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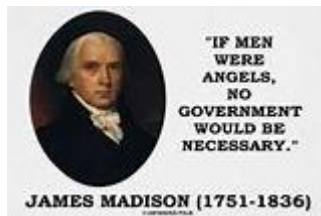
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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



### **The Servant Songs of Isaiah: A Journey of Discovery — Christ and the Remnant Together**

Over the last two months, we have embarked on a rich and rewarding study across our national fellowship, diving deep into the Four Servant Songs of Isaiah—powerful prophetic passages that reveal the heart of God's mission through His Servant.

These passages, found in **Isaiah 42:1–9, 49:1–13, 50:4–11, and 52:13–53:12**, paint a picture of the Servant's calling, character, suffering, and ultimate exaltation.

Through this series, we have explored one of the most profound and sometimes debated questions among Bible students and believers alike:

Who is the Servant? Is it Christ? Is it Israel? Could it be both?

Faithfully guided by the Word and illuminated by the Spirit, we have been examining how the Scriptures present this Servant role as being fulfilled not in an “either-or” way, but as a “both-and” reality—in Christ as the Messiah and in the believing remnant of Israel who are united with Him, sharing in His mission, His sufferings, and His victory.

Throughout this study, several brothers and sisters from across the nation have written to express how deeply these teachings have impacted their understanding of the Servant Songs. One such letter reads:

**“Thank you for continuing with the Servant Songs. These**

have blessed me more than I could have ever hoped for. You have educated my mind and fed my spirit with truth about the Lord and His Remnant. I would pray you consider writing these teachings in a book or workbook. It is wonderful.

When all is done, I will be asking for all the DVDs when you finish. You have been able to answer the nagging questions I have had about whether the Songs were about Jesus or Israel. You have shown me, in the Spirit's light, it's not either-or but both. ...On a deeper level, is He sharing His anointing with the Bride as we are one with Him? Is that how we are able to share some responsibilities of the Songs? Thanks again for following the Lord and teaching as you do. May we all grow in grace together, as Peter wrote in his epistle."

This is just one of several heartfelt messages we have received. Each one is a testimony that these prophetic truths are strengthening the Body of Christ nationwide. Such encouragement has affirmed that these studies are bearing fruit and is confirming our need to continue this work with diligence and joy.

## **Summary of the Study: The Four Servant Songs and the Remnant's Role**

The study series unfolded in four key stages:

### **The Chosen Servant (Isaiah 42:1–9):**

The Servant is introduced as God's elect, anointed to bring justice to the nations and serve as a light to the Gentiles (nations).

### **The Servant's Global Mission (Isaiah 49:1–13):**

The Servant's calling reaches from the womb and involves restoring Israel and extending salvation to the ends of the earth. Here, the Servant is called *Israel*, understood as the faithful remnant regathered and restored, yet the mission is

messianic in scope.

### **The Obedient and Suffering Servant (Isaiah 50:4–11):**

The Servant endures opposition, suffering willingly, and remains unwavering in obedience. This faithful endurance reflects both Christ's earthly ministry and the refining trials of the remnant.

### **The Suffering and Exalted Servant (Isaiah 52:13–53:12):**

The Servant bears the sins of many, suffers vicariously, and is ultimately exalted. While traditionally applied to Christ's atoning work, our study has also demonstrated how this suffering motif echoes the trials of the remnant throughout history—who are refined through suffering yet destined for vindication and glorification alongside their Messiah.

The attached study materials have emphasized that this remnant, purified through tribulation, serves as God's witnesses and representatives to the nations (**Isaiah 43:10; Zechariah 8:23**), sharing in the redemptive work of the Servant because they are one with Him—as the Branch shares life with the branches (**John 15:5**).

## **Looking Ahead**

We remain committed to continuing this series and, God willing, compiling these studies into a more formal presentation, possibly in the form of a book, workbook, or DVD set, as many have requested.

We ask all of you, our national fellowship, to continue praying for this ministry as we seek to rightly divide the Word of Truth and proclaim the message of hope, restoration, and calling to the faithful remnant of Israel and all who are grafted into the covenant promises through Christ. May we all grow together in grace and knowledge, steadfast in our mission, as living witnesses of God's enduring faithfulness.

***Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. — Isaiah 60:1 (KJV)***

# **The Servant Songs of Isaiah Study Sheet:**

## **The Servant Songs of Isaiah Christ, the Believing Remnant of Israel, or Both?**

### **Overview of the Servant Songs (Isaiah 42-53)**

The *Servant of the Lord* is a central figure in **Isaiah**, portrayed in four key passages:

**1st Song (Isaiah 42:1-9):** The Chosen Servant, a Light to the Gentiles (nations)

**2nd Song (Isaiah 49:1-13):** The Global Mission: Restore Israel & Bring Salvation to the Nations

**3rd Song (Isaiah 50:4-11):** The Obedient and Suffering Servant

**4th Song (Isaiah 52:13-53:12):** The Suffering, Rejected, yet Exalted Servant

### **Two Key Interpretations**

1. Messianic Fulfillment in Christ (Individual Servant): - Jesus Christ perfectly embodies the Servant. - Fulfilled in His earthly ministry, Passion, and resurrection.
2. The Believing Remnant of Israel (Corporate Servant): - Refers to faithful Israel who remains true to God's Covenant.

### **Dual Fulfillment View:**

The Servant role is fulfilled in both Christ and His faithful remnant-Church as the Head, the remnant as His Body.

Summary of **Isaiah 50-52:** The Servant's Journey and the Remnant's Role

Theme:

**Isaiah 50:1-3:** Israel's Rebellion

**Isaiah 50:4-11:** Servant's Obedience & Suffering

**Isaiah 51:1-16:** Call to Righteous Remnant

**Isaiah 51:17-23: Cup of Wrath Removed**

**Isaiah 52:1-12: Zion's Redemption & Good News**

### **Key Themes from the Study**

- Righteousness by Faith
- Suffering & Vindication
- Restoration of Zion
- Cup of Wrath

### **Application Questions for Study Groups**

1. How does understanding both Christ and the remnant as the Servant deepen your view of Isaiah's prophecies?
2. What does it mean for the remnant to "walk in darkness and have no light" yet trust in the Lord?
3. In what ways does the remnant today reflect the role of the Servant in bringing light to the nations?

If you have not listened to the sermons you can listen to them at our website, YouTube, and Rumble stations or you can ask for them on CD/or DVD. The machine that we use to duplicate CDs and DVDs is at the repair shop but should be returned in a week or two.

**In His Service,**

*Pastor Reid*

*Leviticus 25:55*

*For unto me the children of Israel are servants; they are my servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.*



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\_\_\_ **The Obedient and Suffering Servant**

\_\_\_ **Behold My Servant**

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## **A Personal Antichrist – Fact or Fiction?**

By Pastor Robert B. Record (1910-2005)  
The National Message Ministry

For the past 1900 years or more we have been living in the period spoken of in the Scriptures as *the last days*. They are the last days of the last days.

### **Deceiving Spirits to Arise**

Now in these last days we are especially warned by Paul that deceivers would arise and deceive many. John encourages us to try or test the spirits.

#### **1 John 4:1**

*Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.*

These deceivers would deceive the ignorant, the gullible, the misinformed, and the undiscerning via the pulpit. With the end of the age upon us, there are many things that are being uttered these days by preachers on prophecy to show that the end of the age is here and this is as it should be, BUT one of the most popular subjects of Bible prophecy these days is that of a personal Antichrist who is to arise and rule the world.

### **The Antichrist of Futurism**

I would like to have you think with me on the Antichrist of Futurism versus the Antichrist(s) of the Bible. You see there is a *difference*! The Futurists and many so-called Fundamentalist declare that a rapture of the Church is supposed to take place at the beginning of Daniel 70<sup>th</sup> week, which they teach was amputated and comprises the tribulation period of these last days. The rapture of the church is supposed to take place at the beginning of the 70<sup>th</sup> week and when it does a world dictator is supposed to arise on the world scene called The Antichrist.

They say that this Antichrist is going to make a covenant with the Jews and then after three and half years, he will break that



covenant and turn on the Jews with persecution and slaughter.

### **No Antichrist in Daniel 9:24-27**

One of the Scriptures that is often used as a basis for such teaching is **Daniel 9:27**:

*And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate...*

Please note that the word Antichrist does not appear here at all! The fact is that **Daniel 9:24-27** is wholly Messianic. Christ is the subject of this whole prophecy.

*<sup>24</sup> Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.*

*<sup>25</sup> Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.*

*<sup>26</sup> And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.*

*<sup>27</sup> And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, (Christ's death upon the Cross) and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. (Titus destroys Jerusalem)*

**Verse 26** – *prince that shall come* is a parenthetical statement that has to do with the coming of Titus to destroy

the city of Jerusalem in 70 AD. It does not say or even imply that some Antichrist is going to make a covenant with many. No, it says that He, the Messiah *shall confirm the covenant with many*. It does not say *make* it says *confirm*. Now this would have to refer to a preexistent covenant, so Daniel is not talking about some Antichrist making a covenant with anyone! He is talking about Jesus Christ confirming, or ratifying the New Covenant promised to Israel in **Jeremiah 31:33**. There is not one thing said here about an Antichrist making a covenant with the Jews and then breaking it.

### **When Antichrist is Supposed to Reign**

Notice also that this Antichrist is said to hold sway during the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel's prophecy and they have declared this to be the tribulation period. You simply will not find that in your Bible. It is simply a popular tradition that is frequently taught for Bible Doctrine.

[**Editor's note:** Please read *Seventy Weeks* by Robert Caringola #837 to understand that the 70 weeks have already been accomplished! Suggested gift \$8 plus \$7 postage per order. Another is *I WANT to Be Left Behind* by Pastor Ron Poch which explains why the Rapture Doctrine is false. Suggested gift \$10 plus \$7 postage per order.]

### **No Place for Any Antichrist**

But what are the facts? Is there any place for some Antichrist in the prophetic events which bring this age to a close? Only as we accept the delusion and the lie that the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel was not fulfilled after the 69<sup>th</sup> some 1900 years ago. It was fulfilled and there is no such thing as a seven-year tribulation period and there is no such thing as a pretribulation rapture of the church.

Where, then, do the Futurist get a personal antichrist who is to do all the things that he is purported to do? Do you know? Perhaps you believe in this personal Antichrist. Where do you get the authority? Did you know, my friend, that the Antichrist is no mentioned anywhere in the Old Testament? Not Once! What is more, the word antichrist does not appear in the New

Testament until you come to the **Epistles of John** and none of these epistles are considered prophetic. They rather teach love, obedience, and faith.

John is the only Biblical writer who mentions antichrist. So, what he says should be taken as the only authority that we have on the subject. Five times in four verses John mentions antichrist. Let us see if there is any indication or suggestion that it is a person who is to appear in these last days as a world dictator.

### **1 John 2:18-23**

***<sup>18</sup> Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.***

***<sup>19</sup> They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.***

***<sup>20</sup> But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.***

***<sup>21</sup> I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.***

***<sup>22</sup> Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.***

***<sup>23</sup> Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.***

Let us be honest now. What does John say about antichrist here? After announcing the coming of antichrist, he then identifies him as anyone who denies that Jesus is God! He does not say one thing about a world dictator. He simply speaks of those who deny that Jesus is God.

### **1 John 4:1-3**

***<sup>1</sup> Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.***

***<sup>2</sup> Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that***

*confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: <sup>3</sup> And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.*

Notice the later part of **verse 3**:

*this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come;*

John does not say he should come, but **it** – that spirit of evil set in opposition to Christ as being God manifest in the flesh. There is another reference to antichrist given by John.

### **1 John 1:7**

*For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.*

Now let me ask you, by what stretch of the imagination can these verses be made to teach of a personal antichrist who is to arise and rule the world? There could be no such thing as antichrist until Jesus Christ was come in in the flesh. Then we are told there was not to be one **but many!**

In spite of these clear declarations by John as to who or what is antichrist, the average preacher on prophecy resorts to the devious practice of applying the title of antichrist to any and every Biblical character that might seem to fill the role of world dictator. But why? I am asking you! Why make antichrist to be a person, a world ruler, when John says simply, he is antichrist that denies that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh?

### **The Antichrist and John 5:43**

One of the Scriptures the Antichrist theorists point to as a proof of a personal Antichrist is **John 5:43**, where Christ says:

*I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.*

Now the only way you can read some Antichrist into this is to come to your Bible with your own preconceived notions. It

does not say “*when*” another shall come in his own name, him you shall receive. Christ says *if* and He does not say one thing about Antichrist!

### **The Antichrist and Daniel 8:20-25**

Antichrist theorists are not agreed on when and how this Antichrist is to come to power. Some say he is going to come to power shortly after the defeat of Russia and he makes a covenant of peace with the Jews for three and a half years after the rapture. From that day on, Christ will know who the Antichrist is. He will arise through wars to world leadership. For proof of this we are supposed to go back to **Daniel 8**. Daniel has a vision of the ram, and the goat and Gabriel interprets the vision.

#### **Daniel 8:20-25**

***<sup>20</sup> The ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia.***

***<sup>21</sup> And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king.***

***<sup>22</sup> Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in his power.***

***<sup>23</sup> And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.***

Here they say, we come to the Antichrist with this king of fierce countenance.

***<sup>24</sup> And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.***

***<sup>25</sup> And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.***

This is a prophecy dealing clearly with Media and Persia and

the rulers of those Empires. But oh, how the Antichrist theorists like to say that this king of fierce countenance is the Antichrist. But the fact is that it is no other than Antiochus Epiphanes who arose up against God and after robbing the Temple, he died – not from wounds of war, but more from chagrin. It has no reference whatever to some Antichrist who is to arise in these last days. Let us consider this prophecy in **Daniel 8** a bit further in **verse 25** we read:

*he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes*

This might seem to allude to Christ, but Moffatt translates this:

*He shall even challenge the prince of the angel princes.*

So, there is no reference here to Christ, even though some dogmatically make this assertion.

### **Not the *Man of Sin***

#### **2 Thessalonians 2:1**

*<sup>1</sup> Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,*

*<sup>2</sup> That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.*

*<sup>3</sup> Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;*

*<sup>4</sup> Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.*

*<sup>5</sup> Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?*

*<sup>6</sup> And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.*

Here again, the Antichrist theorists grab verses like this say, **"This refers to the Antichrist; he is the man of sin"** and they quote **verses 4** and **5** to describe some of the things he is going to do. Isn't it just a little strange that if this is referring

to some Antichrist who is supposed to arise in these last days, and these people knew who this was and who was going to be revealed? It certainly is and you will notice something else. It says *and that man of sin be revealed*. Did you know that the word *man* here is a plural word such as the Psalmist uses when he says *as for man his days are as grass*? It does not mean any one man; it can mean any number of men. Furthermore, I believe that Paul is writing in veiled language here because the Roman Empire was still in power, and he did not want to get involved with the Roman leaders on this. So, he simply speaks about this new ruling power as being the man of sin *who opposeth and exalteth himself*.

### **The Mystery of Iniquity**

Who was it that took over after the fall of Pagan Rome? What we now know as The Holy Roman Empire which had leaders claiming to sit in the place of Christ, etc. This is what Paul is obviously alluding to here. He is not describing some Antichrist two thousand years into the future. The word antichrist does not even appear in this prophecy. In **2 Thessalonians 2:7** Paul says:

*For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.*

Now, what is Paul talking about? The Futurist and some of our fundamentalist friends would have you believe that this mystery of iniquity is the Antichrist who will appear on the World scene. He cannot come, they say, until the Church is taken out and the Holy Spirit is removed from the earth. But that is not what it says. God's Spirit is not withdrawn from the earth!

The fact of the matter is that the Church is not raptured or translated at the beginning of the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel as we have already pointed out. And when you have no seven-year tribulation, there is no place for the rapture as it is popularly taught. So, the Antichrist is not waiting for the rapture of the Church. This is wholly fiction, fable, and tradition, which are taught here to support the Antichrist theory. That is all that you

can say about it. These words have nothing to do with a personal Antichrist.

So where does that leave us? Well, it leaves us with John's definition. John says that anybody – he does not specify any particular group – but anybody who denies that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, **he is antichrist**.

### **The Doctrine of Antichrist Blinds to Essential Truth**

In the view of the fact that we have now reached the end of the age and the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand, there is nothing that so blinds people to essential truth and gets their eyes off the things with which they ought to be concerned as this teaching of a personal Antichrist which none of the prophets mention by name.

I say this idea of a personal Antichrist who is supposed to rise and rule the world after the rapture of the Church occupies most of the time and attention of Christian people when they ought to be thing about the Kingdom for which Christ taught us to pray. It is Christ, not some Antichrist who confirmed the Covenant of **Daniel 9:27** and is soon coming to rule the world in righteousness.

So let us be done with talking about the rapture of the Church at the beginning of an amputated 70th week of **Daniel** and the appearance of some Antichrist who is then to arise and rule the world. God is calling upon us as a people to humble ourselves, to repeat, and to get back to God for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

These are the things which out to occupy our minds and to which we should be giving our most serious attention. We need to see that we are God's Israel and the beginning of the restoration of the Kingdom of God. Until we do, and begin to set our national house in order, the judgments of God are going to increase in intensity. May God open our eyes to the acknowledging of His Truth.





## A Position of Excellence

By Margaret Reid

Sometimes, it is all I can do to achieve the most insignificant of tasks. Well, more often than not these days. I find myself racing the clock, running around, jumbling things together to get things done by the deadline. This article has fallen victim to my task shuffling though I have known for some weeks now what I would like to say. Sometimes, as you can imagine, things do not get done to their fullest potential. Half-hearted and half done is how things look from time to time. Recently, I had had a revelation. God obviously does not want us lukewarm, or halfhearted. He does not want our half efforts. He wants our best. Our most excellent indeed. It is our duty to give Him our very best, and to do what is necessary to achieve that.

Recently, one of my children was giving much less than his best. I was upset and began over thinking the entire situation he found himself in. I recognized a pattern of behavior that only leads to failure and heartache, therefore and thusly, I implored said child to put forth his very best effort. Because God does not honor laziness. He expects us to run the race as if to win –

### 1 Corinthians 9:24

***Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.***

The rest of the passage describes someone as self-disciplined and dedicated to the cause. I realized that when I was young and had a similar attitude of **"It doesn't matter."** or **"What difference does it make?"** or flatly **"I don't want to."** things went very poorly for me. When I began to have an attitude of struggle and perseverance, not only did I begin to improve, my whole heart changed.

I embraced the hard things, instead of shying away from them. A little bit of discomfort now will produce ten, thirty or a hundred fold.

## Mark 4:20

*And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.*

I work out to maximize my health potential. For women, it is important to not only lift weights, but to lift heavy. When I first started working out regularly about seven years ago, I would give up when I felt a tiny burn or a little twinge of exhaustion. Remember, I was in the Marine Corps. It has taken some time, and a trust in the God who brings about struggle to understand that pushing through the burn, doing another rep, even though I am shaking, taking a breath and continuing to move has made me a better person in every possible way.

I can do hard things. You can too. And when you do, you think to yourself, **"This is not that bad. We can make it to the other side"** of whatever trouble you might be experiencing. And when you find yourself on the other side, you will realize this is excellence.

Excellence in your life is taking out the splinters and cleaning the wounds. It is removing sugar and grains (I am starting with six weeks. I am on week two) for your health. It is overcoming addictions. It is in putting down the cigarettes, the coffee, the processed foods, the phone/social media doom scrolling or whatever is holding you back. Letting go of whatever has a death grip on you needs to be fought tooth and nail.

It is waking up a few minutes early (yes, you can) to have a quiet moment with the Lord to direct your day. Excellence is taking sixty seconds to proofread your assignments before you submit. It is washing the dishes instead of piling them on top. It is making the bed first thing, getting dressed, and brushing your hair so you can show up for God.

If we stop to take a moment and put serving Christ into the perspective of our employer, it makes it a little easier to want to do right by Him. God knows our potential, that is why He gave us a book of instructions.

We must be sure to not only put forth our very best effort, but to not give in when we are tired, when the job is half finished, or when you would rather sleep another 10 minutes. I am speaking to myself, here, as well.

Have you heard this saying? **"A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls."** It is actually a modernization of this verse.

### **Proverbs 25:28**

***He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.***

With the more pleasant weather, I am more motivated to add things to my to-do list. I often get over ambitious and crumble under my to-dos. My focus as my health and energy have been improving is to learn to do the few things with excellence, before I add anymore. I have managed to work out consistently for the last two months. I have seen such a massive improvement in my daily abilities. My day-to-day life has more joy simply because I am less tired and worn out.

I am now able to be on my feet the entire day without being completely wiped. A portion of that time I usually have a baby on my back! I am grateful the Lord has given me (and you!) such a resilient body. My next skill to master will be getting up earlier and working out before I do anything else. That will allow me to manage my time better. Wish me luck! And say a prayer. And know that I am praying for you, on the journey to the new man!

### **Colossians 3:10**

***And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:***

### **Ephesians 4:24**

***And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.***

## **A Study into the Meaning of the Word "Gentile" as Used in the Bible**

By Pastor Curtis Clair Ewing (1910-1991)

A few years ago, the writer was in the home of a friend, and as I looked over her books, I saw that she had one of these large dictionaries that are usually found only in public libraries. I said to her, **"May I use your dictionary?"** I knew that she had always been interested in the correct use of the words, so I thought that this would be a good way to start a conversation regarding our Identity with Israel. I turned the pages to find the word *"gentile."* Immediately the lady asked, **"What is the word you are looking for?"** I replied, **"I am looking up the word 'gentile.'"** Then she wanted to know what the dictionary had to say. I gave her to understand that if the dictionary was correct, she could not possibly be a gentile, which she had always claimed to be. Then I read her this definition.

**"A gentile is a pagan or a heathen or someone who is not a Jew or a Christian."**

**"Now,"** I said, **"since you are a Christian you cannot possibly be a gentile."** She was rather startled at what I told her. Then I went into the meaning of that same word as used in the Bible, and you may be assured that before I was through, she had many of her long-established ideas upset.

A great deal of confusion and misunderstanding has been caused by the use of the word *"gentile"* in the English translation of the Bible. Let us take up a brief study of it. It should always be remembered that foreign languages often lose the strength of their meaning through translation. Then it should also be remembered that some words have many meanings.

Take the word *man* as an illustration. Generically speaking it means mankind generally, both men and women. But if it is used in the same sentence with the word woman, it means the male of the species. If it is used in the same sentence with boy, it means the mature of the species. Thus, the word *man*

has three meanings, the meaning of the word being determined by its use in the context.

Now the word *gentile* is a translation of the Hebrew word *goi* (singular) and *goyim* (plural) and the Greek word *ethnos* (singular) and *ethne* (plural). Using the word *gentile* to translate these words is often misleading because it is a misapplication of the Hebrew and Greek words as used in the Bible. The modern use of the word has come to mean non-Jew or non-Israel, but that meaning cannot be maintained in the face of the evidence I will present in this study.

The Hebrew word *goi* is a collective noun meaning nation or sometimes a collective body of people. But it has been translated into English many different ways. The word occurs 557 times in the Old Testament. The Authorized Version of the Bible translates it *gentile* thirty times; *heathen* 142 times; *nation* 373 times; *people* eleven times; *another* once. But the American Standard Revised Version cuts the occurrence of *gentile* from thirty to nine times and then shows in the footnotes of five of those nine times that the word *nations* should be used.

Of course, the word *nation* is not always an exact equivalent term because there is too much of a political significance attached to it. But it is much better than the word *gentile* and some of our best translators prefer the word *nations*. This is also shown by the way the Revised Version eliminates the word *gentiles*.

The same thing is true of the Greek word *ethnos*. It occurs 164 times in the New Testament. In the Authorized Version it is translated *gentile* ninety-three times; *heathen* five times; *nation* or *nations* sixty-four times; and *people* twice. In the American Standard Revised Version, it is *gentile* ninety-six times in the text and seven times in the footnotes, making 103 occurrences altogether. But in the footnotes, it is corrected fifteen times to read *nations* making the final occurrence eighty-eight. So not only the Hebrew word *goi* but also the Greek word *ethnos* has been translated to read *nations* more

than any other word.

Though the word *gentile* and the word *heathen* are used many times in the Bible. We must face the facts that there are no Hebrew or Greek words that would demand this translation.

If the reader will consult a good dictionary, you will find that the word *gentile* is derived from the Latin word *gentilis* and properly understood means non-something. As used by a Judahite or an Israelite it would mean non-Judahite or non-Israelite. But they are not the only people who have a right to use the word.

For instance, supposed a Buddhist priest spoke Latin and he wanted to refer to the nations that were not Buddhist, he would call them *gentilis*. In Hebrew and Greek, there is no exact equivalent to the Latin word *gentilis* or the English word *gentile*. Nevertheless, if this same priest spoke Hebrew and Greek along with his Latin and wanted to refer to the nations that were not Buddhist, he would call them *goyim* if speaking Hebrew and *ethne* if speaking Greek, and each time he would naturally include the Judah and Israel people. Likewise, a Muslim priest could use the three languages and refer to the Jews and Israel as *gentilis*, *goyim*, and *ethne*.

One important thing to always keep in mind is that *goi* and *ethnos* are collective nouns and cannot properly be translated to mean an individual person. They always refer to a group. There is no such thing as *A GENTILE*; it is always plural. *Gentiles* in its plural sense may at times be used to translate *goi* and *ethnos* but its use gives an added thought not intended in the original word which cannot in every case be justified.

Another important word found in the Hebrew text which needs only passing notice is the Hebrew word "*am*" and is found many times in the Old Testament text. It is translated people, for it occurs that way 1,835 times in our English text. Occasionally it is qualified by the phrase, "*every people*," but when it is rendered "*the people*" it usually means Israel. But

this is not the word that has been the source of misunderstanding. Translations of the Hebrew word *goi* and the Greek word *ethnos* have caused the trouble.

The Hebrew word *goi* and the Greek word *ethnos* in their singular and plural forms are used in three ways in the Bible.

1. In referring to the Israel and Judah people, let us note the verses which follow below found in the Old Testament and New Testament which refer either to Israel or to Judah as a nation and uses the word *goi* and the Greek word *ethnos*. To demonstrate the absurdity of always translating the word *goi* or *ethnos* as *gentile* we suggest that you read the following verses substituting the word *gentile* or *heathen*, for *nation* or *nations*.

**Gen. 12:2** *"I will make of thee a great nation."*

**Gen. 17:4-5** *"A father of many nations have I made thee."*

**Gen. 20:4** *"Lord, wilt thou slay a righteous nation?"* (heathen).

**Gen. 25:23** *"Two nations are in thy womb."* (Try the word heathen or gentile in that verse).

**Gen. 35:11** *"A nation and a company of nations."*

**Gen. 48:19** *"They seed shall become a multitude of nations."*

**Isa. 1:4** *"A sinful nation. A people laden with iniquity."*

**Isa. 10:6** *"Send him against a hypocritical nation."*

**Jer. 31:36** *"Shall cease from being a nation before me."*

**Luke 7:5** *"He loveth our nation and hath built us a synagogue."*

**John 11:48** *"The Romans will come and take our place and nation."*

**John 11:50** *"That one man should die for the people and that the whole nation perish not."*

**Acts 24:2** *"Worthy deeds are done unto this nation by thy providence."*

**Acts 24:17 *"I came to bring alms to my nation."***

From the forgoing verses and many other that could be given, it can easily be seen that the Hebrew word *goi* and the Greek word *ethnos* do not always refer to non-Israel people.

2. Now let us read a few verses where the same words are used and as can be seen, refer very definitely to non-Israel people.

**Gen. 14:9 *"With Chedorlaomer the King of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations."***

**Gen. 21:13 *"And also the son of the bond woman will I make a nation."***

**Gen. 21:18 *"For I will make of him a great nation."***

**Ex. 9:21 *"...There was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation."***

**Ex. 34:24 *"...For I will cast out the nations before thee."***

**Isa. 37:12 *"Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed?"* Matt. 10:5 *"Go not in the way of the gentiles."***

**Matt. 24:7 *"For nation shall rise against nation."***

**Luke 21:24 *"They shall fall by the edge of the sword and be led away captive into all nations."***

**Acts 7:7 *"And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God."***

**Acts 8:9 *"But there was a certain man called Simon which before time in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria."***

In the above verses three words have been used to translate the same Greek word *ethnos* and they are *nations*, *gentiles*, and *people*.

3. Now we come to the third way in which the words have been used, and that is to describe all nations, which of course always includes Israel and non-Israel nations.

**Gen. 22:18 *"And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed."***



**Gen. 25:23** *"Two nations are in thy womb."*

**1 Chron. 16:23-24** *"Declare his glory among the heathen...his marvelous works among the nations."*

**Psa. 9:19-20** *"...Let the heathen be judged in thy sight. Put them in fear, oh Lord; that the nations may know themselves to be but men."*

Notice the last two verses have used the words *heathen* and *nations* to translate the same word in one passage.

**Matt. 24:9,14** *"...And ye shall be hated of all nations for my names sake." "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached for a witness to all nations."*

**Matt. 28:19** *"Go ye therefore and teach all nations."*

**Acts 10:35** *"But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him."*

Attention should also be called to another Greek word erroneously translated *gentiles*. The word is *hellen* and means *Greeks*. It is used twenty-seven times in the New Testament. In twenty places it is properly translated *Greeks*, but in seven other places in the Authorized Version it is erroneously translated *gentiles*. This has been corrected in the Revised Version and nearly all subsequent translations.

For example, the Authorized Version translates **John 7:35** to read: *"Will he go unto the dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles?"* Nearly all revised versions translate this to read: *"Will he go unto the dispersed among the Greeks and teach the Greeks?"*

Take as another example **1 Corinthians 10:32**, *"Give none offense, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the Church of God."* Now the writer has read several articles by well-known Bible teachers who reject the Israel identity of the Anglo-Saxon people because they say that this verse gives the only classes that God now recognizes. In other words, they claim on the authority of this verse that the humane race is divided into Jew, Gentiles, and Church of God.

That is a good example of how anything can be proved by taking a verse out of its context. The context shows that Paul was admonishing people to be conscientious in their walk so as not to offend a weak brother. The division made in the text is only incidental to the point he was trying to make. And then too, the text does not say that there are only three classes of people. what it does say is, *"Give none offense, neither to the Jew, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the Church of God."*

Now if this text were given to show a division of humanity, then it leaves the vast majority of the races out entirely, because the word that is translated *gentiles* is a palpable mistranslation and should be translated *Greeks*. This is exactly the way the Revised Version gives it, as is also true of most private translations. But you do not even need a Revised Version to discover this error. Any good Bible with a marginal reading will show this to be true. The Greek word that has been translated *gentile* in this verse is *hellen* and means *Greeks*. So, if, as these men have claimed, this verse proves there is only three classes of people in the world which God now recognizes, then they are the Jews, the Greeks, and the Christians. Everybody else is left out.

By using the same method of reasoning, we could quote **Galatians 3:28** and prove that God does not recognize any distinction in the human race; then we could go to the other extreme and quote **Colossians 3:11** to prove that God recognizes eight divisions of mankind. In both cases, we would be taking verses out of their context just as these men have done. But all of the confusion over this text would have been avoided if the word *Greeks* had been used instead of *gentiles*. Paul was writing to the Corinthians. Corinth was in Greece. They had three classes of people there — Jew, Greek and Christian. Had Paul been writing to the Romans he no doubt would have said *"Give none offense, neither to the Jew, nor to the Romans, nor to the Church of God."*

Besides these two examples, there are four other places where *hellen* has been translated *gentiles* where it should

have been translated *Greeks*. These are found in **Romans 2:9,10; 3:9**; and **1 Corinthians 12:13**.

While on this subject a few words should be said about the way the word *gentile* has been used in the **Epistle to the Romans**, one of the important books in the New Testament. And on this matter, I will borrow some thoughts from the late Dr. Wm. Pascoe Goard.

In Dr. Goard's book *Epistle to the Romans*, [#774 Suggested gift \$15] he has given some illuminating comments on how the word *ethne* refers to the ten-tribe Israel. These are found in the fourth and fifth chapters of his book. He shows very clearly that chapter **9,10**, and **11 of Romans** refer to ten-tribe Israel. In these chapters, the Apostle Paul quotes quite freely from **Hosea, Isaiah**, and **Elijah**, and as Dr. Goard shows, all these quotations refer to facts in the history of ten-tribe Israel, and not in the history of Judah nor in the history of any other nation. Thus, when the word *gentiles* (Greek word *ethne*) is used in these three chapters it definitely is ten-tribe Israel. It is not a contrast between Israel and non-Israel people. It is a contrast between Israel in 975 BC and Israel known as the nations in AD 60.

Do not let the word *gentile* mislead you. The Greek word is *ethne* and means *nations*. The Apostle Paul in this Israel section of his epistle is merely contrasting Israel's former state when she was known as Israel with her state in his day when she was known as the nations. To use the popularized meaning of the word, they had become *gentilized* in the sense that they were not known as Israel. Israel was one nation God had called out from among the other nations; now she was just like the other nations.

She had lost her identity so much that the Apostle Paul said that blindness was to stay on Israel until the *fullness of the gentiles* (nations) *be come in*. (**Romans 11:25**). This *fullness of the gentiles* should be *fullness of nations*. It is a direct reference to **Genesis 48:19**, where it is stated that Ephraim was to become a *multitude of nations* in the last

days.

This is confirmed by the fact that both Dr. Delitzsch's translation of the New Testament into Hebrew and Ginsburg-Salkinson's New Testament, which have the very same Hebrew words (*me lo hag goyim*) in **Romans 11:25**, that we find in **Genesis 48:19**, in the Hebrew Old Testament, and in this verse **only**.

We use the expression *multitude of nations* because it is given as the corrected reading in most Bibles in preference to fullness of nations. **In other words, Israel was to be blind to her identity until the tribe of Ephraim became a multitude of nations.** That time has arrived now and that is the reason our identity as Israel is becoming known.

As **Isaiah 25:7** reads, *He will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations.* That veil is being lifted now, and our real identity and the identity of other nations is becoming known.

Some scholars, in translating **Genesis 48:19**, where the Hebrew is *me lo hag-goyim* render it a company of gentile nations. The writer is convinced that a company or multitude of nations is the better translation.

However, there is nothing wrong with the translation if the right meaning is attached to the word *gentile*. That is, they would become so much like other nations that they would not be recognized as Israel. That, of course, is a different meaning given to the word than is meant in the original text.

**To Summarize:** the word *gentile* is derived from the Latin word *gentilis* and is only one of several words that are used to translate the Hebrew word *goi* and the Greek word *ethnos* into English. The best word to use is *nations*. It would have been better if the word *gentile* had never appeared in the English text. Neither *goi* nor *ethnos* necessarily mean non-Israel, as has been shown above.

# Basic Principles for Understanding The Book of Revelation

By Martha Barley

The first thing to understand about the **Book of Revelation** is timing. The timing is given in the very first verse, but below is the complete thought.

## Revelation 1:1-3

*<sup>1</sup> The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:*

*<sup>2</sup> Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.*

*<sup>3</sup> Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.*

So, everything given in the **Book of Revelation** is from the time of John forward. The word *shortly* must also be looked at from the viewpoint of God. While we consider a year a short time away our infinite God looks at things a bit differently.

## 2 Peter 3:8

*But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*

Most scholars believe that the **Book of Revelation** was written in 95-96 AD. When we take the above verse and apply it, we see that we are almost two days from the writing of the **Book of Revelation** to the present time, *in the Lord's timing*. Some date it earlier and to understand why this is incorrect, I would suggest that you read a booklet that we publish titled **A Question of Prophecy**. Part one is titled *Six Points Refuting the Early Writing of Revelation* by Bill and Sandy Kalivas and Part Two is titled *The Cradle of Futurism and Preterism* by Pastor Dave Barley. #792 Suggested gift of \$3.50 and \$7 per order.

Another is the booklet, **The Origin of Futurism and**

**Preterism.** Part One is by Paul Owen and Part Two (The Tragic Aftermath of Futurism) is by Pastor Charles Jennings. #734 Suggested gift of \$2 and \$7 postage per order.

Many Israel pastors have written on the **Book of Revelation** over the years as well as many since the time of the Protestant Reformers. The Reformers correctly predicted the defeat of the Papal power at the time of Napoleon and other events. It really increases your faith to see how these prophecies have been fulfilled and are being fulfilled.

The **Book of Revelation** is also a book of symbols. One of the items that helps us to understand the Bible is the consistency of those symbols. Many of the various Israel pastors have used what is called the law of first mention. They looked for the first use of a symbol and applied that use to the **Book of Revelation**.

For those of you who wish to study this confusing, but wonderful book, I highly recommend #839 ***The Book of Revelation from an Israelite and Historicist Interpretation*** by Pastor Charles Jennings. Suggested gift \$10 and \$7 postage per order. Another on the same subject is #838 ***The Present Reign of Jesus Christ*** by Robert Caringola Suggested gift \$12 and \$7 postage per order.

Interestingly, the **Book of Revelation** promises blessings upon the reader.

### **Revelation 1:3**

***<sup>3</sup> Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.***

I personally have learned much by studying the **Book of Revelation** and it has increased the confidence that I have in our Lord being Sovereign in all things and that everything is happening exactly as He planned for them to happen and that gives me the peace He promised to endure the challenges of life and the changing political landscape. As my father used to say, **"Everything is going wrong just right!"**

## From our Readers and Listeners

Dear Pastor Kevyn:

Thank you for answering my question on the beast of the field in the January/February newsletter.

Thank you, Kevyn, for using many Scriptures at times to back up your point. Your backup Scriptures proving one Scripture are more than the average churchgoer gets in a regular church service. God bless, **DR, MN**

Thank you for the recent Newsletter and the teachings contained in it. Also, the sermon DVDs are very informative. We appreciate those also. We pray daily for the Ministry. **RW & SW, MO**

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### **BREAKING: EPA Announces Probe into Geoengineering Company in Response to Legal Letters from ICAN Attorneys**

**ICAN (Informed Consent Action Network) is pleased to announce that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sent a demand for information to a California-based start-up, flagged by ICAN, that has been openly engaging in geoengineering since 2023.**

Specifically, EPA “submitted a demand for information to a start-up company calling themselves ‘Make Sunsets,’ which is launching balloons filled with sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) seeking to geoengineer the planet and generate ‘cooling’ credits to sell. **This issue was initially identified in 2023 during the last Administration, but no action was taken to find out more about this questionable start-up and activity.**” The issue was brought to EPA’s attention in 2023 by ICAN. As Siri & Glimstad attorney Catherine Ybarra discussed with Del Bigtree on *The Highwire* (podcast)

<https://thehighwire.com/ark-videos/icans-investigation-into-geoengineering-military-spraying-self-spreading-vaccines/>

**Another conspiracy theory proving to be true.**

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## MAHA In 100 Days: How Trump and RFK Are Transforming Food and Healthcare in America

100 Days of Trump: From food and drugs to autism research, RFK is shaking things up. By Amanda Prestigiacomo DailyWire.com

Minutes after Robert F. Kennedy Jr. was sworn in as Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), President Donald Trump signed an executive order directing Kennedy and his team to Make America Healthy Again. The order created the MAHA Commission and specifically instructed Kennedy to focus on addressing the root causes of America's escalating health crisis, especially childhood chronic disease. Kennedy did just that — and swiftly.

Here's what the secretary has done so far to transform American food standards and reorient his agency's health initiatives.

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### Read the complete article on [dailywire.com](https://www.dailywire.com)

Included in the article is information on food changes in regard to food dyes, ingredient standards, SNAP changes, and a transparency tool on the website. He is also looking at contributing factors regarding autism and has set a deadline on finding those causes.

He has eliminated 20,000 jobs. He says this: **"We're keeping the scientists, we're keeping the front-line providers,"** he added. **"We're trying to do our best, not only to serve as stewards of the taxpayer money, but also to make the agency more efficient."**

He has also realigned funding and research regarding vaccines, autism, fluoride, and chronic disease. He also hopes to see all pharmaceutical ads banned.

### 1 Timothy 2:1-2 (ESV)

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.*