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Good morning everyone. Thank you for tuning into the message this morning.

This morning, why don't we do something in reverse? Let's get to some of the passages of Scripture I've been trying to get to - then - I'll close with some of the other points I've been making over the past couple weeks.

So, if you can recall with me - back three weeks ago - we left off in Isaiah chapter 44. We had been looking at verse 13. And the reason why we were there, is because we had been looking at Job chapter 38, where God had told Job that He measured the foundations of the earth with a line. Before we go back to Isaiah 44, turn back to Job chapter 38, begin reading with verse 1.

[1] Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

[2] Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?

[3] Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou Me.

[4] Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

[5] Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or Who hath stretched the line upon it?

God. God said. God said that He measured the foundations of the earth. And to do so, He stretched a line upon it. We then went to Isaiah 44 - which we will do again in a few minutes - where we find the line again - and God told Isaiah to use that same word again when describing tools that carpenters use, that builders use. Carpenters use level lines to establish foundations. They are not curved. They are leveled. Carpenters do not build over curves on the ground. Builders excavate the ground to a condition of being level - and then they set their foundation on solid, level ground.

There are some more nuggets here, let's finish this chapter, then we'll head back to Isaiah 44. Verse 6, now.

[6] Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or Who laid the corner stone thereof;

[7] When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for

joy?

[8] Or Who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?

[9] When I made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddlingband for it,

[10] And brake up for it my decreed place, and set bars and doors,

[11] And said, Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further: and here shall thy proud waves be stayed?

The waters of the world have boundaries. And this is not the first time we see from the Bible - that God said the waters have boundaries. We saw that earlier in Job 26:10

[10] He hath compassed the waters with bounds, until the day and night come to an end.

This is what the Bible says. This is what holy men of God wrote as the Holy Spirit of God inspired them to write. As Christians, we are to believe what the written Word of God says to us. Now. I need to stop for just a minute and change gears slightly.

I am not saying now, nor have I ever said, that there is any printed version of the Bible that we have - that is not without errors - man injected errors for the purpose of deception - for changing the truth of God's Word into a lie. But when we approach books that contain the Words of God - we should be able to easily discern where men have attempted to alter the truth of God's Word.

Last week, I showed you again, from their own words, from the translators of the KJV in 1611 - they said they were casting scrupolosity to the side - and were going to insert 2 words into their translation - that they should not have done. Baptism and "church."

Now, let me say this. I've told you before. I never fell for the deception of the application of physical water to the flesh - except when I was 5 years old - and did what I was told - and like a baby monkey - mimicked what I saw the adults and others doing around me. But even then, raised a "fundamental, independent baptist" - I was told that what I did was just "following our Lord's command" - but when I became an adult - I put away the foolish things of childhood and I understood that the application of physical water to the flesh was nailed to the cross - and it was no longer necessary in the New Covenant, finished work of Jesus Christ.

For more than 35 years now, I have preached against the application of physical water to the flesh - for any reason - other than washing dirt off - but for religious or spiritual reasons - if someone participates in a "church water ritual" - they need to repent and ask for forgiveness - sins of ignorance can be forgiven - and - if they have placed their trust in the physical application of water to the flesh for salvation - then they are lost - and need to repent of that and ask to come into the Kingdom of God the Bible way - and that is by grace, through faith - through belief - that Jesus Christ was the Son of God - the King of Israel.

This is not something new that I started preaching a couple years ago. I have preached it for almost my entire adult life. And - I did so - even with the words "baptize and baptism" still in the Bible that I prefer to read and study the most.

I have preached against the false doctrine of "church" for more than 35 years now - and I have preached against that false doctrine - even though the Bible that I prefer to read and study the most - still has the word in it - in its deceptive form.

But when you approach the Scriptures understanding that Jesus Christ fulfilled all the prophecies, that He is King, that the Nation of God is real, that the Laws of God are the only thing we are to obey in our daily, practical way of life - there is a promise from God - that no matter what men might try to do to attack His Word - He will preserve His Word and those that seek Him - will find Him - and they will be led by the Spirit of God into truth.

Just because men who were playing "church" were instrumental in translating, printing, distributing the Bible - does not mean that we should throw it out. It's the "old throw the baby out with the bathwater" saying - and I am not - have never entertained for a minute - the thought of doing so.

What God wants us to know about His Creation and how to live in it - is contained, preserved in our oldest Bibles and we should have complete confidence that the Book is the same powerful, stronger than a two-edged sword Word of God as when it was first written down on stone, papyrus, paper, leather, whatever God had His men put it on. God said He would preserve His Word. And I believe that.

With that said, I want to let you know something else. My ministry has always been to those who are seeking the truth of God and His Word. I have never believed it's my responsibility to save the world. Maybe I've been wrong about that. I hope not. But my

ministry has specifically been to reach those who are reaching out to God. I'm not interested in saving the freaks, the queers and the perverts. If someone else is, then that's fine. I'm not interested in reaching those who do not believe the Bible - or at least believe the Bible to be the Word of God. There is a source of Authority. There is a foundation of truth. It's the written Word of God. It is, the same thing pretty much every single reliable, relatable individual in man's history has stated, "Thus saith the Lord." And then that statement is followed by written Words that we can depend on, we can rely upon - as long as what we read lines up with the rest of the Word.

The whole duty of man, this is the sum, Fear God and keep His Commandments.

When we approach the Word of God with that understanding - and I'm talking about our written Bibles - there isn't anything that men can do to destroy God's Word and get by with it.

Their wicked deeds will get exposed. God will see to it. God's Creation will see to it.

Not that we need newspaper articles. We don't need youtube videos. We don't need wikipedia articles. Now when those things agree with the Word of God, they do become interesting to me. I saw two interesting things this week. One came from Dave Weiss - who - listen to this before we go on. Let me just stop here for a minute, so you can hear this. Dave and I have exchanged emails over the last couple weeks and I have asked him to listen to the messages. Listen to what Dave said in one of his latest videos.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=olw_ikE6clA [Listen beginning at about 30 minutes]

That's pretty cool. I sent the link to James this week and he wrote back and said, "He is saying the same thing you are." Yes. He's been listening. Or at least reading some of the emails we've been exchanging. I'm telling you, understanding the truths found in Genesis chapter 3 - which I believe - are only firmly established when we believe in Genesis chapters 2 and 3 - the understanding that it was God that said to Adam and Eve - "you are not allowed to make your own laws" - when that catches on - I believe it could overcome the world like wildfire and bring a revival - a return to the God of the Bible in ways we have never seen in our lifetimes.

But it's the Word of God that tells us these things. From our current surroundings, from the skies, from nature, from the news, from the schools, we aren't learning this most

important truth about God and what He wants for His Creation. We find it from the Word of God - from the written, recorded Word of God. This alone, proves to me that man isn't even smart enough to know how to rewrite or alter the Word of God in order to permanently destroy His truths - His preserved, recorded truths.

There are so many Bibles now. Written, online, whatever - man can't destroy them all. And man can't destroy the truth of what God caused to be written down concerning His Creation.

I'm already getting off the main subject here. I want to go to the Book of Daniel right now - but instead - I'm going to just pause and make a note to go there when I finish our study on the line - the carpenter's - the builder's line for measuring flat and level. But thanks for staying with me. Job 38, verse 12.

[12] Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days; and caused the dayspring to know his place;

[13] That it might take hold of the ends of the earth, that the wicked might be shaken out of it?

[14] It is turned as clay to the seal; and they stand as a garment.

Remember again, the purpose of this series is not to prove "flat earth." The purpose is to show what is found in the written Word of God concerning God's Creation.

I have shown several times now what man has said is creation. NASA says this. The "scientists" say that. But this is what God says. And they are, pretty much every time, they've been opposite.

The ends of the earth. Do you realize that in the KJV Bible, the phrase the ends of the earth and the ends of the world - are found 31 times. Where is the end on a ball? On a spinning ball, a resting ball, a bouncing ball - where is the end?

The earth is turned as clay to the seal. Why are those things, those statements found in our Bibles? And friends, if you don't believe the Bible, then just know something, I'm not even talking to you. I'm talking to people who claim to be followers of Jesus Christ, who claim to be following the God of Creation - and believe that the Bible contains the preserved, written Words of God Himself - that He caused holy men of old to write as they were inspired by God. If that's not you - then I get it - these messages aren't for you. And that's okay. It is not my job to change the world. It is my job to preach the

Word of God in truth - and whosoever will may come.

So, the world says that the world they have created for themselves - in their own understanding - is a spinning ball. There are no ends to a ball. But God's Word says - in 31 places - there are ends to the earth, there are ends to the world. I'm standing with the written Word of God 7 days a week and twice on the 7th day. That's my stand and after studying and living this Book for more than 55 years now - my position gets more solid with every passing day.

“Well, my observations tell me I'm on a spinning ball.” With all due respect, if you tell me that, I promise you there's going to be a very quick interruption. There is nothing in anyone's observations that tells them they are on a spinning ball. It is school that told them that. It is man's little g “governments” that told them that. And, it's probably some “church” that told them that - but that did not come from their own observations. The globe model says if you live in America - you are standing sideways. If you live in Australia, you're standing upside down. Where is that observed? It isn't. It's one of the most ridiculous concepts men have come up with - and yes - they came up with it for the purpose of making people doubt the Word of God.

I heard it first hand this week. First hand - not on a video - not on a phone call - face to face I had someone tell me they do not believe the Word of God because his observations tell him he is on a spinning ball. When I asked him exactly what observations he was talking about - he said the sun and the moon.

The Word of God, the written, inspired Word of God says the sun is moving. The world is sitting still. That is, yes, a teaching. That requires belief, I get that. But if you want to talk about our own observations - my own observations - and I've been around for more than 62 years - so says my mother who was there the day I was born - my observations tell me that I am not on a spinning ball - but rather a relatively flat plane that can be measured with a level line - something like a carpenter or builder would use. Of course, of course we know there are mountains and valleys. We know that if we are the ones doing the measuring we'd have to somehow stretch the line above the mountains. But the Word of God says that God is the One Who measured the foundations of the earth with a level line - and He sits in the heavens. He's above the mountains, He's above the valleys - He stretched out the line to the ends of the earth and measured them. Not us. Our ways are not His ways.

Man keeps trying to figure things out based on his own understandings, his own

thoughts, his own observations. But God told us not to lean on our own understandings, but in all our ways trust God, and He will direct our paths.

I told my son-in-law Kristopher that the purpose of this series is to show what the scientists, NASA, little g “governments” of the world say about Creation - then show what the Bible says about their statements. And just like pretty much every single thing they say - as soon as they say - I am of the opinion that the best way to possibly find the truth - is to begin looking at the opposite - the exact opposite of what they say. I'm not putting an ounce of credibility into someone who says there is no God. I'm not giving an ounce of credibility to someone who says the Word of God is not true.

In a video that Dave put out recently, he spoke of the following news article. Listen to this, the link is in the notes. This is hilarious to me. And again, whether it's even true or not - doesn't even make the slightest bit of difference to me. I find it absolutely hilarious what they are saying in this article.

<https://www.cnn.com/2023/03/02/asia/japan-islands-double-report-intl-hnk/index.html>

The headline pretty much says it all.

Japan just found 7,000 islands it didn't know it had

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2 minute read

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Japan has recounted its islands – and discovered it has 7,000 more than it previously thought.

Digital mapping by the Geospatial Information Authority of Japan (GSI) recently found there to be 14,125 islands in Japanese territory, more than double the figure of 6,852 that has been in official use since a 1987 report by Japan's Coast Guard.

However, the GSI this week stressed that the new figure reflected advances in surveying technology and the detail of the maps used for the count – it did not change the overall area of land in Japan's possession. End quote.

You can read the rest of the article on your own. So, they'd have Google earth and Google maps and satellites and all that stuff for all these years - and Japan just discovered that it had 7,000 more islands than what it thought for many years? That's hilarious to me. And, it just goes to prove once again, the folly of man. They want you to think they know everything there is to know, they can tell you the world was created out of a big bang 13.7 billion years ago and they tell you what happened five minutes after that, and they can go to the moon, to Mars, and all that, but in 2023, Japan just found out it had 7,000 more islands than what was previously known? That's really funny to me. Sorry if that isn't funny to you - but it certainly was funny to me. In fact, when Dave first said it, I doubted it and went to look to see if I could find it for myself. And there it is, all over the internet, Japan found 7.000 more islands than it thought it had.

Turn to Job 37. Look at verse 1. God is again telling Job about His Creation, His knowledge, His understanding. Job then is revealing the things that God has revealed to him, things that we also need to know. Verse 1.

[1] At this also my heart trembleth, and is moved out of his place.

[2] Hear attentively the noise of His voice, and the sound that goeth out of His mouth.

[3] He directeth it under the whole heaven, and His lightning unto the ends of the earth.

[4] After it a voice roareth: He thundereth with the voice of His excellency; and He will not stay them when His voice is heard.

[5] God thundereth marvellously with His voice; great things doeth He, which we cannot comprehend.

[6] For He saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth; likewise to the small rain, and to the great rain of His strength.

[7] He sealet up the hand of every man; that all men may know His work.

[8] Then the beasts go into dens, and remain in their places.

[9] Out of the south cometh the whirlwind: and cold out of the north.

[10] By the breath of God frost is given: and the breadth of the waters is straitened.

[11] Also by watering He wearieth the thick cloud: He scattereth His bright cloud:

[12] And it is turned round about by his counsels: that they may do whatsoever He commandeth them upon the face of the world in the earth.

[13] He causeth it to come, whether for correction, or for His land, or for mercy.

[14] Hearken unto this, O Job: stand still, and consider the wondrous works of

God.

[15] Dost thou know when God disposed them, and caused the light of His cloud to shine?

[16] Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of Him which is perfect in knowledge?

[17] How thy garments are warm, when He quieteth the earth by the south wind?

Now watch verse 18.

[18] Hast thou with Him spread out the sky, which is strong, and as a molten looking glass?

Teresa found this and showed it to me this week. And again. I have no idea whether this story is true or just made up nonsense. But it's interesting. The link is in the notes.

<https://www.foxnews.com/science/scientists-discover-earths-star-trek-style-invisible-shield>

Scientists discover Earth's 'Star Trek'-style invisible shield

[And of course it has to be attributed to Star Trek - it couldn't be attributed to God's Creation.]

By James Rogers , Fox News

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A team of scientists led by the University of Colorado Boulder has discovered an invisible "Star Trek"-style shield that blocks so-called "killer electrons" 7,200 miles above Earth.

The electrons, which travel at near light-speed, are capable of damaging space electronics and can put astronauts in danger.

[Unless it was in 1969 or 1972.]

The shield, which forms a barrier to particle motion, was found in the Van Allen radiation belts, according to Distinguished Professor Daniel Baker, director of CU-

Boulder's Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics, who led the study. The radiation belts, which are held in place by Earth's magnetic field, are two doughnut-shaped rings that are packed with high-energy electrons and protons.

Listen to this.

"It's almost like these electrons are running into a glass wall in space," said Baker, in a statement.

[18] Hast thou with him spread out the sky, which is strong, and as a molten looking glass?

"Somewhat like the shields created by force fields on Star Trek that were used to repel alien weapons, we are seeing an invisible shield blocking these electrons. It's an extremely puzzling phenomenon."

The scientists discovered an "extremely sharp" boundary at the inner edge of the outer radiation belt, which appears to block electrons from breaking through the shield and moving towards Earth's atmosphere.

That's interesting. In another article similar to that one, this one found on sci.news...

<https://www.sci.news/space/science-impenetrable-barrier-earth-02302.html>

"It's almost like these electrons are running into a glass wall in space. Somewhat like the shields created by force fields on Star Trek that were used to repel alien weapons, we are seeing an invisible shield blocking these electrons. It's an extremely puzzling phenomenon," said Prof Baker, who is the first author of the paper published in the journal Nature.

The scientists originally thought the highly charged electrons would slowly drift downward into the upper atmosphere and gradually be wiped out by interactions with air molecules.

"But the impenetrable barrier seen by the twin Van Allen spacecraft stops the electrons before they get that far," Prof Baker said.

He and his collaborators looked at a number of scenarios that could create and

maintain such a shield. End quote.

Well, if this is true. I believe the Bible tells us - the information has been easily available to hundreds of years and didn't cost only God knows how much to find. God told Job to write that

He spread out the sky, which is strong, as a molten looking glass.

And one of the reasons it's there is to separate the waters below and the waters which are above. There's a really cool video - and again - I have no idea whether it's real or not - but the claim is that someone fired a bullet a small drop of molten glass - melted glass that's quickly dropped into cold water - and that little piece of glass shatters a bullet that hits it. God spread out the sky, which is strong, as a molten looking glass. It is impenetrable. Man is not getting through it.

Jesus said, I am the way the truth and the life, no man cometh to the Father, but by Me.

Man is not getting to the heavens - the place where the Bible says God dwells - in a space ship. Space ship. That's interesting, too. I always thought ships were for water. Of course they are. And there isn't a space ship that's going to sail the waters above the firmament - a ship made with human hands. It's not going to happen.

Alright, finally, back to Isaiah chapter 44, verse 13:

[13] The carpenter stretcheth out his rule; he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compass, and maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may remain in the house.

This is the same type of wording that we found in Job 38. When God measured the foundations of the earth with a line - this is what it was talking about. These are building instruments that are used for marking straight and level lines.

“There you go, Charlie. You're a 'flat-earther.'” [Laughing] Again, I am simply reading Bible verses. That is the purpose of this series. I'm not going to admit to being called a “flat-earther” because the earth is not flat. It has hills and mountains and valleys. But in relation to a spinning ball - I'm going to have to lean more towards flatness - levelness - than I would be towards a spinning ball.

After reading these passages and meditating on them for quite some time, the thought hit me, you could measure a ball with a line. Absolutely, you could measure the circumference of a ball with a line. But when you read Isaiah 44 in context, carpenters and not stretching out their rulers, they aren't making their lines, they are fitting planes - on balls. It is for the purpose of building on level ground.

Okay, then. Now we need to add it marketh it out with a compass. And of course, because of my clear - admitted to bias - the world says it's a ball - I'm immediately running to the opposite side. The world says ball, round ball. My first inclination is flat square. That's just me - I go to the opposite side of the world's opinions and theories.

I have owned compasses. They are round - shaped like something turned as a clay seal - again - my bias - my perspective - I am admitting this. Then, as soon as I had that mental image in my mind of me holding a compass in my hand - a flat"ish" round device - not a ball - a round, circular, the one I used to have was about 3/8s of an inch thick - definitely not a ball - but almost as soon as I thought I had that "Aha moment" of what my mind pictured when I read Isaiah 44:13 regarding the compass - I remembered. When I was young, a lot of the cars I rode in - now I'm talking young as in less than 10 years old - in the 1960s - a lot of people had in their cars had these compasses that people would attach to the dashboard - and - oh my - those compasses were shaped like a ball.

A compass that looked like a ball. Realizing that it had been probably fifty years or more since I'd seen one of those, I went online to take another look at what those things were.

They are round compasses that are in a glass or plastic dome-like figure. The compass isn't a ball. It's a compass like the one you'd hold in your hand, but it's just inside a glass or plastic dome - and - it's called a ball compass. But the compass itself is not a ball. It's enclosed in a ball.



If we look at Strong's Concordance for the Hebrew definition for compass. This is what we find.

[it's] *an instrument for marking a circle, i.e. compasses:—compass.*

It's not a ball. It's not for balls, it is for circles. And, it also goes to the understanding of compass as in encompassing. As in God put a compass around the waters. A border. A wall. When you hold a compass in your hand, it has a border around it. God is describing His world and using a compass - it's like a compass. God uses figurative language all the time - and He uses things in our natural understandings to describe things to help us understand. Isaiah 44 is not necessarily, exclusively about the shape of the world. That's not the purpose of Isaiah 44. Job 38, Job 26, is not necessarily about the shape of the world. But God uses things in the natural world to help us understand the spiritual world.

Lines, ends, compasses, molten glass, the sun stood still, the world is immovable, heaven is My throne, the earth is My footstool - He uses that type of language to help us to understand the spiritual things He wants us to know. He wouldn't use things that would otherwise make no sense.

Turn to Proverbs chapter 8, speaking of wisdom - but using things in the physical world to help us understand the spiritual. Look at verse 26 and let's see another time the word compass is used.

[26] While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

[27] When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:

[28] When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:

[29] When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:

He set a compass on the face of the depth:

That compass is a flat, circular device with a border around it. If your mind tends towards the ball compass - even better - because in my mind the compass is the flat"ish" round device inside the vaulted dome that surrounds - it's in the heavens - and God called it the firmament.

The sun stood still. That alone, should - at the very least - cause the sincere seeker of God to stop in his tracks and begin to question a lot of things. Sadly, for some, that makes them actually turn from God. Which is exactly what the enemies of God want to happen.

I know for me, that one story from Joshua chapter 10 is what makes me pause. It's what makes me doubt the stories of men. Joshua chapter 10 is a story of God's. Listen to Joshua 10 from the Septuagint. Old Testament from the Greek to the English. This predates the hand of the "church" by many centuries.

12 Then Joshua spoke to the Lord, in the day in which the Lord delivered the Amorite into the power of Israel, when He destroyed them in Gabaon, and they were destroyed from before the children of Israel: and Joshua said, Let the sun stand over against Gabaon, and the moon over against the valley of Aelon. 13 And the sun and the moon stood still, until God executed vengeance on their enemies; and the sun stood still in the midst of heaven; it did not proceed to set till the end of one day. 14 And there was not such a day either before or after, so that God should hearken to a man, because the Lord fought on the side of Israel.

"But that's your interpretation, Charlie." What are you talking about? I just read the verse. The verse didn't get interpreted. I didn't put anything into that text, it's the globers that put their spin on passages like that - pun intended - in order to try to get

other parts of the Bible to get doubted. “Well, it didn't really mean the sun stood still, the earth stood still and it just made it look like the sun was sitting still.” THAT'S an interpretation. That is not what the text says. The sun stood still.

From the Coverdale Bible - in the 1500s:

Then spake Iosua vnto the LORDE (the same daye that the LORDE gaue ouer the Amorites before the children of Israel) and sayde in the presence of Israel: Sonne, holde styll at Gibeon, and thou Moone in the valley of Aialon.

10:13 Then the Sonne helde styll, and ye Moone stode, vntyll the people had auenged the selues on their enemies. Is not this wrytten in the boke of the righteous? Thus the Sonne stode styll in the myddes of heauen, and dyfferred to go downe for the space of a whole daye after.

10:14 And there was no daye like vnto this (nether before ner after) whan the LORDE herkened vnto the voyce of one man: for the LORDE fought for Israel.

From the Geneva Bible of 1599. Before I read it, let me read this. I realize it's history, if we can believe or trust history. The translators of the Geneva were men persecuted by the state. They were persecuted by the Catholics. Yes, I get it. They used the word “church” - but I'm still not throwing the baby out with the bathwater.” Contrary to what some may think - I've never one time said I had everything figured out. I'm still learning. Just like those people still learning. But just because they didn't have everything figured out, just because we don't have everything figured out - certainly doesn't mean I'm going to throw what we have known as the written Word of God out. Quote:

Geneva Bible 1560/1599

The Geneva Bible is one of the most influential and historically significant translations of the Bible into English, preceding the King James translation by 51 years. It was the primary Bible of 16th century Protestantism and was the Bible used by William Shakespeare, Oliver Cromwell, John Knox, John Donne, and John Bunyan. The language of the Geneva Bible was more forceful and vigorous and because of this, most readers strongly preferred this version at the time.

The Geneva Bible was produced by a group of English scholars who, fleeing from the reign of Queen Mary, had found refuge in Switzerland. During the reign of Queen Mary, no Bibles were printed in England, the English Bible was no longer used in churches and English Bibles already in churches were removed and burned. Mary was determined to return Britain to Roman Catholicism. End quote.

The “government” of that day tried to destroy the Word of God. But it didn't happen. I absolutely believe in Whosoever Will. I do not believe in predestination in the New Covenant World - but if there is one thing that would cause me to hold to the intervention of God - it would be in the preservation of His Word. He promised that He would preserve His Word. He esteemed His Word over all things. Men and women can burn it. They can change it. They can alter it. But one way or another, the truth is going to be preserved. And it isn't going to be left to our imagination or to our observances or to dreams in the night. The written Word of God is preserved and available. It may not just fall in our laps. We may have to dig and study and test and try - but we have the Word of God preserved for us in written form and we can trust it - when it's placed on the scale of the whole duty of man. Continuing.

The first English Protestant to die during Mary's turbulent reign was John Rogers in 1555, who had been the editor of the Matthews Bible. At this time, hundreds of Protestants left England and headed for Geneva, a city which under the leadership of Calvin, had become the intellectual and spiritual capital of European Protestants.

One of these exiles was William Whittingham, a fellow of Christ Church at Oxford University, who had been a diplomat, a courtier, was much traveled and skilled in many languages including Greek and Hebrew. He eventually succeeded John Knox as the minister of the English congregation in Geneva. Whittingham went on to publish the 1560 Geneva Bible.

This version is significant because, it came with a variety of scriptural study guides and aids, which included verse citations that allow the reader to cross-reference one verse with numerous relevant verses in the rest of the Bible, introductions to each book of the Bible that acted to summarize all of the material that each book would cover, maps, tables, woodcut illustrations, indices, as well as other included features, all of which would eventually lead to the reputation of the Geneva Bible as history's very first study Bible. End quote.

The Geneva Bible was born out of persecution. I'm not saying that that makes it right. That that makes it trustworthy. But being the object of hate. Being the object of persecution because of your faith and trust in God offers more credibility to me than does anyone or anything who says there is no God - or who says that God did not preserve His Word.

The 1599 Geneva, Joshua 10:12-14

Then spake Ioshua to the Lord, in the day when the Lord gaue the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he sayd in the sight of Israel, Sunne, stay thou in Gibeon, and thou moone, in the valley of Aialon.

10:13 And the Sunne abode, and the moone stood still, vntill the people auenged themselues vpon their enemies: (Is not this written in the booke of Iasher?) so the Sunne abode in the middes of the heauen, and hasted not to goe downe for a whole day.

10:14 And there was no day like that before it, nor after it, that the Lord heard the voyce of a man: for the Lord fought for Israel.

That's not difficult language. That's not hard to understand. It's definitely not rocket-science. The sun stood still, the moon stood still in the midst of the heaven. Even the ball earth globers say the moon moves. In this passage, that we are interpreting for our own use somehow - is the movement of the moon different from the movement of the sun? We should interpret the movement of the moon but when it comes to the movement of the sun - that's just our interpretation? The whole ball theory requires a stationary sun and the world must spin and revolve. I'll be the first one to tell you I don't understand it all. But I do understand this. I do know this. It is the sun and the moon that is moving. That's what God's Word says - and not just here in Joshua chapter 10, but in other places as well.

Listen from the Wycliffe Bible, Joshua 10:12-14, from the 1300s.

Then Joshua spake to the Lord, in the day in which he betook Amorites in the sight of the sons of Israel; and Joshua said before the people, Sun, be thou not moved against Gibeon, and the moon, against the valley of Ajalon. (And Joshua spoke to the Lord, on the day in which he delivered the Amorites into the hands of the Israelites; and Joshua said before the people, Sun, stand thou still over Gibeon, and Moon, stand thou still over the Ajalon Valley.)

13 And the sun and the moon stood, unto the time the folk of God had venged themselves of their enemies. Whether this is not written in the book of just men? And so the sun stood in the midst of heaven, and it hasted not to go down in the space of a day; (And so the sun and the moon stood still, until the time that the people of God had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jashar? And so the sun stood still in the midst of the heavens, and it hastened not to go down in the space of a day;)

14 so long a day was not before and afterward (there was never so long a day, before or afterward); for the Lord obeyed to the voice of a man, and he fought

for Israel.

By the way, what does the Book of Jasher say? From chapter 88, verse 63:

And when they were smiting, the day was declining toward evening, and Joshua said in the sight of all the people, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon, and thou moon in the valley of Ajalon, until the nation shall have revenged itself upon its enemies.

64 And the Lord hearkened to the voice of Joshua, and the sun stood still in the midst of the heavens, and it stood still six and thirty moments, and the moon also stood still and hastened not to go down a whole day.

65 And there was no day like that, before it or after it, that the Lord hearkened to the voice of a man, for the Lord fought for Israel.

Now, I wonder if any of you scratched your head for a minute when we read the last phrase of verse 13 from the English translations? As in, “hasted not to go down...”

Alright. The Hebrew word for down there is *bo* and it doesn't mean down as in direction - as in up or down. That's not what it means. So, once again, we look at the Bible as a whole to get context. We don't say, “Aha, there's a word - down - the sun and the moon go down - it must be a ball.” That's not what the word means. It's not directional as in up or down. It means to come in, come, go, go in, to come and go. It is definitely movement, but it's not movement as in up and down or going around a ball.

Now. Let's look at something else that God told Isaiah to say about His Creation - or - should I say - an analogy in which God used His Creation to make a point. Turn to Isaiah chapter 40, and read please beginning with verse 1. Speaking of the enormity of God, the awesomeness of God - but using things in nature to help us understand the Spiritual.

[1] Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

[2] Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

[3] The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

[4] Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

[5] And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

[6] The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field:

[7] The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass.

[8] The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

This is but one of many places, that at times very young in my life, where I heard about the Word of God and how it would stand forever. No matter what men try to do. No matter what little g “governments” try to do - or what the churchmen try to do - the Word of our God shall stand forever. Holy men of God wrote as they were inspired of God. The Words of God were not just uttered into the world to float freely around in the air. Holy men of God wrote as they were inspired of God. Change it, alter it, burn it, destroy, the Word of God will still stand forever. And when we find words called “the Word of God, the Bible, etc.,” when we approach those readings with the whole duty of man, to Fear God and Keep His Commandments - we'll discern what is the preserved Word of God, from what is not.

[9] O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

[10] Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him: behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.

[11] He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

[12] Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?

[13] Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being His counsellor hath taught Him?

[14] With whom took He counsel, and who instructed Him, and taught Him in the path of judgment, and taught Him knowledge, and shewed to Him the way of understanding?

[15] Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing.

[16] And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering.

[17] All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.

[18] To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

[19] The workman melteth a graven image, and the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth silver chains.

The prophet is doing all he can do to relieve the fear of man by instructing men as to how awesome, how vast, how powerful the God of Creation is. Fear man? Fear the nations? They are nothing in the sight of God. We are getting this information from the written Word of God. This is where we get strength to stand against the little g “governments” of men. They are nothing in the sight of God. And they should be nothing in our sight, in our lives - when we understand and believe what the holy men of old were inspired by God to write about Him.

[20] He that is so impoverished that he hath no oblation chooseth a tree that will not rot; he seeketh unto him a cunning workman to prepare a graven image, that shall not be moved.

[21] Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?

[22] It is He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

The globers - the church globers - have tried to take this verse and say that the circle of the earth is a ball. That is not at all what this is saying at all. It is a circle. It is like a compass. It is like clay turned into a seal. It is round, with borders that compass it keeping the waters in their place. The Hebrew word for circle here is hoog. It means circle, circuit, compass. It is not a ball. It is a circle. Just like a compass is a circle. Just like to encompass - as when Joshua encompassed Jericho for 7 days. He circled Jericho. Jericho was not a ball. It means circle.

Turn back to Isaiah chapter 22. Read please, beginning in verse 17.

[17] Behold, the LORD will carry thee away with a mighty captivity, and will surely cover thee.

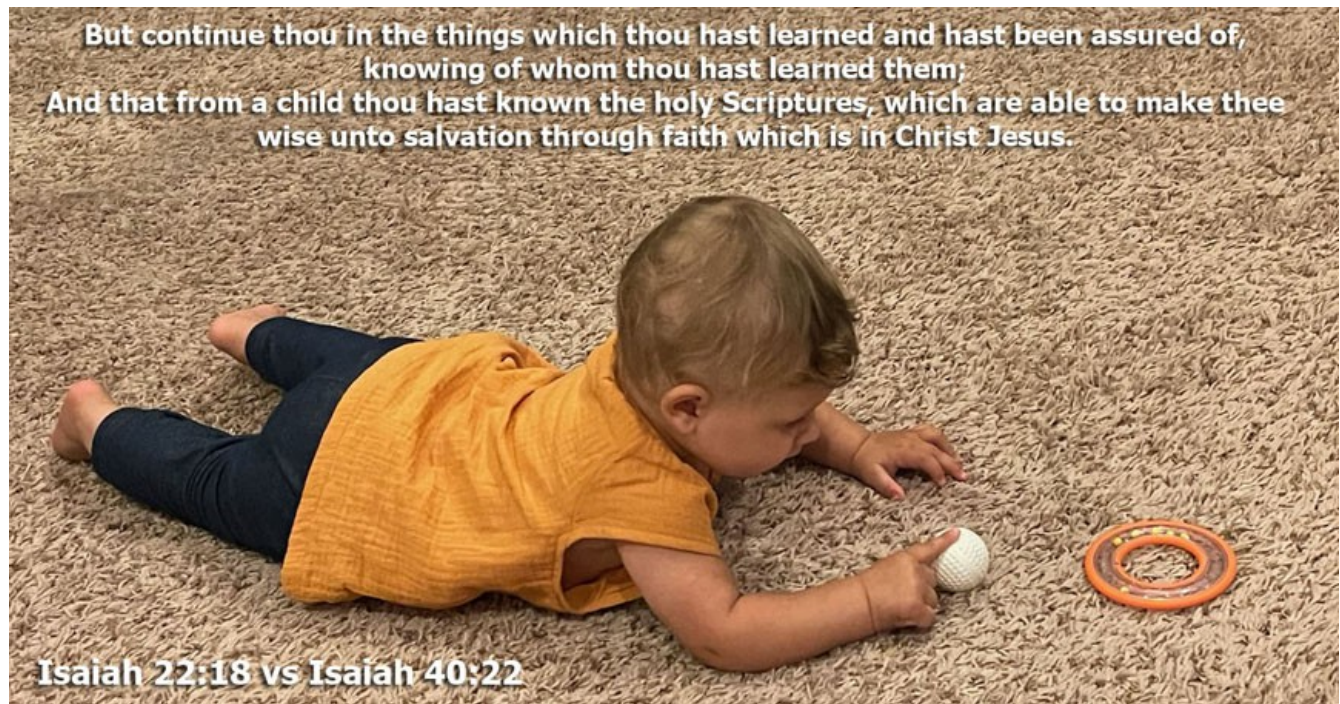
[18] He will surely violently turn and toss thee like a ball into a large country: there shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory shall be the shame of thy lord's house.

In the 1611 KJV, the world English word circle is found one time and that was what we just read from Isaiah 40. In the 1611 KJV the word ball is found one time, and that is

also from Isaiah - what we just read. The Hebrew word for ball is *dure* and it also means circle. But it's more than that. And the English translation as we find in Isaiah 22 tells us exactly what it is. You toss a ball. You throw a ball. Further, more than just circle, it means a pile, a heap. Like a round pile of wood. It is a ball. It is an object you hold in your hand and throw.

This, too, should be very simple. Even from people who dare say that the Bible was just written by mere men. That it wasn't the inspired Word of God. If Isaiah 40s - He who sitteth on the circle of the earth - is saying that the world is a spinning ball - then it's really simple, Isaiah would have used the same word there that he used in Isaiah 22. Isaiah 22 is a ball. Isaiah 40 is a circle. A circle can be a ball. But a ball is not always a circle. The two words mean different things.

Being careful here not to appeal to our own understandings, but in the most simplistic manner, if we had a couple toys laying on the floor for the children. One of them was a 6" plastic ring and the other was a ping pong. If you wanted them to get the ring - you'd never call that ring a ball. You might call it a circle. But you definitely wouldn't call it a ball. If you wanted them to throw you the ball, you'd never say, "Throw me that circle." That's silly. They'd throw you the ring every single time.



God used natural things - things that men understood in their lives - to help explain things in the Spiritual world. He sits above the circle of the earth. He sits above the compass. He spread out the heavens like a tent. A tent sits on the level ground - you

don't put a tent on a round rock. When we put up a tent, we find level ground - then set up a tent. This isn't hard.

Well, I had some really important things I wanted to share with you this morning - and surprise - I ran out of time. Hopefully, we'll get to those things next week.

I will just very briefly tell you some of what I intended to talk about. I wanted to talk to you about power. There were some articles I wanted to read. There was a video from Kamala Harris where she talked about how much "power" she had as a persecutor that - with the stroke of a pen - she could ruin someone's life with a petty charge of a "misdemeanor" - then - two weeks later - she could make it go away - but still - the person's life would be in ruins. And she called it power. Mark Cuban said the world is all about getting power. I'm telling you - that is the domain of darkness. That is exactly what God said man is not to do. The world is filled with people wanting power over others - and people with that mindset are called satans, demons, devils, serpents. People that believe in that system, that way of life - are also satans, demons, devils, serpents.

Man is not allowed to make their own "laws." It is the Gentiles, it is the heathen from among the nations that exercise dominion over one another - but if you call yourself a follower of Jesus Christ - among you - it shall not be so.