# Message# 330\_3-16-2025 – What Next? One Step Forwards, Two Steps Backwards Preached first on 3/16/2025

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

Please remember the following people on our Prayer List. Frank, with the cancer he is dealing with, remember Linda with her ankle issue, remember our brother who is dealing with a kidney ailment. I didn't get permission to give out any details - but Joanna has urgent an-law family situation that she has asked prayer for. If I get more details, I'll post them on the Prayer Request page of the website. Continue to pray for Paul, please.

I want to share something with you this morning. As many of you know, one of our very long, dear friends, Joan from the Philippines, who lost her husband a few years ago, is now left to raise her children and I had not heard from her in a while so I sent her an email to check on her. I received the most awesome reply and I asked her if I could share her testimony. Personally, I needed to hear this. It was very uplifting and I asked her if I could share it with you. And this is the reply I got from her.

## Good morning brother Charlie,

We're still here. As long as the Lord is giving us life everyday we continue to live in God's principles loving God and neighbor and seeking His Kingdom and righteousness. We continue to preach to ourselves and others to have confidence in the Lord only and not in the governments of men. Literally I tell them "I do not vote because Christ is enough. They are not there during my problems especially in dying times. They do not give life to me daily."

If I analyze it they do not give forgiveness but rather financial penalties. Based on their laws, they search for reasons for us to be financially penalized but for God repentance is enough and He happily accepts His people just like the story of the prodigal son, the father did not cut off ties by disowning his son.

We continue to survive while we live. Thanking the Lord for whatever He provides through the works of our hands and help of others.

Thank you very much for following us up.

Yours truly,

Joan

I wish Teresa and I could help her and her family more than we can. If any of you want to help her - we have ways of getting support to her. You can contact me and I'll let you

know how we do it. Or even facilitate it for you.

I have been meaning to tell you something for a while now and I keep forgetting every week. But I remembered this week. A few months ago when that great churchian man, Jimmy Carter died, something in the headline concerning his funeral caught my attention and it made me go on youtube and look at the funeral. And I have to tell you that when Teresa and I saw it - we just about couldn't stop laughing. Here's Jimmy Carter's funeral - one of the presidents of the u.s. - supposedly a devout churchian man - a statesman - a politician - and here's all these other politicians there - Biden, Clinton, Trump, all the big name men were there except for Michael Obama - he was the only man not there - all their wives were there - pomp and circumstance - u.s. military men flags everywhere - then Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood start singing John and Yoko Lennon's song, "Imagine". That was hilarious. I watched as the cameras went to Biden and it seemed like he was bowing his head in total reverence as he listened to the song - as if he was agreeing with it. It was hilarious. The song says imagine there's no heaven. There's no hell. There's no countries. There's nothing to kill for, nothing to die for, there's no religion, too. And all these politicians are sitting there listening to that song and acting like they are all being moved by it. I found an article that said that Jimmy Carter had said that song was supposed to be included in his funeral. I just thought that was hilarious and have been meaning to share it with you for a while.

Now changing gears to a little more serious. Before we get into today's message, I want to just kind of have a heart to heart with you. It's not a whole lot different than any other message, I always feel like I'm trying to reach hearts - which will change lives - in all the messages. But I feel like I need to say something. I'm concerned that some of our long time, very dear listeners may be getting caught in some thing which I believe are seriously damaging to the cause of Christ.

A couple weeks ago I shared with you concerning those that had adopted the antiFaith religion - which many believe - including me - had its origins in the "Age of Enlightenment" (at least relatively modern times) led by such wicked men as Thomas Paine - who was one of the founders of the united states of america - possibly the greatest achievement of the attack on the Government of God that men have successfully pulled off since the days of Rome. Thomas Paine, in his essay "Age of Reason" went through pretty much the whole Bible and did all he could do to assassinate it and everything and everyone in it.

Thomas Paine, if you can believe the history books, did have some pretty good concepts

( on the surface ). He had some really good things to say. But, in the end of it, he did what so many people do today - and that is - they end up throwing Christ, His Father, the Bible - they throw the Bible away because they think that the "church" is the representative of Christ, His Father and the Bible. When nothing could be further from the truth. Here is a little clip of what the history books say is Thomas Paine's own confession ( it's a quote from his own book ). Quote:

As several of my colleagues, and others of my fellow-citizens of France, have given me the example of making their voluntary and individual profession of faith, I also will make mine; and I do this with all that sincerity and frankness with which the mind of man communicates with itself.

I believe in one God, and no more; and I hope for happiness beyond this life.
I believe [in] the equality of man, and I believe that religious duties consist in doing justice, loving mercy, and endeavoring to make our fellow-creatures happy.

But, lest it should be supposed that I believe many other things in addition to these, I shall, in the progress of this work, declare the things I do not believe, and my reasons for not believing them.

I do not believe in the creed professed by the Jewish church, by the Roman church, by the Greek church, by the Turkish church, by the Protestant church, nor by any church that I know of. My own mind is my own church.

All national institutions of churches, whether Jewish, Christian, or Turkish, appear to me no other than human inventions set up to terrify and enslave mankind, and monopolize power and profit.

I do not mean by this declaration to condemn those who believe otherwise;

Well, good grief - why wouldn't you. Those are horrible things he is accusing. And he won't condemn it? It was an actual condemnation.

they have the same right to their belief as I have to mine.

Of course, everyone has a right to their own beliefs as long as they are not damaging people or their property. But there is nothing wrong with speaking or preaching about the error one's beliefs.

But it is necessary to the happiness of man, that he be mentally faithful to himself. Infidelity does not consist in believing, or in disbelieving; it consists in professing to believe what he does not believe. End quote.

On the surface, some of that sounds really good - mostly. Everything he said about "church" is true. But then he also shows his hand by saying "my own mind is my own church." So he says he does not believe in "church" - except for his own "church." Either way - he still believes in "church." This is still doing exactly what I believe is the original sin in the garden of Eden which is simply rejecting God's way - in favor of our own way. We make up our own definitions of good and evil, right and wrong, and that's the road we take.

He says: "I believe in one God, and no more; and I hope for happiness beyond this life. I believe [in] the equality of man, and I believe that religious duties consist in doing justice, loving mercy, and endeavoring to make our fellow-creatures happy."

That's fine. But if he thinks his religion, his "church" is going to give him happiness beyond this life - he's sadly mistaken. There is one way to life beyond this life and that is through Christ. No man gets to the Father, but by the Son. A man can come up with his own ideas even to the point where he thinks he's arrived - he's found the source of knowledge and truth - but if Jesus Christ is not in it - he's fooled no one but himself.

He can conclude that "religious duty" is about doing justice, loving mercy and endeavoring to make our fellow-creatures happy - and that all sounds pretty good - but that is not what the Bible says - conclusively. Yes, our God is a God of justice, our God is a God of mercy - but our first and main goal is to love Him and Keep His Commandments - not to make our fellow-creatures happy. We see all sorts of things in life that make the creatures happy today - and very little - if any of those things that make the creatures happy to do - are of God.

Thomas Paine threw out "church." That's great. Apparently, Thomas Paine even had fights and arguments with people like George Washington. Supposedly called Washington a hypocrite. Of course Washington was a hypocrite. Just like every single one of them - including Paine - they were all hypocrites - and that's putting it mildly. When you are in the liquor business yourself - and you assemble an army of 30,000 men to go and fight against your competition - in the name of "government" - yeah - I'd say that's hypocritical - and that's putting it mildly. I'd say that is a capital offense

worthy of the death penalty. I'd say that's as bad as anything that Stalin or Lenin or other butcher has been accused of.

But the problem is that Paine threw everything out. He threw Moses out. Said horrible things about Moses. He threw the prophets out. He threw Paul out. Said horrible things about Paul. He threw the disciples out. And ultimately, He threw Christ out. Now he can say that he ( Paine ) wasn't a jew - but what he said he believed - is pretty much no different than what the jew has boiled it all down to.

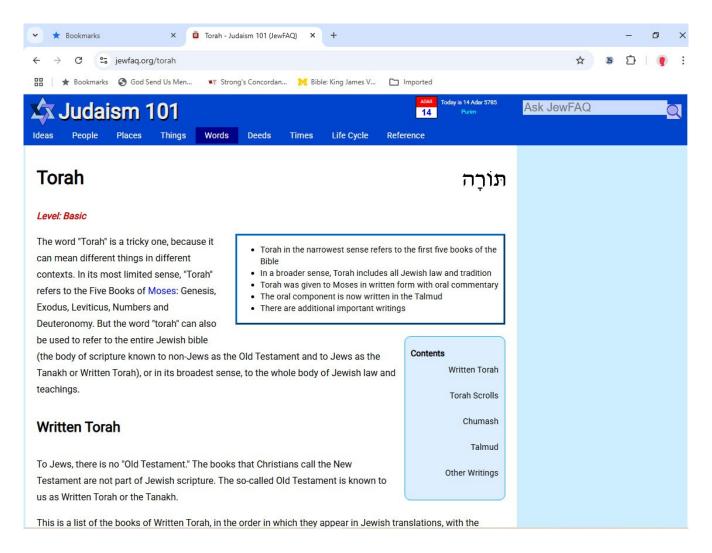
"I believe in one God, and no more; and I hope for happiness beyond this life."

History records that Paine did not sign the declaration of independence - but he is definitely considered to be a "founding father" of the u.s. And as I see it, when he says he believes in "one god" - he's declaring who that "god" is - and it is the "god called man" and man's declaration that he has the power to make his own definitions of good and evil, right and wrong, and call them "laws" and then enforce them on other men - whether they want it or not. That, in my understanding of things, is what judaism, the great deception of the jews is. This mindset has been the foundation of every attack on the God of the Bible, it is the foundation of those who attack and malign the Laws of God, it's the foundation of every attack against those men and women who have chosen to be on the side of the God of the Bible - and ultimately those who attacked, falsely tried, and horribly executed by the hands of the state - the very Son of God. The state is the mindset of those who had their origins in the garden of Eden. "Our laws, our ordinances, our rules, our regulations - shall be the supreme law of the land." It is defiance against the God of the Bible. That's what the state is - and those who believe in it.

Now why did I speak of Thomas Paine and go into all that I did this morning? I did it mainly because of Thomas Paine's attack on faith - attack on what has been called the epistles of Paul - something that has been creeping into former listeners of this ministry - and I am concerned that it may be leading others astray from the Gospel of Christ. And I want to warn you and alert you to it.

The deception of judaism, the deception of the jews, is very devious and they've had thousands of years to master and perfect their deception. One of the ways I have been able to detect their deception is with some of the words they use. For instance, their use of the word torah. (That's how you're supposed to say it - torrrda). In the transcript of this message, you'll see a page from jewfaq.org. The webpage is called

Judaism 101. And the word on there is torah.



Listen to this quote generated by Google's AI. Now listen to me, please do not misunderstand me. I do not quote Google's AI as authoritative. That's not the point and if you think that's why I do it - you are missing the point. What I'm saying is that this is what people believe. Google AI only returns what people believe. This is the answer that the world provides concerning the questions that are asked of it. My question was: "Do any Christian English Bibles refer to the first five Books of the Bible as the torrrdah?" And this was the answer. Quote:

While not a common designation in English Christian Bibles, the term "Torah" is sometimes used to refer to the first five books of the Bible (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy), which also corresponds to the Pentateuch, a Greek term meaning "five books".

Here's a more detailed explanation:

Torah in Judaism:

In Judaism, the Torah refers specifically to the first five books of the Hebrew Bible (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy).

Pentateuch in Christianity:

Christian tradition often uses the term "Pentateuch" (Greek for "five books") to refer to the same collection of books as the Torah.

## **English Christian Bibles:**

While the term "Torah" is not a standard title for these books in English Christian Bibles, it is sometimes used in scholarly or interfaith contexts to acknowledge the Jewish understanding of these books.

### Other Names:

These books are also sometimes referred to as the "Law" or the "Books of Moses" in Christian tradition.

Significance:

The Torah/Pentateuch holds significant importance for both Jewish and Christian traditions, as it contains foundational narratives, laws, and teachings. End quote.

Here is where I believe the fatality is in this. It is in the quote:

it is sometimes used in scholarly or interfaith contexts to acknowledge the Jewish understanding of these books. End quote.

Christians - true Christians - do not acknowledge the jewish understanding of anything. The jewish understanding of everything is the denial of Jesus Christ as the Son of God - and people who claim to be followers of Jesus Christ had better not be acknowledging anything that jews do - except to acknowledge that they are antiChrist, antiGod, antiBible, anti everything that is good and holy - and we need to be exposing their wickedness and deceit every opportunity we get.

I've said this many times before - let me say it again. For those people who insist that the "Bible has been tampered with" and they look to disparage the "New Testament" - you better look the exact opposite direction and see who has the potential to do the most tampering - and that is the people who have been exposed as the greatest liars in the history of mankind - and that is the jews - who lay claim only to the "Old

Testament." To the torrrdah or tannnakhhh . The inventors of the Talmud. On that Judaism 101 page, here's another quote:

Torah in the narrowest sense refers to the first five books of the Bible In a broader sense, Torah includes all Jewish law and tradition Torah was given to Moses in written form with oral commentary The oral component is now written in the Talmud

Friends, the jews are not the friend of the Christian - not the true Christian. The jews and churchianity are one and the same - but the jew hates the true follower of Christ - the true Christian - and if we think somehow it's a good idea to use their terms in our seeking of truth - oh my word - how could we fall for their deception? Remember I said a few weeks ago that the antiFaithers, the antiPaulers are just a hop-skip-and a jump away from antiChrist? Well, now they have advanced themselves another step closer and are pushing for the "torrrrdah."

Strong's Concordance says the hebrew word tora is translated into English. When we find the word tora in the hebrew - it is translated 219 times as Law. It's in no way limited to the first five Books of the Bible and it is not limited to the Law God gave Moses. And to say that you can please God by living only according to the first five books of the Bible - you are missing it badly. It's the whole Law of God - which is found throughout the entire Bible. To limit the Law of God to the first five Books of the Bible is a grave mistake and I've seen a lot of people do it and I've seen the disaster it causes.

Those who say that the whole duty of man is summed up in "The Torah" as in using that word - that same phrase - in the same manner as the jews - as in doing exactly what AI said:

....While the term "Torah" is not a standard title for these books in English Christian Bibles, it is sometimes used in scholarly or interfaith contexts to acknowledge the Jewish understanding of these books....

That is just mere steps away from full-blown judaism - if it's not there already. I do not give one inch of Scriptural authority to the jews. I do not believe that the jews should be considered for one second in the things they believe concerning the history of what the Bible says are the people of God. Jews have never been the people of God. Not for one second have jews been the people of God. They are not be trusted. They are not an authority on anything having to do with the Bible - and to use the word or the phrase

"The Torah" in any way, shape or form that they do - is not something that a true follower of Jesus Christ should do. Those people and their belief system is to be avoided by the true follower of Christ.

Which brings me to another point. I've made this one before. People think - the origins of which has come from "church" - that the "Old Testament" was first written in Hebrew. Now what I'm getting ready to tell you is my opinion. Strictly my opinion - that's all it is. We do not know that to be true and anyone who thinks that we - in 2025 - can absolutely know that to be true - is fooling themselves. Same can be said for the Septuagint. That the Greek came before the English. We cannot possibly know 100% for sure that God spoke to Moses or to Abraham or to Adam for that matter - what that language was. Could it have been Hebrew? Sure. Could it have been Greek? Sure? Could it have been English? Not many have ever considered that. At least I don't know many others that have considered that. I have. Only because we cannot say for 100% sure what it was that Adam, Abraham, Moses - etc., - what it was that they heard in their ears.

Which brings me to yet another thing I want to share with you this morning. I heard from someone recently who basically said they quit listening to the messages because I say "Jesus", or I say "God", and because I do not do the sabbath the same way they do.

I have never - and will never tell someone they should not call the Son of God - Yeshua. I have never - and will never tell someone they should not refer to the God of the Bible as Yahweh. If that is what you believe you should do - then by all means who am I to tell you differently? And then on the other side - who are you to tell me that I should not refer to the God of the Bible as "God or Lord"?

If anyone out there believes they know exactly how God said to say His name - they are so sadly mistaken it isn't funny. Who told you how to pronounce His name? Unless He told you Himself how His name is pronounced - you are sadly mistaken if you think you know how to pronounce His name. I learned this a long, long time ago. So, instead of saying it and getting it wrong - which again - I'm not criticizing anyone for trying - but to say that it's wrong not to say Yahweh - that's just not right. I use His title. I can't go wrong by using His title. He is God. He is the Supreme, the Only Lawgiver. He is the King. He is the King of kings and Lord of lords. He is the Lord. He is the One Who is Supreme in Authority. You can't go wrong by using His title.

This whole "you have to say His name correctly" concept - let me tell you where it came

from. It came from people - probably sincere people - who were trying to figure out why evil has been flourishing for so long - and why God seems to be silent. And someone started a movement, an idea that "God is not moving because people do not say His name correctly. If people would only say His name correctly, then God will awaken and start acting like the God of the Old Testament who killed the Egyptians in the sea, the God Who knocked down the walls of Jericho, or supernaturally moved in Samson to destroy the Philistines, or when He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah - if only people who start saying His name correctly - then He'd start doing all these wonderful things again."

It's like their genie in the bottle and if you just say Abra cadabra the right way - the genie will come out and grant wishes.

Friends, the problem is not in the name - the failure to say the name - it's in the failure to understand the title and then try to live accordingly. That's where we've missed it. Everyone's been looking for the silver bullet. The silver bullet is in the pronunciation of His name. No it isn't. It's in understanding the title - what He is, Who He is, and then embracing that title - and attempting to live accordingly.

Christianity and our relationship to the Creator is not like taking a pill for a cure. It's in attempting to live a life. Saying a word a certain way is like taking a pill. But living according to His title is a lifestyle. It's choosing to live a life of obedience. That's what we have missed. And hardly anyone talks about it or even wants to have the discussion. Everyone, it seems, is sick. Everyone has problems. But they only want pills. They want easy ways out. They want a pill or a shot to lose a hundred pounds - rather than eating right, doing things that help us lose weight. If it's easy - then that's the way most people want it. So, yeah, just say the name - rub the bottle - and the genie god will come out.

That's not the way it works.

So, "The Torrrrdah keepers, the 24 hour sabbath keepers". I've talked about that before. Down here where we live - there is a fairly heavy influence of the 7<sup>th</sup> day adventists. And they put signs on the highways that say, "Saturday is the sabbath." And when I see those signs - I just shake my head. "Saturday is the sabbath?" A day whose name comes from a pagan god? That is the Lord's sabbath? Good grief. The double-mindedness is staggering. But that's what they believe. Their worship is according to a pagan god - and if you don't believe the way they do - you are damned. Their "Saturday sabbath" is their silver bullet. It doesn't matter if you are a flag-waving citizen of man's

"government." As long as you keep the "Saturn's day sabbath" - that's the silver bullet that unlocks the genie in the bottle. The Torah keepers, the 24 hour sabbath keepers, the just His name believers - all those silver bullets - yet - nothing seems to be advancing the Kingdom Government of God.

I learned a long time ago - listen - I went through the name thing. I never went through The Torah thing - thank God - I rejected all jewish influences a long time ago - but I did look into the name things. And what I concluded - because I realized there is no possible way for me to know exactly how to pronounce His name - I realized it is way more important that He knows my name - as opposed to me knowing His name. Oh I know His title. I know what He is. I can assure you of that.

The other day I was talking to Poppy and I asked her what her Momma's name was. Her momma is my Taylor, our middle daughter. Poppy is three now. I thought Poppy might answer me and say her momma's name was Taylor. She didn't. She said Taylor's name was Mommy. Sure. Absolutely. She doesn't know that her Mommy's name is Taylor and she doesn't need to know her Mommy's name is Taylor. Taylor is Mommy. Poppy knows her by her title, what she is. It doesn't matter one single bit whether Poppy knows her name is Taylor or not. She knows her title. She knows who Taylor is. She knows Taylor's voice and when Taylor calls - she comes.

I want you to listen to a few sound clips this morning. These are from Strong's online concordance. The voice is majestic. It commands attention. Here is how this man - this man - says the following words should be pronounced.

Joshua. This is supposed to be Hebrew for Jesus.

Here's how a man - a man - says you are supposed to say J-e-s-u-s if you want to use that name.

Tora - now make sure you could that d in there - torda

Jehovah.

Listen to this one. This is how Strong's says you are supposed to pronounce Exodus 3:14 where God tells Moses He is the I AM. ( Yahweh )

Now again, listen to me very clearly, I am not criticizing anyone who says they are

attempting to use God's name - and not in a vain way - or an unholy way - but in a sincere way to say His name. That is not my purpose. I am simply trying to say that those who think that there is a silver bullet to getting the genie out of the bottle by saying a word a certain way - they are missing it. There is no possible way we will ever know - while we are living on this earth - there is no way we will ever know exactly the sound that God made when He spoke to Moses - or the sound Moses heard when God spoke to Him. And I am not telling anyone that believes they should say Yahweh instead of God or Lord - they should stop doing so. I'm not doing that. But I am saying that you shouldn't tell someone they are wrong if they aren't saying the sound Yahweh - but instead prefer to use His title rather than place the emphasis on a sound - a name - which we have no idea is even right - and further - mostly has come from the people called jews. Do you go to synagogue to listen to those people say Yahweh or Torrrdahh?

For all I know - God spoke perfect English. I don't know whether He spoke Hebrew, Greek, English or whatever. For a man to claim to know 100% what language God spoke to the men of the "Old Testament" is simply speculation. There is no way we can know for sure. So to make a belief system, a religion, a doctrine that at best comes from tradition - is not a place I want to be. Who has brought Christianity the teaching of Christ - to more people than anyone has? Certainly not the jews.

The Torah - as in The Torah - or torda - as spoken by the jews - that's not for me. I'll stick with the Law of God as found in every Book of the Bible - as in what it means to understand the Perfect Will of God for His people. This is how we are supposed to live - and friends - that is not limited to the first five books of the Bible - then - we take those first five books and out of that comes a Talmud - or a council or declaratories or catechisms. To say that the "torrrrdah" is the first five books - that's actually ridiculous to a true believer. The truth is - we learn more about the Law from the prophets and the kings and the history of Israel. And that's a whole lot more than just the first five books.

Then, it takes a whole lot more Bible to help us understand that some of - actually quite a bit of - the Law God gave Moses - is not for today. We don't perform animal sacrifices today. We didn't learn that from "the torrrrda." Do you realize that jews don't even do animal sacrifices today? Again, from AI - and again - I wouldn't even cite this AI stuff - except for the fact that it does come directly from the jews - imagine that and Trump - well no difference. This is what the jews believe. Here's the answer to: "Do jews perform animal sacrifices?"

No, modern Judaism does not perform animal sacrifice. The practice stopped after the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE. End quote.

Well imagine that. They actually admit that they stopped doing animal sacrifices when the temple came down. Exactly when Jesus said they would stop. Exactly when the prophets said they would stop. Hmm. Must have been something very significant concerning what Jesus said would happen to that generation - in response to His disciples asking Him when the end of the world would take place. When the end of the age would come. When would the daily sacrifices in the temple end? Well, if you have no temple, the daily sacrifices in the temple are going to end. Al continues:

## Explanation

The Bible commanded animal sacrifices to be made on the altar of God in the temple. After the destruction of the temple, the rabbinic community replaced animal sacrifices with prayer, Torrrdah study, and acts of kindness. [Yeah, sure from the jews] Some Jewish scholars believe that animal sacrifices will not be reinstated in the Messianic era. They believe that people and animals will be vegetarian at that time. The only rite in modern Judaism that requires the shedding of blood is the circumcision of newborn males.

From AI again in answering the question: "Will animal sacrifices be reinstituted in Jerusalem?"

While the practice of animal sacrifice ceased after the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE, some within Orthodox Judaism believe that they will be reinstated in the future, potentially in a rebuilt Temple, while Conservative and Reform Judaism do not believe they will be offered again.

Isn't that interesting. Orthodox jews believe they will be reinstated. But conservative and reform do not. So the american "churches" promote the reinstatement of animal sacrifices even more than the conservative and reform jews. Amazing. It continues:

Here's a more detailed explanation:

**Historical Context:** 

Animal sacrifices were a central part of Jewish religious life in the ancient Temple in Jerusalem, but the practice ended with the destruction of the Second Temple by the Romans in 70 CE. [Interesting, thanks for the second witness]

Orthodox Judaism:

Some within Orthodox Judaism hold that in the messianic era, most or all of the korbanot [ not sure how you're supposed to say that one ](sacrifices) will be reinstituted, at least for a time, when the Temple is rebuilt.

Conservative and Reform Judaism:

Conservative and Reform Judaism hold that no animal sacrifices will be offered in a rebuilt Temple at all.

Current Jewish Practice:

Today, Jews do not offer animal sacrifices, and instead focus on prayer and other forms of worship.

For those of you who are still listening to God Send Us Men ministries - I'm telling you - be careful about who you are listening to - who you're "following on Facebook, liking on Facebook". The antiFaith, antiPaul, the torda people - they are jews - they are wolves in sheeps' clothing. If they are not already antiChrist - that's where they are heading. Some of them appear to be clever - they've been honing their deceit for hundreds, maybe thousands of years. Be careful.

Alright. Now, finally, for the next few minutes, in dealing with the thousand years of Revelation chapter 20 - let's actually go to Revelation chapter 20.

Surely, by now, we've laid sufficient groundwork to prove that the Book of Revelation was written concerning the things which must - the things which must - shortly come to pass. The things which were at hand. The beginning of the Book says it emphatically. The ending of the Book says it emphatically. When we get to Revelation chapter 20 - we must understand that it cannot be taken away from the things which must shortly come to pass - for to do so - would make Jesus Christ a false prophet. He said, it was Jesus Christ that said, "This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled." And the things He was referring to are the things which the Book of Revelation is talking about. Matthew 24 and the Book of Revelation are the same thing. It says the "things which must shortly come to pass" because it is referencing the prophecies of Christ and the things had to come to pass - and it had to be shortly because that's what Jesus prophesied.

Now, to Revelation chapter 20, verse 1.

- [1] And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.
- [2] And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and

Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

[3] And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

As we read this chapter and see the word thousand - several times - we must not forget that this is not the first time the word thousand is used in referencing what is meant to be understood as the end of the world - the end of the age. This chapter is about the end of the world - then end of the age - the end of the Old Covenant age. When Peter was writing about the end of the age - the end of the world - in II Peter chapter 3 - God told Peter that a day is a thousand years and a thousand years is as a day. This is not talking about a specific one thousand year period of time. And, in fact, it is a very short period of time - because the word thousand here is a direct reference from II Peter chapter 3. In this chapter, we will see the final destruction of Satan, the devil, whatever that was, and we will see - in fact - turn there right now. Keep your finger here and turn to Romans chapter 16. Read beginning in verse 19. This is to Christian saints in the first century.

[19] For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil.

[20] And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

The Tyndale Bible, the Geneva Bible - they both use the word tread instead of bruise. It all means the same thing. Strong's Concordance says bruise - as in bruise Satan under your feet shortly - bruise means to crush completely. In Webster's 1828 Dictionary, the word tread means *To crush under the foot; to trample in contempt or hatred, or to subdue. Psalms 44:5*.

God told the Christians in the first century that He was about to crush completely Satan - and it was going to be done under their feet - and it was going to be done shortly. The same time period, the same time-stamp as the Book of Revelation. Verse 4 of Revelation chapter 20.

[4] And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his

image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Turn to Matthew chapter 19. Jesus, to His disciples, in the first century. Verse 26.

- [26] But Jesus beheld them [His disciples], and said unto them [His disciples], With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.
- [27] Then answered Peter and said unto Him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed Thee; what shall we have therefore?
- [28] And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

This is the judgment time where Israel and Jerusalem was to be judged in the end of the Old Covenant world. This is the judgment of the end. This is the regeneration. This is the end of Old Covenant Israel and the beginning of New Covenant Israel. This is the same thing that Revelation chapter 20 is referring to. And it was not a physical 1,000 year period of time. Actually, it was a comparatively short amount of time. I'm telling you, there is a different meaning of the word thousand - than one thousand physical years - and it is more in agreement with a thousand years is as a day and a day is as a thousand years. It means something other than what we think of as a thousand. We'll get to it soon.

- [5] But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.
- [6] Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.
- [7] And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,
- [8] And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

We talked about this a few months ago. Gog and Magog do not exist today. They did exist in the first century.

[9] And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of

heaven, and devoured them.

- [10] And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.
- [11] And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.
- [12] And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.
- [13] And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Now again. Remember we saw this last week from Daniel chapter 12. Daniel prophesied concerning the judgment - nearly word for word what we see here. And Daniel's prophecy was about the end of the world - the end of the Old Covenant age - nearly word for word what Jesus was telling His disciples in Matthew 24. Daniel 12 and Matthew 24 are the same thing. Matthew 24 and the Book of Revelation are the same thing. Matthew 19's thrones are the same thrones as Revelation 20s. It's all talking about the same thing. Verse 14.

- [14] And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.
- [15] And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Now. Obviously there's a lot of details that we have not covered here. And we will. But I want to read something to you that I came across many years ago. Probably 35 years ago, maybe longer. And it is concerning the word thousand in this chapter. This is what I believe the answer is concerning this word. I've told you about the Geneva Bible and how they said the thousand years ended at 1070ad. I do not believe that. I believe it has to fit inside the things which must shortly come to pass. I do not believe it is a literal, physical one thousand year period of time - but rather a very short, literal, physical amount of time - because it has a different meaning than what we think. This is a combination of Strong's and some history of the Greek. Quote:

Strong's Lexicon chilioi: Thousand

Original Word: χίλιοι Part of Speech: Adjective Transliteration: chilioi

Pronunciation: KHEE-lee-oy Phonetic Spelling: (khil'-ee-oy)

Definition: Thousand Meaning: a thousand.

Word Origin: Derived from the Greek word for "thousand."

Now listen to this.

Corresponding Greek / Hebrew Entries: - H505 (אֶלֶף, 'eleph): Often translated as "thousand" in the Old Testament, used in similar contexts to denote large numbers or completeness.

Hmm. The word can mean large numbers or it can mean completeness. So it can have two different meanings? Are you seeing this?

I found this this week. Never even heard the word before - but I've known this - we've all known this, it's not new. We've heard of synonyms and antonyms, but there are also contronyms. Quote:

Words That are Their Own Opposites

Many people—native-speakers and learners alike—decry English as being illogical, and they point to pairs like <u>flammable</u> and <u>inflammable</u> as examples. But there are other words that are just as frustrating: contronyms.

A contronym, also known as a 'Janus word,' is a word that is its own opposite—like 'fast', which can describe both quick movement, and lack of movement.

Frequently described as "words that are their own opposites," contronyms (contranym is a variant spelling) are also known as Janus words, antagonyms, and autoantonyms. These are words that have developed contradictory meanings. Cleave is often cited as the go-to contronym: it can refer to splitting something apart and to uniting two things. Those disgruntled at the phenomenon may be glad to know that the class of words is rather small, and also that there is usually some sort of logic at work.

So there's logic to these contrnyms. Sure, such as things which must shortly come to pass or the time is at hand. That's the logic that requires a different understanding of the word thousand. And that goes on for quite some time defining contonyms. There are a lot of words that mean the exact opposite. Back to the Greek.

Usage: The Greek word "χίλιοι" (chilioi) is used in the New Testament to denote the number one thousand. It is a cardinal number and is often used in contexts involving large quantities or significant numerical symbolism. In biblical literature, numbers can carry symbolic meanings, and "thousand" often represents completeness or a large, indefinite quantity.

There it is again. It can represent a large, indefinite quantity - or it often represents completeness. I'm telling you that in order for it to fit inside the clear as can be understanding of the things which must shortly come to pass - the most obvious definition of the word is completeness - rather than a large indefinite quantity. Now, I realize that I'm not exactly using these definitions the same way as a contronym should be understood - but I am telling you that the word has more than one definition - and one can mean a large, indefinite quantity - and the other can simply mean completeness. Doesn't matter if completeness takes a long time or a short time - the word thousand can mean completeness. Listen more. Quote:

Cultural and Historical Background: In ancient Greek and Jewish cultures, numbers held significant symbolic meanings. The number "thousand" was often used to express a large, complete, or perfect quantity. In Jewish apocalyptic literature, such as the Book of Revelation [ I hate how they said that, of course ], numbers are frequently used symbolically to convey theological truths. The use of "thousand" in these contexts can indicate a vast multitude or a complete period of time.

And, there it is again. It can indicate a vast multitude or it can mean a complete period of time. Just a completed amount of time. Not necessarily a long time - just a complete period of time. It continues:

#### **HELPS Word-studies**

5507 xílioi – properly, a thousand; the product of  $10 \times 10 \times 10$  (103, ten cubed); (figuratively) emphatic, total inclusiveness, showing no one (nothing) is left out. See also "the Millennium" in the HELPS prophecy-quide.

["Ten" in Scripture can already express the symbolic meaning "completely" (inclusively) so 5507 (xílioi) as the cube of 10 ("a thousand") powerfully stresses the meaning "full/inclusive" (totality).]

There you have it. And again - that's how thousand works with the rest of the Book. It means completeness. It means completely. And a thousand powerfully stresses the meaning of full/inclusive totality - completeness. It makes sense. This is a pretty big deal. It's the end of the Old Covenant World. It's a completely new and different way of doing things. It was the end of the age. It was the beginning of the New Covenant. It shouldn't come as any surprise that the phrase the end of the world is what describes it. The passing of the heavens and the earth. The last days, the end of days. The elements melting with a fervent heat. The word thousand powerfully stresses the totality, the meaning of completeness. It's over. It's ended.

Friends, it was a big deal, the biggest deal - for the Old Covenant to pass away and the New Covenant to begin. That's why there is such dramatic language that was used. Ten in Scripture can express the symbolic meaning of completely - and the cube of 10 - a thousand - powerfully stresses the meaning of totality - completeness - full/inclusive.

"Church" and "church words" and "churchmen" have killed us. They've set us back thousands of years. "Church" and synagogue are the same thing. Rabbi and the modern "pastor" is the same thing. Judaism and churchianity are the same thing. We better distance ourselves from those things are far as we can because the truth of God's Word and what these people teach are as far away as day and night.

The Kingdom / Government of God is not future. It came in the first century. It is the responsibility of every living, breathing creature to come out from men's little g "governments" today - and come into the Only God Ordained Government allowed to exist - the Government of God - the Kingdom of God, of Christ, of Heaven - the commonwealth of Israel.