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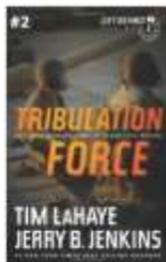
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RELEVANCE of REAL REVELATION #1 of 6.

Will the Real Second Coming Please Step Forward?

INTRODUCTION: As you in your reading begin to get solidly into II Timothy 2, you begin to note certain jarring notes and unexpected tones of an alternate universe and an alternate Bible that has through the centuries been developed by Satan and his cohorts.

1. The jarring and surprise starts with II Timothy 2:14 with the advice that there can be and will be among Christians and churches **SOME PREACHERS THAT GET OFF FROM A PROPER MESSAGE FOR HEARERS TO WORDS THAT DO NOT PROFIT.**

“Of these things put *them* in remembrance, charging *them* before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers.” (II Timothy 2:14)

Paul says put the churches in remembrance, or remind them that this can happen, and don't you suppose that with all the talk in the churches of the "Left Behind" series out of Hollywood and from Scofield thru DTS, we also in our churches today need reminds of proper and improper messages, proper and improper words, some words that help the listeners and some words that hinder the hearers. "What does it matter" some may say that Left Behind teaches a false secret rapture like Paul is countering here in the second chapter of II Timothy, after all no harm, no fowl. Well, first of all being untrue--there is no secret rapture, only the real Second Coming of Christ at the end of time – then WORDS OF LEFT BEHIND ARE WORDS TO NO PROFIT.

2. The Left Behind series of a secret rapture are PROFANE AND VAIN BABBLINGS that only serve to increase ungodliness.

But shun profane *and* vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

How do they increase ungodliness you say? Well, first of all any false doctrine and false teaching promotes ungodliness because it distracts and takes away from the real second coming of Christ.

3. The Word of Message of the Left Be hinders eats like a canker, and then Paul gets to specific personalities, Hymenaeus and Philetus that are a CANKER in the church body.

And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;

Most know that cankers are sores in the mouth, so H&P like the teachers of a secret rapture are sores in the mouth. You will notice something in II Timothy, Paul does not try to separate the progenitor from the message.

From Merriam Webster Dictionary:

Definition of canker

(Entry 1 of 2)

1a(1): *an erosive or spreading sore*

(2): *an area of necrosis in a plant also : a plant disease characterized by cankers Citrus canker is caused by bacteria.*

b: *any of various disorders of animals marked by chronic inflammatory changes*

2 *archaic : a caterpillar destructive to plants*

3 *chiefly dialectal : RUST_SENSE 1*

4: *a source of corruption or debasement suspicion is a canker that ... will consume and waste all love – R. Sibbes*

5 *chiefly dialectal : DOG ROSE*

4. A fundamentals principle of the Bible should be pointed out here, false doctrine or what often in the Bible is called “doctrines of devils” is accompanied by “seducing spirits” that are even worse than the doctrines. And you begin to see the definition of canker as a verb, that there are seducing spirits. While it is hard to look at that preacher today in a nice suit and in a large and wealthy pulpit as presenting doctrines of devils, you can easier see that seducing spirits by their very nature and definition are hidden. Of course, if you will listen carefully while fulfilling the admonition of the Bible to SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES, you will begin to realize that you are heading some jarring notes. Such should be the case as listening to the DTS graduate Dr. Jeffress.

canker

verb

cankered; cankering \ 'kɑŋ-k(ə-)rɪŋ \

Definition of canker (Entry 2 of 2)

transitive verb

1 obsolete : to infect with a spreading sore

2: to corrupt the spirit of a relationship cankered by jealousy

intransitive verb

1: to become infested with canker

2: to become corrupted

5. “THEIR MESSAGE” eats like a canker of cancer, and it overthrows the faith on some.

Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

That in the early churches and from H&P was a resurrection from the dead, in reality which only takes place at the Second Coming of Christ, that had secretly taken place without the main church body knowing, and that startled and confused them on all the sound doctrine they had already been taught.

2 Timothy 2:14-26 and 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 records for all to see and read, also hear if the fundamentalists in control of the SBC would exegetically preach it without the bad hermeneutics of a divided Bible.

We could continue this background history indefinitely on "he said" and "they said", and in fact so the warfare goes on today online and in books between the fundamentalists and other southern Baptist; but this would not get us further into the main series under development, "Baptist Distinctives", "Itching Ears Theology" as part of the great apostasy called the Falling Away, or of "Gospel Pride, the One Baptism of the book of Romans". The objective is best achieved by a positive exegesis of II Timothy 2:14-26 and 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 where the Word of God and through the Apostle Paul in particular dealt with what is called a "secret rapture" today. Of course, we always give up ground to the BBFFers when we use words like "rapture", "millennium", and "dispensation" that they have strived throughout the

Scofield Bible Notes to add to the Bible. This much we will come into their little world of eschatology started by Darby, Scofield, and which found a nest in Dallas, to temporarily admit that those words exist in theology, not in Bible; but the words of the two passages above are respectively “who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that **the resurrection** is already past, and they overthrow the faith of some” (II Timothy 2:18) and “Now, brethren, concerning the **coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering to Him**, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come” (II Thessalonians 2:1,2). The same thing could be stated with a simple quote from a wise and experienced pilgrim on the Christian life, “Share your convictions, I have enough doubts of my own.”

2-1: Even as you have noted that no heresy has arisen like the secret rapture of 1830, Mormonism, Catholicism, Mohammedanism, and Messianic Judaism not already dealt with in the Bible by Jesus and the Apostles, definitive and sufficiently except that required by Jude in the “defence of the faith once give to the saints”, so just a straight forward exegesis of the these three verses above from II Timothy and II Thessalonians alone, and without the total context, which we will also do an exegesis on,

should put to sleep any talk about a secret rapture.

1. Immediately before looking at the “resurrection past” {you notice first century Christians in some cases also thought it was secret and they had missed it}, and before looking at “Jesus’ coming and our gathering” -- notice we are using the words from the Bible, we should consider first a denial of the heresy of Scofield and adherents that some Bible is given to the Jews and some to Christians, whereby they quite often escape into what they want to believe as not written to Christians.

Well, II Timothy 2:14-26, as with the whole book of II Timothy, and II Thessalonians 2:1-12, also as with the whole book of II Thessalonians was also written to Christians and the church. \

a. II Timothy 1:1,2: “Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus; to Timothy, a beloved son.”

Timothy was a Gentile, and an adopted son of the Apostle Paul in the faith (verse 2), as well as in verse 1, for Christians is obviously the intent of Paul in the address “according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus”. To momentarily come down to the level of fundamentalists, and without striving to impress people academically with Greek--the version does not matter as the Bible always communicates in high fidelity--“life in Christ Jesus” is both for Jews and Christians, so that you can not in all intellectual

honesty break down the Bible into two hypothetical parts in this passage.

b. II Thessalonians 1:1b: **“To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ.”**

2. In the “past resurrection” of II Timothy, some early church members and Christians had been deceived by two early academic and amateur theologians, Hymenaeus {predecessor of Darby} and Philetus {predecessor of Scofield}, trying to teach the church body that the resurrection had already passed, and furthermore “overthrowing the faith of some” by telling this bewildered church members that they had missed it. How in the world it had sneaked past the early churches less than a century after Jesus told them He would come again is difficult to fathom--the only answer could be from H and P was that it was “SECRET”, only available to a certain select group of H&P fundamentalists. The really bad part is that Paul was still around, and he missed this resurrection also!

3. In II Thessalonians 2:1,2 after first defining the “day of the Lord” for fundamentalists as the simultaneous in one day (1) “coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” and (2) “our gathering to Him” {you see these are the actual words of the Bible, and you see nothing here about the favorite “rapture” word of the fundamentalists, such braggarts about their literalism need to get on the Bible wagon}, then he reassures the church, and through all Christendom through the Bible as the Word of God, that a secret rapture, or more properly a secret coming

of the Lord Jesus Christ had not happened, nor a secret “gathering to Him.”

NOTE: Fundamentalists show a little gumption on the Bible, a little literalism, and like the Apostle Paul said about not only sound doctrine but sound Bible words {II Timothy 1:13}; and with even more literalism and courage preach and teach exegetically from II Timothy 2 and II Thessalonians 2.

2-2: Instead as Stewart of Union Oil company in “Fundamentals” and our beloved Texas preacher of the gospel, John R Rice, they take verses like II Timothy 2:15 completely out of context--“rightly dividing the word of truth”, saying it proves a two Bible approach to the Bible that has to be divided between the Jew and Christian; and then “going everywhere preaching”, they develop a misguided hermeneutics of two Bibles that can nowhere in the Bible be justified or proven.

NOTE: What good hermeneutics, blessed and honored by God and the Spirit do, is use the simple guidelines the Bible itself establishes for understanding like (1) compare scripture with scripture; (2) read the meaning out of the Bible rather than strive to force meaning and a historical philosophy on it; (3) allow the OT quotes in the NT with explanations and interpretations to guide your hermeneutics; and (4) use the ASPI version of the Bible from Peter in II Peter 1:20,21 as you method of interpretation.

2-3: *What Paul is really telling Timothy, and all of us, in II Timothy 2:15 is: (1) rightly use the ASPI from Peter to properly divide out the doctrines of the Bible: and (2) be careful of your teaching and preaching so that (a) you do not get "entangled" in so many words that do not profit your hears, and (b) don't ruin or overthrow the faith of some with extra-biblical revelations, theology, and philosophies.*

“Remind them of these things, charging them before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit {they are just theological and academic words that are not prophesy in the nature of I Corinthians 14 that edifies, exhorts, and comforts}, to the ruin of the hearers {that is what BBfers are doing today in deceiving listeners that they can escape the falling away and final tribulation, building false hopes and destroyed the proper faith of some}. Be diligent to present yourself approved to God {for more important that approval from the academic or fundamentalists world}; a worker who does not need to be ashamed {go to work on the One Bible of one Itself so you do not shame the total priesthood of believers, past and present and future}, rightly dividing the word of truth {get some descent hermeneutics from the Bible Itself}. But shun profane and idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. And their message will spread like cancer {The secret rapture and the two Bibles divided have already spread since 1830 like cancer in the body of Christ, first in the Plymouth Brethren, then the Congregationalists and Presbyterians, and now

in the SBC with the takeover by the fundamentalists} . Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, who have strayed concerning the truth {there just is no other way to put it except that BBFers in their eschatology and hermeneutics have strayed from the truth, and while there are many vessels in a house, some good and some not so good, there is hope for them as long as they keep coming to the Bible with a good attitude}, saying that the resurrection is already past, and they overthrow the faith of some.” (II Timothy 2:14-18)

Why in the world they do not choke on the words “literal” and “conservative” that come out of their mouths so often today in the new BBFers literature online and from the new SBC is beyond understanding. How in the world can any conservative Christians on Bible, first of all coming to the Bible with preconceived words and notions like rapture, millennium, and dispensation to force their academic theologies on the Bible, then try to force on a once very conservative SBC their bad hermeneutics of two divided Bibles by political control. {It is not denied that they have taken control with their Summit and 10-year plan to politically and with dirty tricks {I wonder if Karl Rowe learned from them or vice versa} elect Presidents and replace members of Boards, while also destroying the reputations of careers of good and real conservative Southern Baptists. That is certainly not silver and gold in the house of God, leaving room for whether they are at the bottom of the totem pole with wood or clay; and while being far from “honor”, even SBC history, much less the history of heaven, will declare their leaders to be of “some for dishonor”.

2-4: *With that introduction of "honor" and "dishonor", we must wrap up the exegetical words of II Timothy 2:14-16, so we can also quickly do the same for II Thessalonians 2:1-12.*

1. First on the "honor" and "dishonor" of the key leaders that destroyed in 1979 the soul and spirit of the SBC in favor of some theoretical Messianic law, and while this is not known in many local churches of the SBC like it is not known of these key leaders Summit and 10 year plan to takeover, some of us do know that in a meeting after the 1970 Convention in New Orleans these same leaders were given certificates of false honor from the top brass. We must just wonder how much honor you will receive in your first meetings with Jesus and Paul for all the souls you have lost, all the careers and reputations you have destroyed, and all the damage you have done to both sound doctrine and sound hermeneutics.

2. Have you considered the solid foundation of God in your false efforts at fundamentals and literalism (2:19), a foundation that still stands in spite of your warfare and takeover, a foundation that has a seal up in heaven and for eternity that you can not mess with: (1) The Lord knows how to pick out His own from fundamentalists, moderates, conservatives, you will have no vote there and no political influence or maneuvering; and (2) Having known that "everyone who names the name of Christ must depart from inquiry, do you not consider all those slaughters of careers and reputation of fellow brethren for which a certificate from the top brass of the Convention can not

compensation, the applause of fellow man will dim, and except as wood and clay will not be in the annals of heavens history.

3. The only way to be a vessel for honor in the kingdom of God and Christ is to cleanse yourself of all that dishonor of reputation and career killing (2:21), sanctification and usefulness by our Master Teacher is still possible for some of you who have not already shuffled off this coil. You can change your preparation for good work.

4. Pursue righteousness, love, and peace with ALL those that call upon the Lord in sincerity and truth (2:22).

5. Get off your bandwagons of superficial superiority, avoiding foolish and ignorant disputes which just keep on and keep on generating strife in the SBC and the church (2:23).

6. Any true servant of the Lord should avoid all this quarrelling, be gentle to both moderates and fundamentalists; look at your non-academic credentials to teach and be patient to let God and Christ usher in the kingdom on the new earth in their time zone.

2-5: Finally the best stuff: the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering to meet the Lord in the air (II Thessalonians 2:1-12) This is the only real equivalent of what

fundamentalists try to describe in a hypothetical and secret rapture, and like throughout the whole Bible, old and new testaments, is consistent described in the literal words of "the one day of the LORD and Lord".

NOTE: You know what many of us have heard and are still hearing from the BBFers is "if we can't have the top churches, and top recognition, and the best academic and Bible qualifications, then you are not going to have them in the SBC. Would it not be plausible to consider that the Bible Baptist Fundamentalists along with academic honor just wanted the largest churches, the biggest salaries, and the best theological teaching posts. It must be considered!

NOTE: This 2-5 section is also the 5-1 section of the next session, the first section of the next session on the real second coming session, primarily from II Thessalonians 2:1-12, and under the title of "Wood and Clay in the House of God, the Lie.