

## I. Introduction to the Book of Revelation and the Seven Churches

If you have been coming the last couple of weeks, most of you who have called this place home know very well what we are doing here. We have been coming through the book of Revelation, and I have been showing you how the book of Revelation, as all of the Bible, is broken down around the number seven. I have put a lot of emphasis on this because we are in the process of learning the Bible, and there is no greater process in learning the Bible than understanding that concept of God's number of perfection is number seven. He does that all the way through the Bible. In the Old Testament, well over 800 times, you find that God uses it. Basically, the whole Bible is put together that way.

The book of Revelation, which many times you are told is the hardest book for you to understand, really becomes the easiest book for you to understand if you just follow God's outline and let the Bible open itself up to you. So that is what we have been really focusing on. We started with our first study in the book of Revelation, which is the seven churches. I told you how important it is to understand your roots, where you and I have come from. We have come through systematically, starting with the church at Ephesus, which means "fully purposed."

You remember I showed you how God has broken the church age, which runs about two thousand years, into seven periods. That is why He wants us to study it that way. So we have been coming through, detailing it out. I am sure now that you are aware of understanding how you will never understand the Bible without an understanding of history, and you will never understand history without an understanding of the Scriptures. They go hand in hand. What I have been trying to do is show you how they, in a very brief way, go together and how, when they are together, it gives you the answers to everything that you are up against in life. You see a great truth in the Bible, and that is that history always repeats itself. We make the same mistakes when we do not learn the lessons of history.

## II. The Philadelphia Church Period: A Noble Heritage

For the last couple of weeks, we have been talking about the greatest period in church history. I had to break this one down into two, or even three, because there is so much information. I really want to challenge you with this because this is the kind of church we want to build. Two weeks ago, we entered into the great Philadelphia Church period, a period in church history that starts around 1600 with the outbreak of the Reformation and then brings us up to about 1900, about four hundred years. Without a doubt, these were the greatest four hundred years in the history of the world as far as the propagation of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the greatest time.

We saw this. I took it in two sections so far. I showed you the background, what took place and what led up to it, the background of the Reformation, and what was going on in Europe. Then I

showed you last week the great men and the great missions. It shows you where your heritage really is if you are a Christian today. Most of God's people have no idea where their roots are. They have no idea the price that was paid for you and I to sit here this morning or to hold that Bible that you have in your hand today. They literally have absolutely no idea where they have come from and the great noble heritage that we have as God's people and the privilege of carrying the Word of God down through the centuries, that it might be the book that God can open the hearts of men that they may find a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. It is incredible, incredible.

Our first message, as I said, we looked at the background. We looked at the suppression of the Word of God under the Roman Catholic domination of the world. We saw how it led to the Reformation in 1522 under Martin Luther. Last week, we saw the real hand of God behind the Reformation, and I showed you what it really was all about. I gave you two great concepts. I gave you two great concepts that when you study history, and I used John Christensen's little analogy of it when he preached down at the mission last week, he talked about the fact that history is nothing more than "His story," God revealing Himself through history. That is so true, and that is a great little way to explain it. It is absolutely a truth.

I showed you how God is shaping the lives of men, the character of men. God showed you how God is shaping the nation because God has a plan. We talked about this Thursday night, and a lot of the things that we are talking about on Sunday morning are dovetailing back into Thursday night, which even gives you more of an enlightenment on it. We have talked about how this whole thing really just lays itself out and saw how God was shaping the nations and people to take the Word of God around the world and obey this dark world in the light of the Word of God, starting with England and then moving on into America around 1700 and up to the time period around 1900.

America is a key player in God's plan. I feel so ashamed of America for what she has done with the Word of God and the calling that God has given her. Sometime, when you get maybe a little bit farther down the line in your Bible, I want to tell you one of the greatest studies you will ever encounter, one of the greatest studies you will ever take throughout the Word of God in history, are the parallels between the United States of America and the nation of Israel. They are two of the greatest studies that you will ever take, showing you how God had a plan for each, one in the Old Testament and one in the New Testament. When you look at the similarities between them, you will find that the hand of God was shaping both of those nations for two different reasons.

In the Old Testament, it is the establishment of the kingdom of heaven under the monarchy of the nation of Israel. In the New Testament, it is the kingdom of God under the concept of the blood of Christ and the establishment of the church. When you begin to look at those two nations, you begin to see what I am talking about, how God shapes nations as He shapes men. Both nations start with God in their original concept. There are no two nations on the face of this planet that at their inception, when they began, when they started, they started with the concept of God and the Word of God. Israel did it when God brought them out back there in the book of Exodus. We did it in 1700 when the Pilgrims came over, when this country was established. It was established for

the religious freedom of preaching the Word of God and the propagation of the Gospel. That was written into the founding fathers' desires.

America is a democracy today. It was not a democracy when it was started; it was a republic. A democracy is based on the fact that the majority rules. A republic is based on the fact that the Bible rules. It was started by its founding fathers with that concept. They both start with the Word of God. The Jews had the Old Testament, which we know today as the Masoretic text. America had the King James Bible that had come over with the Pilgrims in the form of the Geneva Bible, but quickly became the King James Bible after 1611 and became the standard for the Bible-believing world for the next 400 years.

They both have God firmly ingrained in their national fabric. As I said, Israel was a theocracy, and the United States became a republic. They both split north and south in a civil war. After Solomon, Israel splits north and south with Rehoboam and Jeroboam. In our own nation, we split north and south under Abraham Lincoln in the Civil War. The parallels are incredible, absolutely incredible. Both go into apostasy for the same reason. Both never accomplish the mission. Both reject the Word of God and replace it with something else. Both wind up rejecting God and replacing Him with something else.

The most important thing, you better mark this down because men never learn the lesson of history. Israel went into apostasy and went to hell in a handbag in about ten seconds right after she got her first woman leader, Manasseh, and his mother reigned with him, 2 Kings 21. The only thing that men never learn from history is they never learn anything from history. The greatest lessons you are ever going to find are taught not only in the Word of God but in the lessons of history of God shaping nations and nations either accepting or rejecting the Word of God, just like you and I have to. It is the greatest thing you will ever learn. If I can ever get you folks plugged into that to the point where you really start looking at it with that critical eye, you will begin to really learn some things, and you will become ten times more effective for God.

### III. The End of the Philadelphia Period and the Hour of Temptation

Today I want to talk about this third section. I want to talk about how the greatest period in church history ended. This is one of the greatest studies you are ever going to come across. If you are ever going to really be effective for God, you are going to have to understand today because today impacts us. What we are going to study today, even though it happened many, many, many years ago—400 years ago, 200 years ago, 300 years ago—is why things are the way they are today. We are going to learn so much from this study if you are paying attention. We see why things are the way they are today, and we also lay the groundwork for the next church period we are going to study, which is our seventh, which we will start next week, which is the Laodicean church period.

The Philadelphia Church period, Philadelphia means "brotherly love." The Philadelphia Church period is the church of the open door. The Laodicean Church period is the church of the closed door. Something happened. The reason churches fail today, and the reason why pastors fail today,

and the reason why God's people are so shallow today and do not know anything about God or the Word of God, the answer to that lies in the lesson of today. So if you were sleeping for the last six months, wake up today and please pay attention to what we are going to talk about because this is going to affect a lot of things in your life.

Let us begin reading again as we have every week.

*Revelation 3:7-13*

*And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;*

*I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.*

*Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.*

*Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.*

*Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.*

*Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.*

*He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*

Now Father, we ask You to meet with us today. Holy Spirit of God, seven times in these three chapters You have told us that if we have ears, let us hear what the Holy Spirit of God is saying to us. There is a lesson, there is a message, there is something in these seven churches that You want us as Your children to understand. You want us to know history. You want us to know Bible in history. You want us to know where we have come from. You want us to know what we need to stand for today. Lord, You want us to know what we need to be fighting for and what we need to be believing and what we need to be doing. Lord, I do not know of any other way to lay this out but the way that we have come through it.

I pray Father that You will raise up. I know, Lord, in this group that not everybody will get it. Not everybody will want it. Some will reject it. Some will not care. Some will just take a ho-hum attitude. But Lord, I know in this group there are men and women who want to know You and want to know Your Word, and they have made their mind up that they are going to fasten their eyes on Jesus. They have made their mind up that they are going to alter in their life whatever they have to change, whatever they have to get rid of, they will; whatever has to go will go so they can have the working relationship with You and Your Word in these last days before Jesus

comes back. Help us today, Father, to teach it straight, believe it honestly, and openly declare it, Lord, and we will thank You and praise You in Jesus' name. For His sake, we ask it. Amen.

## IV. God's Plan and the Devil's Counter-Reformation

I have told you so far we have looked at really the first nine verses, or seven through nine here, and we talked about this church being called the Philadelphian church, which means "brotherly love." We know it runs now from about 1600 to 1900, and we really have detailed out verses 7 to 9 in our first two lessons. Today I want to focus on verse 10 and then come down through the end of the chapter, really in two areas. The first thing I want you to see is in verse 10. He says, "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience," that is the Word of God. You remember this church was told twice that it had kept the Word of God. You also want to remember this is the only church of the seven that was not told to repent of something. It is a good church; it is doing everything by the book, so to speak. Yet He says, "I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." Then He says this in verse 11, "Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown." There are two aspects here we want to focus on today, and these two aspects deal with the aspect of the hour of temptation and some man taking your crown.

I want to remind you today of two principles that we have really built into everything that we have done when we really started to study the Bible. I know you have heard it before, and it is repetition, but the price of learning is, of course, repetition. I want to remind you of two great principles that are not only the key to the Bible but they are the key to history.

1. God moves through history with a plan. That is all the Bible is. God starts in Genesis 1:1 with a plan. That plan ends in Revelation 22. Thursday night I told you that that was a process, and that is true, but it is also the process is a plan to get you to God's original plan that He wants you to do. We talked about that. God has a plan. So when you study the Bible and you take the Bible and history and put them together, and you realize that history is, as John says, "His story," then you realize that what you have got in history is an accounting, an accounting of what God is doing from Genesis to Revelation. He has a plan. You were born in the 20th century or the 21st century, some of your children. You were born in the 20th century in the last part of that plan. God has something that He wants you and I to do in the last part of that plan. God has a plan, and as He moved down through history, He wants to accomplish that plan.
2. The devil is going to move in opposition to God's plan to stop Him. So when you got the plan, when God saved you, God saved you for a reason. God saved you for a purpose. God did not save you so you could just sit down here and grow moss. God saved you for some purpose. If you are not fully functioning this morning the way you should and you are saved, if you are not plugged in and doing what God wants you to do and having your focus set on what God's plan is in your life, I can safely say to you today the devil has worked in your life and he has stopped what God is doing. That is the plan. God has a plan down through history to accomplish His purpose, and the devil's plan is to stop God's plan. That is just the way that it works. The Bible is that way, history is that way from Genesis 1 to Revelation 22.

When you understand that, then we talked last week about the effect of the Reformation. We know now that the Roman Catholic Church for the last thousand years was bathing the world in darkness through the Dark Ages. She had literally suppressed every piece of literature that had anything to do with God or the Bible. She had concocted her own religion based on her own fallacies of the Bible, and she had literally taken control of the nations and the people and the kings and literally had run the world. We have all been through that, so we do not need to go through it again.

In Revelation 3:9, we find that during this time He says this: "Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan," that is the Roman Catholic Church, "which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee." This 400 years is a period of time when the Roman Catholic Church, as far as the surface is concerned, loses her impact. We have talked about that. But we know from our previous studies, when we got ready for this study, remember when I took you back to Job 40 and Job 41, and I showed you before we ever got into this study, I showed you how the devil's tactics worked down through history. I told you that the Holy Spirit of God told you in Job 40 and Job 41, which are the two greatest chapters in the Old Testament on the operation of the devil, the two greatest chapters in the New Testament, Revelation 12 and 13. I told you the Bible says that God would not hide His parts, His power, or His comely proportion.

I showed you how the devil's main function is to counterfeit, to camouflage, to misdirect, to give misinformation, and to take control and to keep in dominance or under dominance the folks, the people that it takes. During this period of time, when the Holy Spirit of God kicks open the door and the Holy Spirit of God goes to the ends of the earth, the Roman Catholic Church is down, but she is not out. The devil is never out. He just always changes form to attack another way. He will not be out until Revelation 20, and then he is out. But he is not out now. That is a great lesson in itself you have got to learn. People do not understand that 24/7 the devil is trying to erode whatever God is doing in your life.

Last week we had a great service. I must have got a hundred phone calls from people and said, "Man, that really got me on track and really got my perspective, and I really got this thing going." Last week we kind of had a mini revival in here, I think, in your own hearts. I appreciate that, and that is great. But the truth of the matter is, the minute I said "Amen" and you walked out that door, the devil started to erode what God just did. He did. He did. I would say before the end of the day he had most of you back right where he wanted you, if not by the end of the day, certainly by the middle of the week. You see, that is what you have got to overcome, and the way you overcome that is to understand his tactics. He is down many times, but he is never out. When you cannot seem, do not delude yourself that he is in Cincinnati. He is right at your back door coming at you another way. That is why the Bible says that God will not conceal His parts, His power, or His comely proportion. This is why the devil hates the Bible. This is why he wants to change the Bible. Jesus is the only book in the world that defines every part of his operation and shows you exactly how he is going to come after you so you do not have to get trapped in it. But we do anyhow.

## V. The Jesuit Strategy: Infiltration and Intellectualism

What we are going to talk about today is how this thing ended. We are going to talk about what the devil did. In church history, that is also in that little book back there that they do not go into the detail that I am going to go into today. You are going to find that in history, while the Reformation was taking place and the greatest period of time in church history was unfolding itself, the devil put together what has commonly been called in church history the Counter-Reformation. The Counter-Reformation took almost 400 years to accomplish. Another great tactic you can learn about the devil: he is much more patient than you and I are. What he does is he exploits our inability to be patient. He will wait for you and wait for you and wait for you. He will wait until you go to sleep and you think everything is fine, and then he will come after you.

We see that during this Counter-Reformation, through the Roman Catholic Church, the devil enacts six steps to bring back and end this period of time. They are some of the most absolutely amazing things that you ever do. What is going on in America today and has gone on in America in your and my lifetime and beyond our lifetime, you are going to see it today. What is happening in America and around the world today is a direct result of what took place in the Counter-Reformation to stop what is going on. Everything in Christianity, everything in America, everything in politics, everything in the world today has a common thread that goes right back to what the devil did here. The quicker you learn that, the quicker you get on the same page with God and know what you are up against.

### ➤ The Six Steps of the Counter-Reformation

- The Pope ordered more pressure and murder on all the reformers and tried to suppress the movement in the countries that were still loyal to Rome. The Reformation broke out in England, Germany, parts of France, Holland, and Scotland. But there were still nations that were loyal to Rome; Spain was one of them. France, for the biggest part under Louis XIV, was one of them. Spain under Ferdinand, and of course, Spain never did do anything. We saw last week how England fluctuated back and forth. Finally, when Queen Mary, Bloody Mary, came to the throne, she tried to bring it back, and all this was part of that.
- The next step was to beef up the Inquisition. The Inquisition was started in Spain, and the Inquisition is nothing more than a torture mechanism to wipe out Christianity. The Inquisition is when you were brought into a room, if you were a Bible believer, and you had someone who questioned you about your belief, questioned you about your faith. When you gave the wrong answers, then they tortured you through various methods. The Inquisition is one of the darkest periods of time in church history, set up and orchestrated by the Roman Catholic Church through the Roman Catholic nations to stop the Reformation.
- The third thing was a little thing called the Index. The Index was a list of books put out by the Roman Catholic Church that you could not read if you were Roman Catholic. They wanted to stop the influence of the Reformation reformers: Luther, Calvin, Zwingli. They wanted to cut off any information going to their people because, let me tell you something, I do not know if we have any Roman Catholics here this morning, but I know this: many, many Roman Catholics would say that when they started to read the Bible, that is when they

saw what they were believing was not right. Do you know how Martin Luther got saved? Martin Luther got saved because he read in the Book of Romans that the just shall live by faith, and it was the Bible that led him to salvation based on what was being said. This is why they do not want you to read the Bible. This is why during this period of time it was against the law for you to read the Bible. It was all set up that way. The Index had a number of books on it, and the Index is, by the way, still in effect today. The Index is an endless list of books that you, if you are a good Roman Catholic, cannot read because they will give you another opinion other than what Rome wants you to have. Yes, the King James Bible is at the top of that list.

- The next thing we find is that Rome called the famous, or I should say infamous, Council of Trent in 1545 that goes all the way to 1564. At the Council of Trent, the Roman Catholic Church redefined Orthodoxy. Orthodoxy is a big \$25 word. It means the teachings of the church. What they did is they redefined the teachings of the church. When the Roman Catholic Church was done, they pronounced 125 curses on anybody that was a heretic. In the Roman Catholic Church's mindset, anybody that is a heretic is somebody who does not agree with them. One hundred and twenty-three curses on anybody who thought that you got saved by the blood of Christ. Fifteen curses on anybody who rejected infant baptism. It covered just about all the bases. At the Council of Trent, we now had an official policy in force that cursed, and along with the cursings, the Pope was passing out medals for anybody that killed heretics. This goes on all during this time where they can, even though God is still doing what they are doing. It is a situation where it just goes on forever and ever and ever. In fact, these 125 curses, ladies and gentlemen, are still on the official books today. They have never been rescinded. You do not hear much about them.
- The fifth thing that they did was a counterfeit missionary program. They did this through Spain. When we talk about all the great missionaries last week that we did, we also come to the other side of it. You are going to find that, remember, I told you last week there were two great seafaring nations. One of them was England. The other one was Spain. Spain came over to wipe out England because England did not have a Navy. Of course, the Spanish Armada got sunk in the English Channel, and we talked about all of that. But Spain launches a great counterfeit missionary program. You are going to find that if when we go to South America today, or Mexico, or Central America, or South America, you are going to find that all of that is predominantly Roman Catholic. That is because the great explorers that you read about in history—Magellan, Columbus, Balboa, Cortes, Vasco da Gama, Pizarro, Ponce de Leon, and all of those guys—they were Spaniards, Roman Catholics, that were expanding new territory to counter what the Holy Spirit of God was doing. Wherever they put the flag of Spain, they claimed it for the Roman Catholic Church. Then they did what every good Roman Catholic did for the next 200 years in history: they enslaved the people, took all their gold, and killed anybody that disagreed with them. That is how it works. If you want a movie sometime to go rent that lays this out, go get *The Mission* with Robert De Niro. It is a movie about the Jesuit priesthood that goes into the missionary movements. It is a great little movie to see what really is going on.
- Without a doubt, the greatest thing that they did, and this is another one of these places in history like Constantine and Charlemagne, the greatest thing that the devil did through the

Roman Catholic Church happened around 1500 with a man by the name of, he was a priest by the name of Ignatius Loyola. He put together under the Pope's decree a group of people which has been called the Society of Jesus. You and I know them today as the Jesuits. The Jesuit movement was, without a doubt, the key to the Counter-Reformation and bringing down the greatest period of church history.

Let me define the Jesuits for you. Let me just say this, because this is going to sound negative. But do not take my word for it. Just go to any public library in the country today, and you will get the stuff without any problem at all. Let me explain who they are. First of all, they are a very militant, extreme group of intellectuals whose main purpose and job was to educate. If you want a modern-day comparison today, you could take the CIA, the FBI, the KGB, and the Gestapo and put them all in the same mess. That is what they did. They infiltrated. Rome launched with them the real aspect of the Counter-Reformation.

I want to give you a short version of how this thing worked. If you want some good books on this, here is what you need to get:

- A book by a guy by the name of Avro Manhattan about Vietnam and why did we go. He traces the Jesuit influence all the way from 1914 from World War I to World War II to Vietnam and right up to where we are at. One of the greatest books you will ever get.
- A little book by a guy by the name of Shepherd called The Babington Plot. It is a plot to show how the Jesuits were behind the attempt to assassinate King James.
- A book by a guy named Paris called The Secret History of the Jesuits and shows you how they are connected all down through history.

What he shows you in that book is how when Adolf Hitler established the Gestapo, Adolf Hitler was a good old Roman Catholic, studied for the priesthood in Hell. When he started up his Third Reich, he set up the SS or his bodyguard unit, the Leibstandarte. He set them up after the concept of the Jesuits. So they all wore black uniforms like a priest. I have pictures in my files at home over in the Vatican where you have the Swiss Guard, who was a formative Jesuit, taking an allegiance to the Pope to make sure that they protect the Pope. What they do is they have their little flags at each one of those guys for their little organizations or little groups or little companies or little squads or whatever it is. When they get indoctrinated in, they come out to Vatican Square, and they lay those standards down across, and they put two fingers on the standard and two fingers up, and they swear an allegiance to the Pope that they would die for the Pope.

Go back and get some newsreels from about 1933, 1934, 1935 that show when Adolf Hitler came to power after the death of von Hindenburg, he immediately condensed the two aspects of chancellor and president of Germany. In the next 24 hours after Hindenburg's death, he called every officer in the German army, and you can go on any file on any internet and find the pictures, and then you could go to the Vatican, I am sure they have a website, and find the pictures. What you have is Adolf Hitler making those SS and German soldiers laying down their standards in the same fashion, putting two fingers on the standard and two fingers in the air and swearing an allegiance to their Pope. That is in The Secret History of the Jesuits.

Get a book called 50 Years of Roman Imperialism and watch the Jesuits behind the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Get my series of tapes that are out there if somebody has them on video of the assassination of JFK and find the documentation of the Jesuits behind that little piece of work. We have been bombarded today, and let me tell you something, I am not a conspiracy theorist. I am really not. I just know my history and I know my Bible. Some of you people run around out there buying everything new that comes out. I hear it all the time. I have heard it all my life. In the early part of 1933, the great fear that shook the world was fascism. After World War II, it was the Cold War, and what scared everybody was communism. Then everybody gets run around and worried about the Masons, the secret organization of the Masons. When you become a 33rd-degree Mason, you offer human sacrifices, and how Washington, D.C. is laid out in a satanic pentagram, and how the Masons are all this and all that. Then you are hearing about the Shriners who have a mystic idea about the Muslims and the shrine of Aerat and all that stuff. Now we think that they are going to take over the world. Let me tell you something. The only damage the Shriners are going to do is one of them little guys hit you with his go-kart and pray. But I have heard it all. I have heard that the Illuminati is going to take over the world. I have heard of the Bilderbergs. I have heard of the Jewish bankers have got control of the world. I have heard it all. All the conspiracies down through history. Let me tell you something. It is all a smokescreen for the number one danger to cover it up that has been at work since 1500. It is the Jesuit system under the Roman Catholic Church.

The Jesuits go back and under the misdirection and misinformation. This is exactly what they do. They rewrite all history. Some of you already picked up on it. You just did not know what to do with it. I have had some of you already get books on history. You know what you find when you start to study books on history? They tell you that the Waldensians were a cult group. That little pamphlet that I am getting you to buy back there talks about the Manichaeans and the Montanists as a cult group. You are going to find when you read history that the great Bible-believing men and women that are your heritage, when history is written, they are written as the cult groups. That is because the Jesuits went back and rewrote history. You bet they did. They will show you how they did in just a minute. They went back and they rewrote history.

Coming up here in March, I do not remember the date, but we are going to have St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick's Day is a great day where everybody wears green and drinks green beer. You have praise. We will have one. We do not really have a parade. It usually turns into a shootout and a riot in Kansas City, which is not too bad in itself. I feel like those kind of things. But it is to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Of course, St. Patrick, you know, was a Roman Catholic saint. St. Patrick's name is Petrichius. Petrichius was a Bible-believing, Bible-preaching, anti-Roman Catholic, born-again, blood-washed child of God that preached in the fields in the streets all through Ireland and Scotland. He was hated by the Roman Catholic Church, and they tried to wipe him out all of his life and never could do it. He was responsible for winning hundreds of thousands of people to the Lord. He trained missionaries. He did not believe a thing Rome believed one day in his life. Four hundred years after he is dead, the Jesuits make him a saint, make him green, and give you the beer. That is what they do. That is what they do. That is what they do best.

We talked about Wycliffe's Bible being the first English translation. I was preaching in Pennsylvania a number of years ago and teaching on a, I had a series on church history that I would go into churches, and they would bring their whole churches together for like five nights. We started on a Sunday night and go right up to Friday. I would take three hours a night, and everybody in the church just shutting out everything they do because this, a church would come together and say, "We want to learn it." I put together a series of five or six lessons that I would go in. It usually ran like this: I would preach for three hours, and then we had a two-hour question and answer afterwards downstairs, and it went on all week long. I got talking about in part of mine, the Wycliffe's Bible and how Wycliffe put the first English translation out, and it was against Rome. The third night some guy brought in and he brought in a Wycliffe translation of the Bible that he had gotten, and it did not match up to my King James Bible; it matched up to the Roman Catholic Bible. I did not know nobody was going to do that. So you do not have time to get multi-information. So I had to spend another hour taking back through history and showed him how the Roman Catholic Church went back and lined up Wycliffe's Bible with their Bible. That is how it works. That is how it works. It is exactly how it works.

They launched into a plan that was going to accomplish some things.

➤ Jesuit Goals:

- They wanted to keep Europe Catholic. You know how they did that? They kept tabs on everybody. You know how the CIA, the FBI, when they want to keep tabs on you, you know what they do? We have a big snooping in the government today: illegal wiretaps. They put a tap on your phone. They listen to what you say. You know why they listen to what you say? They want to find out who you are hanging with. They want to find out what you really believe. They did not have telephones back then. They did not have wiretaps. So what they used was called a confessional. See how it works? You go in there and sit down and talk to Father Bologna, and you tell him this, this, and this. He would make notes on it. He would pass it up the wire to the head guy. The head guy would pass it out to the field agents. About two o'clock in the morning, you would get a knock on your door, and nobody would ever see you again. You do know that the CIA was started by a Roman Catholic Jesuit by the name of Bill Donovan, do you not? Out of World War II? Do you know that? Why do you not know that? What do you know? Why do you not know those things? I am not saying the CIA is infiltrated with the Jesuits. Maybe I am. I do not know what I am saying. I am saying this: you do not have to worry about the Illuminati, the Bilderberg. You do not have to worry about the Cold War, the Hot War, the Middle War, or the Russian War, or the War of the Worlds. You do not have to worry about the War of the Barbecue between the states. You do not have to worry about, you have to worry about one group. One group. So they want to keep Europe Catholic.
- The next thing they want to do is they want to get all the Protestant churches back. You can study this in any library in this city. You go there, and you will find something called the Oxford Movement. You know what the Oxford Movement was? The Oxford Movement was a Jesuit priest taking a vow to Rome, going to Lutheran, Presbyterian, Church of England, Protestant seminaries, being trained, and being sent out as Protestant pastors with an agenda

to bring back those churches to Rome. It is called the Oxford Movement in history because Oxford and Cambridge were the schools that they infiltrated, two of the main ones. They go in under a... and their reasoning for it is simply this: when dealing with heretics, you do whatever means, and this has always been their way. The end justifies the means. When dealing with heretics and protecting Holy Mother Church, you do whatever you have to do. That is what they did. Those Jesuits went in, and that is when they went in there. They got graduated out of seminary students and pastors. They went into a Church of England, Presbyterian. They went into Lutheran churches, and that is why 200 years after the Reformation, the Lutheran Church, the Presbyterian Church, and the Church of England are deadlier than a doornail. That is why today Pope Paul Pepperoni wants to get up there and say, "Let us get all of them back into one fold." That is what he wants. That is where it is going.

- The third thing, he wanted to get the control of the minds of Europe. Not only did they infiltrate the seminaries, they infiltrated every college and university in Europe. They went in as Jesuit professors. They went in as professors who would shape the minds of Europe against the Word of God. The end result, my friend, is go to Europe today. Europe today has no God, has no Bible. Europe today is as amoral as they come. Europe today is a nation that you look at, and America is fast approaching where she is at now. They are no God. In Europe, in Germany, in Spain, in France, in Catholic churches and Lutheran churches, they have no problem with a pastor pastoring a church that is an atheist. They have been destroyed totally and completely, but they all are still church-state religions, you see, and they all pay the political homage back to who they have to pay it back to. The Roman Catholic Church never cared what you believed as long as you did not leave the Roman Catholic Church. There were missionaries who went into Africa under the Jesuit system that baptized them as Catholics and allowed them to go ahead and practice voodoo, witchcraft, and have all the tribal pagan customs as long as they were baptized Roman Catholics. They never saw a problem because their issue is not a doctrinal one. Their issue is being loyal to the Roman Catholic Church.

The end result was Europe, and the end result was what they produced. They produced a time and period that was counter to the Reformation. The Church of the Open Door got met face to face with the Age of Reason and the Age of Enlightenment, as old Will Durant, the great world historian, called it. We know it as humanism. We know it as men like Thomas Hobbes, George Berkeley out in California, Berkeley University named after him, one of the most liberal, God-forsaken places on this planet. David Hume, Christian Wolff, Spinoza, Voltaire. Oh, I love Voltaire. Voltaire said one time, "Yes, God made men in His image, and then man returned the favor. Made God in man's image." That is what he did. That is what he believed. Kant. Feuerbach. Oh, I love Nietzsche. Nietzsche is the one back in his day that gave the great declaration to the world that God had died. That is what they produced. Three hundred years of taking the Word of God and destroying the Word of God and its influence produced a mindset in Europe that God died. That man is now made in God's image, and he is in control, and there is no need for a God. We call it secularism. My Bible says in Proverbs 19:21 that there are many devices in a man's heart. Nevertheless, the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand. Of course, the book of Ecclesiastes goes through everything that Thomas Hobbes, George Berkeley, Voltaire,

Kant, Feuerbach, Nietzsche, and the Age of Reason ever went through. Solomon went through it 1000 BC before these guys ever had the syrup taken out of their formulas.

From these men come the great philosophies of the 18th, 19th, and later on the 20th century. From these men they produced the bloodiest killers in the 20th century: Lenin, Roman Catholic; Stalin, Roman Catholic; the Kaiser, Roman Catholic; Adolf Hitler, Roman Catholic; Tito, Roman Catholic; Mussolini, Roman Catholic; Castro, Roman Catholic; Diem, Roman Catholic; Batista, Roman Catholic; Chavez, Roman Catholic; Noriega, Roman Catholic. Saddam Hussein? Oh, he got you, he was not Roman Catholic. There again, you do not know what you are talking about. His uncle that raised him may have been Muslim, but he lined up with Adolf Hitler in 1940 to 1945 to raise SS troops who made an SS general to raise up Muslim troops of the German SS to wipe out the Jews. At the 1967 war, when Israel wiped the Syrians off the map, you know what they found on the dead bodies? They found Muslim copies of Mein Kampf, "My Struggle" by Adolf Hitler. You know what his struggle was about? The Jews. Oh yeah. Boy, men never learn from history. They never learn from history. This brings in communism, socialism, secularism, humanism, liberalism, modernism, paganism, right into America in the 1900s.

Today the headquarters of the Jesuits are in New Orleans at Loyola University. That made me give a little insight on why God wiped that place off the map a couple years ago. You say, "Well, I do not know about that." What I do know is this: there are only two places on the earth where it is below sea level. One of them is New Orleans, the other one is Sodom and Gomorrah. Go figure from there. You do not get it all in the books at school. Today the Jesuits have 300 seminaries in America, junior colleges, colleges, and seminaries, 300 in America and 20,000 high schools. They are doing in America what I am going to show you. I am going to show you. I am going to show you how this thing works. Incredible. Incredible. Incredible.

## VI. The Corruption of the Bible and the Loss of Truth

The greatest trick that they pulled in all of this was the Jesuits. Not only did I just give you a brief recap of what they did on the secular side of it, that always takes its impact, but the greatest trick was the rise in Christian circles of intellectualism. Taking the control of theology and taking the control and taking the common Bible from the common man. Remember now the great warning in Revelation 3 that there was an hour of temptation coming that somebody was going to take your crown, and that church was warned two times to keep that book. You better get it. You better get it.

What I am going to tell you and show you is real simple to understand. I am going to illustrate it because none of you have had what I have had. None of you have had the degree of education that I have today. I know that it is a real effort for me to come bring myself down to your level. I start on Saturday night deprogramming myself for my spiritual plane to come down to you commoners. So you are going to have to help me, and I want to give you a real simple illustration of how this thing works. It is real simple. They took the common man who had a common Bible with a common knowledge, and then they gave him a degree that made him smarter than God.

I have many ways, and I do not have the time. I have one little illustration that I want you to help me with. If that is for me, I am busy. Help me with this now. We all know this little song growing up. We all sang it as kids. It was made for kids to sing, and the Bible says that you and I, no matter how old you are, how old are you, John? 64. 64. But you know in God you are still a child, right? The Bible says you are never to get anything more than a child. I am 56. Yeah, 56, and I am still a little child. How old are you, Pat? 64. And you are a little child. How old are you? 53. 53. And you are still a little child. Will, how old are you? 65. You do not look 65. I thought you were 45. 65. 65. I do not feel 65. Well, you do not look 65. But you are still a little child when it comes to the Lord. We talked about that this week, okay? I am telling you, so as little children, God makes it simple. Now help me. When we are all growing up, everybody knows this. Ready? Here we go. "Three blind mice." Now start over again. Everybody knows where I am going now. Here we go. "Three blind mice. Three blind mice. See how they run. See how they run. They all went after the farmer's wife. She cut off their tail with a carving knife. Have you ever seen such a sight in your life as three blind mice?" Did you all sing that in school? You all know that. Pretty easy to understand, right? They do not sing it in school anymore. They do not. No, no. This illustrates my point.

When we grew up, and this time it was real simple. It was real easy. It was "Three blind mice. Three blind mice. See how they run. See how they run. They all went after the farmer's wife. She cut off their tail with a carving knife. Have you ever seen such a sight in your life as three blind mice?" Who could not get that? My little kids all around the house, they sing that. They sing that. They sing that. But it is changed. Now, when you go to Bible college, it is not "three blind mice." It is this: "A trio of sightless rodents. A trio of sightless rodents who scamper about in the most unusual manner, who scamper about in the most usual manner. They accosted and attacked the agriculturalist spouse, who promptly severed her extremity with a carving utensil. Have you ever seen such a natural phenomenon all the days of your natural born life as a trio of sightless rodents? A trio of sightless rodents?" You see? That is the difference. That is the difference. That is it. That is it.

We used to talk about teaching the Bible, the angels of the Bible, the Holy Spirit of the Bible, the man of the Bible, the Bible itself, the secret promise of the Bible, the church of the Bible, the history of the Bible. Now it is theology, angelology, pneumatology, anthropology. It is apologetics. It is bibliology. It is hermeneutics. It is eschatology. It is apologetics. It is cosmology. We went from "three blind mice" to "a trio of sightless rodents." We went from cutting off her tail with a carving knife to severing her hysterical imposter extremities with a carving utensil. We went from, "Have you ever seen such a study of life?" to "Have you ever seen such an unnatural phenomenon in all the born of your born natural days?" That is it.

In the Philadelphia Church period, the King James Bible was the absolute final authority, and everybody believed it. Now through a Jesuit plan, the Greek New Testament will now be the final authority, and by doing so, blocking out 99.999% of God's people from ever figuring. Is there anybody here that speaks fluently Greek and Hebrew? I do not think so. You know how long it takes to master those languages? With one fell swoop, taking the Bible from the common man and putting it into the intellectual mindset. It just wiped out everybody in this room, and

now you have got to go to them. Where before you went to the Holy Spirit of God, and it was "three blind mice," now you go to them, and it is "a trio of sightless rodents." The lie is simple, but God's people fell for it. They took the common Bible from the common man.

I will tell you what, I am going to tell you, and whether you know it or not this morning, if you have been saved most of your life, and I know we have got a bunch of good old people in here that you have got saved some place in your life, and you are just as worldly today, and you have no understanding of God, you have no concept of God, and maybe you want to, maybe you just never got around to it. But I am going to tell you, if not directly, indirectly, the thing that is responsible for that in your mind, bless your heart, is because all of your life, every preacher you ever heard, every church you ever went to, all he did was not teach you the Bible, he told you how you could not understand it and how he had the answers. After a while, who would not get tired of reading the Bible when you are told every day that you cannot understand it? Your dad raises you up, and your mom raises you up, and they tell you, "Nancy, you are stupid. Nancy, you are stupid. Nancy, you are ugly. Nancy, you are stupid and ugly. Nancy, you are not ever going to amount to anything." She could become the President of the United States, be on the cover of Vogue magazine, and she would walk around thinking she was worthless. You are none of those things. You are beautiful, and you are lovely, and I love you. That is the impact. It is sneaky. It sneaks in. The devil brings it in. It creeps it in, and suddenly you just quit going to church because what is the point? Do you not get tired going and not getting nothing? Do you not get tired going, and all the guy wants is in your wallet?

Our whole society has gone that way. It used to be in the old Philadelphia days that if you were an alcoholic, you were drunk. If you were a dope head, you were a dope head. Now we are substance abusers. A guy says, "I am not a drunk, I am a chronic alcoholic." I like that. I almost want to be one, do I not? If a guy was ACDC, he was a queer. Cannot use those words anymore. Now it is an alternative lifestyle. It is no longer, "This is my husband," or "This is my wife." That does not work anymore. It is now, "This is my significant other." It changed in every aspect, and where it really felt the impact was in Bible Christianity, where the common man got the Bible ripped right from him. So now you hear today, "Oh," and I love it. You see, they can fool you. They cannot fool me.

I told you before, and I was playing with you, I have never been to Bible college in my life. Do not plan on going. I have never been to anything past the 12th grade. I had to bribe my way out of there. I was in the sixth grade so long the kids brought me an apple. They thought I was the teacher. I listen to some of you talk about your grade point average. You do not want to know mine. Your kids are bad in school. Hey, when your kids want to maybe preach or they want to do something for God, it is okay to use me, but if they are having trouble in school, do not say, "Be like Bob," because then they talk to me. They are going to come home with D's and F's. I had a tough time in school except a couple of things I liked. The hand grenade throw. I really like that a lot. They do not have that anymore. We are pacifists. The whole world has gone to hell in a handbag. You do know that, do you not? Kids know, back in my day, kids did not tell other kids. It was not like it is today. Do you not have an idea why society and the fabric of society is being shredded? Do you not know there has to be a moral standard that holds the fabric of society

together, and just like it is gone in Europe, it is going over here? Do you not see that? We did not have Columbines in my day. We always had child molesters. I guess they have always been around, but it is like it is open season on kids today. In my day, if a man molested a child, he never made it to court. He never made it. The police were the last ones that were called, and then just to inform him that he needed a coroner. It is like it is accepted. We do not like it, but we are not willing to do anything about it.

When we went to World War II, it was the Krauts, the Jerrys, the Japs, the Nips. Cannot insult all of us today. Cannot say anything negative about them. Do not call them a rag head. Do not make fun because you live in the land of plenty. They live in a litter box. Do not bring up the fact that God said, "Oh, bless those that bless thee and curse those that curse thee." The reason why you got the blessings over here is because you take care of the Jew, and the reason they do not and they live in a litter box that has not been cleaned for a while is because they do not. Do not bring it up. Do not bring it up. Life is really simple when you just get it from the book. It does not get confusing. But that is the whole plan. Get the book from you, you cannot figure it out.

They fool you. I hear a man get up, and he will say, "Now, ladies and gentlemen, this word here in the original." I love it. I said that one time, and I was sitting in the front row. I said, "Excuse me, sir." I said, "Do you have the originals?" He said, "Well, no, I do not." I said, "Have you ever read them?" He said, "No, I have not." He says, "What does the word Bible mean?" He says, "It means the word book." I said, "Has there ever been a time when the original manuscripts were all in one book?" "No, there has not." "Has anybody ever read them?" "No." "Where are they at?" "Well, nobody has them." "Then how do you know that when you say the original?" You know what I found? I found in Jeremiah that God wrote an original Jeremiah, and then some guy tore it up, and then God wrote another one, some guy threw that copy in the river, and then God wrote a third one. Then he tells you that all three of them did not match. You know what he said? You know what his theological answer was? "I think you have a mean spirit." That was the only right thing he got that day. I do not like being lied to. I know.

A guy said to me one time, he is up there, and he says, "Now, the," I love this one, "the Greek text." "Yes." "Yes, young man." I said, "Which Greek text? You have Erasmus, you have Stephanus, you have Beza, you have Elzevir, you have Griesbach, you have Lachmann, you have Tischendorf, you have Westcott, you have Nestle, you have Souter, you have von Soden, you have Aland, you have Aland and Metzger, and you have 15 more, and half do not match each other. Which Greek text?" He did not know. Another bad day with a bad spirit.

You know what a rally is? There are 6 billion people on planet Earth today. That is simply because they have not got this church's birth rate yet. It will be significantly higher when they find out about Old Path Baptist Church. You may not know the Bible, but bless your heart, you have "Be fruitful, multiply, and replenish the Earth" down. That nursery is packed down there. Six billion people on planet Earth. Six billion. You know the percentage of men and women who speak Greek? Of course, the Greek of the Bible is not the Greek of Greece today. The original Greek language of Bible times and the Hebrew of Old Testament times. The number of people, now that is what it takes for you to understand, and that is what you are told today. That was the lie propagated. I am going to show you how here in a moment. But if that is true, then that means

that there is one millionth of one percent of the world's population that have a working knowledge of Greek and Hebrew. Maybe less than that. That is as far as finite as I could get it down. One millionth of one percent of the world's population can get a handle on God. They like that because that one millionth of one percent want you to come to them instead of going to the Holy Spirit of God. I am going to tell you something. It is not your aptitude that gets your altitude with God. It is your attitude.

The devil played the pride card real good. He knew that man's old nature, the first sin in the Bible, was "I will be like the Most High God." So he just gave man a doctor's degree. Did you ever notice how many doctors there are around? You think God is sick. I love it. You go to a fellowship meeting, we ought to all go. You want a bit better than the Dead Sea Scrolls. We will go down to a fellowship meeting down at Springfield someplace with a big, and here is what it will be. Just hang out and listen. Do not say anything. Mikey, you have got to shut up when you go down there. Mikey is going to open a jail ministry for us here very shortly. Here is what it will be: "Hello, Dr. How are you? Fine, Dr. How are you? Dr. Good to see you. Dr. Yes, Dr. Dr. Ma'am, how are you? Good to see you, Dr. Dr. How are you? Dr. Dr. Dr. Dr. How are you, Dr. Good to see you, Dr. Dr. Good to see you, Dr. How are you, Dr. Thank you, Dr. Dr. Dr." It reminds me of an old Dick Van Dyke. Remember Dick Van Dyke? I love Dick Van Dyke.

When you go to Bible college and you get a degree, then you all get the same kind of clothes, little three-piece suit. They all wear the ties. You notice, they all go. Whenever the style is, they all go. I remember when leisure suits were in. Remember leisure suits? They all had the open collars with the big flowery prints on them. Now leisure suits are out, and now they dress for their conservative because they want you to know. You have to wear a tie. I mean, you have to wear a tie. I know a pastor that he thinks that his suit and tie is his badge of him being a pastor. He went skiing in Colorado. My wife knows this is true. I confronted him on it. I just wanted to find out what is true, and I laughed right in his face. He is a foot-wet to be a friend of mine. But he went to a ski retreat out in Colorado to go skiing, and because it was a church activity, he wore a three-piece suit under his ski suit. You know why? Because he did not want his people to think if he did not have a suit on, he was not a pastor. I said, "Do you shower in that too?" I said, "I want to get some, I want to come over and get some pictures. You run around, you are holy shorts, man, and just put them up on the website of your church. What do you think? You think your people do not think you are just like they are? I mean, when you jump out of bed in the morning, do you just land in your pants?" I am telling you, man. I am telling you. I look at that thing, and I think to myself, man, I will tell you what, that is exactly what has happened. They get the idea that it is all them, and it is all about this. I am telling you, it is about what you have in your heart with God. God did not care what you, I mean, you are to dress modestly and everything, you know, you are representing the Lord, but God did not care if you wear blue jeans to church. God did not care if you do not wear a tie suit, whatever. God did not care what you wear. I mean, you have got to look somewhat respectable. I mean, you do not want to come in with a dress so thin a mosquito can fly through it without breaking his wing. I mean, you know, or just so tight you look like you just got off the boat with Jacques Cousteau deep sea diving, you know, but it is okay. But this whole concept, you see, because it is all up here. It is all intellect.

You go down there and you say, "Hello, doctor, hello, doctor, hello, doctor, hello, doctor, hello, doctor, hello, doctor."

I am one time Dick Van Dyke. I love Dick Van Dyke. I will never forget this little comedy that they said. This is what I think of every time I see these guys. Three of them come out, and they all had cowboy suits on. Then they sing this song: "I see by your outfit that you are a cowboy." The other guy says back, "I see by your outfit that you are a cowboy too." Together, "We see by our outfits that we are both cowboys. You get you a cowboy suit. You can be a cowboy too." There we go. How about you do? "We see by our doctors that we are both scholars. You get you a doctor degree. You can be a scholar too." See how that works? That is all it is. I did not learn that from the Bible. I learned that from Dick Van Dyke.

Today it is no longer the attitude of heart but rather your aptitude. Any church on this planet, just go and watch when they have a pulpit committee to find a preacher. They do not care how many souls he has won. They will never ask him, "Hey, I have got, you want to feel froggy about the Bible and leap for a while? I have got nine questions in here that if I ever ask you, it will tell me whether you know the Bible or not." If I had a pastor coming in and I had seen one to be a pastor of my church, and I was on a pulpit committee, I would not know asking him where he went to school. I would not ask him how many degrees he has got. I would just say, "Look, pal, do you love the Bible?" "Yes, I do." "Do you believe the Bible?" "Yes, I do." "Do you study the Bible?" "Yes, I do." "All right. I have got nine questions I want to ask you, and this will tell me if you are telling me the truth or you are lying." Nine questions, all I need. I could get by with six if I needed to. Most of them probably have a heart attack after the fourth one, but you do not want to be easy on the guy. No, no, "Where did you go to school? How many degrees do you have?" "Oh, we have a pastor that has great education." Education does not do nothing for you. It just takes your love from the Word of God away and makes it part of, and what you wind up doing? You know how I know, you know how I know that Jesuits infiltrated every college and seminary on this world? I am going to tell you, even in the Baptist and even in the Southern Baptist and everyone, because everybody comes up being more loyal to their school than they do with the Word of God. You know what we call it in the secular world? We call it your alma mater. You know what alma mater means? Holy Mother. You do not even know that. Holy Mother. You know why? Because the Jesuits got them. He got them.

The Jesuits took over Europe. They destroyed man's faith in the book and in all Europe, and pretty soon it came over to America. As America entered into the great time of open door and England got into it, it all got going, and it all began to come. In America, Oxford, Yale, Cambridge, Dartmouth, all those schools up in Boston were originally started as Bible colleges to train missionaries for the American Indians. Yes, they were. They were under Jonathan Edwards.

Here is how it happened. About 1480, when they were renovating some of the Vatican, they knocked down a wall in the Vatican trying to put up a ping pong table or something. I am not sure what it was. Here was this secret wall that had been walled up for about four or five hundred years. When they walked into that thing, they could not believe it. There on the old tables and on the shelves was an old Greek manuscript that everybody looked at and just gasped. It was the

oldest manuscript that anybody to that time ever found. It dated back to about 300 A.D. Incredible.

In about 1850, a German man by the name of Tischendorf was bopping around over in the Sinai Peninsula, and he came across the Roman Catholic monastery called St. Catherine's. There is a good book on this called *The Secrets of Mount Sinai*. You have got to get it. I bought it when it was brand new for a buck. So you probably can get it for 20 cents on the Internet. When he went into this Roman Catholic monastery called St. Catherine's, by the way, this Roman Catholic monastery is built on the exact site where Moses saw the burning bush, and he still had the burning bush in a little cage. I do not know what you feed a burning bush, but it is there. So what happens is that he goes in there, and he is upstairs on the third floor someplace up there. He goes up there, and there are some monks over in the corner, and it is cold, you know, over there. It is January or something like that, and they are building a little fire. Tischendorf looks at him, and he says, "Whoa," he says, "Whoa, no, wow, man." He looks at that thing, and he sees that they have got old manuscripts that he has never seen anything like it, and they are starting a fire with them. So he says, "Here, here, here, here, here, here, use my King James Bible. Give me those," and he gets those manuscripts. Those two manuscripts that they find, one is called today Vaticanus because it was found in the Vatican. The other one is called Sinaiticus because it was found in the Sinai Peninsula.

These two manuscripts revolutionized the world of biblical scholarship because up to that point, your King James Bible was written on manuscripts that were 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th century. These go all the way back to the third century. Remember when we talked about them a time ago when I told you about the two lines with Constantine and how the thing got corrupted, remember that? Every scholar in the world that examined Sinaiticus and Vaticanus agreed that these were part of the original 50 copies that came from Constantine, from Origen in Alexandria, Egypt, corrupted in over 60,000 places.

Here is how the devil did it. Two men, Westcott and Hort, trained by the Jesuits at Cambridge and Oxford. Vaticanus up to the end. Both believed in Mary worship, both believed in everything in the Roman Catholic Church. They took Sinaiticus and Vaticanus, and they spent 20 years formulating a Greek text, and they put together, I love it, they put together what is commonly called today in the circles of higher levels a theory of manuscripts. Here was like the theory of evolution, like the theory of the Big Bang, like the theory of the encounter theory, like the theory of this. It was the theory of Greek manuscripts. What they said is this: "These manuscripts," now you understand both these guys are unsaved, neither one of them loved God, they smelled dusty old dirty books, "they say this, here is the theory, because these are older and the King James Bible is later manuscripts, these must be better. Because they are closer to the, dah dah dah dah dah, originals." So they put out a Greek New Testament, and immediately, because the devil had done his work for the last 200 years, every scholarship and scholar on this planet who wore the same cowboy suit and wanted to continue to wear the cowboy suit, because once you go away from scholarship and you say, "I am going to believe this book," the first thing they do is say, "Give me your cowboy suit back, you are no longer a scholar." When your attitude with God is

based on your pride versus more than your heart, you just cannot lose your cowboy suit. So you know what they do? They dump the book. They come out with the first new translation.

Let me tell you, I am going to use this again, and I am done. Here is how it works. I told you this before, if we were living in 1820, 1850, I use this all the time, but it is a great analogy, so bear with me. If you went into a Christian bookstore in 1850 and you said, "I want to buy a Bible," he would walk back, and he would have two Bibles on the shelf. He would pick them both off, and he would say, "I have two." He says, "Which do you want? I have a Douay-Rheims, which is the official Roman Catholic Bible, or I have a King James 1611. Which do you want?" Your choice was simple; you would either say, "I will take the Catholic Bible," or "I will take the Christian Bible," or "the King James Bible." It is just that simple. Now you go into a bookstore today, 500 translations, and it looks confusing, but it is really not. When they came out, when Westcott and Hort came out with Sinaiticus, Sinaiticus was a different text than your King James Bible came from. The first Bible they put out in that series was in 1881, the RSV. In 1885, the Southern Baptist Convention in America dumped the King James Bible and officially took the RSV. In 1901, the next one was the ASV, and then there has been every Bible translator down the market up to the NIV has come off of Sinaiticus and Vaticanus. So when you go into a bookstore today and you see 500 translations, you say, "I want to buy a Bible," there are still only two Bibles. There is the King James Bible, and then everything else is off the Roman Catholic Sinaiticus and Vaticanus that produced the Douay-Rheims. It is that simple.

## VII. The Consequences of Rejecting God's Word

The confusion is that most of God's people do not know that because you have been told for 25 years now, 50 years now in your life, 25, that there is no Bible. The warning was clear. The hour of temptation clearly was the hour when man was going to be tempted just like Eve and Adam was tempted, just like Lucifer was tempted, that he was going to get. You know what the devil, when he came to Adam and Eve, when he came to Eve, you know what it was all about? What it was all about, "You will be like the gods knowing good and evil." She dumped God in a heartbeat to know everything in life. It has always been that issue. Today, Europe has no Bible, no God, and America has no Bible and is fast getting to a place where there is no God. I am going to tell you, the warning is clear: "the hour of temptation and no man take thy crown."

Want something for your hot list? I am going to give you something. You are working on the seven suicides. You are working on the five wisdom books that are in the Old Testament that were in the New Testament, and some of you found them. I got one guy that not only found them, he matched them up with the other one. I did not even have that. I got it now. When I use it someplace else, I will never give him credit for it. Yeah, well, I got it, man. I saw that thing, and I said, "Whoa, that is it." Here are seven more things to find. There are seven things in that Bible. Everybody is worried about losing their salvation. Some of you may be sitting here this morning, maybe just hard believing you can lose your salvation if you do something stupid. Well, I got news for you. You are always going to do something stupid. If you could lose it, you would lose it in 15 minutes. So God has got to keep it for you. But let me tell you what you can lose. There are seven things in that. You want to know why Christianity is the way it is? You want to know

why churches are the way they are? You want to know pastors the way they are? I am going to tell you something. You want a little search for your hot list? Here it comes. There are seven things in that Bible that when you lose the Word of God, you lose in your Christian life. Seven things. You lose the book. These seven things go. Go to work on that for a while.

## VIII. Conclusion and Future Study

Next week we are going to come into the Laodicean Church period, the last one. We are going to take that one. I am going to show you why it all is today the way it is, basically, to put it in a nutshell. Next week I am going to show you what happens when Acts shuts down and Sears, Penney's, Kmart, and Walmart open up. I am going to show you the mess that we are in today, and I am going to show you what is going to happen, and I am going to show you this thing out. We will finish up our last church. Let us pray.