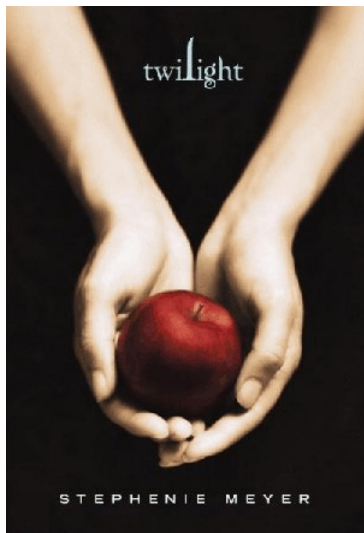


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Twilight

Blockbuster books and hit movies confuse evil with good - by Eric Barger

Many of you know people who are in love with the Twilight books by Mormon author, Stephenie Meyer. These books, and the resulting movies, have helped to induce a disturbing acceptance of vampirism among teenagers - especially teen girls. Christian homes and those in solid churches and Christian schools have been dramatically affected by this unbiblical, even demonic, story. Also, as with many storylines today, the Twilight series endears readers and viewers to heroes who are, in reality, villainous. In

short, this extremely popular saga is desensitizing millions concerning the

satanic underworld. That's why we've developed a quick and easy-to-read resource to help give answers and combat the Twilight phenomenon.

Though many try to discount fantasy stories such as Twilight, the blockbuster, The Shack, and even the Harry Potter series by repeating the hollow excuse, "It's only a novel," the fact is that scripture never allows any such delineation. Whether fantasy or reality, an identical biblical mandate remains solidly in place for both.

But what does the Bible say?

Ephesians 5:10-11 says that we are to be - *"Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."*

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Thessalonians 5:21-23).

"Beware lest any man spoil (i.e., deceive) you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ" (Colossians 2:8).

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight" (Isaiah 5:20-21)!



Pastor's Corner

Robert W. White

Why I Am Convinced That The Confusion Over Bible Versions Is Part Of Satan's Master Plan - Part 1

For the past few weeks, I have been sharing with you some things that God has laid on my heart about the current condition of Christendom, the condition the church will be in immediately prior to the Rapture, and how Satan is preparing mankind for his one-world religion under the Antichrist as found in the Book of The Revelation.

Last week, I spent the bulk of the space here talking about the attacks of the enemy on the Word of God, starting with how Satan began his attack amongst men by questioning it in the Garden of Eden. I could also have gone into the numerous times he has attempted to destroy it over the centuries, how he's tried to get it banned, etc., but the point is that the Word of God endures forever (I Peter 1:25), no matter how he tries, even though he doesn't give up.

Now, while it *is* true that God's Word will always be with mankind - He preserves it for us - it is *also true* that not everyone has His inspired, infallible, inerrant, preserved Word in their hands. Since his failure to eliminate the Word of God completely, Satan has, I am convinced, been on a mission to denigrate, dilute, and minimize the degree to which the true Word of God makes it to the peoples of the world. His efforts are paying off, too. Many, if not most, of the professing Christians in the world today have now placed their faith in books that claim to be bibles but actually aren't. These books, instead, are merely partially accurate - they *contain* the Word of God, but are not **THE** Word of God.

Everywhere you look - from the pulpit to the pew, from the students in the classrooms of Bible colleges and Christian universities to the teachers and professors in those schools, from every shelf in the Christian bookstores - well-meaning believers are accepting as authoritative corrupted versions of the Bible to their detriment and, in some instances, the very salvation of their souls.

For example, our daughter goes to a "Christian" university in Arkansas, which is supposed to be one of the finer ones to be found anywhere. Yet, last year, she was prohibited from using her King James Version of the Bible by the teacher of her Bible class. When I asked why, this teacher parroted the answers she had been given by the pseudo-intellectuals as to why she couldn't use the KJV in the class:

** That the students can't "hear" the New Testament from the King James version.*

** That "it's hard for most students to also get this "aliveness" in Elizabethan English..."*

** That trying to get the students "...to fight through old language forms is unnecessary."*

** That the KJV isn't as accurate as the "older" manuscripts now available to us.*

These are but a few of the fallacious arguments used against the KJV and other translations that have the Textus Receptus as their basis.

Now, let's talk for a moment about -

HOW THIS RELATES TO THE ONE-WORD RELIGION OF THE ANTICHRIST

When the Man of Sin is revealed following the Rapture, he will have many tremendous tasks at hand, the most important of which, for he and his master, Satan, will be the setting up of a one-world religion (*again - time and space do not permit a dissertation on that here: if you want to know how all of this will come together, visit the church website at southheightsbaptist.com/mediaministry.html and listen to the lessons on it from the Book of the Revelation that are there. If you're more of a reader, let me know and I can loan you some books on the subject*).

In order for this false religion to be accepted, as I have mentioned, the **foundation** for true faith *has to be eliminated* from the minds of mankind, and that foundation is the Word of God - the Bible. As long as the Bible stands in the minds of the lost world for what it really is - the Eternal Word of God - convincing mankind to accept the false christ will be much more difficult. BUT - if the Bible is relegated to the ash heap of history as a book of fairy tales, myths, fantastic imaginative storytelling, and plain old man-made conniving, then the job will be much easier.

SO - knowing all of this (he's a pretty smart guy), Satan starts with mankind in the Garden of Eden, working on people to try to get them to ignore, or, in the very least, doubt the veracity of God's words. Since he has been unable to eradicate it from the face of the earth (he's not as smart as he thinks he is), and since he knows that the time for the Rapture is steadily advancing, he got busy several hundred years ago working on ways to accomplish his goal working on this project, not only from the **outside** of the church, but from the **inside** of it, too.

Today, as I have mentioned so often, and repeat often for emphasis, he's pretty much succeeded in:

- A. Convincing the average lost person that the Bible isn't relevant to mankind today.
- B. Convincing the average lost person that the Bible is a mythical book which, at best, contains fanciful storytelling from whenceone can draw a "moral".
- C. Convincing most professing Christians that the Textus Receptus and the Bibles translated from it are not THE Word of God.

THEREFORE - I believe that Satan's **NEXT BIG STEP** in removing all doubt as to the veracity of the Bible will be to demonstrably prove to the people of the world that the "Bible" is a man-made book. If he can convince them of THAT, then he will have effectively created a spiritual vacuum that he can fill with HIS Man, and the WORDS of His Man.

To do this, he will most surely have to use the secular scholastic world - he will probably help some group of archaeologists and scientists discover "irrefutable proof" that the Bible is a man-made book. Of course, they will be talking about the "bible" as it came through the corrupted versions descending

down through Alexandria, but no one - including most church members - will know anything about the preservation of God's Word by Him through Antioch, so the lie will be accepted, hook, line, and sinker.

Now - once Satan "proves" these books that purport to be the Bible to be what they really are - forgeries and fakes - he will use the vacuum he creates by doing so to his own advantage, ultimately placing the Antichrist in the place of THE Christ and His Word.

HOW IT'S BEING SET UP RIGHT NOW -

There are manifold ways that mankind is being "prepped" for the Man of Sin and his religion in so many ways that to tell it all would fill many volumes, but here are a few that you might not have thought of:

□ ***The Incredible Number of Occultic and Occult-based Cartoons, TV Programs, Movies, & Games for Children Available Today*** - one of the things that Satan is aware of that we tend to forget is that, following the Rapture, there will be a large number of young people left behind who were past the Age of Accountability when the Church is removed and heard the Gospel at least once before it happened. They will be ripe for recruitment in the Antichrist's religion, and to have them ready to accept his signs, wonders, and miracles (see Rev. 13:14; 16:14; and 19:20), will be important. The occultic cartoons, games, television programs and movies aimed at children (and adults) are part of this.

□ ***The Rapid Increase In "Fantasy" Motion Pictures That Have Characters That Are Part Human, or Not Human At All*** - Another method of preparing mankind for the false religion of the Antichrist is to get people used to the idea of "*alternate life forms*": creatures that are sometimes part human, part animal, monsters, people transforming into other types of beings, etc. One of the Antichrist's tools for conquest will be his henchmen, the demonic hoards. These vile, deformed creatures, twisted by the results of their choice to rebel against God, will be his messenger boys - his emissaries. In order for people not to be repulsed by them, Satan has to get folks used to them, and the movies and television are great tools for this. Have you noticed how many movies, for example, are coming out lately that are just downright demonic? There's a reason for that - to get people used to seeing them so they will not be afraid of them when they see them in real life.

□ ***The Acceptance Of Experience Over And Above All Else In Matters Of Faith*** - one of, if not THE, biggest tricks of the Devil is to get people to place their faith in their spiritual experiences over and above anything else, including the Inspired Word of God. For many professing Christians, this has been common practice for decades - the modern neo-Pentecostal Movement, often called the Charismatic Movement, is based, not on the Word of God, but upon the *experiences* of people as they (supposedly) relate to God. In other words, the Bible and what it says have been placed in a subservient role to the experience of the person in this movement. The classic modern-day example of this is when I heard Jim Bakker, then a prominent Charismatic

Televangelist, say on live TV, "*We don't care what the Bible says - we've had an experience!*"

The perpetual willingness on the part of mankind to accept signs, wonders, and miracles as proof of the power of the person performing them (even if it is demonic), and, therefore, to be followed, is seen all through history. Suffice to say that the Man of Sin and his False Prophet will do a good job of foisting their religion on the world, and the emphasis on experience over the Word of God is going a long way to make it easier for them to do so. (Note: for more information on this subject, go to our MediaMinistry page and listen to the messages of George Gardiner: southheightsbaptist.com/GeorgeGardiner_index.html)

□ ***The Rapid Rise And Acceptance Of The "Emergent Church" Movement Among Churches Today*** - this movement is another of the enemy's tools to get man ready for the Man of Sin and his one-world religion. If you don't know anything about the Emergent Church, you need to! Check out our friend Eric Barger's website for excellent information on the subject at: ericbarger.injesus.com.

□ ***The Numerous "Historical Fiction" Novels, TV Shows, and Movies*** - One of the more subtle ways, I think, that people are being prepared for the announcement that the Bible has been supposedly proven to be man-made is the popularity of "historical fiction". Television shows like "Bonekickers", and movies like "National Treasure", not to mention the hugely popular "DaVinci Code" books, etc. - all of these nudge people to accepting an "alternative" to the established facts. Personally, I can easily see how a person with an impressionable mind (or one that is without Christ, especially) could be led into accepting new "discoveries" as true, such as the "proof" that the Bible is a man-made book, for one...

- more next week



NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

10:50 a.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Rebekah White
 Cradle Roll 2: Nathaniel White
 6:30 p.m. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: Janet Bridges
 Cradle Roll 2: Bertha Segebarrt
 Wed. Eve. Service ----- Cradle Roll 1: LeAnna White
 Cradle Roll 2: Seth White


AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of February 7, 2010

Sunday School ----- 21
 Sunday Morning Service ----- 34
 Evening Service ----- 36
 Wed. Eve. Service, 02/10/10 ----- 28

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of February 7, 2009

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 818.00
 Total Received for Week of 02/07/10: \$ 818.00
 Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed
 to operate the church
 EACH WEEK,
 as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00 

FUND DRIVE REPORTS

***We Are Suspending Our Specific
 Fund Drives Until Our Regular
 Weekly Offerings Come Back Up To
 Where They Need To Be. Please
 Give As Much As You Can To Help Us
 Catch Up After The Extremely Low
 Giving We Experienced This
 Summer And Fall.***



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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. ***Admit that you are a sinner.***
2. ***Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.***
3. ***Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.***
4. ***You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).***
5. ***By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.***



***Please Remember To
 Be Faithful to Give!***

As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go **up**. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a BIG God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start **today** - OK? Thank you.

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