mornings.
- ↳ That the garden of Eden was unique from the rest of the world and had everything that was needed for contentment and peace with God.
- ↳ That the woman was deceived by a sinister personality and that her husband joined her in her sin.
- ↳ That there was a flood that covered the entire world due to the wickedness of man's evil imagination; and only eight persons were saved, and life started over for mankind.
- ↳ That it gives the origins of man and a chronology of the ages of the earlier patriarchs who lived on this earth.
- ↳ That since man sinned, and the fall, the flood, the frustration at Babel, the forefathers were called to be the regenerators of the Savior promised in **Genesis 3:15**.
- ↳ That the history of the four men who are specifically highlighted in the book stand or fall together since their narrative ties them into one unit.

This would be Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. Remove any of these events or persons and you do not have a complete Mosaic. (Pardon the pun.)

In light of the fact that Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Lot and his wife, Isaac, Melchizedek, Ishmael, Jacob and the twelve sons of Jacob, are specifically mentioned in the Bible, it is

groundless to say that the book is not historical.

The fall, Cain's murdering of Abel, the drowning of the old world, the sacrifice of Isaac, Abraham leaving of Ur, his paying tithes to Melchizedek and other such events removes any doubt if they are historical events to the thinking man.

Jesus and the apostles referred to many of these events. If one leaves these out of the historical account, you have a book with no plot.

It shows that man was a sinner who needed a Savior. Then it displays God's Sovereignty in electing men as the vehicles to bring grace to fallen man.

It sets the stage for God's work in the rest of the Bible by promising the nation which would come, the land in which it would occur, and the seed through whom all the peoples of the world would be blessed.

Frankly, no serious student of the Word of God could miss the laying of the plot for the rest of the scenarios of the redemption of man. To remove these is to spoil the very theme of the Gospel.

Paradise was lost; and God's plan for man to regain it requires a man believe the entire book of Genesis. Without Genesis there can be no true theology, there can be no types, there can be no allegories.

To reject **Genesis 1-50** is to put your soul in peril, because if it's true only in part, then one cannot trust the whole.

To reject it is to deny inspiration and revelation of Him who said, "Let there be light, and there was light".

To begin a book that claims to be THE TRUTH with lies, myths, and deception is ludicrous.

For one to pick and choose what he will believe due to alleged new evidence rather than what is obviously meant to be revealed by the author of the book does not appear honest in my book.