



Sermon Series Notes

“The Holiness of the Word of God” (Rev.22:19-20)

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The warning of Revelation 22:18-19 is about adding to or taking away from the prophecy of the book of Revelation. The consequences for those who do so are pretty severe, so we should take careful heed to this very solemn warning. Is this the only place God speaks about adding or taking away from His Word?

Deut.4:2 Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you.

Deut.12:32 See that you do all I command you; do not add to or take away from it.

Prov.30:5-6 Every word of God is flawless...Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.

Jer.26:2 This is what the Lord says: Stand in the courtyard of the Lord’s house and speak to all the people of the towns of Judah who come to worship in the house of the Lord. Tell them everything I command you; do not omit a word.

Acts 20:27 For I have not hesitated to proclaim to you the whole will of God.

I Cor.4:6...Do not go beyond what is written.

See II Tim.3:16

I have put my word above my name (verse?)

See II Tim. 4:2-4; This is not only how it will be as we approach the second coming of Jesus Christ, it is the way it has been throughout history. Let me give you some examples:

Elijah and 850 false prophets (I Kings 18:19); Micaiah & an unknown number of false prophets (I Kings 22); Jeremiah 23:16-17, 21-22.

Jeremiah 5:31 The prophets prophesy lies, the priests rule by their own authority, and my people love it this way.

See Isa.30:9-10

HOW DO WE KNOW THAT THE BIBLE WE HAVE REALLY IS THE WORD OF GOD?

The argument that the Bible has been marred through many translations simply has no basis of truth. Discoveries such as the Dead Sea Scrolls, as well as recent archaeological and scientific discoveries serve to support the accuracy of the Bible, not diminish or question its validity.

The variety of people God used to write the Bible adds to its credibility. The Bible is a collection of 66 books, written by over 40 people, over a period of 1400 years, on three continents (Asia, Africa, & Europe), in three languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, & Greek), in multiple genres (history, poetry, prophecy, & narrative), by people of very diverse backgrounds (priests, a doctor, political leaders, teachers, fishermen, & shepherds).

There is one central theme throughout the Bible, redemption through Jesus Christ, the Messiah of the world.

The prophecies of the Bible attest to its authority as the Word of God.

Gen.15:13	Israel's Egyptian bondage 400 years
Jeremiah 25:11	70 year Babylonian captivity
Isa.44:28-45:4	Cyrus issues decree to rebuild Jerusalem
Dan.9:25-26	Jesus' death on the cross
Isa.7:14	Virgin will conceive Emmanuel
Micah 5: 2	Jesus born in Bethlehem Ephratah
Matt.12:40	Jesus' resurrection on the third day
Psalms 55:12-14	Betrayed by a friend
Zech. 11:13	Money thrown to the potter
Zech. 13:7	Accused by false witnesses
Isa.50:6	Beaten & spat upon
Isa.53:5	Wounded & bruised
Isa.53:7	Silent before his accusers
Psalms 22:16	Hands & feet pierced
Isa.53:12	Crucified with thieves
Isa.53:12	Prayed for those who killed him
Psalms 109:25	People at the cross shake their heads
Psalms 22:6-7	Scorned and insulted
Psalms 22:18	Cast lots for clothing
Psalms 69:21	Given gall & vinegar
Psalms 34:20	Bones not broken
Zech.12:10	Side pierced
Isa.53:9	Buried in a rich man's tomb

That's 23 prophecies perfectly fulfilled. The "Law of Compound Probabilities" tells us that the chance of ten of these being fulfilled by chance is one in 10 to the 28th power. In other words, if you covered the state of Texas two feet deep in silver dollars, and mark just one of those silver dollars with a red mark, then tell your friend to walk through the entire state and choose one silver dollar, the statistical probability that he will choose the one with the red mark is 1 in 10 to the 28th power. The possibility of sixteen being fulfilled by chance is 1 in 10 to the 45th power.

birth and rebirth. The way to salvation is to erase engrams through auditing. The proof of erasure is by the sign of either yawning, tears, sweat, odor, panting, urine, vomiting, or excreta.

Some do not outright add to the Word of God, they just distort it. See Acts 20:30

Charles Taze Russell grew up in the Christian denomination known as "Congregationalists." At an early age he rejected the doctrine of eternal torment, and as a result denounced all "Organized Religions." That is ironic because he ended up starting his own, the "Jehovah's Witnesses." The corporate name of the church is the "Watchtower Bible and Tract Society," and its international headquarters is in Brooklyn, New York. In 1961 they published "The New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures." JW's reject the doctrine of the Trinity (they say it originated with Satan), deny the physical resurrection of Jesus Christ, and therefore deny any physical return, make Jesus a created god, teach that hell is the common grave. There have been several prophecies made by Charles Russell regarding things like the second coming of Christ & The Battle of Armageddon that have not come true, and the Jehovah's Witnesses have tried to explain away by changing the definitions of what was prophesied.

Another person raised as a "Congregationalist" founded a movement that has gained many followers. She was born in Bow, New Hampshire in 1821, and was greatly influenced by a man named Phineas Parkhurst Quimby. He became Dr. Quimby, and in the late 1850's developed a system of mental healing he called "The Science of Man." He used terms like "The Science of Christ" and "Christian Science." Mary Baker Eddy claimed that she was healed of spinal inflammation through Quimby's treatment. After Quimby's death, Eddy published her own book called "Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures." It was filled with plagiarisms from Quimby's manuscripts. Among other things, Christian Science teaches that ancient versions of the Bible contain "manifest mistakes," rejects the Trinity, believes that God is "all in all," the virgin birth was Mary's spiritual thoughts of life and its manifestation, there is no such thing as sickness, that Jesus' blood shed on the cross had nothing to do with cleansing man of sin, that Jesus never died but was hiding in the tomb, demonstrating the power of Spirit to overrule mortal, material sense, evil is an illusion, and heaven and hell are what we make out of our lives.

I mention these because they are among those who have led the most people away from truth by their demonic teachings (I Tim.4:1-2).

Hebrew Roots

The premise of the Hebrew Roots movement is the belief that the Church has veered far from the true teachings and Hebrew concepts of the Bible. The movement maintains that Christianity has been indoctrinated with the culture and beliefs of Greek and Roman philosophy and that ultimately biblical Christianity has been corrupted with a pagan imitation of the New Testament gospels. Those of the Hebrew Roots belief hold to the teaching that Christ's death on the cross did not end the Mosaic Covenant, but instead renewed it, expanded its message, and wrote it on the hearts of His true followers. They teach that the understanding of the New Testament can only come from a Hebrew perspective and that the teachings of the Apostle Paul are not understood clearly or taught correctly by Christian pastors today. Many affirm the existence of an original Hebrew-language New Testament and, in some cases, malign the existing New Testament text written in Greek. This becomes a subtle attack on the reliability of the text of our Bible. If the Greek text is unreliable and has been corrupted, the Church no longer has a standard of truth.

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CONCLUSION

Why do I spend a whole message on this subject?

Because there are many deceivers out there

II John 1:7 Many deceivers...have gone out into the world...

Titus 1:10 For there are many rebellious people, mere talkers and deceivers...

Matthew 24:24 False Christs and false prophets will appear...to deceive even the elect – if that were possible.

Because I want you to know why you can have complete confidence in **this** book (The Bible).

Because I want us all to live our lives according to the truths found in this book.

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.

Psalm 119:9, 11, 24, 30, 35, 49-50, 59-60, 65, 74b, 81b, 89, 114b, 133, 147, 160, 169