WHAT ABOUT THE NON-ISRAEL RACES if Israel is exclusive?

People brought up with a religious belief may have conflict between *it is written* and what they have been taught. Many were brought up singing in Sunday School the song, *red and yellow, black and white; all are precious in His sight.* This has given us the thought that our God treats everyone of every race exactly the same. The Bible does not support *the brotherhood of man* in the sense that all men are blood-brothers. It has been pointed out that there are certain ways where God does not treat everyone the same – even amongst the tribes of Israel themselves there are differences, so we will re-consider some of these treatments.

THE BASIS OF GOD'S JUDGEMENT OF NON-ISRAEL NATIONS

When we read in John 1:17 for the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ, we have a problem because the law is spoken in connection with Abraham, long before Moses was born. It is also clear that God judged other non-Israel nations – so what was the basis of judgement? Some nations were judged before what some call the giving of the law, [for example, Sodom] and some were judged afterwards [for example, Damascus, Gaza, Tyre, Ammon, Moab and Edom]. We find Jonah being sent to proclaim repentance to Nineveh. We find law and judgement in respect to Adam and Eve and the sacrifices made by Cain and Abel. To almost all Christians there is a conflict about what *The Law* means.

In connection with Abraham we are told:

Gen 26:5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes and my laws.

In the beginning of this book many of the Scriptures were listed to show that the total law, namely the Commandments, Statutes and Judgements, were given exclusively to Israel as part of a covenant. There were promises made and responsibilities given to Israel that were not made to other races. Before the addition of the Law to Israel [Gal 3:19], there were the promises made to the seed of Abraham through Isaac, the inheritance being made on the basis of promise, and not the keeping of "The Law".

Ps 147:19,20 He showeth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgements unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and for his judgements, they [that is, the other nations] have not known them.

This verse is both limiting and specific and relates exclusively to Israel as a race.

- [a] The "word" is *dabar*, or the spoken word.
- [b] "Statutes" is *choq* which relates to commands in the sense of a specific direction, charge, instruction, boundary or limitation.
- [c] "Judgements" is *mishpat* which relates to a judicial verdict pronounced by God. It is strongly connected to justice.

The Ten Commandments that were given to Israel as part of a covenant are *dabar*, or spoken by God to the subject addressed.

Deut 4:13 And he declared unto you [that is, Israel] his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and he wrote them on two tables of stones.

In verse 14, Moses was commanded to teach statutes and judgements *that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it.* We are told that keeping these is why other nations would think and know that Israel was a great and a wise race. Here racial separation is demonstrated!

It is a common perception that none of the Law existed before it was given through Moses on Mount Horeb, but we have seen that God knew Abram would obey the Law. Reference to the requirement to obey the spoken words of God starts right back in Genesis. The Scripture records that God did judge other races, and that obedience was required of them. When their *iniquity was full* God destroyed them. *Avon*, iniquity/punishment, is first found in regard to Cain in Genesis 4:13 and it has 236 occurrences in the Old Testament, most of which refer to Israel.

One of the cities God destroyed for wickedness was Sodom. We read in Genesis 13:13 that the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly. To be wicked, a Law must have existed for them to obey. The law of God was flouted in a way that was open, deliberate and public. Isaiah 3:9 puts it this way, they declare their sin ... they hide it not. Jeremiah 23:14 confirms this attitude in reference to those in Israel who were openly prophesying in Baal. This is the national attitude we find in Israel today, leading to a judgement that will be greater than that against Sodom [Lam 4:6 and Matt 10:15]. Ezekiel 16:49 describes the sin of Sodom as being, pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness ... neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy, and were haughty and committed abomination before Me. This is another picture of our society where open abominations include breaking thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination. Today this act is publicly accepted, legal and open as it was in Sodom. 2 Peter 2:6 and Jude 1:7 picture this and say that similar open abominations are being worthy of eternal fire. On top of this, Anglo-Saxon Israel is openly flouting the word God spoke to them, namely the Ten Commandments.

So, Sodom was required to be in subjection to God's laws and it becomes clear that law existed before the time of Moses. Concerning judgements against sundry non-Israel nations, when we look at the language of Amos, his expression, for three transgression ... and for four, I will not revoke the punishment is identical in wording and is the same for Israel as for non-Israel.

The difference between Israel and the other races is the everlasting covenant God made with His elect. For Israel God says:

Eze 16:60-63 Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish with thee an everlasting covenant. Then, thou shalt remember thy ways, and be ashamed ... and I will establish My covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I am the Lord: that thou mayest remember, and be confounded, and never open thy mouth any more because of thy shame, when I am pacified towards thee for all thou hast done, saith the Lord God.

There are no such words addressed to any but Israel.

RACIAL DIFFERENCES

Because of scientific discovery in genetics, no one can pretend there are no racial differences between races. In fact *The Sydney Morning Herald* for 12 July 1997 reports that the latest issue of the journal *Cell* carries a major breakthrough discovery showing that analysis of DNA from the Neanderthal skeletal remains establish there is no genetic connection between Neanderthal man and modern man. Where to now for the evolutionists and the blood-brotherhood crowd?

Quoting from Time Magazine of February 7th, 1994 page 49 on genetics and The Human Genome Diversity Project:

What we are doing is to make it possible for Saddam Hussein to collect blood samples from ethnic groups in Iraq who oppose him, so later they can be targeted with biological weapons.

Subtle variations between races in white blood - cell types mediate specific immune responses to disease.

Today we see reports about such things as vaccinating a population to eliminate one of those races.

RACISM

One of the things peculiar to Western Society (as opposed to any others) is the teaching that racism is totally wrong. Yet, those who seek to enforce anti-discrimination laws [which include race, racial and national or ethnic origins, and religion] will immediately jump to the support of modern Jewry, as a special religious-racial group, even if modern Jewry is made up of people from many different races. In New Zealand people are actively discouraged from even questioning events of history that might undermine the enforcers' determination of history in regard to "The Jews". Their determination is very important to them, and, as such, is in itself racist. What is it that they are trying so hard to either protect or to promote? Might it be their false presentation that the Jews are Israel? Might not this be a mechanism by which the *prince of this world* seeks to eliminate the right message of the Bible? In an earlier chapter this was described as *The Master Deception Of Satan*. Would it not be Satan who is saying that the Potter does not make one vessel unto honour and another to dishonour, as Scripture says? Anti-racism is saying that every person of every race is the same in the eyes of man, and in Satan's religious doctrines, this is the same in the eyes of God.

The issue is multi-culturism and this does not feature favourably through the Bible pages. Mixture of cultures is a source of conflict, both in religion and custom. Israel was separated from the other races, for a purpose. For Israel the Biblical message is still, *come ye out from amongst them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord* in the New Testament. The people being addressed in Corinthians had the "fathers" and were *baptised unto Moses* [1 Cor 4:1]. They were Israelites!

Jer 10:2,3 This saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen, ...

The way is derek which Strong gives as course of life, or mode of action. We should not be teaching indigenous culture in our schools.

IS GOD RACIST?

Not one person can read the Old Testament without agreeing that God is shown to be totally racist. God discriminated on the grounds of race and God clearly treated races differently and even made differences between the tribes of Israel themselves.

The Children of Israel had a mission to eliminate the Canaanite races right down to women, children and even their animals. There are those whom God says He will eliminate when Jesus returns *at the brightness of His coming*. The matter has to be faced; God was totally racist in the Old Testament and we understand that He is unchanging for all time.

Jesus tells us about those who are occupying the "vineyard" and who will be destroyed when He comes to take up His Kingdom. We read of the armies of Heaven:

Rev 19:15,19 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations, and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: ... I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

We are reading of national armies and basically racist matters, right here towards the end of the New Testament pages.

Joel 3:2-17 I will gather all nations, and will bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and have parted my land.

At this late stage in history, Israel is a separate race among the other nations. God is still racist here and at this time. The context supplies the time and so at the end, Israel is still the individual race it always has been.

RACIAL ORIGINS

Right from Genesis we have this fact of the differing seeds of mankind (see the chapter entitled *Seeds, Natural and Spiritual*) and it is a subject in both Testaments. There is no simple scriptural mechanism for determining which seed is which today. However, Jesus says, *by their fruit ye shall know them*. It is the fruit that bears the seed. Jesus taught that a bad tree cannot ever bring forth good fruit. It is impossible for those of the bad seed to hear and to respond to the Word of God, Jesus taught us. The Apostle John speaks of those *whose seed remaineth in him ... because he is born of God* [1 John 3:9]. As Scripture uses trees as symbols of races, trees might be thought of as being family trees or genetic streams.

The response to the Word of the Lord is an indicator as to seed – the good seed has the choice to obey or not to obey. It is only in maturity that the type of fruit becomes obvious. An example is seen in the parable of the Tares and the Wheat.

Throughout the Old Testament we find references to certain peoples, like Canaanites whom Israel was to destroy. We find differences between the people *created* in Genesis 1 and those who were *formed* in Genesis 2. There are differing prophecies as destinies for differing peoples. As has been pointed out earlier in this book, even each individual tribe of Israel has different prophecies for the latter days.

It is fashionable to say that the Creator Christ came as Saviour to all Mankind; because all races are descended from the first created man, and that races began at the time of the tower of Babel. But, after Babel we find a different picture, for example:

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Gen 19:37 ... the same is the father of the Moabites ...

Gen 19:38 ... the same is the father of the children of Ammon ...

Gen 36:9 ... and these are the generations of the Esau the father of the Edomites ...
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From this point on, through Scripture, each group with such a 'father' is treated as being a different race with different destinies. Each then are treated as being from differing 'stock'.

IS THERE A THIRD GROUP?

We have to ask, What about those non-Israel people who are neither Canaanite, Moabite or Edomite, etc? What does Scripture say about these? It is safe to say that the Bible says nothing. But, one thing is certain and that is that they were not given the Commandments, Statutes and Judgements that were given to Israel. Because they did not have the Law of Moses to break, why should they need redeeming from the curse of that broken Law? Through Scripture, redemption is spoken of only in regard to Israel. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God refers only to the all within those to whom the Law was given [Rom 3:19].

SHOULD THE WORD OF GOD BE TAUGHT TO THESE OTHERS?

Although Jesus was talking with Israelites when He said that the rain falls upon the good and the bad, it is obvious that the laws of science apply equally to all races, regardless of racial origins or racial mixtures. These laws of science are "laws of God" and therefore anyone of any race has the physical and mental benefit of obeying them. We are told clearly in Romans 3:19 now we know that whatsoever things the law saith is said to them that are under the Law; that is they are said only to Israel as those who were given the Law. This was established in the opening chapter of this book.

But there is more to this than meets the eye. The words of God can be mis-applied and mis-directed when they are known. Would teaching the Word of God assist in providing a right direction? But, to what degree could the Word be heard? We are told that the Edomites cannot "hear" and that the Canaanite races are to be exterminated or separated completely. If we are told nothing specific about the non-Israelite races as a total group, how then can anyone presume anything? One thing we are told is that the good seed can "hear" His Word.

We do hear stories of missionary activity where there are great *deliverences* among non-Israel races after telling them about the miracles Jesus did. On appeal to emotions alone, we are told about persons being healed and delivered from oppression, but who have no change in conscience and who have no shame for their past mis-deeds. It seems that something is not written on their hearts. They seem to continue on as long as the missionary or the helper is with them; but if they are no longer assisted, then they either revert to paganism or go into a Catholic type of belief which is compromised with paganism or superstition.

The missionary activity of the churches is based upon their need to "witness" their religion. But there is no such requirement in the Bible. For example, God said that Israel will always be a nation before Him. The people of the nation are not required to do anything to "witness" what God said the very fact that they continue to live and die is witness enough. The revelation of Israel at the end of this age will be witness to the veracity of God's word. To spend time, money and effort in missionary activity to other races is an exercise in stupidity from the Biblical point of view and one for which no reward will be tendered.

We know there are some people whom the Bible says will never be resurrected:

- Jer 51:57 And I will make drunk her princes, and her wise men, her captains, and her rulers, and her mighty men: and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the King, whose name is the LORD of Hosts.
- Heb 4:3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, **As I have sworn in** my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

The first reference covers all who are under the heading of Babylon, which in connection with Revelation, we see is all who are opposed to Israel. The second reference covers all those Israelites that God sent into the wilderness to perish forever because of their refusal to believe Him

We also know from Biblical statement that no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless they are of Israel. Therefore, it means that people of other races have no eternal life in the Kingdom and if there is no eternal life in the Kingdom, there is no eternal life of any kind available to them. It is not a case of them being "condemned"; it is simply a matter of them having no eternal life. Unworthy Israelites will die, be resurrected, condemned and have their spirit taken from them (this is the message of the parable of the Ten Talents). Their lifeless bodies will be destroyed in the Lake of Fire. This should be a matter of concern to every individual Israelite. But if someone of another race is to die and never to be resurrected, what does it matter to them once they are dead? There is no awareness in the grave, only corruption of the body. If you go to sleep and do not wake up until lunchtime tomorrow, you will not know what time the sun rose. If you die in your sleep, you will not know you are dead.

Life after death is a mystical vision for most races and involves speculation about a fabulous harem for Arabs on the one hand, through to re-incarnation for the Hindus, on the other. The Bible tells us nothing about the resurrected life other than that we cannot even begin to imagine it. If we care about it, as Israelites, we will strive to attain it and will receive it. If we care not, we will see it momentarily and know absolute remorse, panic and terror as we face oblivion in the Lake of Fire. But once that occurs, we will know nothing and will be the same as any non-Israelite who dies. There is no such thing as Hell and eternal punishment - only life and oblivion (see the paper by Phillips and Phillips entitled *What Leaves the Body at Death?*).

These things are not spelt out in black and white in the Bible but they are the corollaries of what is spelt out for Israel and Israel only.

HOW DO WE ASSESS OUR BELIEFS?

This might be summed up by saying that we must be objectively critical and that we must appreciate just what the Bible says on any subject. Likewise we must appreciate what the Bible does not say and we must not presume anything, or accept anything, especially if this is based upon religious tradition. Scripture says we can be *led away*, *fall away* or *slip away* from the Truth of the Word of God. Most people are the clones of their teachers in their beliefs and this can only be bad. We must do our own research on what is said and be like those in Berea [Acts 17:11] who *searched the Scriptures daily whether those things were so*. If we were to say those at Berea were *noble* because they checked what the Apostle said to them against the Old Testament Scriptures, most would agree. It is safe to say that very few people are objective. It is also safe to say that few religious church-goers thoroughly check what is taught to them and that most of them do not do this daily.

From history we must agree that people are capable of believing anything and it is more common for people to believe just what they want to believe. Sometimes they believe and act out of fear or emotionalism; there are many motives for belief. There is culture, indoctrination, peer pressure and such things, but as far as the Bible is concerned, possibly the worst thing is tradition, because of its pre-conditioning. The Scribes and Pharisees made the Word of God of none effect because of their tradition [traditional interpretations - Matt 15:6]. We have traditional teachings today and as well we have such things as charismatic leaders; they go about trying to persuade people just as Jim Jones or Hitler did.

So, we can see just why we are told to judge all things. By what standard do we make these judgements? We are to examine the Word to see *if these things be so* and to believe them accordingly. We are to *dig deep*, to seek and to search. This indicates the necessity of doing research, of comparing Scripture with Scripture and checking translations if necessary. Every growing Christian will be taught about God during these activities. He will be refining his beliefs

continually and sometimes he will freely admit that at times he has been wrong, mainly because of what he has been led to believe. As the Solomon said, *And I gave my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under the heavens* [Eccl 1:13]. This shows the attitude that is needed.

The problem with many teachers is that they become too proud to ever back-track. Back-tracking is very rare indeed and through pride they are brought to a place where they can never be taught themselves. So, they keep on plugging the same old line and say, *We cannot see it any other way*. The Truth of God has always been, but none of us know it all. Today, some teachers could be likened to surgeons who were still blood letting in the same way it was done in earlier years and who would not hear of any increase in knowledge, even when there was evidence contrary to their medical training.

ORTHODOX CHRISTIANITY

We need to look at something that might sound heretical to many at first. Could orthodox Christianity be cultish?

- [a] Could orthodox Christianity be something that refuses to accept all the Word of God? [Primarily from the pre-conditioning of tradition, not necessarily from insincerity.] Is the *go into all the world* doctrine as generally taught really based on the Law, the Psalms and the Prophets or on valid interpretation of the New Testament?
- [b] Has orthodox Christianity a wrong slant because it will not believe the prophetic words of Jacob and Moses for Israel in the "last days"?
- [c] Is the popular symbol of Christianity, namely the "Cross", actually the symbol of the anti-Christ?

According to lexicons, the word translated as "Cross" is *stauros* (an upright pale or stake). There is no "Cross" in the Greek. The shape of the two beamed cross was the symbol of the god Tammuz of Chaldea. The Chi, or X as allegedly seen by Constantine had nothing to do with *xulon* used for the *stauros* and is another invention and heresy of Rome, the mother of universalism. (Think about it - if Jesus was not crucified on a cross, then what did Constantine see? Whatever it was, or was said to be, if indeed <u>he</u> saw anything, it could not have been a divine vision!)

If the *all the world* doctrine [which is one fundamental doctrine that is believed almost universally] is wrong, then that belief is cultish. This is so even if Martin Luther confirmed what he was brought up to believe and introduced it into Protestantism and most have followed it since. This one belief is the source of a conflict which undermines faith, but it is said to be *what every Christian must believe or he is not a Christian*.

The wrong doctrine is summed up in the generalised belief, Jesus died to save the world, and it arises from, go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and God so loved the world [see the chapter entitled Which World Did God So Love]. These are said to be the best known and the best loved verses in Christendom, but if the all and world are taken wrongly, then Rome has originated the greatest fraud of all time.

In some areas we have departed from Rome's doctrines, but in others the Protestants still tag along. Just stop for a moment to think back and see how St. Francis used these Scriptures to preach to the birds and the animals. He considered the birds to be part of *every creature*. In this book we have learned what *every creature* really means, having refined our understanding to confine our teaching

to people only. In this book we have gone a stage further and have refined our understanding to confine the teaching to all the *kosmos* (order) of Israel in the *ktizo* (cities) or habitations of the Israelites. We also found that *kosmos* referred to the orderly arrangement of the object under discussion not the inhabited earth [for which *oikomene* would be used].

It has been necessary for us to go into all the problem verses carefully to show the meanings of the words and we will not repeat anything here apart from two verses which summarise the Biblical position. The popular conception is that any person becomes one of God's people when that person becomes "saved". This is not the way Scripture puts it. It is "His People" [Israel] whom Jesus came to save who were originally His people, but who were in a state of condemnation.

- Matt 1:21 And you shall call his name JESUS, for he shall save his people from their sins.
- Luke 1:68 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for he hath visited and redeemed his people

These verses sum up something that is not believed by orthodox Christianity.

Another thing that is not believed is the difference between "all" and "many".

Matt 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

This for many is changed to mean for all, "all" being taken as every race, outside of the Israel. There is no basis in the grammar of the Greek text for such a belief that makes many mean all and sundry. Neither is there any basis found through the foundation of the Law, the Psalms and the Prophets. In the well known Isaiah 53:11,12 we find, by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many ... and he bare the sin of many. These verses are not accepted any more than verse 8 where we read, for the transgression of MY PEOPLE was he stricken. Why not accept this limitation of My people?

There are just so many things that are taught in churches that simply are not true. Much of what most people believe is based on half-truths and sentimentality that have been passed down over the years. Yet, the origin of much doctrinal problem can be traced back to Rome. Babylon is described in Scripture as *the mother of harlots* who seeks to deceive the whole earth. Belief must be right belief. Satan tempted Jesus to bow down and worship Him through misapplying or misquoting the Word of God. Rome believes she has the right to rule not only "The Church" in like manner, but also to rule over all temporal authority. It is Israel, as the seed of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob, that is to rule with God, not the Church of Rome.

With the current thought of what *all the world* means ingrained in the mind, people can read Scripture without seeing what is written to the contrary. Think back upon some of the things that have been pointed out throughout this book. All the pretence in the world that they are not there as themes through Scripture, will not eliminate them from the Holy Writ. While no one person or group has the whole scope of Scripture at their command, all Christians would benefit by obedience to meditate in the Word of God, day and night. Few do and because of this they are so easily led astray.

Because the Bible does not say exactly what happens to the races outside of Israel, we have no right to speculate about them. Neither can we say that every race is the same as Israel because differences are continually presented through Scripture. Even the individual tribes have differences between themselves right up to and including *in the last days*. It can be safely said that these

things are almost never taught anywhere by orthodox Christianity. Instead of truth, universalism is the common teaching.

One thing we can say with certainty is what the Bible says about the race of Israel. This is what the Bible is about. God made covenants with Israel; He gave Laws to Israel; He loves Israel and is the Kinsman who has redeemed both houses of Israel.

Luke 1:16,33 And many of **the children of Israel** shall he turn to the Lord their God ... and he shall reign over **the house of Jacob** for ever.

These many from the House of Jacob that Jesus reigns over in His *for ever* Kingdom are totally restrictive and are impossible to generalise. How ever could *the House of Jacob* refer to all races of the world? The statements of Scripture that have been shown about the Kingdom of God being reserved for those who qualify from among those *begotten from above* at conception are definite and precise.

GOD WILL BE GRACIOUS TO WHOM HE WILL BE GRACIOUS

Romans 9:18. Therefore hath he mercy upon whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.

We are then told about the Potter who makes one vessel unto honour and another unto dishonour and about vessels *fitted for destruction*. It is the Potter who fashions the vessels from the raw materials <u>before they have done either good or evil</u>.

To those who say, *all is now of grace to everyone of every race*, listen to the much-loved writings of the well known author Selwyn Hughes in *Every Day With Jesus*, in the daily reading for 17th February 1994:

The word 'grace' is unquestionably the most significant single word in the Bible, I agree. But it must be understood right away that grace is a characteristic of God which is exercised only towards those who are seen as having a special relationship with Him. Nowhere in the Bible is the grace of God ever mentioned in connection with mankind generally, though some theologians frequently use the term 'common grace' [a term not mentioned in the Bible] – the idea that God gives a special form of grace to the whole of mankind which restrains them from being as bad as they could be.

The other day I came across a writer who said, The creation of the universe was an exercise of grace. I understand that he might have been using the word 'grace' as a synonym for love, [a mistake often made by Christian writers], but strictly speaking the exhibition of grace is reserved for the elect.

Selwyn Hughes then quotes Arthur W Pink as saying:

Grace is the sole source from which flows the goodwill, love and salvation of God unto His chosen people.

TO CONCLUDE

This book has tried merely to present what is recorded throughout the Bible. Any problems or conflicts that have been precipitated by this book should be settled by researching the matter in Scripture, building upon the Cornerstone, together with the foundation of the prophets and the apostles. Israel, as a racial seed, is a major theme through Scripture.

What has originated from Rome and Jewry, with the false teaching about *the Jews are Israel*, together with the doctrine of Balaam must be rejected. Jesus, in the messages to the so-called churches in the Book of Revelation, says He holds these and some other doctrines "against" the assemblies and demands repentance. It is Jesus who is issuing the warning!

Throughout this book the exclusive nature of Israel has been presented from Scripture, with some examination of the contrary views. The divergence really begins in Genesis 1 and 2. If any says he believes the Bible to be true and to be the Word of God, then he must start there. To accommodate the popular view, the second chapter is said to be a re-run of first chapter. The differences are very great indeed and so this cannot be true. Men and women are created by *Elohim* [a plural word] in Genesis 1 before Adam was formed from what existed by *Jahveh Elohim* [singular] in Genesis 2. So Adam had contemporaries, but these contemporaries did not *receive the breath of life* and did not become *a living soul* like Adam. Without going into the many differences in these two chapters we can say that two streams of men existed from this time. When God breathed the breath of life into Adam's nostrils, God formed a dynasty and from out of this race the Hebrew people came. Scripture shows these peculiar people to be different from all other races and to be *His people*, the people whom the gospels and prophets say Jesus came to save.

Jesus said that the time would come when His followers would be put out of the synagogues [assemblies], and may be killed for believing what He is saying. We are told we must hold fast to the end, waiting for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself FOR US, that he might redeem US from all iniquity, and purify unto himself A PECULIAR PEOPLE, zealous of good works. THESE THINGS SPEAK, AND EXHORT, AND REBUKE WITH ALL AUTHORITY [Titus 2:13,14].

These "peculiar people" are the connection and something that is to be definitely spoken about with all authority.