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Bringing Hidden Things to Light



Psalms 78:2-4

I will open my mouth in a parable, I will utter dark sayings of old... We will not conceal them.

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The book *Dragon Flood* which begins with this issue of the Parables Bookshelf Newsletter will cause some to experience shock, or dismay as they discover that they have been deceived about a great many things. The retelling of history is often altered to advance some agenda of those doing the telling. What passes for historical truth today is largely a huge collection of half-truths, creative interpretation, disingenuous omissions, and outright lies.

When we are plied with these false accounts from the time we are very young, we begin on the wrong foot. We are conditioned to accept lies

and myths as truth before we have developed discernment, and before we have discovered that this world is a very deceptive place. Consequently, many people never break free of the lies and deceptions of false historical accounts. It takes a sincere love of the truth, and an active pursuit of the same, to escape from the web of lies we were born into.

No doubt, some who read this series will be offended by its revelations. History, even when it is filled with fables and gross inaccuracies, has a way of attaching itself to our emotions. We are told to view certain people as heroic and specific

events as triumphs of good over evil. When it is revealed that many of these heroes were despicable men and women who had very base motives, and many of the triumphs of history were actually victories of Satan and his servants, a significant number of people are offended at the truth. Some love their prejudiced views of a glorious nation and its virtuous founders so much that they will shut their eyes and stop their ears when they encounter facts that upset the fiction they have come to love.

If you love truth, you will embrace it even when it leads to disappointment or offense.

Food for Thought

If the whole church goes off into deception, that will in no way excuse us for not following Christ.

Leonard Ravenhill

Because many endeavor to get knowledge rather than to live well, they are often deceived and reap little or no benefit from their labor.

Thomas a Kempis

Scripture Memory

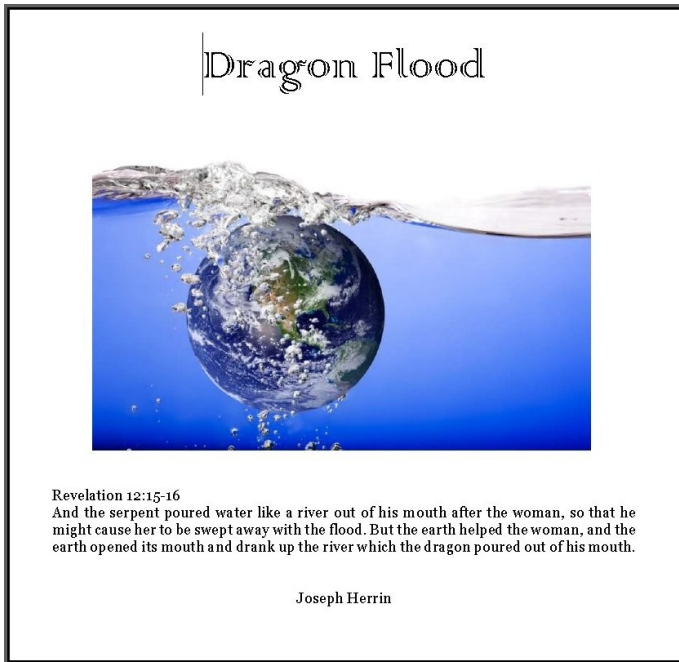
I John 4:1

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

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Introduction

I have anticipated this writing for quite some time. It addresses a very critical matter and reveals a tremendous danger for the saints of God. You will possibly be startled at some of the revelations that come forth in this series. The focus will be upon the extent to which the Christian's worldview has been shaped by the adversary who is called "the great deceiver."

Revelation 12:9

And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels (messengers) were thrown down with him.

It should be noted from the beginning of this series that the Greek word translated "angel" is also translated as "messenger" in the Bible. This reveals one of the chief functions of angelic beings as they interact with mankind. Yahweh has frequently used angels as messengers to deliver some heavenly communication to mankind.

In the Old Testament we read of Abraham speaking

with angelic messengers. We read of Jacob wrestling with the angel and refusing to let go until the angel spoke a word of blessing over him. We read of Gideon conversing with an angelic messenger who was sent to commission him to deliver Israel from her enemies. The parents of Samson had an encounter with an angel who told them that they would have a son, and that he was to live as a Nazarite. Yahweh sent angels to speak often to Daniel, and we even have the names of the angels Gabriel and Michael mentioned in the Bible.

In the New Testament we find that an angel appeared to Mary telling her that she had been chosen to bear the promised Messiah. An angel communicated to Joseph in dreams on a number of occasions. The angel told Joseph to not be afraid to take Mary as his wife, informing him that she was pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Later an angel appeared to him warning him to flee with his wife and child to Egypt. When the danger had passed the angel appeared again and told him to return to Israel. The apostle Paul spoke of an angel appearing before him and giving him news that the ship he was traveling on would be wrecked, but all those aboard would survive.

This role of a heavenly messenger is inextricably linked to angelic beings. It should come as no surprise that Satan, having corrupted his ways, utilizes various modes of communication to deceive mankind. The action of Satan as a deceiver of mankind is clearly revealed in Scripture. Satan has been eminently successful in this work. From the very first recorded conversation between Satan and a human in the garden we read of his employment of words to deceive and the awful consequences.

Genesis 3:13

Then Yahweh God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Throughout the Bible the words of Satan are pictured as something that mankind consumes. This is foreshadowed in the words of Eve, the mother of all living. She said, "The serpent deceived me, **and I ate.**" In the last book of the Bible we read that

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when the dragon spews forth a river of water from his mouth (words of deceit), the earth “opened its mouth and drank up the river.” Thus, from the opening book of the Bible, to the very end, we see Satan engaged in pouring forth words that mankind consumes to his great hurt and loss.

This function of Satan as a great deceiver is shared by men and women who are in league with him. The devil grants to unrighteous men the ability to speak words of deception that they might gain control over mankind. The book of Revelation figures Satan as the great dragon giving authority to a world ruler. This world ruler is marked by his subversive and perverse speech.

Revelation 13:1-8

And the dragon stood on the sand of the seashore... And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast; they worshiped the dragon because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?" ***There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies***, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him. ***And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven.*** It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him. All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.

What the wise Christian should understand is that this work of deceiving the nations is not merely a matter for the very last days of mankind. It will reach a crescendo at the end of the age, but it has been going on apace ever since Satan first spoke words of deception to mankind in the Garden. Today, having satisfied myself of the truth of this matter, I declare that the saints of God, even the elect, are subject to this work of delusion. Satan has persuaded mankind of many falsehoods. He has led the church to imbibe poisoned waters. There is not a realm of life in which this deception

cannot be observed to have infiltrated the minds and thinking of believers.

The apostle Paul, writing to the Hebrew saints of the first century spoke the following warning.

Hebrews 13:9

Do not be carried away by varied and strange teachings; for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, through which those who were so occupied were not benefitted.

Note the parallel employment of the words “strange teachings” and “foods.” Doctrines and thoughts are compared to foods that mankind consumes. Satan has been setting a table for mankind, and especially for the chosen of God, for long ages. He is a master at getting men and women to eat the very deadliest poisons that lead to ruin and destruction.

Note this connection between teaching and foods again in the following passage.

Revelation 2:20

But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and ***she teaches*** and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat ***things sacrificed to idols.***

The book of Revelation is written in symbolic speech. Eating things sacrificed to idols is a figure of speech meant to convey the thought that the church had

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been consuming doctrines of demons. There are prophets and prophetesses in the church today who are speaking perverse things that come from Satan. The end result of the church imbibing this poisoned food and drink is immorality and a darkened understanding. Satan has succeeded in replacing truth with lies, and forming in the minds of men and women everywhere falsehoods and deceptions that are accepted as truth.

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In this writing I will mention some specific examples of the falsehoods widely adopted by men and women in the church. I do not doubt that the majority of the readers of this series will find that they

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have been led astray by the deception spewing forth as a great flood from the mouth of Satan. His instruments of deception are legion. The entire earth is being flooded with lies.

The success Satan has enjoyed in deceiving the nations will only end when he is chained and cast into the abyss.

Revelation 20:1-3

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, **so that he would not deceive the nations any longer...**

Understand what is stated here. Satan will be bound at a future date to keep him from that work he has been doing with profound effect. Satan deceives the nations. You and I dwell in these nations. We are surrounded by a deceived population. To a great extent the deceptions embraced by society have been adopted by the saints. The whole world lies in the power of the evil one. Deceived people do not know they are deceived. Mankind's actions and judgments are predicated upon what they believe. When they have swallowed a lie, people depart from the will of God.

II Corinthians 11:3

But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray...

Paul's fears are well founded. The church has been led astray. Indeed, the condition of the church in these last days is far worse than that of the virgin church of the first century. The apostle foretells the wretchedness of the church in the end of the age

when the work of Satan has come to its full fruition.

II Timothy 4:3-4

For the time will come when they (men in the church) will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

Who is the author of false doctrines, and of the myths and fables the church has embraced? It is none other than Satan, the great deceiver. It is a tragic truth that in a majority of churches today the lessons being taught, and the doctrines being delivered, were written by Satan. Sound doctrine, that which originates in the mind of the Father, is not endured by the churches, which is to say "they will not tolerate it."

We live in a perilous hour when men prefer lies over truth, and this is the condition in the church as well as out. I have often written of the Christian's rejection of the disciple's cross, a message of suffering, and of self-denial. The church has rejected the afflicted path that alone leads to life. They have amassed to themselves preachers of ease and prosperity, willingly turning a deaf ear to that truth that can save them.

What will be shown in this teaching series is that the deceptions of Christians go far beyond doctrines of the kingdom of God. Christians have been drinking the poisoned water of Satan that is served up in the public schools. They drink from the polluted stream which spills from the television, that is broadcast over the radio, that is channeled through the Internet, and which comes forth as a flood through books, magazines, billboards, and a veritable smorgasbord of media. Some very big lies have been swallowed by the unwary.

It is my hope that by exposing the pervasive nature of lies in this world, the overcomers in Christ might be alert to the deception that is all around them. It is my hope that some might be awakened by these words and by the revelations and examples set

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forth.

Like a blind man who is given vision for the first time, the experience can be traumatic, even unsettling. It is a frightening event to have one's delusions stripped away and to be confronted with the truth. Yet, even a difficult truth is preferable to pleasant lies.

Revelation 13:9

If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

May you be blessed with peace and understanding as you read.

The Hidden Hand



Salomon Rothschild

To clearly have unveiled to one's eyes the vast deception that inundates the nations today the Christian must look beyond the realm of man to perceive those dark spiritual forces that have been at work among man since the fall of our first forebears in the Garden of Eden. Many people, and myriads of websites, books, and videos today are focused upon man's part in the deception of this world. The Illuminati, Freemasonry, and organizations such as the Bildebergers, the Trilateral Commission, and the Counsel on Foreign Relations are real. These are instruments of Satan, pawns in his hand to accomplish his evil plans. However, if one does not perceive the hand behind these groups of men and women they will surely find it difficult to conceive

of such wickedness being carried out over centuries, even millennia, ever marching forward toward a goal.

Men are by consequence of the fall and a shortened lifespan quite impatient. They want to quickly partake of their happiness, pleasure, power, fame, wealth, or whatever it is their soul lusts after. It is unusual for a man to plan beyond his own generation. He may perhaps give some attention to leaving an inheritance to his living offspring, but seldom does any man make earthly plans that will not be realized until well after his generation has passed.

Satan, however, has a longer view of things. Satan is not constrained by the same mortal lifespan that God placed upon mankind. He has been alive and present throughout the entire history of humanity. He has been steadily advancing his plan to bring all earthbound creation under his dominion. We do err when we see no further than the human agents that Satan operates through. We must perceive the greater mind and power behind the scenes. The apostle Paul perceived that mankind's greatest adversaries were not flesh and blood, but spiritual forces of darkness in league with Satan.

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Ephesians 6:12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Martin Luther was confronted with many of the human agents of Satan during his struggle against the lies, corruption, and tyranny of the Roman Catholic Church. Nevertheless, Luther realized that the Christian's greatest adversary was not the Pope, nor the emissaries of the Roman Church. He saw the diabolical hand behind evil men acting as their puppet master. In his famous song *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*, written in the year 1529, Luther made reference to mankind's great and ancient en-

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emy.

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;

Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:

*For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,*

On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,

Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:

*Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,*

And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,

We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us;

The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;

*His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.*

That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;

The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth;

*Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.*

The saints of God are in a similar struggle today. There are many adversaries that threaten the disciples of Christ. We would err if we saw no further than the governments of men, including those invisible governments that appoint and control the leaders of nations.

About twenty years ago a friend presented to me a

copy of the book *The Unseen Hand: An Introduction to the Conspiratorial View of History* by Ralph A. Epperson. It is an excellent book, extensively documented, revealing that there has been a cabal of international elites who have been orchestrating many world events for centuries. These men have started wars, overthrown governments, incited insurrections, and collapsed economies, all the while remaining unseen, hiding behind the visible governments and institutions of the nations.

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Many governments, including that of America, are merely puppets to this secret cabal of hyper-wealthy bankers and industrialists. The reasons provided to the masses to justify wars and radical legislation are largely subterfuge and deceit. The citizenry are made to think that the national interests and security of their nation are under attack when the truth reveals that this is a ruse to further the ambitions and plans of an international coalition of men and women who believe it is their right to control the course of nations.

Although Epperson's book was published in 1985, it is not difficult to perceive a continuance of the conspiratorial hand of a global elite in the last 27 years. The name of his book *The Unseen Hand*, is well chosen and insightful. Even as Satan seeks to operate through deception, so too do those servants of his among mankind seek to remain hidden, keeping their presence and activities obscured through deceit and anonymity.

Those who are in league with Satan have adopted the symbolism of the unseen hand to denote their occult (hidden from sight) activities. They have signaled their true allegiance and hidden agenda through symbols. A common symbol employed to denote that one is a servant of unseen masters is to have a picture or portrait made with one hand hidden inside of their clothing.

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Napoleon Bonaparte

One of the best known depictions of a famous world leader with one hand hidden is that of Napoleon. Freemasonry claims Napoleon as one of their own. In the Royal Arch degree of Freemasonry the initiate is brought into deeper levels of the hidden mysteries of their organization. This is a key level, being the 7th degree of York Rite Freemasonry and the 13th degree of the Scottish Rite. At this level the Mason has disclosed before him the name of the god of Freemasonry. This name is Jahbulon.

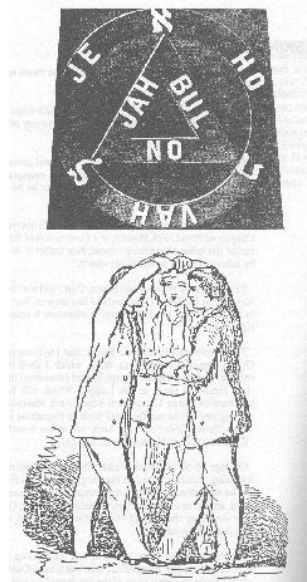
The name Jahbulon is a perverse admixture of the name of Yah, the God of the Hebrews, with Bul (also known as Bel and Baal) of the Babylonians, and On (also called Osiris), the god of the Egyptians. Those things which have been hidden by secret societies out of fear of the reaction of the populace who hold other beliefs, are at the end of this age now beginning to come into the light of day. Satan's influence upon society has increased to such an extent that he is beginning to show himself overtly, looking to the coming day when he will be worshiped openly by all men as the god of the world.



Jabulani Ball, 2010 FIFA World Cup Soccer

At the World Cup match in Johannesburg, South Africa in 2010, the soccer ball was custom made and bore the name Jabulani. The ball also bore a striking resemblance to a fly's head. One of the names of Satan in the Bible is Beelzebub, which is translated "lord of the flies." Furthermore, during these same South African games, the traditional vuvuzela horns were blown by the spectators. These horns make a sound described as similar to the buzzing of many flies.

During the initiation ceremony for the Royal Arch degree of Freemasonry, three men come together to form the Royal Arch. Each of the three men pronounce one part of the name of their god. The first man says "Jah," the second "Bul," and the third "On." The name is considered too holy for any one man to declare fully. This is merely a deceit of Satan who wishes to have the individual names of the deities of Babylon and Egypt placed on the same level as the God of the Hebrew.



Jah-Bul-On Royal Arch

Satan is bringing these symbols more and more into the open as the end of the age nears. As he works to establish Babylon, his kingdom, upon the earth once more, these Satanic symbols will be expressed more openly. I perceived in the icon for the 2016 Olympic games in Rio De Janeiro that it is a stylized representation of the Royal Arch degree.

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This leads one to consider whether 2016 has been determined as the time when Satan will be declared openly as the god of this world.



Rio 2016 Royal Arch Icon

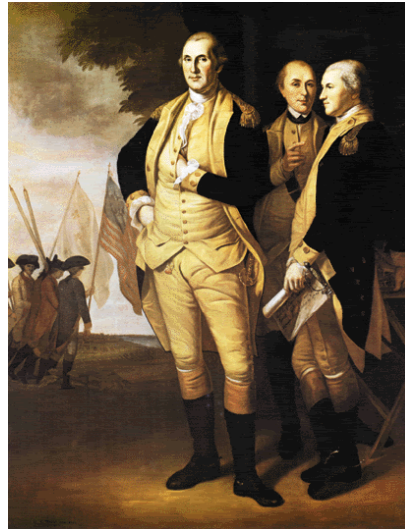
Returning to the symbol of the hidden hand and its relationship to government leaders who are directed by allegiances unknown to most of the population of their countries, we see that this is not an obscure matter. America's very first president was a Freemason. George Washington's Masonic apron is on display to this day in Philadelphia at the Masonic Lodge Museum in that city. The apron was presented to Washington in 1784 by the Marquis de Lafayette, a famous French Freemason who served in the Revolutionary War.

It should be noted that Washington began his first term as President in 1789, thus his allegiance and elevation within the lodge were already established.



George Washington's Masonic Apron

There are a number of symbols and elements of this apron that indicate that Washington had passed the Royal Arch degree. Although it is not obvious from the picture due to fading over the years, one of the predominant colors is red. Red is the color of the Royal Arch degree. Around the circle at the top of the apron are letters that are associated with the Royal Arch degree, as is the rainbow that goes from one column to another forming an arch. It should not be surprising then that Washington had secret allegiances, having taken many oaths to serve a secret organization that was despised by the majority of Americans at the time. This secret allegiance is revealed in a number of portraits that were drawn of him as he posed with one hand hidden inside his garment.



George Washington Portrait by Charles Wilson Peale

Note also the placement of Washington's feet. The alignment of the feet indicate the height to which a man has advanced in Freemasonry. The stance in which Washington is portrayed here by Charles Wilson Peale indicates that Washington had attained to the level of a Master Mason. At such a level Washington would have taken repeated oaths, uttering terrible imprecations against his own life if he failed to uphold his allegiance to Freemasonry. The above portrait was made while Washington was 52 years old, five years before he began serving as President.

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Another Portrait of Washington by Peale



Yet Another Portrait of Washington by Peale

The image of the hidden hand, like the all seeing eye, is intrinsically linked to Freemasonry. It reveals that the person has allegiances that are secret, that they serve a master that is kept hidden from the masses of the uninitiated. In the recently published book *The Temple and the Lodge* written by Michael Baigent and Richard Leigh, the history of the Knight's Templar and the Freemasons are delved into. The book includes the following statements.

Of the fifty-six signatories of the Declaration of Independence, only nine can definitely be identified as Freemasons, while ten others may possibly have been. Of the general officers in the Continental Army, there were so far as documentation can

establish, thirty-three Freemasons out of seventy-four. Granted the known Freemasons were, as a rule, more prominent, more instrumental in shaping the course of events than their unaffiliated colleagues...

On 25 May 1787, the Constitutional Convention opened in Philadelphia and commenced its efforts to devise the machinery of government for the new nation. The first voice to make itself heard in any significantly influential way was a characteristically Freemasonic one, that of Edmund Randolph.. Randolph...a member of a Williamsburg lodge, had become Washington's aide-de-camp. Subsequently he was to become Attorney-General, then governor of Virginia and Grand Master of Virginia's Grand Lodge. During Washington's presidency, he was to serve as the first Attorney-General of the United States, then the first Secretary of State...

There were ultimately five dominant and guiding spirits behind the Constitution - Washington, Franklin, Randolph, Jefferson and John Adams. Of these, the first three were active Freemasons, but men who took their Freemasonry extremely seriously - men who subscribed fervently to its ideals, whose entire orientation had been shaped and conditioned by it. And Adam's position, though he himself is not known to have been a Freemason was virtually identical to theirs. When he became president, moreover, he appointed a prominent Freemason, John Marshall, as first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

[End Excerpts]

The number of Freemasons to sign *The Declaration of Independence* is much disputed. The above estimate must be considered very conservative, and should be noted that the authors were seeking to counter the view that Freemasons had an inordinate influence upon the founding of America's government.

Manly P. Hall in his book *America's Assignment with Destiny* states that 51 of the 56 signers were

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Freemasons. Manly Hall was writing as an advocate of Freemasonry, so his figures may reflect this bias. The truth likely lies somewhere between the low estimate of nine, and the higher estimates in the fifties.

The influence of Freemasonry in Washington's life is further observed in that the oath he took as President on April 30, 1789 was administered by the Grand Master of Masons in New York, Robert R. Livingston. This strikes me as extremely significant that the oath of office for the first president of the United States was administered by a Masonic Grand Master. It gives one pause to consider to whom the true allegiance and oath was made.

I am quite certain that this information was not included in your American history lessons in the public school systems. From the cradle to the grave Americans are propagandized. They are fed a diet of falsehood and deception that will lead them to become good corporate citizens and patriotic supporters of a government that is at its heart Luciferian.

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If you find such a blunt declaration of the truth offensive, I invite you to judge this matter by the fruit you see, as Christ counseled His disciples to do. Can a government that began by giving implicit consent to the slave trade, that has declared it to be a basic right for a woman to murder her baby while in the womb, that has become the world's chief proponent of homosexuality, be in any way deemed to be Christian? If it is true that a tree is known by its fruit, then as fruit inspectors we must conclude that Satan is the true guiding force in this nation's government, and has been from its inception.

My aim in pointing these things out is to reveal that the world is drowning in falsehood and deception. It is also my desire to exhort the saints of God to look beyond the human hand to see the dark spiritual forces that are ruling in the shadows.

Although Ralph Epperson does an admirable job of

revealing the hidden works of a secret government behind the visible governments of men, one thing you will not find in his book is a deeper delving to see that there is a further layer of control behind all. The Masons at the highest levels acknowledge a higher spiritual power that is directing them. The eye atop the pyramid on the Great Seal of the United States represents that spiritual being that is above all governments in this fallen world system. It is a symbol of Satan who parades himself as the all wise, all knowing, Grand Architect of the Universe.

The very word Mason is associated with building. All builders must be directed by a chief architect. The chief architect of the Freemasons is Lucifer. Only those who have passed through many degrees and have been deemed worthy and loyal, having their minds amenable to accept Lucifer as the god of light and truth, have the true character of Freemasonry revealed to them. Albert Pike, author of the encyclopedic Masonic tome titled *Morals and Dogma* stated that to the brothers of the 30th degree and above it could be divulged that their teachings were "Luciferian doctrines." Satan is the great deceiver who deceives the whole world. He practices deception even upon his own followers.

II Corinthians 4:4

The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.



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In a well staged puppet show the one hand that is not seen is that of the puppet master. Today Satan is pulling the strings of mankind. Billions are dancing to his tune. Satan's chief instrument to manipulate mankind and shape their actions is deception. He is like the Pied Piper. As he pipes his tune the masses of mankind are responding, following blindly wherever he leads.

In George Washington's inaugural prayer, delivered on April 30, 1789, he included the following statement.

*"No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the **Invisible Hand** which conducts the affairs of men more than the people of the United States."*

It should be noted that George Washington did not once mention Jesus Christ in his inaugural prayer, nor the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Understanding that he was a Freemason, whether he spoke with knowing intelligence, or in ignorance, that Invisible Hand guiding his actions was not Yahweh, but Lucifer. This makes his statement all the more troubling for those who are having their eyes opened to discern the truth of America's founding.

As a Christian growing up in America I was fully immersed in the flood waters of Satanic propaganda. The enemy has been setting forth a picture of reality that is completely false. Americans are saturated with a fictional worldview whose author is Satan. There is no nation on earth that has escaped from this diabolical shaping of their views and beliefs. Tragically, the people of God have been no more successful in escaping the control of the puppet master than those who are strangers to the kingdom of God. The church has been drinking the waters pouring forth from the mouth of the dragon without discretion or discernment.

It is needful at this time for the people of God to wake up, to recognize the extent of the lies all around them. If they do not they will be swept away by the waters of the great dragon.

A Biblical Interpretation of American History



Signing of The Declaration of Independence

One of the great failings of Christians is observed in their embrace of the historical views of nations thrust upon them by a godless society. The Scriptures declare that Christians are aliens and strangers in this world, yet all too often those who confess Christ Yahshua to be their Savior and Lord hold a world view that is based upon the myths and deceptions set forth by sinful and rebellious men and angels. Nowhere is this spiritual blindness among the people of God seen more clearly than in America. The churches have bought into the lie that America was founded as a "Christian nation." American patriots fill the pews of churches all across the United States. An attack on America is deemed by myriads of Christians to be the equivalent of an attack on God Himself.

I grew up in churches in the 1960s and 1970s where it was a common practice to have a Christian flag and the flag of the United States set up front on the platform where the minister preached. The congregation faced these flags week after week, and no one ever questioned whether this practice was right, or whether the Holy Spirit had been the initiator of it.

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Church Displaying Flags

The practice of displaying the American flag next to a flag that symbolizes Christianity, establishes a mental connection of there being a oneness and unity of purpose in the government of God and the government of America. The two flags stand side by side as brothers in arms. There is nothing to suggest that there is any antipathy between the entities and persons signified by these emblems.

One of the reasons this deceit has been swallowed so freely is that Christians in America have not tested the claims of America's founding that they heard while attending the public and private schools of the nation. They have not heeded the counsel of Christ to His disciples.

Matthew 10:16

Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

Is it wisdom to accept the claims of American history without examining carefully those stories set forth so widely to see whether they be true? Should the Christian automatically embrace views that proclaim America's form of government to be divinely inspired, that infer the framers of the nation's documents to have been guided by the hand of God, and which presuppose that the men involved with the establishment of the government were believers in Jesus Christ/Yahshua the Messiah? A critical testing of the views adopted by the masses of professing Christians in America reveal

that a work of great deception has been accomplished. The church has not acquitted itself as the noble Bereans whom the apostle Paul praised for examining the claims they heard to see whether they were true.

There have been some very popular books in recent years such as *The Light and the Glory* by Peter Marshall and David Manuel that have promoted the idea of America being a Christian nation. The effect of these books has been to reinforce the false notion that America has a divine destiny and the founding fathers of the nation were guided by God to create a form of government that is pure and righteous. Such books and teachings fall woefully short in the area of exercising a healthy skepticism. They assume that everyone who names the name of Jesus, or who speaks of "God" are referring to the same beings that are set forth in the pages of Scripture. Christ cautioned His disciples with the following words:

Matthew 24:5

"For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many."

The naive and ignorant are ever prone to believe lies. God does not declare it to be a virtue to be either naive, nor ignorant.

John 7:24

"Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment."

There was no man among the founding fathers who was more involved in the formation of the nation of America than John Adams. Although Jefferson penned *The Declaration of Independence*, it was largely the influence of John Adams that saw its adoption. Jefferson referred to Adams as "The Colossus of that Congress—the great pillar of support to *The Declaration of Independence*, and its ablest advocate and champion on the floor of the House."

In his, "*A Defence of the Constitutions of Government of the United States of America*" [1787-1788], John Adams wrote:

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*The United States of America have exhibited, perhaps, the **first example of governments erected on the simple principles of nature**; and if men are now sufficiently **enlightened** to disabuse themselves of artifice, imposture, hypocrisy, and superstition, they will consider this event as an era in their history. Although the detail of the formation of the American governments is at present little known or regarded either in Europe or in America, it may hereafter become an object of curiosity. **It will never be pretended that any persons employed in that service had interviews with the gods, or were in any degree under the influence of Heaven**, more than those at work upon ships or houses, or laboring in merchandise or agriculture; **it will forever be acknowledged that these governments were contrived merely by the use of reason and the senses.***

[End Quotation]

This is a true and accurate statement of the origination of the founding documents of America and its governmental structure. Some might object that the men who framed these documents made mention of God. A Christian is not manifesting wisdom if they accept all things at face value. They will surely be led astray into forming false conceptions of the birth of America and the merits of its governmental forms if they do not perform due diligence and investigate the men who penned these seminal documents, while looking into the influences that guided them.

We need not guess as to the beliefs of these men for their writings have been preserved for posterity. We can examine their own statements to know what they thought about God, His Son, and the Christian religion. The following statements of Thomas Jefferson reveal his opinion of the Bible and of the person of Jesus Christ, Yahshua the Messiah.

Among the sayings and discourses imputed to him [Jesus] by his biographers, I find many passages of fine imagination, correct morality, and of the most lovely benevolence; and others again of so much ignorance, so much absurdity, so much untruth, charlatanism, and imposture, as to pro-

nounce it impossible that such contradictions should have proceeded from the same being.

[Source: Thomas Jefferson, letter to William Short, April 13, 1820]

In a letter to John Adams, Jefferson wrote the following, revealing his justification for creating his own version of the gospels of Christ.

The whole history of these books (the Gospels) is so defective and doubtful that it seems vain to attempt minute enquiry into it: and such tricks have been played with their text, and with the texts of other books relating to them, that we have a right, from that cause, to entertain much doubt what parts of them are genuine. In the New Testament there is internal evidence that parts of it have proceeded from an extraordinary man (Jesus Christ); and that other parts are of the fabric of very inferior minds. It is as easy to separate those parts, as to pick out diamonds from dunghills.

[Source: Thomas Jefferson, letter to John Adams, January 24, 1814, (parenthesis added)]

It is observable from this statement that Jefferson did not believe Jesus to be anything other than an “extraordinary man.” What Jefferson referred to as the work of inferior minds includes the virgin birth of Christ, as well as all of Christ’s miracles of healing, casting out demons, and His bodily resurrection. In another letter he penned the following comment:

It will never be pretended that any persons... were in any degree under the influence of Heaven.

And the day will come when the mystical generation (birth) of Jesus, by the supreme being as his father in the womb of a virgin will be classed with the fable of the generation of Minerve in the brain of Jupiter. But may we hope that the dawn of reason and freedom of thought in these United States will do away with this artificial scaffolding, and restore to us the primitive and genuine doctrines of this most venerated reformer of human errors.

[Source: Thomas Jefferson, Letter to John Adams, April 11, 1823]

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That this discourse occurred between Jefferson and Adams, two men most intimately connected to the writing and passage of America's *Declaration of Independence* and *Constitution*, reveals not only that they did not accept Jesus Christ/Yahshua the Messiah as the Son of God, but they looked forward to the overthrow of beliefs and claims of Christ's divinity and virgin birth that they considered to be deplorable fables. The Bible testifies the following:

I John 4:1-3

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; and **every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist**, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

What does the apostle John mean when he states that "Jesus Christ has come in the flesh?" We can look at John's own writings to answer this question.

John 8:42

Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me."

I John 4:15

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

I John 5:5

Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Since Jefferson denied that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God, the Scriptures testify that God was not Thomas Jefferson's Father. The apostle John says that those who testify lies concerning the Christ, denying His deity, denying that Jesus was God come in the flesh *are manifesting the spirit of antichrist*. As more evidence is presented in this teaching series it will be made readily apparent that it has been the spirit of antichrist guiding the American government from its inception down to this day.

Many Christians have been fooled by false historical accounts of the nation's founding and of the character and

beliefs of its founding fathers. They have not "examined all things carefully" as the apostle Paul admonished them to do. Nor have they been "as wise as serpents, but harmless as doves" as Christ commanded His followers to be in this world. Some look at the inscription on the Jefferson Memorial in Washington and are beguiled into thinking that Jefferson was a defender of the faith of Christianity. On his memorial is the following quotation:

"I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man."

There are very few Christians who have done their homework in order to understand the context of this Jefferson quotation. Thomas Jefferson penned these words while he was running for election to the Presidency of the United States. There were numerous ministers from the area of Philadelphia who were aware of Jefferson's antichrist spirit. They understood that Jefferson was a deist who believed in a god of nature that could not be known on a personal level. Jefferson viewed all teaching of a personal God who is active in the affairs of men as rubbish. He discounted the divine inspiration of the Bible in both the Old and New Testaments. A number of ministers from Philadelphia put out pamphlets warning the local citizenry about Jefferson's beliefs.

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In a letter written to Benjamin Rush in 1800 Thomas Jefferson commented on the opposition of these Christian ministers.

"The returning good sense of our country threatens abortion to their hopes, & they (the clergy) believe that any portion of power confided to me, will be exerted in opposition to their schemes. And they believe rightly; for I have sworn upon the altar of God, eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man. But this is all they have to fear from me: & enough too in their opinion, & this is the cause of their printing lying pamphlets against me. . ."

(Parentheses added)

What many Christians have mistakenly taken as evidence of Jefferson's belief in the God of the Bible, is actually an extract from statements he wrote in defense of the local clergy's reproof of his lack of belief in the deity of Christ.

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Since Jefferson played so large a part in the foundation of America, and the writing of her most influential documents, one must ask what truly shaped his thoughts. Jefferson studied the philosophers of what has come to be known as *The Enlightenment*. These philosophers believed that reason was the highest principle upon which to base all science and politics. These same philosophers discounted revelation, such as that identified as Holy Scripture, and they denied the miraculous, clinging only to those things that the rational mind could conceive. Jefferson's thoughts are revealed in the following quotation:

“Question with boldness even the existence of a god; because if there be one he must approve of the homage of reason more than that of blindfolded fear.”

[Source: Thomas Jefferson, Letter to Peter Carr, August 10, 1787]

In evaluating this statement by Jefferson one must remember that he had read the Scriptures and was familiar with their testimony. Yet Jefferson rejected the God of the Bible, clinging to a notion of some unknowable deity that created the Universe and established it upon certain laws. In seeking to understand these natural laws, Jefferson thought that not only could science be advanced to a much higher degree, but that one could establish a more perfect government than the world had known before.

It is noteworthy to point out the correlation between the name of the movement known as *The Enlightenment* and the name Lucifer. Lucifer means “light bearer.” Satan is the origin of the mythological being known as Prometheus who brought the wisdom of the gods down to man. Prometheus was said to have taught men the secrets of fire, violating the commandment of Zeus.



Statue of Prometheus (Lucifer) at Rockefeller Center - New York City

II Corinthians 11:14-15

Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds.

The Greek word translated “angel” is also rendered as “messenger.” Satan makes himself appear as a messenger of light to mankind. The EnLIGHTenment's adherents embraced a philosophy that was Luciferian in its origin. Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and numerous others who were among the founding father's of the nation were guided by this Luciferian light. *The Enlightenment* was guided by a central philosophy that manifested an elevated regard for reason. The thought was adopted that men could by the employment of pure reason, separated from all superstition (religious thought) and selfishness, form “a more perfect union.” Jefferson, Adams, and those others working alongside of them, believed that the principles set forth by the luminaries of *The Enlightenment* could be employed to create a governmental system far superior from the monarchies and other political forms that were common to the nations.

The apostle Paul had encountered many such “enlightened” philosophies in his day. There were many among the Greeks and Romans who had their various schools of enlightenment. The Greeks elevated philosophy to a national religion.

I Corinthians 1:22-23

For indeed Jews ask for signs and **Greeks search for wisdom**; but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness...

What these men call wisdom is actually the subtle deception of Satan. Satan has persuaded men that they are capable of self-rule, following in his own path of rebellion against the God of heaven. Paul calls the philosophy of man what it truly is.

Colossians 2:8

See to it that no one takes you captive through **philosophy** and **empty DECEPTION**, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.

It was the empty deception of *The Enlightenment* that Jefferson and Adams were following. As the Christian

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recognizes Lucifer to be the source of this rational philosophy, it should not be surprising that students of *The Enlightenment* manifested an antichrist spirit as they declared the divinity of Christ to be false, the virgin birth to be a myth, and the resurrection of the Son of God to be a detestable lie.

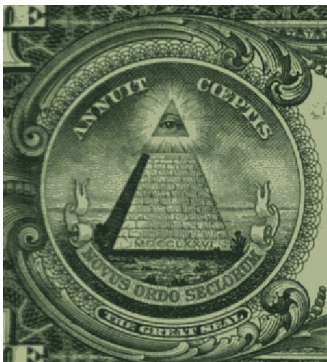
The godly man and woman who has the mind of Christ will recognize that Thomas Jefferson was a natural man without spiritual perception to whom the words of God appeared as foolishness. Jefferson named those philosophers whose teachings he admired in a letter to Adams, while disparaging Christian belief.

To talk of immaterial existences is to talk of nothings. To say that the human soul, angels, god, are immaterial, is to say they are nothings, or that there is no god, no angels, no soul. I cannot reason otherwise: but I believe I am supported in my creed of materialism by Locke, Tracy, and Stewart. At what age of the Christian church this heresy of immaterialism, this masked atheism, crept in, I do not know. But heresy it certainly is.

[Source: Thomas Jefferson, letter to John Adams, Aug. 15, 1820]

It was Locke who first penned a phrase that was later modified and made famous by Jefferson. John Locke discussed natural rights in his work, and identified them as being "life, liberty, and estate (or property)." Jefferson modified this statement and made it famous.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.



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We can see, then that rather than being influenced by the Bible, or by the teachings of Christianity, the author of *The Declaration of Independence* was influenced by

the philosophers of *The Enlightenment*. The wisdom of *The Enlightenment* was that which derived from Lucifer.

When this truth is perceived one can then recognize how men who had embraced *The Enlightenment* could join hands with Freemasons in their work of forming a new nation. Both groups ultimately had Lucifer as their head.

To men like Jefferson and Adams, the all seeing eye atop the pyramid represented the attainment of enlightened reasoning whereby great and lasting things could be built. To men like George Washington it signified the attainment of mankind's highest state through the study of the mysteries of Freemasonry. The motto of Freemasonry is "Making good men better." Because both Freemasonry and *The Enlightenment* are works of the great deceiver, these men found that they shared a common spirit and purpose. This common spirit is the spirit of antichrist.

In the following letter Thomas Jefferson shared his opinion that the God of the Bible was no better than a demon.

I concur with you strictly in your opinion of the comparative merits of atheism and demonism, and really see nothing but the latter in the being worshipped by many who think themselves Christians.

[Source: Thomas Jefferson, letter to Richard Price, Jan. 8, 1789 (Richard Price had written to Thomas Jefferson on Oct. 26. about the harm done by religion and wrote "Would not Society be better without Such religions?")]

In this view, Jefferson, who was never a Freemason, shares the perspective of high level Masons who declare Lucifer to be the true god of wisdom while Yahweh (Adonay) is judged to be the God of darkness and evil. On July 14, 1889, Albert Pike, Sovereign Grand Commander of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, and author of numerous Masonic books, addressed the 23 Supreme Councils of the world. His words were recorded by Abbe Clarin De La Rive in *La Femme et l' Enfant dans la Franc-Maconnerie Universelle (Woman and Child in Universal Freemasonry)*, published in 1894.

That which we must say to the crowd is - We worship a God, but it is the God that one adores without superstition.

To you, Sovereign Grand Inspectors General [of the 33rd degree], we say this, that you may repeat it to the Brethren of the 32nd, 31st, and 30th degrees - The Ma-

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sonic religion should be, by all of us initiates of the high degrees, maintained in the purity of the Luciferian doctrine.

If Lucifer were not God, would Adonay, the God of the Christians, whose deeds prove his cruelty, perfidy, and hatred of man, barbarism and repulsion for science, would Adonay and his priests, calumniate him?

Yes, Lucifer is God, and unfortunately Adonay is also God. For the eternal law is that there is no light without shade, no beauty without ugliness, no white without black, for the absolute can only exist as two Gods: darkness being necessary to light to serve as its foil as the pedestal is necessary to the statue, and the brake to the locomotive...

Thus, the doctrine of Satanism is a heresy; and the true and pure philosophic religion is the belief in Lucifer, the equal of Adonay; but Lucifer, God of Light and God of Good, is struggling for humanity against Adonay, the God of Darkness and Evil.

[End Quotation]

Thomas Jefferson deemed the God of the Bible to be demonic in character. How is it that this man, who was a student of *The Enlightenment*, arrived at the same conclusion as the most esteemed Freemason of America, Albert Pike? Pike described God's deeds as proving his "cruelty, perfidy, and hatred of man." Pike attributed to Yahweh barbarism, and so too did Jefferson. The answer lies in the fact that both Freemasonry and *The Enlightenment* have Satan as their author.

Myriads of Christians have been propagandized to believe that America's government was divinely inspired and perfectly compatible with the teachings of Christ and His disciples. Having neglected to search out this matter themselves, they believe the lies which advance the notion that the founding father's of the nation were godly men who honored the God of the Bible. The truth as set forth in these men's own words reveal that they held the Scriptures in contempt.

It is between fifty and sixty years since I read it [the book of Revelation], and I then considered it merely the ravings of a maniac, no more worthy nor capable of explanation than the incoherences of our own nightly dreams.

[Source: Thomas Jefferson, letter to General Alexander Smyth, Jan. 17, 1825]

Jefferson compiled his own version of the four Gospels which has become known as *The Jefferson Bible*. Jefferson removed from the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John every passage that mentioned Christ's virgin birth, His deity, His miracles, and His resurrection. He left in only that which his rational mind could accept as plausible. Jefferson's contempt for other portions of Scripture is revealed in the note above where he described The Revelation written by the apostle John as akin to "the ravings of a maniac."

Is it possible that such men would create a form of government on Earth that is in harmony with the teachings of Christ and His apostles? This subject will be discussed further in the next chapter.

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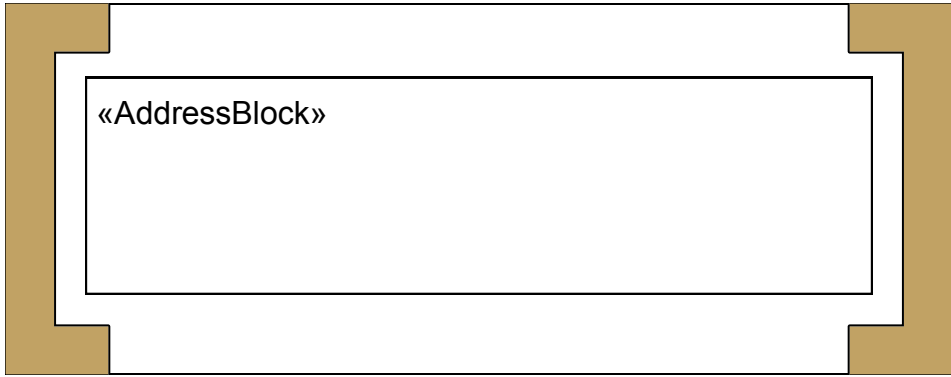
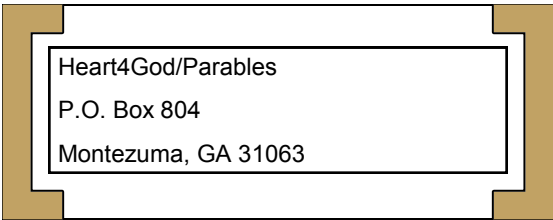
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PARABLES PRECEPT— The Significance of Numbers



Every word and detail in the Bible was inspired by the Holy Spirit with profound significance, even the numbers that are mentioned

in the text. E.W. Bullinger , a minister who lived in the 1800s, published a very insightful book titled *Number in Scripture*. I refer to this book frequently when I want to quickly find the meaning Yahweh attaches to specific numbers.

Most Christians recognize that God assigns significance to numbers. For example, the majority of believers associate the number 666 with “the mark of the beast.”

Revelation 13:18

Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666.

Few Christians, however, recognize the extent to which Yahweh has attached meaning to numbers in the Bible. Why did Jacob have 12 sons which became the 12 tribes of Israel? Why did Joshua appoint 12 men as spies to search out the land of Canaan? Why did Yahshua choose 12 men to be His disciples? Why not 14, or 37, or 6?

We can learn much as we begin to observe how God uses numbers in the Bible and in His creation. This understanding opens up a whole new realm of insight and revelation. In the following Parables Bookshelf newsletters, the back page will look at some numbers found in the Scriptures and the significance Yahweh attaches to them.