

“The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken....” Moses, the chief prophet of Judaism, Deuteronomy 18:15 KJV<sup>1</sup>

“...This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.”  
The words of those who witnessed Jesus’ miracles, John 6:14 KJV

“...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the father, but by me.”  
Jesus, John 14:6 KJV

“When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judæa flee into the mountains....” Jesus’ instruction to the Jews of

Israel at the time of the end, Matthew 24:15-16 KJV

“Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet anchor of our liberties. To the influence of this book we are indebted for all the progress made in true civilization and to this we must look as our guide in the future.”<sup>2</sup>

U.S. Grant,  
18th President of the United States

“ ‘Can you give me one single irrefutable proof of God?’ ‘Yes, your Majesty, the Jews.’ ”  
Marquis D’Argens to Frederick the Great

“About the time of the End, a body of men will be raised up who will turn their attention to the prophecies, and insist on their literal interpretation in the midst of such clamor and opposition.”  
Sir Isaac Newton

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## TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES—WILL THE REAL FAITH PLEASE STAND?

How can we know the many counterfeits from the real thing? The apostle John warned us 2000 years ago: “BELOVED, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world” (I John 4:1 KJV).

Jesus Himself also mentions that there will be wolves in sheep’s clothing posing as prophets, who would be false. In His exact words, He warns us: “...narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves....For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, *he is* in the

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<sup>1</sup>The New Scofield Reference Bible.

<sup>2</sup>“The Interpreter,” Vol. XXXVII, No. 2, Spring 1995. Lutherville, MD, © 1995, p. 21. Available through The Interpreter, POB 110, Lutherville, MD, USA 21093-0110.

secret chambers; believe *it* not” (Matt. 7:14-15; 24:24-26 KJV). Thus, if we seek the truth for ourselves, we should remember Jesus’ answer when Pilate asked Him who He was: “...Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice” (John 18:37 KJV). Earlier He said: “...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6 KJV).

We should, of course, very carefully avoid that which is untrue! For instance, bank tellers can tell the difference between a real dollar bill and a counterfeit one, due to the fact that they are very well acquainted with the real one.

I expect this to be the most criticized chapter of this book. That is because anyone who is not spiritually close to Jesus, who is perhaps only a curious spectator to the promises of the New Testament, may, upon reading this chapter, find these concepts to be offensive. However, it is our conviction that the darkness will never comprehend the light (John 1:1-5). We are gambling that most of our readers have a spark of light within their spirit placed there by God, due to their openness, which has brought them this far through reading the various Old Testament prophecies and New Testament fulfillments concerning the prophesied Messiah! We hope to fan this spark of Messianic curiosity and hope into heartfelt fires of salvation!

### WITH NO APOLOGIES

With no apologies, we proceed with this chapter, which we are aware that not all will be able to accept. We believe the Antichrist will coerce the worship of himself through ecumenical and economic pressure, as he forcefully creates a one-world religion. This one-world union will contain elements of every religion except the true one!

To understand the significance of what the book of Revelation calls “mystery Babylon” (Rev. 17:5), we should be aware of these “false spirits” to which John alluded (I John 4:1). Hopefully, we will then be equipped to steer our loved ones away from the deceptions which are presently plaguing our society,<sup>3</sup> as predicted.

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<sup>3</sup>The spirits of New Age and witchcraft are exploding like wildfire. See our *Vol. II*, chapter 4, “Cults, the Occult and the New Age.”

## RELIGIOUS DECEPTION AND THOSE OTHER GODS

From the time of Adam, there has been religious deception, alternatives, if you please, to the true God who loves us. In Adam's time, Satan used the serpent to deceive. We will investigate in this chapter and our *Vol. II*, chapter 4, "Cults, the Occult and the New Age," the many current deceptions, in order that Christians may be better equipped to avoid the many techniques being used by the master of darkness in his ongoing work to exterminate the souls of men, which are so very precious to God.



Dagon, the fish-god of the Philistines.



A pagan priest offers a new-born baby as a sacrifice to Molech, god of the Canaanites.

## LOOKING BACK ON THE WORSHIP OF LIES

In past ages, Baal, Molech and Ashtoreth were worshipped (II Kings 23:10, 13). Dagon was the fish-god of the Philistines whose temple was destroyed by Samson (Jer. 7:31; 32:35). Molech,<sup>4</sup> to whom even Israelites sacrificed their children, was the god of the Canaanites (Lev. 20:2-5; Ezek. 16:20-22; Jer. 32:35; Amos 5:26). The Egyptian sun-god, Ra, and the many Hindu deities, have deceived millions.

In the holy book of Islam, the Koran, Mohammed instructs in the name of Allah: "Make war upon those who believe not...even if they be people of the Book [Jews or Christians]. Make war upon them until idolatry is no more and Allah's religion reigns supreme."<sup>5</sup> In the past, Islam contributed to the murder of Jews and Christians and presently continues to perpetrated acts of terrorism!

Moslems claim that they are monotheistic and threaten those who realize otherwise! We recall that Salman Rushdie, author of *The Satanic Verses*, was placed under a death sentence in 1989 because he implied that Islam is polytheistic. This Islamic contract on Rushdie's life was instituted by the Ayatollah Khomeini, and is still enforced by Iran today. God forbid if they should ever find him. They have already murdered some of the foreign translators of his book.

## FALSE PROPHETS AND RELIGIONS —WHAT DID MOSES SAY?

What does the Bible, which contains the record of God's creation of the universe and man's very beginnings,<sup>6</sup> have to say about this? "There shall not be found among you *any one* that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, *or* that useth divination, *or* an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things *are* an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee....But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die" (Deut. 18:10-12, 20 KJV).

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<sup>4</sup>Leviticus 18:21-22 expressly forbade the Israelites to allow their children to pass through the fires of Molech and warned against the wickedness of homosexuality. The New Testament describes a horrifying consequence of homosexual activity, which sounds very much like AIDS (see Rom. 1:24-27). It goes without saying that we should heed this ancient Hebrew injunction, so that we may live today and inherit life in the world to come. The spelling of Molech is from the King James Version of the Bible.

<sup>5</sup>Mike Evans, *The Return*. New York: Thomas Nelson Publishers, © 1986, p. 149, used by permission.

<sup>6</sup>See Genesis 1-3.

Moses certainly illustrated God's opinion of false religions. It was not very flattering, was it? If Mohammed had chanced to meet some of the righteous of Israel, he might well have become a rock pile (stoning was the required method of execution for false prophets). As a result, the killings done in the name of Islam, which we have witnessed from the seventh century until now, might never have happened.<sup>7</sup>

### ASTROLOGY IS A RELIGION!

Few realize that astrology is really the religion of the ancient Babylonians. The seers of Babylon, known as Chaldeans, assigned perverted meanings<sup>8</sup> to the stars and began to teach that a person's life was governed by them. Hal Lindsey tells us: "...the Chaldeans studied a person's birthday, asking the very hour a person was born, and then they would cast a horoscope of his destiny....The ancient astrologers believed that your fate was written in the stars before you were born and you can't alter the course of your destiny."<sup>9</sup>

The beginnings of the religion of astrology are recorded in Genesis 11:4: "And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top *may reach* unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth" (KJV). Notice the words "may reach" in italics. They were not in the original Hebrew. The "Tower of Babel" we read about as children was not built by stupid people trying to physically reach God; it was the first ziggurat used by the astrological priests to chart and study the stars in their false attempt to foretell the destiny of men.<sup>10</sup>

### GOD JUDGES THE IDOLATRY OF ASTROLOGY

Astrology was exported from the plains of Shinar, in ancient Babylon, to Egypt (Exo. 7:11). The chief reason God allowed Israel to be destroyed in 606 BC, and kept in Babylonian captivity for seventy years, was because of the sin of idolatry, which at that time, was associated with astrology. This can be seen in the biblical book of II

<sup>7</sup> However, the Middle East Crisis, between Israel and the Arabs along with the Russians, is clearly forecast in the Bible. We must be prepared for it (Ezek. 38, 39).

<sup>8</sup> See our *Vol. II*, chapter 30, "The Gospel in the Stars." A sermon by Dr. D. James Kennedy documents this while explaining the true Christian Bible meaning in the constellations of the stars—the true meaning which God intended!

<sup>9</sup> Hal Lindsey with C.C. Carlson, *The Late Great Planet Earth*, p. 109.

<sup>10</sup> Bible scholar Henry H. Halley explains: "Genesis 11:4, 'a tower with its top in heaven' is an expression of the vast pride of the first builders of 'ziggurats,' the artificial temple hills of Sumeria and Babylonia." Henry H. Halley, *Halley's Bible Handbook*, p. 84.



“Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from *these things* that shall come upon thee. Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: *there shall* not *be* a coal to warm at, *nor* fire to sit before it.”

Isaiah 47:13-14 KJV

### ASTROLOGY WAS ALMOST STRANGLER IN ITS BABYLONIAN CRIB

Daniel's power of prophecy from God so amazed the king, that he made Daniel a ruler, recognized his God, and at Daniel's urging spared the lives of his astrologers and wise men. Moreover, Daniel the prophet had a curious run-in with the astrologers of his day.

The king of Babylon was very upset with the astrologers. They were not able to fill him in on his forgotten dream. He was ready to execute them when, through the power of God, Daniel told the king not only of his dream, but of its true prophetic interpretation. “Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king” (Dan. 2:2 KJV). The king told the astrologers: “...if ye will not make known unto me the dream, *there is but* one decree for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof. The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore *there is* no king, lord, nor ruler, *that* asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean....Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation. The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof? Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise *men*, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, shew unto the king; But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these....” (Dan. 2:9-10, 25-28 KJV).

Daniel then revealed the king's dream. As previously mentioned, the dream was about a statue, which represented the rise and fall of the mightiest Gentile powers from that time until the Second Advent of the Messiah. From our vantage point, the final

portion of this prophecy, concerning revived Rome, is yet to culminate in the EEC.

After the king heard Daniel's recounting and interpretation, he was so awed that he: "...fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odours unto him. The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth *it is*, that your God *is* a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret. Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise *men* of Babylon" (Daniel 2:46-48 KJV).

### THE FAMILY TREE OF ASTROLOGY

The Medes conquered the Babylonians, and in turn, were conquered by the Persians, who inherited the craft. When the Greeks took over Media-Persia, they continued this fortune-telling. Finally, when the Romans overran the Greek kingdom, astrology became a worldwide practice. The astrological augurs of Rome were even consulted by the caesars.

### ASTROLOGY—A MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR-A-YEAR INDUSTRY, PAVING THE WAY TO ANTICHRIST

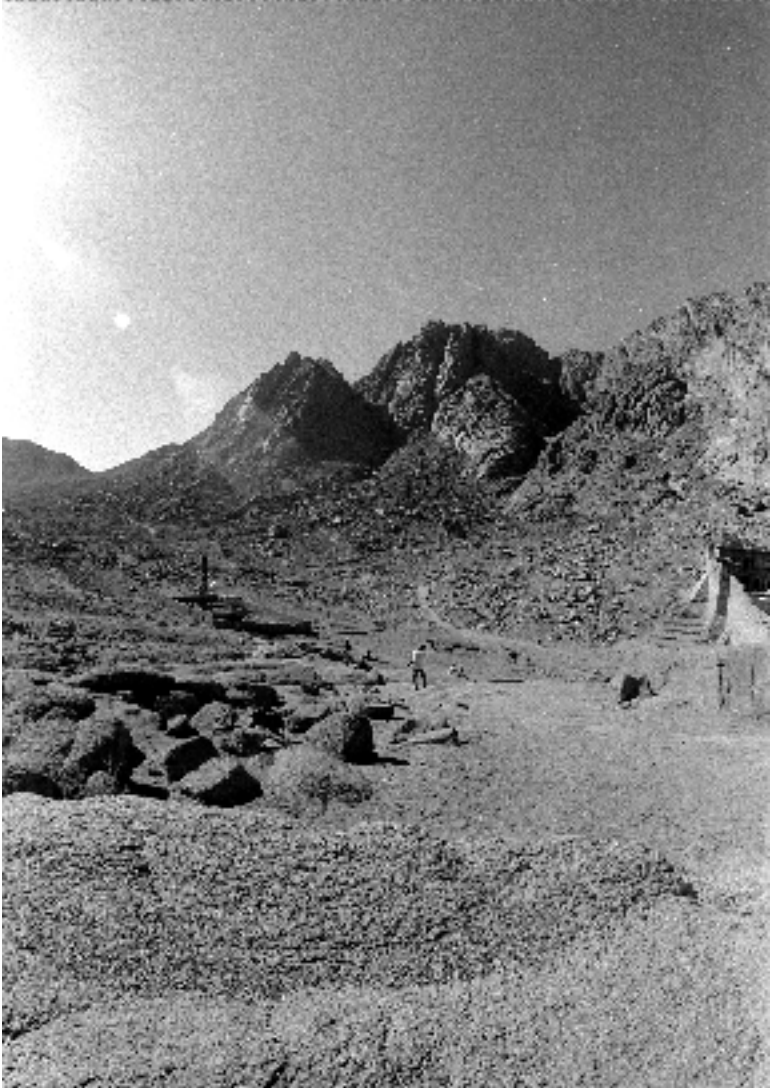
We now see astrology as a multi-billion dollar-a-year industry—almost every newspaper has an astrology column. There are "do it yourself" witchcraft courses and an increasing number of outlets which carry books on the subject. Advertisements for 900 telephone numbers and call-in fortune-telling shows direct a steady stream of this brand of witchcraft at the layman. Even President Reagan's wife, Nancy, our former First Lady, was caught in its web, driven by the fear of another assassination attempt on her husband.

No one seems to be immune to this deceptive religion of Nimrod (the world's first dictator mentioned in Genesis 10), who wanted to use this religion to rule the world. God destroyed the Tower of Babel and introduced many different languages (Genesis 11). Thus, if there are many separate nations, it is almost impossible to have a one-world dictator until the false Messiah takes over at the end of history. Therefore, we know that the Antichrist must, and will, unify the world in economics and religion, to gain a unified control of the earth's people.

As already mentioned, the EEC, computer technology and a cashless society, which is now in the planning stages, are bringing us closer to the new world order. Astrology will be a key ingredient. The



Antichrist knows, in order to assume control, he must create a religious world in which all people have some common religious “values.” Remember the two things you are not supposed to discuss if you want to remain friends—religion and politics. The Scriptures say these are the very two things he will reorganize—no doubt in an attempt to get all of us to worship him.



Mount Sinai in Egypt, where Moses spoke to God and God spoke to Moses.



Much later, when Jesus was born, He was indeed born of a virgin—having been conceived of the Holy Spirit, with God as His Father. The Jewish Scriptures foretold that the Messiah would be the Son of God in reference to His flesh (see our chapter 5, “Which Prophecies Did Jesus Fulfill”). However, nowhere in the New Testament does it say that Mary is to be worshipped, and nowhere does she remain<sup>12</sup> a virgin after the birth of Jesus, as the Roman Catholic Church claims! In fact, it was documented that after Constantine, the Roman Catholic Church took the statues of Isis and Horus (one such goddess/child pair) and renamed them Mary and Jesus.<sup>13</sup>



A holy effigy of the Virgin Mary being carried on Mount Carmel by Greek and Catholic residents of Israel.

<sup>12</sup>Mark 6:3 mentions: “Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Josès, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him” (KJV). Matthew clearly tells us: “...and kept her a virgin **until** she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus” (Matt. 1:25 NASB). A psalm predicting the alienation of the Messiah from His family reads: “I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother’s children” (Ps. 69:8 KJV).

<sup>13</sup>Ralph Woodrow tells us: “...‘the ancient portrait of Isis and the child Horus was ultimately accepted not only in popular opinion, but by formal episcopal sanction, as the portrait of the Virgin and her child’....In numerous ways, leaders of the falling away attempted to make Mary appear similar to the goddess of paganism and exalt her to a divine plane. Even as the pagans had statues of the goddess, so statues were made of ‘Mary’....in some cases, the *very same* statues that had been worshipped as Isis (with her child) were simply renamed as Mary and the Christ child.” Ralph Woodrow, *Babylon Mystery Religion*, p. 19.

“ ‘ I know that I am right in loving liberty and justice,’ he says, ‘for Christ loved liberty and justice, and Christ is God.’ ”<sup>14</sup>  
 Abraham Lincoln,  
 16th President of the United States

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be on his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, **The mighty God**, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it....”  
 Isaiah 9:6-7 KJV

“But unto the Son *he saith*, Thy throne, O God, *is* for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness *is* the sceptre of thy kingdom.”  
 Hebrews 1:8-9 KJV

“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.”  
 II John 1:7 KJV

“What is the name of the King Messiah? Rabbi Abba, son of Kahana, said: Jehovah; for it is written, ‘This is his name whereby he shall be called, the Lord our Righteousness.’ ”  
 Midrash on Lamentations 1.16

### AN ONSLAUGHT OF CULTS DENY JESUS’ DIETY, ETERNAL SECURITY AND THAT HE WAS SUFFICIENT TO SAVE WITHIN HIMSELF

In the past few centuries, there has been an explosion of cults proclaiming to be a way, or even “the only way,” to the truth of God. The Scriptures—Isaiah 9:6-7, Hebrews 1:8, II John 1:7, and John 9:9—teach how to discern a cult from the truth. Cults deny the two most important truths: 1. Jesus is God, and; 2. He is solely sufficient to save us without external work on our part.

There was an excellent article in the *Moody Monthly* magazine of July/August 1979, listing what particular groups or cults had to say

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<sup>14</sup>“The Religion of Abraham Lincoln,” *The Dawn*, Vol. XVIII, Jan.-Feb., 1947. D. James Kennedy mentions in one of his lectures, that Lincoln once said to Mr. Bateman in 1860, during his early presidency: “ ‘ I am not a Christian. God knows I would be one. I have carefully read the Bible.’ And he pulled a New Testament out of his pocket where it always was kept. ‘But I do not understand this book.’ ” He later quotes Lincoln’s letter to a friend: “ ‘When I came to Springfield, I was not a Christian. When I left Springfield for Washington and asked you to pray for me, I was not a Christian. When I received the bitterest blow of my life—the death of my son—I was not a Christian. When I went to Gettysburg, I was not a Christian; but there at Gettysburg, I consecrated my heart to Christ.’ ” Kennedy also quotes from a letter written by Mary Todd Lincoln after her husband was shot, relating her last conversation with him: “These were his last words. He was not interested in the play, but he was leaning forward talking to her. He said, ‘Mary, you know what I would like most of all to do now? I would like to take you with me on a trip to the Near East.’ John Wilkes Booth silently opened the door to the presidential box. He [Lincoln] said, ‘We could go to Palestine, where He lived. We could visit Bethlehem, where He was born.’ You could see about whom he was thinking. A pistol was lifted behind him. ‘We could go up to Bethany. We could go up to Jeru...’ BOOM! Lincoln’s last words. ‘We could go up to Jeru...’ ” D. James Kennedy, *Was Abraham Lincoln a Christian?* Tape 20D. Fort Lauderdale: Coral Ridge Ministries, © used by permission. This tape is available through CRM, POB 40, Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA 33302. This tape also includes books and references to document what we have written.

about Jesus' deity. We have reproduced it in our *Vol. II*, chapter 4, "Cults, the Occult and the New Age."<sup>15</sup>

An A to Z list of these cults includes: Ahmadiyya Movement, American Atheist Center, Ananda Marga Yoga, Anthroposophical Society, Arica, Assemblies of Yahweh, Baha'i, Bawa Muhaiyaddeen Fellowship, Black Muslim, Buddhism, Cabala, Center for Spiritual Awareness, Children of God, Christian Scientists, Church of the Living Word, Church Universal and Triumphant, Dhyana-Mandiram, Divine Light Mission, ECKANKAR, Findhorn Foundation University of Light, Freemasonry, Hare Krishna, "I Am" Movement, Iglesia Ni Cristo, Inner Peace Movement, Integral Yoga Institute, Islam, Jainism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Laymen's Home Missionary Movement, Liberal Catholic Church, Megiddo Mission, Mormons, Nichiren Shoshu Soka Gakkai, Peace Mission Movement, Psychiana, Radha Soami Society, Rajneesh Meditation Centers, Rosicrucianism, Ruhani Satsang, Sacred Mushroom of the Cross, Sanatana Dharma Foundation, Satanism, Scientology, Self Realization Fellowship, Shintoism, Shree Guru Dev Siddha Yoga Ashram, Sikhism, Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Centers, Spiritual Advancement of the Individual Foundation, Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship, Spiritualists, Sri Chinmoy Centers, Still Point Institute, Subud, Sufism, Swedenborgism, Taoism, Tarotology, The Farm, The Foundation Church of the Millennium, The Holy Order of MANS, The Himalayan International Institute of Yoga Science and Philosophy, The Local Church, The Process Church of the Final Judgment, The 3 HO Foundation, The Unification Church, The Way, Theosophists, Transcendental Meditation, Unitarians, Unity School of Christianity, Vedanta Society, Witchcraft, Worldwide Church of God, Zen Buddhism, and Zoroastrianism.

### **SIR ISAAC NEWTON TRACES THE TRUE BIBLICAL FAITH FROM NOAH TO US**

Assuming that you just finished glancing over the nearly one hundred cults and where they stand regarding the deity of Jesus in our *Vol. II*, chapter 4, "Cults, the Occult and the New Age," you may be asking, "What is true faith?" The Bible, through its hundreds of prophecies, guides us to the born-again (John 3) Messianic truth that Jesus is the Messiah.

Sir Isaac Newton, using the Scripture, traces the true faith throughout history, beginning as early as Noah. Newton wrote: "The

<sup>15</sup> If you have a chance, stop and read through this chapter in our *Volume II*. It contains a thorough list of cults, proof from the Jewish standpoint of the deity of Jesus and enlightening information on the occult. These are all facts that true believers should know so that they will not be deceived. The New Age is also covered from the vantage point of Satan's plan to take over the earth in the person of the Antichrist.

true religion was propagated by Noah to his posterity, & when they revolted to the worship of their dead Kings & Heroes & thereby denied their God & ceased to be his people, it continued in Abraham & his posterity who revolted not. And when they began to worship the Gods of Egypt & Syria, Moses & the Prophets reclaimed them from time to time till they rejected the Messiah from being their Lord, & he rejected them from being his people & called the Gentiles, & henceforward the believers both Jews & Gentiles became his people....The God of the Jews & Gentiles was one & the same God the creator of heaven & earth, & the Christian religion was one & the same with the Jewish till the calling of the Gentiles, with this only addition that Jesus who was crucified under Pontius Pilate was the Prince of the host or head of the Church the seed of the Woman which was to bruise the serpent's head, the Shiloh who was to come before the scepter departed from Israel, the Prophet promised by Moses & prefigured by the Paschal lamb, the holy David who was not to be left in the grave nor to see corruption, the servant of God who was wounded for our transgressions & bruised for our iniquities & brought as a lamb to the slaughter & made an offering for sin, & the Messiah or Christ the Prince predicted by Daniel (whence came the name of the Christian religion;) & that he rose from the dead & shall judge the quick & the dead; & that we are to give him honour & glory on account of his death & to commemorate it often & to direct our prayers to God in his name as our great high Priest the mediator between God & man. But when this doctrine had been preached to the nation of the Jews about seven years, & they received it not, God began to call the Gentiles without obliging them to observe the law of Moses, & soon after caused the Jewish [Temple] worship to cease & the Jews to be dispersed into all nations."<sup>16</sup>

### NEWTON'S VIEWS ON THE DIETY OF JESUS

In his work, David Castillejo comments on Newton's conviction of the diety of Jesus as follows: "Newton believed that Christ dominates both the Old and the New Testament. All appearances of Jehova in the Bible are in fact appearances of Christ: it was Christ who walked in the Garden of Eden, who gave Moses the ten Commandments, who appeared to Abraham as an Angel, who fought with Jacob, who gave the prophecies to the prophets. He is the Prince Michael mentioned by Daniel, and he will come to judge the quick and

<sup>16</sup>David Castillejo, *The Expanding Force in Newton's Cosmos*. Madrid: Ediciones de Arte y Bibliofilia, © 1981, pp. 58-60, used by permission. [ ] mine. Castillejo's source was *Yahuda Manuscript 15*.

the dead. The Jews are ruled by Christ in an absolute monarchy, and he is their lord.”<sup>17</sup>

### **RELIGIOUS DECEPTION AND THE PROPHETICAL ACCURACY OF OUR BIBLE VERSUS THE MODERN BIBLICAL CRITICAL FRAUD**

Today, many claim that we cannot rely on the Scriptures because they have been repeatedly copied, translated and mistranslated. Nothing could be further from the truth. We will show that the ancient Dead Sea copies of the original Hebrew manuscript of our Bible disprove much modern liberal “scholarship,” which purports to show that the Bible, through the process of translation, underwent changes. This “scholarship” claims that we cannot take the Scriptures seriously because we “supposedly” do not know what earlier copies might have said. However, to the dismay of critics, scrolls of Bible copies were discovered in the caves of Qumran near the Dead Sea, which are 1100 years older than any previously known copies. The scrolls show us that no considerable changes were made in that span of time.

The Bible we have today, in all legitimate translations, and certainly the original Hebrew, is the Bible written by God, through His prophets, in its original authorized version. Ezekiel wrote, “Thus saith the Lord” (5:5 KJV). Many, however, say **man** wrote the Bible. Ezekiel, one of the major writers of the Bible, said the Lord told him what to write. There are no neutrals. Either Ezekiel is a liar or the Bible is God’s message to mankind. Prophecy has shown the latter to be true, disproving the self-appointed liberal Bible “scholars.” Or perhaps we should say Bible haters; people who, for moral reasons, hope and try to prove to themselves that the Bible is not true. Deep inside their innermost being they are afraid of God, because they are unwilling to come to Him. They are: “Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth” (II Tim. 3:7 KJV). On the other hand, there are many sincere laymen who want to believe but have

been led by the liberals to think that the Scriptures have been discredited. Many have not been enlightened by the many archaeological discoveries and fulfilled prophecies which authenticate the truth of the Bible. Our solution to this dilemma is to **tell them** so they will be with us in God’s beautiful coming kingdom.

We point out here that, of the many cults and religions proliferating in the world, whose followers claim they are “the way,”

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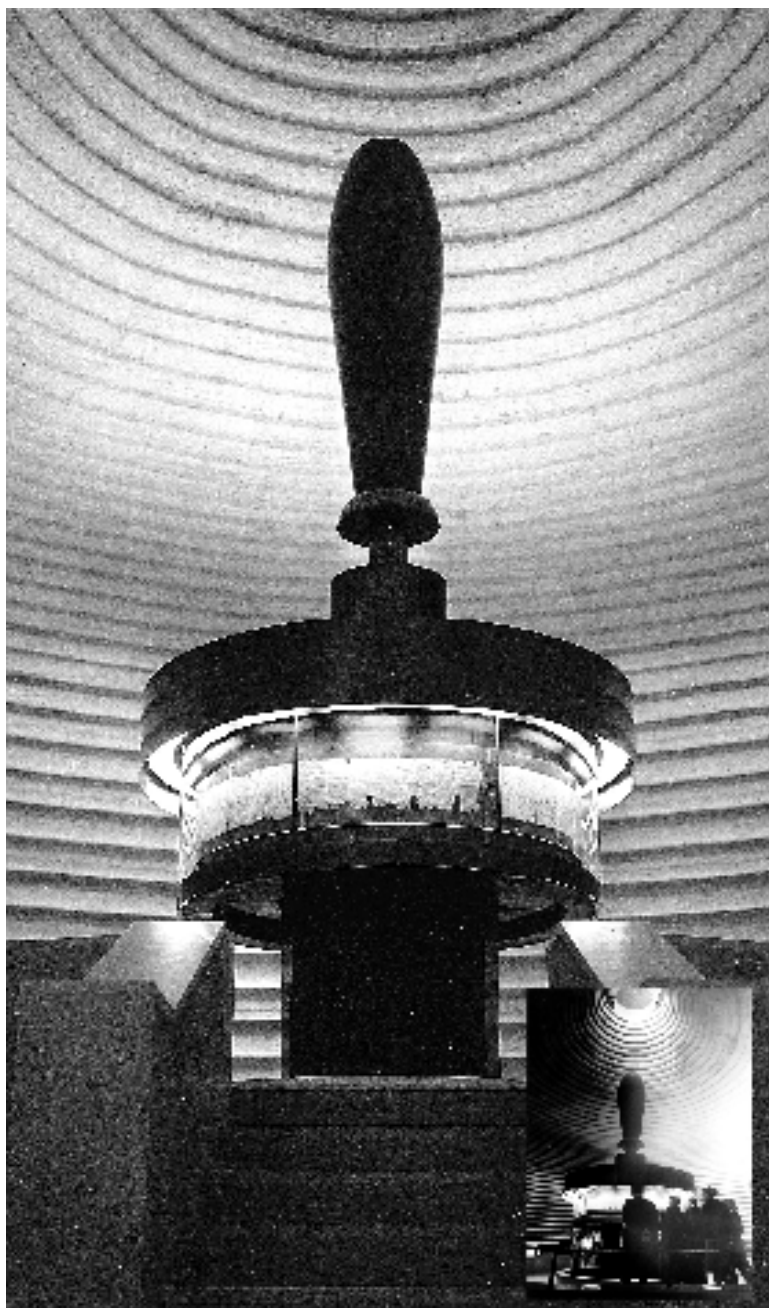
<sup>17</sup> Ibid, p. 60.

not one has had the accuracy of the Hebrew prophets! Prophecy, apart from everything else, should be sufficient to set the Bible apart from all of the other religions which purport to be an alternative to Jesus. However, if foretelling the future with immutable manuscripts is not enough in the eyes of those who try to find something lacking, we have reproduced actual press photos of classified displays in the Israel Museum in Jerusalem (not usually permitted to be photographed), of the ancient Dead Sea Scrolls found at Qumran. Many of these scrolls are the earliest Hebrew copies we now possess of the Bible.



This is the oldest synagogue in the world, located atop Masada, where many brave Jews once committed suicide rather than be enslaved by the Romans. Here, in 1947, the first of the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered, including Ezekiel 37, which speaks of “Israel standing on her feet from dry bones.” Interestingly enough, Israel became a nation in 1948. A very timely find, wouldn’t you say?





These are the most ancient copies we have of the Bible, eleven centuries older than those we possessed prior to 1947.



The Dead Sea Scrolls, here on display, are carefully preserved between panes of glass.



Individuals are in awe as they view the entire book of Isaiah.



The earliest copies of Isaiah's prophecies, displayed in a scroll-shaped encasement, under the dome of the Shrine of the Book, in the Israel Museum.



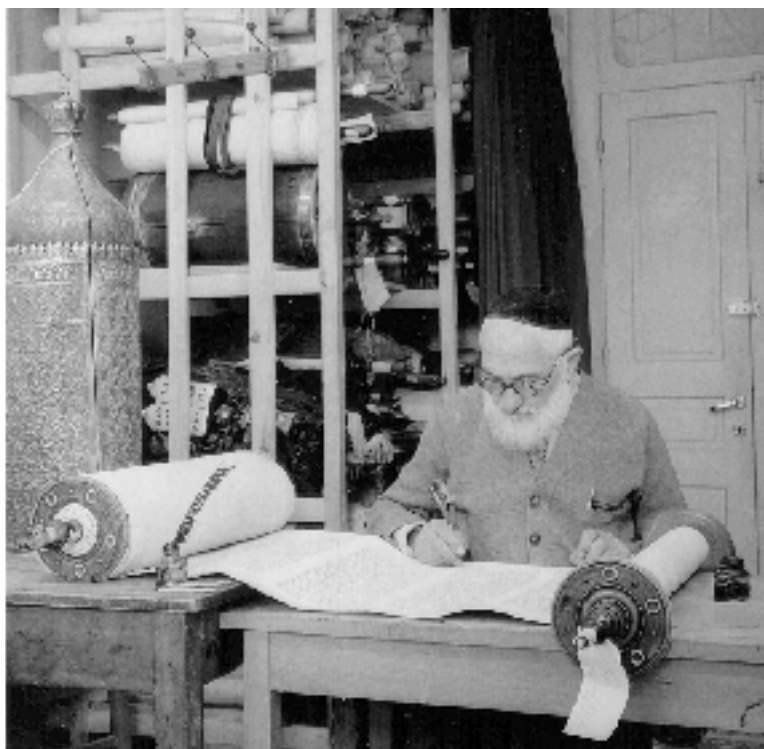
Government officials carefully scrutinize Isaiah's handwritten words.



A meticulous manuscript from the Dead Sea.



Workers take a rest during excavations at the Bar Kochba cave near the Dead Sea caves of Qumran, where the scrolls were found. Perhaps more are still to come.



A rabbi recopies a Torah. This is reminiscent of the method in which the Dead Sea Scrolls of the Bible were copied—very meticulously.

### **GAON AND JESUS ON THE DIVINE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE'S HEBREW TEXT**

Recently, in an October 1995 *Bible Review* article entitled, “Divine Authorship?” (concerning inspired mathematical Bible codes, as mentioned earlier in our chapter 20), it was noted that: “In 1988 an obscure paper was published—in a prominent, rigorous, indeed premier, scientific journal—with results that may demolish the claims of the ‘higher’ critics, and support, rather, the Orthodox Jewish contention as to the nature of the Torah. The paper, by Doron Witzturn, Eliyahu Rips and Yoav Rosenberg of the Jerusalem College of Technology and the Hebrew University, is innocuously entitled ‘Equidistant Letter Sequences in the Book of Genesis’ and was published in the eminent *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society*....They were rather words composed of letters selected at various equal skip distances....It was as though ‘behind’ the surface meaning of the Hebrew there was a second, hidden level of embedded meaning....Following publication of this paper, a public statement was

issued, signed by five mathematical scholars—two from Harvard, two from Hebrew University and one from Yale. ‘The present work,’ they said, ‘represents serious research carried out by serious investigators....results obtained are sufficiently striking to deserve a wider audience and to encourage further study.’ The work was also critiqued and endorsed by Dr. Andrew Goldfinger, a senior research physicist at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, and by Harold Gans, an analyst with the U.S. Department of Defense.

According to Jewish tradition, the Torah contains all knowledge; therefore the codes embedded in the Torah also encompass information that transcends the limitation of time. The Vilna Gaon, the great 18th century Rabbi of Vilna, Lithuania, a child prodigy and one of the most brilliant men in Jewish history, wrote that ‘all that was, is, and will be unto the end of time is included in the Torah...and not merely in a general sense, but including the details of every species and of each person individually, and the most minute details of everything that happened to him from the day of his birth until his death.’

Some may be reminded of the words of the Rabbi from Nazareth [Jesus], seen in a different light: ‘I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter [literally *iota*, equivalent to the Hebrew *yod*, the smallest letter in the Hebrew alphabet], not the least stroke of a pen [literally *tittle*, a reference to the small decoration or ‘crown’ on some Hebrew letters in handwritten scrolls of the Torah], will by any means disappear from the Torah [Law] until everything is accomplished’ (Matthew 5:18)....The phenomenon cannot be attributed to anything within the known physical universe, human beings included. Moreover, rigorous proof of the existence and validity of the phenomenon requires both high-speed computation and only recently developed techniques of statistical analysis....What then was the purpose of encoding this information into the text? Some would say it is the Author’s signature. Is it His way of assuring us that at this particular, late moment—when our scientific, materialistic doubt has reached its apotheosis, when we have been driven to the brink of radical skepticism—that He is *precisely* who He had said He is in that astonishing, radical core document of the Judeo-Christian tradition?”<sup>18</sup>

לְשֵׁבַע יְהוָה וְלֹא יִלָּוֶם אֲדֹנֵיהֶם בְּהֵן  
לְעוֹלָם עַל־דְּבוּרֵי מַלְכֵי־צִדִּיק

Circled are a *ude* and *tittle* in Hebrew text, to which Jesus referred.

<sup>18</sup>Jeffrey B. Satinover, “Divine Authorship?”, *Bible Review*, © Oct. 1995, pp. 28-29, 44-45, used by permission. First [ ] mine. Second and third [ ] are my insertion of the article’s footnotes to Jesus’ words, *letter*, and *pen*.



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Above: Two signs located at the Dead Sea Scrolls discovery site.



Publications, such as the *Los Angeles Times*, *Atlanta Journal and Constitution* and *Time*, featured headlines regarding newly discovered, yet repressed, Dead Sea Scroll evidence. This evidence supports the suffering role of the Messiah, and hints at the fact that these very same things happened to Jesus during this time period.

## **BACK TO THE TRUE GOD AND HIS AUTHENTIC RELIGION**

In the first chapters of this book, we have covered the original meanings of Hebrew words and resolved apparent contradictions regarding creation as opposed to evolution, and seeming “contradictions” pertaining to the two Comings of the redeeming Messiah to buy us back from the Fall that occurred in Genesis 3. Since that time, Satan has introduced many counterfeit religions in an attempt to deceive man by steering him away from the truth!

We mentioned earlier that the main way to determine a counterfeit from the real thing, is to be well acquainted with the feel of the real thing, as a bank teller distinguishes a phony bill from a real one! In our century, and especially this decade, one of the most intriguing discoveries authenticating the Bible’s genuineness and its claim of two Comings of the Messiah, often denied by “scholars,” are the Dead Sea Scrolls! There has been an effort to keep certain portions of the scrolls concealed and away from the public. Why? Read on and see if you can guess.

## **WHAT’S ALL THE FUSS ABOUT THE MYSTERY REGARDING THE CONCEALMENT OF THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS?**

The answer to this involves a recent unauthorized computer reconstruction, which apparently precipitated the unexpected release of secret copies kept in a Huntington Library vault! The *Atlanta Journal and Constitution* brought this to light when they revealed several facts on the subject in two articles, “Dead Sea Scrolls” and “Dead Sea Scrolls Refer to Messiah’s Execution.” A portion of the first article reads: “...a Palestinian shepherd boy chasing a stray goat tossed a

stone into a narrow cave near the Dead Sea. The stone hit a clay jar, causing a tinkling noise that is still echoing in the halls of academia. When he and his cousin crawled into the hole, they found eight stone jars containing foul-smelling manuscripts, each wrapped in linen, coated with black pitch and hidden for 1,900 years: the first of the Dead Sea Scrolls.... ‘...the scrolls originated in Jerusalem and were taken to hiding places in the Judaeen wilderness for safekeeping either before or during the Roman siege of Jerusalem in 70 A.D.’....The scrolls contain every book of the Hebrew Bible except Esther [and].... *ancient Hebrew commentaries* on the Bible....The first two-thirds of the Dead Sea Scrolls appeared in scholarly journals a generation ago. Then, for no apparent reason, the flow of information *stopped*....Two professors of Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati revealed that they



had used a computer to reconstruct a secret text that the authorized scholars had not gotten around to publishing.

The Cincinnati scholars had started with a bootlegged copy of an index to the scrolls showing each word and its context....Soon after publication of the computer-generated texts began, the director of the private Huntington Library in California announced that he was going to break the academic monopoly once and for all by releasing 3,000 photographic negatives showing the original scrolls in their complete form.

The library had obtained its set of photos in a roundabout way....after the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, a California philanthropist, Elizabeth Hay Bechtel, persuaded the Israeli antiquities authorities to let her personal photographer make a photographic record of the original scrolls so that a future war couldn't rob the world of the Dead Sea treasure.

Before her death in 1987, Mrs. Bechtel endowed a vault in the Huntington Library and secretly deposited a master set of negatives **without** the knowledge of the scholarly establishment."<sup>19</sup>

Within days of the release, William A. Moffett, the library director, said "he would allow anyone with an established interest to see a microfilm of the original Dead Sea Scrolls in Hebrew",<sup>[20]</sup> adding it was "like bringing down the Berlin Wall."<sup>21</sup>

One aspect which may have had some bearing on whether or not to release the scrolls is revealed in an Associated Press article entitled "Dead Sea Scrolls Refer to Messiah's Execution," which appeared in the November 8, 1991, *Atlanta Journal and Constitution*. In a previous article on October 12, Dr. Newsom of Emory University was quoted as saying the unreleased portions of the scrolls would not be embarrassing to Judaism. She also said that "bomb shell" rumors that Jews "were sitting on the scrolls," fearing publication could in some way undermine Judaism,<sup>22</sup> would now be dispelled. The November 8,

<sup>19</sup> Joseph Albright and Gayle White, "Dead Sea Scrolls," *Atlanta Journal and Constitution*, Sat., Oct. 12, 1991, p. E6, reprinted by permission. Reproduction does not imply endorsement. [ ], bold and italics mine.

<sup>20</sup> Apparently to prevent further computerized reconstructions of the Dead Sea Scrolls using the concordance!

<sup>21</sup> Ibid.

<sup>22</sup> In our opinion, the scrolls, in a very real sense, undermine "Rabbinical Judaism" in its exclusion of the execution of the suffering Messiah, since these Dead Sea Scrolls were written before the foundation of Rabbinic Judaism. If we were allowed to peer into true Judaism in its pure form, we would be flabbergasted at the openness toward the concept of a suffering Messiah. Devora Demad, an Israeli scholar, appeared on a *Nova* program entitled, "Secrets of the Dead Sea Scrolls," produced by Nancy Porter. On the subject of Rabbinic Judaism in relation to the scrolls, Demad said: "This is a crucial moment in the Jewish history because after the destruction of the temple, all Judaism was codified and fixed into the form we now know and currently called 'Rabbinic Judaism.' This means that the scrolls reflect the variety, the openness that existed before this date." Nancy Porter, "Secrets of the

1991 article reveals that: “The execution of a Messiah-like leader is mentioned in newly released text from the Dead Sea Scrolls, indicating the Christian concept was shared by ancient Jews who wrote the documents, scholars say.”<sup>23</sup>

### THE REAL CRUX—A SUFFERING MESSIAH IS REVEALED WITHIN JUDAISM, WHICH AUTHENTICATES CHRISTIAN CLAIMS

The article continues: “The fragmentary, five-line text has ‘far-reaching significance’ because it shows the scrolls’ authors ‘had the same Messianic ideas that are familiar in early Christian teachings,’ said Robert Eisenman, chairman of religious studies at California State University, Long Beach. Mr. Eisenman said he found the text among 3,000 photographs of the scrolls opened to scholarly study last month by the Huntington Library in San Marino. The text describes...being ‘put to death’ and mentions ‘piercings’ or ‘wounds.’ It also uses Messiah-related terms such as ‘the staff,’ ‘the Branch of David,’ and the ‘Root of Jesse,’ Mr. Eisenman said....‘the idea of a **dying Messiah—is new and explosive,**’ said Michael Wise of the University of Chicago.”<sup>24</sup>

### THE REAL REASON THESE SCROLLS ARE SO EXPLOSIVE IS BECAUSE THEY PROVE JESUS IS THE JEWISH MESSIAH

It is quite obvious that the reason these scrolls are “explosive,” and have such “far reaching significance,” is that they bring us all one step closer to proving that ancient Judaism anticipated the death of the Messiah, and consequently, that Jesus is the Jewish Messiah; a thought scorned by many modern scholars. Thus, the supporting evidence of the scrolls is not easily accepted by those who do not believe Jesus to be the Jewish Messiah, which includes a majority of the rabbinical community.

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Dead Sea Scrolls,” *Nova*. The narrator of this television special made an incredible, but true statement which backs up everything we have said. His exact words were: “The scrolls do offer new insights. We now know that ideas later identified with Christianity existed much earlier within a **Judaism** which was far richer and more varied than scholars had ever realized.” Ibid. We might ask opponents of Messianic Judaism, who claim it is a contradiction to be a Jew and a believer in Jesus, to consider these words. Incidentally, this was an unbiased, scholarly research program which did not favor or foster the viewpoints held by evangelicals or *Jews for Jesus*. This *Nova* special was advertised in the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution*, Sat., Oct. 12, 1991.

<sup>23</sup>“Dead Sea Scrolls Refer to Messiah’s Execution,” *Atlanta Journal and Constitution*, Nov. 8, 1991, p. A7, reprinted by permission of the Associated Press. Reproduction does not imply endorsement. [ ] and bold mine.

<sup>24</sup>Ibid. Bold mine.

### PROFESSOR GOLB UPSETS THE SCHOLARS AND THE STATUS QUO IN HIS NEW BOOK

We discovered additional evidence regarding the Dead Sea Scrolls and their relation to ancient Judaism, Christian origins and who we are in relation to both of these subjects, in the *Jerusalem Post* article, “Who Wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls?” In this article, reporter Gail Lichtman quotes Professor Norman Golb<sup>25</sup> of the University of Chicago, who is a manuscript scholar and has studied with paleographer S. Goitein. Lichtman, quoting Golb in connection with his book which was released in 1995, writes: “The Scrolls do contain many new works in Hebrew which strongly resemble Jewish intertestamental writings—writings which eventually lost their popularity among Jews and have survived as translations appended to the Christian Bible. ‘These and other texts from Qumran have made possible a much fuller reconstruction of Judaism of that period, which in many ways was radically different from...the rabbinic Judaism that followed. The ideas of this intermediate Judaism are not always familiar or comforting, and sometimes even inspire repugnance. But they are there nevertheless’....‘Whether scholars will continue to indefinitely...make these texts the corpus of belief of a minority sect is a question whose answer it is still too early to venture. It is, however, becoming obvious that traditional Qumranologists have yet to offer a cogent refutation of the Jerusalem-origin theory. Much depends on the outcome—mainly, our understanding of Christian origins and of ancient Judaism and its evolution, and the manner in which the Bible came to be what it is today. For those of us concerned with the question of who we are, this understanding matters profoundly.’”<sup>26</sup> Under the professor’s picture were his words: “I feel it is my responsibility to write the truth as I see it and it doesn’t matter if scholars get angry.”<sup>27</sup>

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<sup>25</sup>Professor Golb is the first holder of the Rosenberger Chair in Jewish History and Civilization at the University of Chicago.

<sup>26</sup>Gail Lichtman, “Who Wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls?” *The Jerusalem Post International Edition*, Oct. 30, 1993, © used by permission.

<sup>27</sup>Ibid.

### **GOLB PROVES THE SCROLLS WERE THE PRODUCT OF ANCIENT JUDAISM AND THE SON OF GOD MESSIAH IS JEWISH, NOT PAGAN!**

The cover flap of Golb's book quite eloquently states: "The Scrolls have been the subject of unending fascination and controversy ever since their discovery in the Qumran caves beginning in 1947. Intensifying the debate, Professor Norman Golb now fundamentally challenges those who argue that the writings belonged to a small, desert-dwelling fringe sect. Instead, he shows why the scrolls must have been the work of many groups in ancient Judaism, kept in libraries in Jerusalem and smuggled out of the capital just before the Romans attacked in A.D. 70."<sup>28</sup>

Using the Dead Sea discovery of a certain text, Golb exposes the lie that the Son of God Messiah concept was pagan<sup>29</sup> (Greco-Roman). Many critics of the past have laid this accusation at the feet of Christian missionaries. This is one of the major claims of Samuel Golding's anti-missionary book, *A Guide to the Misled*. In our opinion, Dr. Golb proves the Son of God Messiah idea is not pagan, but thoroughly Jewish, and from God. He states: "In one important text (4Q246) written in Aramaic, a figure called 'the Son of God, Son of the Most High' appears....it has been plausibly suggested that this figure is none other than the Messiah.<sup>[30]</sup> This apocalyptic fragment may thus provide an important precursor to the New Testament's

<sup>28</sup>Norman Golb, *Who Wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls? The Search for the Secret of Qumran*, p. cover flap.

<sup>29</sup>An example of this misconception that the Son of God is a pagan idea, is expressed by Rabbi Kaplan in *The Real Messiah*. This anti-missionary book was published in 1976, long before the release of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Kaplan, unaware of what the scrolls said about the Son of God, wrote: "The Greeks already had legends about men who had been fathered by gods who had visited mortal human women. Legends like these had even sprung up about such eminent men as Plato, Pythagoras, and Alexander the Great. Why should Jesus be any less? They therefore interpreted his poetic expression quite literally, to mean that he had an actual genetic relationship with G-d. Jesus therefore became the 'son of G-d,'...." Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan, *et al*, *The Real Messiah*, p. 31. Though Kaplan did not have the Dead Sea Scroll fragment in 1976, he could have opened his Bible to the Jewish prophet Isaiah, who wrote about the Messiah over seven hundred years before Jesus was born. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6 KJV). Kaplan could also have read Proverbs 30:4: "Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?" (KJV)

<sup>30</sup>Golb's footnote to Messiah states: "See Eisenman and Wise, *The Dead Sea Scrolls Uncovered*, pp. 68-69. See also John Collins, 'A Pre-Christian 'Son of God' Among the Dead Sea Scrolls,' *Bible Review* (June 1993), pp. 34-39; and Emile Puech, 'Fragment d'une apocalypse en Araméen (4Q246 = pseudo-Dan<sup>b</sup>) et le 'Royaume de Dieu,' ' *Revue Biblique* 99 (1992), pp. 98-131." Norman Golb, *Who Wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls? The Search for the Secret of Qumran*, p. 421.

designation of Jesus as the ‘Son of God.’ Prior to its publication, the idea of the Messiah as God’s son had not been attested in pre-Christian Jewish texts. It was often suggested that the idea derived not from Judaism, but from the Greco-Roman royal ideology, where kings were believed to have been adopted by the gods. (We may observe the appearance of similar themes also in ancient Near Eastern texts.) This scroll may thus provide a Jewish antecedent to an idea once thought to be a Hellenistic-Christian innovation.”<sup>31</sup>

Golb’s findings are particularly valuable to us because he is a Jewish scholar and does not profess Jesus as Messiah. His illumination of these facts is truly fair and not in any way biased, which no doubt, will capture the favor of many evangelical leaders!

### **THE *TIME* MAGAZINE ARTICLE “IS JESUS IN THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS?” SUPPORTS OUR CONCLUSION**

Further evidence supporting our conclusions was reported in an astounding *Time* magazine article in September of 1992, entitled, “Is Jesus in the Dead Sea Scrolls?” The well-known, worldwide, news magazine reported: “...the latest discoveries on actual details in the scrolls are startling enough to generate legitimate headlines. Texts that are only now becoming widely available establish the first connection between the scrolls and Jesus’ New Testament words about his role as the Messiah. The debate over all the possible interpretations is bound to be **fierce**....the scrolls do speak of the coming Jewish Messiah...Two of the fragments made newly available in the *Review’s* photo books are especially striking....the most important phrases are clear. Apparently referring to the coming Messiah, the text declares that he will ‘heal the wounded, resurrect the dead [and] preach glad tidings to the poor.’ The passage closely resembles the words of Jesus in the Nazareth synagogue (*Luke 4*).... The text, which echoes *Isaiah 11*, also anticipates another primary New Testament teaching, that the Messiah must die as Jesus did....Wise, Eisenman’s sometime ally, says the evidence could equally back the conservatives who believe God prepared the way for the true Messiah: ‘Many of Christianity’s ideas were there at the time of Jesus. I believe the things that happened wouldn’t have happened if the ground were not already fertile.’ The scrolls have another important effect, underscoring anew the Jewishness of Jesus. In any event, those angry, locked-out Dead Sea scholars turn out to have been correct in their assertions that highly important material remained tucked away for decades.”<sup>32</sup>

<sup>31</sup> Ibid, p. 379.

<sup>32</sup> Richard N. Ostling, contributor, “Is Jesus in the Dead Sea Scrolls?”, *Time*, Sept. 21, 1992.

## THE SON OF GOD SUFFERING MESSIAH IS SOMETHING ANCIENT JEWS WANTED US TO KNOW ABOUT

Professor Golb beautifully illustrates that the ancient Jews wanted the world to know about these ancient beliefs. This is why they hid them at Qumran prior to the Roman destruction of Jerusalem. He tells us: “The parallels between the scrolls and the New Testament do serve to make an important point, however: They unequivocally testify to the fact that various Christian traditions recorded in the New Testament were at home in the world of ancient Judaism....Taken from Jerusalem libraries and personal collections at a crucial hour and hidden away in many places in the wilderness, the Dead Sea Scrolls are the remnants, miraculously recovered, of a hoard of spiritual treasures of the Jewish people....The Jews, for their part, deeply feared that the Romans intended to destroy the Temple, the physical embodiment of the Jewish ideals. They hoped that by saving their collections of scrolls and thereby the words that expressed their beliefs and aspirations of centuries—by literally hiding those words, that is, until the terror had passed—the time would yet come when the message of the Jews and of Judaism to the nations of the world might be heard again.”<sup>33</sup>

## THE QUESTION OF THE CENTURY!

Shouldn't we all, Jew and non-Jew, lovingly invite Jesus into our hearts—especially now, as more conclusive evidence surfaces proving that He is the only one<sup>34</sup> who can guarantee us life in the eternal world to come?! In light of what these Hebrew scrolls have revealed, we challenge every Jew who has not yet done so, to read the New Testament and visit a Messianic congregation!<sup>35</sup>

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<sup>33</sup>Norman Golb, *Who Wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls? The Search for the Secret of Qumran*, pp. 382-384.

<sup>34</sup>When brought before the Sanhedrin (Jewish Supreme Court of Israel), Jesus was asked by the high priest: “Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” Jesus replied: “I am...” (Mark 14:61-62 KJV). He told the religious Pharisees: “I said therefore to you, that you shall die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am *He* [Messiah], you shall die in your sins” (John 8:24 NASB; [ ] mine). He also told the Samaritan woman at the well: “...I that speak unto thee am *he*” (John 4:26 KJV). This was in reply to her statement: “I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things” (John 4:25 KJV).

<sup>35</sup>For more information, see our *Vol. II*, chapter 19, “Messianic Synagogues—How to Get There.”