

CORE ASPECTS THAT SERIOUS BIBLE READERS SHOULD CONSIDER TO DETERMINE THE BROADER ORIGINAL CONTEXT INVOLVED

INTRODUCTORY OBSERVATIONS

The points to consider that I am sharing here are not presented in the sense of the more detailed foundational principles for Scripture interpretation discussed in our book *Rightly Divide The Word*.ⁱ Let me illustrate using a sport image: These points of consideration describe the demarcated playing field on which the sport takes place. The specific sport itself, however, is played on the sport field according to specific rules, which can be compared to the finer principles for Bible study discussed in the aforementioned book.

Then also, I am not claiming to provide a complete description of the playing field. My purpose is to stimulate the reader to also search for the original author's intentions (or context) in order to understand the specific Scripture portion or book in that sense.

THE POINTS OF CONSIDERATION (OR PLAYING FIELD)

1. The Bible is a collection of **66 books** – therefore a library – written over a period of some **1400 years plus**, on **three different continents**, in **three different languages** of the applicable periods (Aramaic, Hebrew and Greek) by **some 40 different authors**. I use the term 'some' as there is no full agreement in the broader church and academic environment on the authorship of all the books of the Bible. It is compiled from human documents filled with history, poetry, politics, theology and spirituality centralised in Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their descendant generations, known in the Bible as Israel. See, for example, the identical 1 Chro 16:13-17 and Psa 105:6-10 verses).

O ye seed of Abraham his servant, Ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones. He is Jehovah our God: His judgments are in all the earth. He hath remembered his covenant for ever, The word which he commanded to a thousand generations, the covenant which he made with Abraham, And his oath unto Isaac, And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a statute, To Israel for an everlasting covenant,

God's purpose was for the whole of humanity to learn to know Him through Israel. (My book *As A House Built On Sand?* deals specifically with this purpose of God).ⁱⁱ

- There can be no doubt that many cultural and other changes occurred over the long periods. The reader can simply consider his/her own history, cultural habits, literary meanings, etc.

- Thought patterns of the ancient Israelites were lively, rich and colourful. They always changed abstract views into concrete ideas. Three important and extensive methods were the application of comparisons, parables and metaphors. In this way, for example, all the trees of the field could clap hands and the mountains could jump about like rams.
- **Metaphors** are figurative expressions not used in their literal sense, but are used to illustrate or explain something by comparing it to something else. In other words, a name or descriptive term or expression is applied in an imaginative way to a subject or action, although it is not applicable in literal sense. Of course it was undeniably rooted in the cultural understanding environment of the relevant time and cultural group. In verse 1 of the 19th chapter, Isaiah for example, describes God riding to Egypt on a swift cloud.

The Bible is the **recorded revelation of God to humanity** from the first page to the last, to In those pages we find direct revelations by God himself **to all generations of humanity**. In it we find such direct revelations to individuals, families and nations. There are also revelations written down by people such as the apostles through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

- **The truth of these revelations as coming from God can be seen in the historical fulfilment of all the prophecies..ⁱⁱⁱ**

2. All books of the Bible and even sections of books were addressed to or focussed on specific groups, individuals or nations by the authors

- These books **have not** been written to individuals, groups or nations of our time, but they have been preserved **for them** to learn to live a life of righteousness according to God's directives.
- **Paulus summarised it well:** *"Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work."* (2 Tim 3:16-17).

4. Biblical Hebrew consisted of a very limited number of words (less than 10 000 compared to more the more than 130 000 words of the Greek New Testament).^{iv} One word can have multiple meanings which include both literal and figurative meanings. The same word can even have opposite meanings. The Hebrew word *dâbâr*, number H1967 in Strong's concordance, for example is translated into English by some 50 different words, of which one is the word "*commandments*" (Ex 34:28). In doing research for my first book, *The Lamp Of The Lord*,^v for another example, I found that *nephesh* (Strong no. H5315) has been translated by some 25 different words in the King James version, including *soul, beast, creature, greed and lust*.

- Remember, the specific meaning in each case is determined by the context!
- To illustrate some more: The Hebrew word "*torah*" that is translated by "Law" in our Bible versions, is actually better understood as "teaching" or "instruction." It is a wider concept than "Law," like the concept of "father" is a much wider one than "disciplinarian." In the same way the Hebrew "*tsavah*" (Strong no. H6680) does not really mean the King James' rendering of "*commanded*," but is more accurately to be understood as "*directed*."^{vi}
- Because of these realities, it helps to use several Bible versions in studying the Bible. Differences that are found can then be investigated further. I recommend making a Bible that has been translated into English from a Jewish background such as David H. Stern's *Complete Jewish Bible*,

one of the resources, They are not necessarily without errors or flaws, but often help to give better understanding of the context involved. See the differences in the four versions used for the text comparisons that follow. Also bear in mind that Strong's concordance is not the alpha and omega of word explanation, For this reason I also consult several sources in this regard.

CONCLUDING OBSERVATIONS

In my search for Scripture truth, I quickly realized that **correct context in all its facets, is of critical importance**. In my book *The Lamp Of The Lord* I presented the following illustration to show that a small error now, can have far reaching consequences in the future:

I was a gunner during my national military service – a member of the South African artillery. From my experiences during that time I know very well how crucial accuracy is for the artillery. If one of those big guns is off the target direction by only one half of a degree, and the projectile flight angle is set correctly, it might sound like a small error – until you realise that the point of explosion of the projectile is kilometres away from those guns. Instead of reaching the true target, severe and unintended damage elsewhere is the result – you could even end up killing your own men.

A good international example I came across at some stage is that of the famous British author and Nobel Prize winner, Bertrand Russell (1872-1970). He declared that he was not a Christian because the statements made by Christ and the actions of his disciples indicated that his second coming would take place in their lifetime. Because it did not happen in his view, he alleges that Christ was not as wise a man as he was made out to be. Of course Russell's conclusion was based on the popular second coming doctrines he came to know and definitely not on the truth. He regarded Buddha and Socrates as much wiser men.

The question what remains for us if all prophecies have already been fulfilled was once put to me. My reply has been presented in an article that can be found on our website.^{vii}

The following text comparisons can prove valuable in the consideration of popular end-times preaching and media content that readers are so often confronted with by seemingly convincing and authoritative sources.

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AMERICAN STANDARD VERSION	KING JAMES	HOLMAN CHRISTIAN STANDARD	COMPLETE JEWISH BIBLE	NOTAS
Mat 15:6 (...) And ye have made void the word of God because of your tradition.	Mat 15:6 (...) Thus ^{G2532} have ye made the commandment of God of none effect ^{G208 G3588 G1785} ^{G2316} by ^{G1223} your ^{G5216} tradition. ^{G3862}	Mat 15:6 (...) In this way, you have revoked God's word because of your tradition.	Mat 15:6 (...) Thus by your tradition you make null and void the word of God!	We do not start our Christian lives by working out our faith for ourselves; it is mediated to us by Christian tradition, in the form of sermons, books, and established patterns of church life and fellowship. We read our Bibles in the light of what we have learned from these sources; we approach the Scripture with minds already formed by the mass of accepted opinions and viewpoints with which we have come into contact, in both the church and the world. (J.I. Packer)
Col 2:8 Take heed lest there shall be any one that maketh spoil of you through his philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ:	Col 2:8 Beware ^{G991} lest ^{G3361} any man ^{G5100} spoil ^{G4812} you ^{G5209} through ^{G1223} philosophy ^{G5385} and ^{G2532} vain ^{G2756} deceit, ^{G539} after ^{G2596} the ^{G3588} tradition ^{G3862} of men, ^{G444} after ^{G2596} the ^{G3588} rudiments ^{G4747} of the ^{G3588} world, ^{G2889} and ^{G2532} not ^{G3756} after ^{G2596} Christ. ^{G5547}	Col 2:8 Be careful that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit based on human tradition, based on the elemental forces of the world, and not based on Christ.	Col 2:8 Watch out, so that no one will take you captive by means of philosophy and empty deceit, following human tradition which accords with the elemental spirits of the world but does not accord with the Messiah.	

<p>Mat 16:28 Verily I say unto you, There are some of them that stand here, who shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.</p>	<p>Mat 6:28 Verily^{G281} I say^{G3004} unto you,^{G5213} There be^{G1526} some^{G5100} standing^{G2476} here,^{G5602} which^{G3748} shall not^{G3361} taste^{G1089} of death,^{G2288} till^{G2193} G302 they see^{G1492} the^{G3588} Son^{G5207} of man^{G444} coming^{G2064} in^{G1722} his^{G848} kingdom.^{G932}</p>	<p>Mat 16:28 I assure you: There are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."</p>	<p>Mat 16:28 Yes! I tell you that there are some people standing here who will not experience death until they see the Son of Man coming in his Kingdom!"</p>	<p>I am sure that Jesus of Nazareth was definitely not a liar?</p>
<p>Mat 24:33 even so ye also, when ye see all these things, know ye that he is nigh, <i>even</i> at the doors.</p> <p>Mat 24:34 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all these things be accomplished.</p>	<p>Mat 24:33 So^{G3779} likewise^{G2532} ye,^{G5210} when^{G3752} ye shall see^{G1492} all^{G3956} these things,^{G5023} know^{G1097} that^{G3754} it is^{G2076} near,^{G1451} <i>even</i> at^{G1909} the doors.^{G2374}</p> <p>Mat 24:34 Verily^{G281} I say^{G3004} unto you,^{G5213} This^{G3778} generation^{G1074} shall not^{G3364} pass,^{G3928} till^{G2193} G302 all^{G3956} these things^{G5023} be fulfilled.^{G1096}</p>	<p>Mat 24:33 In the same way, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near--at the door!</p> <p>Mat 24:34 I assure you: This generation will certainly not pass away until all these things take place.</p>	<p>Mat 24:33 In the same way, when you see all these things, you are to know that the time is near, right at the door.</p> <p>Mat 24:34 Yes! I tell you that this people will certainly not pass away before all these things happen.</p>	<p>When they – his disciples/audience – see these things. He did not say when humanity of a future time see it. Please see all the other verses in which Jesus of Nazareth accentuate “you.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important principle in every prophecy – it has a specific address! Not some buckshot into the air. <p><i>“That a single passage has one meaning and one meaning only has been a long-established principle of biblical interpretation. Among evangelicals, recent violations of that principle have multiplied. (...)The single-meaning principle is of foundational importance in understanding God’s</i></p>

				<i>communication with mankind, just as it has been since the creation of the human race.</i> (Robert L. Thomas)
<p>Gal 1:6 I marvel that ye are so quickly removing from him that called you in the grace of Christ unto a different gospel;</p> <p>Gal 1:7 which is not another <i>gospel</i>: only there are some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.</p> <p>Gal 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach unto you any gospel other than that which we preached unto you, let him be anathema.</p> <p>Gal 1:9 As we have said before, so say I now again, If any man preacheth unto you any gospel other than that which ye received, let him be anathema.</p> <p>Gal 1:10 For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? or am I striving to please men? if</p>	<p>Gal 1:6 I marvel^{G2296} that^{G3754} ye are so^{G3779} soon^{G5030} removed^{G3346} from^{G575} him that called^{G2564} you^{G5209} into^{G1722} the grace^{G5485} of Christ^{G5547} unto^{G1519} another^{G2087} gospel:^{G2098}</p> <p>Gal 1:7 Which^{G3739} is^{G2076} not^{G3756} another;^{G243} but^{G1508} there be^{G1526} some^{G5100} that trouble^{G5015} you,^{G5209} and^{G2532} would^{G2309} pervert^{G3344} the^{G3588} gospel^{G2098} of Christ.^{G5547}</p> <p>Gal 1:8 But^{G235} though^{G2532} ^{G1437} we,^{G2249} or^{G2228} an angel^{G32} from^{G1537} heaven,^{G3772} preach any other gospel^{G2097} unto you^{G5213} than^{G3844} that^{G3739} which we have preached^{G2097} unto you,^{G5213} let him be^{G2077} accursed.^{G331}</p> <p>Gal 1:9 As^{G5613} we said before,^{G4280} so^{G2532} say^{G3004} I now^{G737} again,^{G3825} If any^{G1536} <i>man</i> preach any other gospel^{G2097}</p>	<p>Gal 1:6 I am amazed that you are so quickly turning away from Him who called you by the grace of Christ, <i>and are turning</i> to a different gospel--</p> <p>Gal 1:7 not that there is another <i>gospel</i>, but there are some who are troubling you and want to change the gospel of Christ.</p> <p>Gal 1:8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel other than what we have preached to you, a curse be on him!</p> <p>Gal 1:9 As we have said before, I now say again: if anyone preaches to you a gospel contrary to what you received, a curse be on him!</p> <p>Gal 1:10 For am I now trying to win the favor of people, or God? Or am I striving to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a slave of Christ.</p>	<p>Gal 1:8 But even if we—or, for that matter, an angel from heaven!—were to announce to you some so-called "Good News" contrary to the Good News we did announce to you, let him be under a curse forever!</p> <p>Gal 1:9 We said it before, and I say it again: if anyone announces "Good News" contrary to what you received, let him be under a curse forever!</p> <p>Gal 1:10 Now does that sound as if I were trying to win human approval? No! I want God's approval! Or that I'm trying to cater to people? If I were still doing that, I would not be a servant of the Messiah.</p>	<p>Over the past centuries church leaders, evangelists and others have been preaching the terrifying message of an Antichrist instead of the Gospel of Christ.</p> <p>EVERYTHING THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE ANTICHRIST</p> <p>*“<i>Children, this is the final hour; you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, and now many Antichrist’s have already come; from this we know it is the final hour.</i>” (1 John 2:18)</p> <p>*“<i>Who is the liar, if not the one who claims that Jesus is not the Christ? This is the Antichrist, who denies both the Father and the Son.</i>” (1 John 2:22)</p> <p>*“<i>And no spirit which fails to acknowledge Jesus is from God; it is the spirit of Antichrist, whose coming you heard of; he is already at large in the world.</i>” (1 John 4:3)</p> <p>*“<i>There are many deceivers at large in the world, refusing to acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in human nature. They are the Deceiver; they are the Antichrist.</i>” (2 John, verse 7)</p>

I were still pleasing men, I should not be a servant of Christ.	<p>unto you ^{G5209} than ^{G3844} that ^{G3739} ye have received, ^{G3880} let him be ^{G2077} accursed. ^{G331}</p> <p>Gal 1:10 For ^{G1063} do I now ^{G737} persuade ^{G3982} men, ^{G444} or ^{G2228} God? ^{G2316} or ^{G2228} do I seek ^{G2212} to please ^{G700} men? ^{G444} for ^{G1063} if ^{G1487} I yet ^{G2089} pleased ^{G700} men, ^{G444} I should not ^{G3756} be ^{G2252} ^{G302} the servant ^{G1401} of Christ. ^{G5547}</p>			<p>The term ‘Antichrist’ is used in no other book of the Bible. Only John uses it in two of his three Epistles - and not even once in the Book of Revelation! He further states explicitly that the Antichrist was already there at the time of his writing!!!</p> <p>[From my Hosea Letter to friends March 2008]</p>
Gal 4:4 but when the fulness of the time came, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,	<p>Gal 4:4 But ^{G1161} when ^{G3753} the ^{G3588} fulness ^{G4138} of the ^{G3588} time ^{G5550} was come, ^{G2064} God ^{G2316} sent forth ^{G1821} his ^{G848} Son, ^{G5207} made ^{G1096} of ^{G1537} a woman, ^{G1135} made ^{G1096} under ^{G5259} the law, ^{G3551}</p>	Gal 4:4 But when the completion of the time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,	Gal 4:4 but when the appointed time arrived, God sent forth his Son. He was born from a woman, born into a culture in which legalistic perversion of the Torah was the norm,	<p>“Time” in this context is the word “<i>logos</i>” – meaning the continuous historical timeline. In other words, the completion of the prophecies have already taken place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mat 1:17 <i>So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations.</i> Consider Gen 3:14 & 15, and Mat 1:17 against Paul’s accentuation of the “fulness of time.”

<p>1Co 10:11 Now these things happened unto them by way of example; and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages are come.</p>	<p>1Co 10:11 Now ^{G1161}all ^{G3956}these things ^{G5023}happened ^{G4819}unto them ^{G1565}for ensamples: ^{G5179}and ^{G1161}they are written ^{G1125}for ^{G4314}our ^{G2257}admonition, ^{G3559}upon ^{G1519}whom ^{G3739}the ^{G3588}ends ^{G5056}of the ^{G3588}<u>world</u> ^{G165}are come. ^{G2658}</p> <p><i>[G165 – korreksie na “ages” reeds in New King James gemaak].</i></p>	<p>1Co 10:11 Now these things happened to them as examples, and they were written as a warning to us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.</p>	<p>1Co 10:11 These things happened to them as prefigurative historical events, and they were written down as a warning to us who are living in the acharit-hayamim.</p>	<p>The Hebrew word for "End of Days" is <i>Acharit Hayamim</i> [International Fellowship of Christians and Jews].</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul says they (that generation of Corinthians) were already living in the ends of the ages.
<p>Heb 9:11 But Christ having come a high priest of the good things to come, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation,</p> <p>Heb 9:12 nor yet through the blood of goats and calves, but through his own blood, entered in once for all into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption.</p>	<p>Heb 9:11 But ^{G1161}Christ ^{G5547}being come ^{G3854}an high priest ^{G749}of good things ^{G18}to come, ^{G3195}by ^{G1223}a greater ^{G3187}and ^{G2532}more perfect ^{G5046}tabernacle, ^{G4633}not ^{G3756}made with hands, ^{G5499}that is to say, ^{G5123}not ^{G3756}of this ^{G5026}building, ^{G2937}</p> <p>Heb 9:12 Neither ^{G3761}by ^{G1223}the blood ^{G129}of goats ^{G5131}and ^{G2532}calves, ^{G3448}but ^{G1161}by ^{G1223}his own ^{G2398}blood ^{G129}he entered in ^{G1525}once ^{G2178}into ^{G1519}the ^{G3588}holy place, ^{G39}having obtained ^{G2147}eternal ^{G166}redemption ^{G3085}for us.</p>	<p>Heb 9:11 Now the Messiah has appeared, high priest of the good things that have come. In the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands (that is, not of this creation),</p> <p>Heb 9:12 He entered the holy of holies once for all, not by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.</p>	<p>Heb 9:11 But when the Messiah appeared as cohen gadol of the good things that are happening already, then, through the greater and more perfect Tent which is not man-made (that is, it is not of this created world),</p> <p>Heb 9:12 he entered the Holiest Place once and for all. And he entered not by means of the blood of goats and calves, but by means of his own blood, thus setting people free forever.</p>	<p>“Once and for all.” “Forever!” Already done! But not according to the end-times preachers.</p>

<p>Rev 1:4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from him who is and who was and who is to come; and from the seven Spirits that are before his throne;</p> <p>Rev 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, <i>who is</i> the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loveth us, and loosed us from our sins by his blood;</p> <p>Rev 1:6 and he made us <i>to be</i> a kingdom, <i>to be</i> priests unto his God and Father; to him <i>be</i> the glory and the dominion for ever and ever. Amen.</p>	<p>Rev 1:4 John^{G2491} to the^{G3588} seven^{G2033} churches^{G1577} which^{G3588} are in^{G1722} Asia:^{G773} Grace^{G5485} <i>be</i> unto you,^{G5213} and^{G2532} peace,^{G1515} from^{G575} him which is, and which was, and which is to come,^{G3801} and^{G2532} from^{G575} the^{G3588} seven^{G2033} Spirits^{G4151} which^{G3739} are^{G2076} before^{G1799} his^{G848} throne;^{G2362}</p> <p>Rev 1:5 And^{G2532} from^{G575} Jesus^{G2424} Christ,^{G5547} <i>who is</i> the^{G3588} faithful^{G4103} witness,^{G3144} and the^{G3588} first^{G4416} begotten^{G1537} of^{G1537} the^{G3588} dead,^{G3498} and^{G2532} the^{G3588} prince^{G758} of the^{G3588} kings^{G935} of the^{G3588} earth.^{G1093} Unto him that loved^{G25} us,^{G2248} and^{G2532} washed^{G3068} us^{G2248} from^{G575} our^{G2257} sins^{G266} in^{G1722} his own^{G848} blood,^{G129}</p> <p>Rev 1:6 And^{G2532} hath made^{G4160} us^{G2248} kings^{G935} and^{G2532} priests^{G2409} unto God^{G2316} and^{G2532} his^{G848} Father;^{G3962} to him^{G846} <i>be</i> glory^{G1391} and^{G2532} dominion^{G2904} for ever and</p>	<p>Rev 1:4 John: To the seven churches in the province of Asia. Grace and peace to you from the One who is, who was, and who is coming; from the seven spirits before His throne;</p> <p>Rev 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and has set us free from our sins by His blood,</p> <p>Rev 1:6 and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father--to Him be the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.</p>	<p>Rev 1:4 From: Yochanan To: The seven Messianic communities in the province of Asia: Grace and shalom to you from the One who is, who was and who is coming; from the sevenfold Spirit before his throne;</p> <p>Rev 1:5 and from Yeshua the Messiah, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and the ruler of the earth's kings. To him, the one who loves us, who has freed us from our sins at the cost of his blood,</p> <p>Rev 1:6 who has caused us to be a kingdom, that is, cohanim for God, his Father—to him be the glory and the rulership forever and ever. Amen.</p>	<p>By that time there had already been many congregations that are recorded by name in the Bible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why then has the revelation not been addressed to “all congregations in Christ, for example? • 2Co 5:17 <i>Therefore if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; old things have passed away, and look, new things have come.</i> It most certainly included all congregations in Paul’s time, didn’t it?
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<p>Rev 15:8 And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and none was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels should be finished.</p>	<p>Rev 15:8 And G2532 the G3588 temple G3485 was filled G1072 with smoke G2586 from G1537 the G3588 glory G1391 of God, G2316 and G2532 from G1537 his G848 power; G1411 and G2532 no man G3762 was able G1410 to enter G1525 into G1519 the G3588 temple, G3485 till G891 the G3588 seven G2033 plagues G4127 of the G3588 seven G2033 angels G32 were fulfilled. G5055</p>	<p>Rev 15:8 Then the sanctuary was filled with smoke from God's glory and from His power, and no one could enter the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.</p>	<p>Rev 15:8 Then the sanctuary was filled with smoke from God's Sh'khinah, that is, from his power; and no one could enter the sanctuary until the seven plagues of the seven angels had accomplished their purpose.</p>	<p>Thus, according to the contemporary end-times Bible interpreters, it implies that nobody can enter into God's presence as the seven plagues have not been fully completed. That totally contradicts Heb 4:16 – “<i>Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.</i>”</p>
<p>Rev 22:10 And he saith unto me, Seal not up the words of the prophecy of this book; for the time is at hand.</p> <p>Rev 22:11 He that is unrighteous, let him do unrighteousness still: and he that is filthy, let him be made filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him do righteousness still: and he that is holy, let him be made holy still.</p>	<p>Rev 22:10 And G2532 he saith G3004 unto me, G3427 Seal G4972 not G3361 the G3588 sayings G3056 of the G3588 prophecy G4394 of this G5127 book: G975 for G3754 the G3588 time G2540 is G2076 at hand. G1451</p> <p>Rev 22:11 He that is unjust, G91 let him be unjust G91 still: G2089 and G2532 he which is filthy, G4510 let him be filthy G4510 still: G2089 and G2532 he that is righteous, G1342 let him be righteous G1344 still: G2089 and G2532 he that is</p>	<p>Rev 22:10 He also said to me, "Don't seal the prophetic words of this book, because the time is near.</p> <p>Rev 22:11 Let the unrighteous go on in unrighteousness; let the filthy go on being made filthy; let the righteous go on in righteousness; and let the holy go on being made holy."</p>	<p>Rev 22:10 Then he said to me, "Don't seal up the words of the prophecy in this book, because the time of their fulfillment is near.</p> <p>Rev 22:11 "Whoever keeps acting wickedly, let him go on acting wickedly; whoever is filthy, let him go on being made filthy. "Also, whoever is righteous, let him go on doing what is righteous; and whoever is holy, let him go on being made holy."</p>	<p>“The time is at hand (near).” Therefore, near at the time the revelation was given to John! (The old Jerusalem was completely destroyed in 70 AD, Yet this is not recorded in the revelation. There should be no doubt that the revelation was written before 70 AD.</p>

	<p>holy, ^{G40} let him be holy ^{G37} still. ^{G2089}</p>			
<p>Rev 22:18 I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto them, God shall add unto him the plagues which are written in this book:</p> <p>Rev 22:19 and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life, and out of the holy city, which are written in this book.</p>	<p>Rev 22:18 For ^{G1063} I testify ^{G4828} unto every man ^{G3956} that heareth ^{G191} the ^{G3588} words ^{G3056} of the ^{G3588} prophecy ^{G4394} of this ^{G5127} book, ^{G975} If ^{G1437} any man ^{G5100} shall add ^{G2007} unto ^{G4314} these things, ^{G5023} God ^{G2316} shall add ^{G2007} unto ^{G1909} him ^{G846} the ^{G3588} plagues ^{G4127} that are written ^{G1125} in ^{G1722} this ^{G5129} book: ^{G975}</p> <p>Rev 22:19 And ^{G2532} if ^{G1437} any man ^{G5100} shall take away ^{G851} from ^{G575} the ^{G3588} words ^{G3056} of the book ^{G976} of this ^{G5026} prophecy, ^{G4394} God ^{G2316} shall take away ^{G851} his ^{G846} part ^{G3313} out of ^{G575} the book ^{G976} of life, ^{G2222} and ^{G2532} out of ^{G1537} the ^{G3588} holy ^{G40} city, ^{G4172} and ^{G2532} from the things which are written ^{G1125} in ^{G1722} this ^{G5129} book. ^{G975}</p>	<p>Rev 22:18 I testify to everyone who hears the prophetic words of this book: If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book.</p> <p>Rev 22:19 And if anyone takes away from the words of this prophetic book, God will take away his share of the tree of life and the holy city, written in this book.</p>	<p>Rev 22:18 I warn everyone hearing the words of the prophecy in this book that if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues written in this book.</p> <p>Rev 22:19 And if anyone takes anything away from the words in the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the Tree of Life and the holy city, as described in this book.</p>	<p>Verse 16 accentuates that these were/are the words of Jesus. Does this perhaps explain why the world of today looks like it does? Preachers and others not only transgress this principle in respect of the book of Revelation, but they do so with the whole Bible. The existence of more than 40 000 denominations is strong testimony thereof.</p>

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