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PROSPECTUS FOR DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY

COMPRISING

1. Certificate in Theology
2. Certificate in Pastoral Theology
3. Certificate in Biblical Studies

AND

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY (BTH) DEGREE

EVERY LOCAL CHURCH A BIBLE COLLEGE

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15

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STATEMENT OF FAITH

We uphold and believe:

In one God eternally self existent in three persons Father Son and Holy Spirit our only Creator, Sustainer and Saviour, who alone is good and to be worshipped.

In our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, His virgin birth, sinless life, atoning death and bodily resurrection from the dead.

That all have sinned and are justly under the wrath of God. That forgiveness and redemption from the guilt, power and penalty of sins is possible only through repentance and faith in the shed blood, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as made effective to the individual by the Holy Spirit who also enables the believer to live a normal Christian life of holiness, prayer, witness and work for the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the church as the community of all born again believers; the Holy Scriptures of God as divinely inspired, complete, wholly true and trustworthy, and the supreme authority in all matters of faith and living.

In the imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ to gather His church to Himself, followed by a period of great tribulation upon the earth, after which the Lord Jesus Christ will return to judge the earth and set up His millennial kingdom.

In the resurrection of the saints to everlasting life with the Lord Jesus Christ and the resurrection of all unbelievers to eternal separation from God in the lake of fire.

COURSE HISTORY

The Diploma in Theology course offered by this college was developed by Dr John McEwan in New Zealand during the late 1980's. The vision was then for a theology course which could be offered in any local church to teach and train its own Christian workers, administrated by the church's own eldership. The Evangelical Bible College of W A now offers these "battle tested" Theology courses for local use in all countries, under any local Board of Elders, to any church group or individuals who wishes to equip themselves for a productive Bible teaching ministry.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The full Diploma of Theology course consists of 530 lecture hours on CD or through printed notes [Books 1-13 – Diploma File]. All lectures for this Course are on the EBCWA CD and Flash-Drives. All lectures – given by Dr McEwan can be listened to on your computer. The full Diploma requires successful completion of 32 assignments broken into three subject areas which are to be completed individually. Completion of each of the three study areas leads leads to a certificate in that area, the three completed certificates lead to the award of the Diploma of Theology. We suggest that the Theology be completed first, then Biblical Studies, and then the Pastoral Theology studies.

It is expected that the student devote at least two hours to reading, research and assignment work for every lecture hour, especially in Pastoral Theology and Biblical Studies where there are many book studies to read and pray through.

1. **CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY [8 assignments] Papers 111,112**

2. **CERTIFICATE IN BIBLICAL STUDIES [16 assignments] Papers 211, 212, 213, 214**

3. **CERTIFICATE IN PASTORAL THEOLOGY [8 assignments] Papers 312, 531**

The Certificate in Biblical Studies also includes study of the commentaries of Acts, 1&2 Corinthians 1 &2 Timothy, Titus, 1&2 Peter, and a firm grasp of the teaching and application of these books is crucial for understanding the subjects covered in the Certificate of Pastoral Theology. Pastoral Theology will make no sense at all unless Systematic Theology is understood, and the books of the New Testament that describe the early Church are fully understood.

ORDER OF UNDERTAKING STUDIES

It is the policy of the College that the Certificate in Theology Course, (or Biblical Studies), is to be completed first so that all students have a thorough grounding in systematic theology before studying individual books of the Bible.

The other Certificates [Biblical Studies and Pastoral Theology] are at times done in any order, but it is suggested strongly that the Certificate in Biblical Studies be completed first, as it lays the foundation for Pastoral Theology.

ACCREDITATION

We do not seek the accreditation of the princes of this world but the approval of God's people. These courses had not been accredited by any government until 2013. Some African Countries have formally accredited the courses for study. At EBCWA we had until that time maintained the separation of Church and State, as we had believed that accreditation

by the State ran too high a risk for manipulation of the course content by our civil authorities. We had seen the use of "anti-discrimination" laws by governments against biblically based registered Colleges. Colleges were not able to use their Statements of faith to eliminate unbelievers and overt pagans from entering and destroying the spirit of the biblical Colleges. Why would these people want to enter a biblical college? – They are servants of the enemy and entered to destroy it. While this remains true in many Western nations, we have seen that in African States that have a more "Christian" oriented government, the process of accreditation has not led to any compromises in course content.

All local colleges are to be warned however, as evil grows in our darkening days. 1 Timothy 4:1-4, 2 Timothy 3:1-7, 4:1-5, 2 Peter 2:1-3, 3:3-9, Jude 8-13. There is to be no compromise with the values of the increasingly pagan States we live within. We are to be respectful of the authorities of the State, Romans 13:1-5, but not endorse, support, or preach their often pagan values. As the days darken towards the end we are to be beacons in the dark places of this world. This course is designed to produce "light houses" not "acceptable ministers" in the devil's world. If the course is advertised in any country by local churches where local government accreditation is compromising, then its "non-accredited" status is to be emphasized. Bible believers are looking for a visible difference to the world – that is EBCWA.

MENTORS AND STUDENTS

We seek and pray for local people to make this course their own, and use it locally to train their own people for ministry. We suggest that the local Church or Fellowship Board of Elders appoint a local mentor to administer and teach the course to local students. EBCWA provides the material, but locally the mentor and Church Board are responsible for the standard of work and quality of the student's ministry application. The course must be "battle tested" in your local area and led by men and women who walk in the filling of the Holy Spirit, and understand the fierceness of the hatred of Satan for all who teach the Word of Life and Truth. John 15:18-27.

The reality of the Angelic Conflict will be felt in power by all who take up this course to teach local leaders. We have seen through the years the hatred of the enemy for this course and we rejoice in this, but it is exhausting at times. Let any church taking up this course count the cost and prepare prayerfully, and saturate every step with prayer in power, for all involved will be attacked as never before. Matthew 16:24-27. It is a dangerous thing to stand for the thorough biblical teaching of Christian leaders. Satan will hate you, and so you must prepare and protect all involved by prayer saturation, and ensure all understand the angelic conflict and have their spiritual armour on daily.

We want to encourage every Church to see themselves as a Bible College, where the local mentor is a called man or woman, who is set aside to train and equip students using the EBCWA material. The mentor is responsible for marking the assignments and ensuring that the standard of work and the standard of the student's local ministry and life brings credit to the Gospel of Jesus. If a student is working alone, they should seek for a senior pastor to mark their work to ensure it is at a high standard and suitable for ministry work. Assignments may be undertaken in a language other than English, as is agreed with the mentor. We encourage translation of all our material into local languages, and ask translators to send a digital copy to our administrator so that they may be made for freely available to help other brethren.

MENTORS

The mentor needs to be a mature Christian with a significant understanding of theology compatible with the College. He or she does not have to take the course prior to being a marker but should be able to assent to the College Statement of Faith. [See above – "Statement of Faith".] The mentor will receive assignments from the student, mark them and return the marked assignment to the student. EBCWA no longer grants formal certificates themselves – but the local church may grant the EBCWA Course certificates locally when students have fully met requirements contained in this manual.

THE STUDENT

The student needs to be enthusiastic and persistent in pursuing his or her maturing in the Lord. The student should have a ministry, preferably a teaching one within a group, so that the course is undertaken for the benefit of others as well as that of the student. If a prospective student is not involved in some church ministry, they should be told to seek one first, and only when they have been led by the Holy Spirit to serve in some area, should they study. No-one is to be enrolled in these courses who does not demonstrate in their lives that they are active servants of the Lord Jesus Christ in their local church. EBCWA Courses were not written to be academic qualifications, but to be training material for "active service unto death" in the local community, and eternal reward. James 2:12-26.

If you believe the Lord is calling you to either be a marker/ mentor or a student, or that your church wishes to become a study centre, please pray and discuss this with your local leadership, so that this project under the Lord's guidance can proceed. May the Lord bless you as you consider this course and we pray that your local fellowship/church may become a training centre for the Lord's People. Our sole desire is that you utilize this course to the glory of God within the local church communities. The only test for outcomes is the "fruit test", Matthew 7:13-23, that all graduates are productive.

METHOD OF STUDY – GLOBAL AND GRATIS

We make this course material and all associated study material on the EBCWA CD and website available world wide and free of charge. The Diploma course can be taken in one of two ways – In a group in a Church Setting, or Individually by direct contact with the mentor selected. Assignments must be marked thoroughly and the student given good feedback,

for the objective of this course is to thoroughly equip people for local ministry. Let the mentor encourage all students to study usefully, and apply all things practically in the local church, not just academically. 2 Timothy 2:1-7, 14-16, 4:1-5.

IN A CHURCH SETTING

For those who do not have ready access to computers and email there is an opportunity to use the material in printed form to make your own church, or home group, a Church building Bible College. Here the mentor/markers of the course teach in a face to face environment. The leaders are also responsible for marking the assignments and giving encouragement to advance down the "path of study and teach". All who study must be teaching somewhere – in a home group, a Sunday School, or youth group, or evangelizing on the street corner.

In line with our policy, **no charge is to be made** for studying the course, **although local costs may be asked for** from students or supporters, but always graciously, never by demand. None must be stopped studying for lack of funds. Make prayer the foundation of the course, and if funds are required, pray for them, and move forward into God's provision. In grace the Lord has blessed this course, and in grace alone it will be blessed. Read the three Appendices to this booklet, as they will make further things clear about how to establish a biblically sound college to study this material and graduate useful and practical pastors who bring glory to the Lord, not themselves.

TRANSLATIONS

The Lord may encourage bilingual Christians to translate the course books into another language. If that is done on a computer it may be possible to include it on a future CD which would benefit others who do not speak English. It would be expected that any translation would be undertaken free of charge and made available to EBCWA on the basis of it being free of copyright. Please send a file in digital form to the EBCWA administrator and we will distribute it freely to the glory of the Lord, and your eternal reward, or you simply make it widely available through your own networks.

OBJECTIVES

The college has three objectives in offering the course.

1. To **produce Christian workers who minister in their own local church**. The local church is the base of all Christian growth outreach and endeavor. All students must continue attendance and ministry in their local church.

2. To **produce students who know and apply the Word of God into their lives**. Christian growth comes as the believer, under the ministry of the Holy Spirit, applies the truth of God's word to their daily life experience.

3. To **produce pastoral students who are thoroughly grounded in the skills needed for a Bible based ministry**. These skills would include Evangelism of the lost, Systematic teaching of the saved and Biblical counseling and encouragement of the sick, grieving and depressed with the true comfort that comes from God's Word alone, not the philosophies of men.

ELIGIBILITY

The course is open to all who love the Lord Jesus Christ and who can affirm the statement of faith (Page 1) as their own.

This is a demanding course for students who desire to prepare for Christian ministry and as such it demands the character traits that are required by all who would be faithful ministers of Jesus their Lord and Master.

Tenacity [Luke 9:62] - you must have perseverance to keep studying and applying the lessons of God's word through all of the crises that will arise during the course.

Honesty [2 Peter 3:18, Philippians 3:13] - you must be teachable, prepared to learn, change, and grow.

Commitment [Philippians 3:13-21] - you must be ready to advance to maturity and be prepared to make personal sacrifices.

Holiness [James 1:19-27] - you must be determined to work and walk worthy of your calling. This will involve making decision daily to deal with sin in your life, that you might become a clean vessel for the Lord's work.

ENROLMENT APPLICATION

It is suggested that each student be quite formally "enrolled" in the local course and followed through their study process by their mentor in the church, who keeps records of their study and encourages and exhorts as required.

Step 1. STUDY IN DETAIL THE INTRODUCTORY BOOKLET – BOOK 1 (Diploma File) ON YOUR EBCWA CD, or from the website/flash drive – and only then decide whether this course is truly for you and your work for the Lord. We require hard Holy Spirit filled work – not pretence. Be ready like Paul to perspire in the work – the only "sweat-less" ministries are fake ones!

Step 2. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Prepare your application dossier and send to your Study Centre Mentor, or Local Pastor if they are the marker/mentor

[1] Full name, address, and date of birth.

[2] Two character references.

[3] Your testimony.

[4] Academic record including all trade, professional or other qualifications.

[5] A summary of your Christian work since you were saved.

[6] Explain your purpose in taking this course.

[7] Do you see the possibility of teaching this course locally as a mentor later?

[8] Answer the questions below from your study of Book 1 from the CD – "Diploma Course" file. The answers can be in a paragraph or two rather than a full assignment. Mentor is to assess from these answers the readiness of the student to begin the full course, and if they are not ready, advise them on a short preparatory course to help them be ready later.

Question 1 - Explain the Character of God and why it is important.

Question 2 - Explain the double concept of "faith and resting in the Lord" and explain why it is important.

Question 3 - Explain confession of sin and why that is important.

Question 4 - What is spirituality? How are you spiritual?

Question 5 - Why do believers suffer?

OPERATION OF THE COURSE

The Certificate in Theology which comprises three volumes [Books 1-3 on CD EBCWA – Diploma File] represents about 80 hours of formal lectures and is the first stage of the Diploma/Degree Course. Lecture notes are included in the course notes on the CD. Lectures by Dr McEwan are included in MP 3 format on the CD and website. The course involves the study of the three books and the study of the content of the lectures, but also comprises the completion of 8 assignments in the 2 subject papers. The questions from which the essay topics are to be chosen are set out below.

It is expected that students devote approximately two hours to reading, research and assignment work for every hour of formal lectures every week. If the lectures are not being given by the mentor-teacher then the student is to read the lecture notes in the books provided on the CD and study them as if they themselves are giving the lecture. Our objective is that one day soon each student will be giving these lectures to others! We do not want to produce professional students, but passionate communicators of the Word - helping others to complete the course

The time to complete the first Certificate should be 6 months and no greater than 12 months.

The Certificate of Theology represents 25% of the full Diploma course.

METHOD OF STUDY

Suggested intensive format: Study four lectures per week with one assignment every three weeks. The Certificate course would then be completed within six months.

All assignments are to be undertaken in a local language if mutually acceptable to the student and mentor. A suggested programme is attached below.

COSTS

Our policy is that finance should not be a barrier to learning God's Word. The course is therefore described as "Global and Gratis". For the church based course arrangements will need to be made using the EBCWA CD/FLASHDRIVE for the provision of a set of study books (printed from the CD/flash-drive) for each student. If this can be funded by a local person, or people by grace giving, that would be wonderful, but students may be asked to cover costs of printing, and government accreditation costs if relevant, but either way they are encouraged to value the cost of the material.

Whilst the course materials are provided on the CD and through the Web free in order to assist in the operations of the local Colleges, local offerings by the Lord's people will assist in the printing of material. Giving to the Lord's work is always the great privilege of the believer, and all money spent on this training material and the training of young believers will greatly bless the local churches. All that we pour out to assist others comes back in time and eternity to bless us.

ASSIGNMENTS

Assignments required for each subject are listed in the pages following. All sources consulted during research should be properly acknowledged in a bibliography. Locally accepted rules should apply in the marking of assignments but guidance is given below. This is the Lord's work we are preparing students for, and so the highest standards are required. You do a student no favour if you pass them on an inferior assignment – God's Work demands our best.

WARNING - The **control of the Internet** will slip into the enemy's control in coming years, but it may be safe to be used until the point that Christian groups are excluded from it, or targeted for persecution through their posting's content. Be prayerful about Internet use – for all that is posted there is permanently there, and if you are targeted by evil later those who wish to, can draw all material up that has ever been sent or loaded up by you. Be ready to pay the price!

Internet resources. As the internet advances on-line libraries are increasingly available free of charge, but those who control the NET will of course be able to identify every resource you have used from your NET address. If still safe to use the Net, Students should discover all internet based books, articles and papers that may be useful, but carefully check their source and reliability. The enemy delights in providing material that will mislead, distort truth, and lead people astray. The mentor must check out new sites for their reliability before encouraging students to use them.

Mentors, please work together with the students to ensure all things studied lift up the name and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. "Google Scholar" is the accepted site, but will contain pagan material, and discernment is required, (and should be taught by the course). Remember Wikipedia is a pagan controlled search engine and all Christian material is "edited".

Again **Remember** – the INTERNET is monitored – and **all that is there is permanent** – and it will be used against believers in the last days by the enemy of truth. It will become the main control tool of the Western Dictator of the future Tribulation Period. All use of the Internet is to be prayerfully conducted and you must be ready to disconnect for your own safety at some future point. Until then post everything Biblical you can. Refer to the Appendices to this book.

1. GLOBAL AND GRATIS CERTIFICATE OF THEOLOGY

The student would require a Bible and Moses P (Ed), "Bible Topic Books" (All available on CD - EBCWA)

One of the following texts would be an advantage but is not critical (available freely on the web in pdf format). Other good Theology texts will be helpful to read, but be discerning about the author's theological position.

Chafer L and Walvoord J, "Fifty Two Major Bible Themes".

Ryrie C, "Basic Theology".

PAPER 111 – SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY PART I - BOOK 2 ON EBCWA- CD

SCOPE - God's Word, God's Nature, Christology, Pneumatology, Dispensations and Covenants, Angelology, Anthropology.

ASSESSMENT

Required: 4 x 2000+ word assignments or 2 x 5000 word assignments. These may be in essay format, or as preaching notes from which the student could teach the subject to the church. Remember the purpose is practical not purely academic.

Select your four topics from the following.

I. What is meant by inspiration and revelation?

2. Why is inerrancy important?

3. The Trinity is a key concept. Explain the doctrine.

4. Knowledge of the character of God is the basis of a believer's stability. Outline the facets of the character of God.

5. What is the hypostatic union? Why is it important?

6. Is the physical bodily resurrection of the Lord an optional thing?

7. The Holy Spirit's work in the believer's life is the basis of their spiritual life. Discuss what spirituality is in relation to this.

8. How has the Holy Spirits ministry changed through the ages?

9. Is it important to distinguish between dispensations and covenants?

10. Satan is limited and doomed and knows it. What relevance does this have in his attitude towards believers?

11. What is demon possession? Can a believer be possessed?

12. Adam's fall sets the stage for all the major doctrines of the Bible to be unfolded. Discuss with reference to the importance of the historicity of the Genesis narrative.

PAPER 112 – SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY PART 2 – BOOK 3 ON EBCWA - CD

SCOPE - Hamartiology, Soteriology, Sanctification, Election, Ecclesiology, Eschatology.

ASSESSMENT

Required: 4 x 2000+ word assignments or 2 x 5000 word assignments. These may be in essay format, or as preaching notes from which the student could teach the subject to the local church or youth/home group.

I. What is sin? How is it that man sins?

2. Relate the doctrine of imputation to the sin of man and its solution.

3. Salvation is all God's work. Discuss.

4. How is the believer sanctified?

5. Answer the Philippian jailer's question, and explain the doctrines involved.

6. Can free will and election be reconciled this side of eternity?

7. What is the Church and what is its earthly purpose?

8. What is worship? Develop some principles of worship and note how they can be applied to the local church.

9. Should the Sabbath be kept, why / why not?

10. What place does Israel have yet in the plan of God?

11 What is the believer's hope when facing the political turmoil of the months and years ahead?

12. Student's own choice (requires approval of topic BY MENTOR).

GRADING AND ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

1. Grading allows the marker to give students feedback on how they are performing in relation to the expectations of the College. The grades should always challenge students to greater achievement so that they might serve their Lord better when they apply their study in the ministry to which they are called.

2. Grades of A, B, C, D will be awarded. F is a failure

3. Criteria taken into consideration during assessment:

[a] Presentation (relative weighting about 20%)

Structure (e.g. introduction conclusion headings, etc)

Logical Sequencing

Clarity of expression

[b] Content (relative weighting about 80%)

Doctrinal accuracy and depth

Logical Scriptural Argument

Achievement of purpose (e.g. teaching plan, sermon, etc)

Appropriate illustrations and/or applications

Use of resources, quotes, bibliography

GRADES AWARDED

A - Indicates that the student has mastered the subject understanding the topic, its various interpretive expressions, the problems associated with it, as well as seeing its application to life. This knowledge has been clear, concise and well presented.

B - Indicates a good grasp of the subject, understanding the issues involved, but without the detailed mastery of an "A" grade.

C - Indicates that the student has grasped the basic facts or concepts, but has not fully seen their depth implications or variations. Persistent “C” grades mean a student could not move on to degree study.

D - Indicates that the student has failed to grasp key concepts in the subject or that the case put for their view lacked logic or organisation. Any work receiving a "D" grade must be repeated, as it does not receive credits towards graduation.

F - Indicates that the student has not understood the subject nor put forward an adequate presentation. An "F" grade requires a conference with the markers to discuss the student's performance.

PROVISION OF THE CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY

On completion of the course a Certificate in Theology can be issued by the Local Church Board – provided that:

1. The requirements for assignments have been completed successfully.

2. Written confirmation is given by the student confirming that they have thoroughly studied all of the Introductory Booklet and Volumes 1 and 2 of the Diploma in Theology [Books 1-3 inclusive on EBCWA CD] including the Bible texts.

In this regard it is good for all students to keep their own note book as they go through the texts.

PROTOTYPE PROGRAMME FOR CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY

WEEK	DATE	ACTIVITY
1		Review Lectures 1 to 6 of Introductory Notes
2		Review Lectures 7 to 11 of Introductory Notes
3		Study in depth from Theology 111 Lessons 1 to 5
4		Lessons 6-10
5		Undertake assignment 1 from Theology 111 list
6		Lessons 11-15
7		Lessons 16-19
8		Undertake assignment 2 from Theology 111 list
9		Lessons 20-24
10		Lessons 25-29

11		Undertake assignment 3 from Theology 111 list
12		Lessons 30-34
13		Lessons 35-38
14		Undertake assignment 4 from Theology 111 list
15		Study in depth from Theology 112 Lessons 39-43
16		Lessons 44-48
17		Undertake assignment 1 from Theology 112 list
18		Lessons 49-52
19		Lessons 53-58
20		Undertake assignment 2 from Theology 112 list
21		Lessons 59-64
22		Lessons 65-68
23		Undertake assignment 3 from Theology 112 list
24		Lessons 69-74
25		Lessons 75-79
26		Undertake assignment 4 from Theology 112 list

Note: In assignments also consult other books and the Omnibus Bible Topic Book [Book 21 on EBCWA – CD 2014 BTB File] for additional material.

2. CERTIFICATE IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

The Certificate in Biblical Studies comprises eight volumes of the Diploma Course [Books 4, 5 and 8-13 on EBCWA – CD]. It represents about 360 hours of lectures. The course also comprises the completion of 16 assignments of 2000 words each. The questions involved are set out below.

The time to complete the Certificate in Biblical Studies should be 12-18 months and no greater than 2 years.

TEXT BOOKS

The following text books are required for this certificate and are not provided by EBCWA. In the CD 2012-2019 there are three icons that contain several books each on helpful topics in Pastoral Theology – they are “Christian Counselling”, and “Christian Living”, and especially on New and Old Testament Introduction in the Diploma File - “Post-graduate Studies”. There are also numerous internet sites that will provide additional data, but each must be audited carefully to ensure it is biblically sound and godly. These books may be downloaded from the Internet in digital form also for minor cost. We do not encourage pirating.

Jensen I, "Jensen's Survey of the New Testament", Moody Press.

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The Certificate represents 50% of the full Diploma course.

PAPER 211 - NEW TESTAMENT INTRODUCTION

SCOPE:

Overview of New Testament books.

TEXTS

Jensen I, "Jensen's Survey of the New Testament".

ASSESSMENT

Required: 4 x 2000+ word assignments. These may be in essay format, or as preaching notes from which the student could teach the subject to the local church or youth/home group. Remember at all times that the course is designed to train people to teach, and so assignment formats are to be flexible, and teaching notes are always acceptable. The assignment may be read by the mentor, or it may be taught and the mentor/marker assesses on the basis of the teaching.

Select one chapter from a book in EACH of the following four New Testament divisions and prepare an expositional message and/or exegetical teaching plan. [See layout in any of the New Testament commentaries.]

I. Synoptic Gospels and Acts

2. John's Gospel, John's letters and Revelation

3. Paul's letters

4. Hebrews and General Epistles

Each assignment must take into account the context of the book, the author, local situation place in the book, Greek words used as well as the standard expositional points of interpretation and practical application to today's Christian.

PAPER 212 - OLD TESTAMENT INTRODUCTION

SCOPE:

Overview of Old Testament books.

TEXTS

Jensen L "Jensen's Survey of the Old Testament".

ASSESSMENT

Require 4 x 2000 word assignments. These may be in essay format, or as preaching notes from which the student could teach the subject to the local church or youth/home group.

Select one chapter from a book in EACH of the following four Old Testament divisions and prepare an expositional message and/or exegetical teaching plan.

I. The Pentateuch

2. The Historical Books

3. Psalms or Proverbs

4. The Prophets

Each assignment must take into account the context of the bock in the history of Israel, the author, local situation, place in the book, Hebrew words used as well as the standard expositional points of interpretation and practical application to today's Christian. [See layout in book of Daniel on CD as a guide.]

PAPER 213 - NEW TESTAMENT BOOK STUDIES

SCOPE: Detailed exposition of New Testament books.

TEXTS

No specific text other than the Commentaries on the EBCWA CD or website.

ASSESSMENT

Required: 4 x 2000+ word assignments OR 2 x 5000+ word assignments. These may be in essay format, or as preaching notes from which the student could teach the subject to the local church or youth/home group.

Provide EITHER four (x 2000+ words) OR two (x 5000+ words) essays on books from the New Testament and prepare a detailed teaching plan suitable for a Church or Bible Class. Include your own introduction to the books as a preface to the teaching plan. Remember the purpose of this Diploma Course is that you might teach others!

PAPER 214 - OLD TESTAMENT BOOK STUDIES

SCOPE: Detailed exposition of Old Testament books.

TEXTS: No specific text other than the Commentaries on the EBCWA CD or website.

ASSESSMENT

Required: 4 x 2000+ word assignments OR 2 x 5000+ word assignments

Provide EITHER four (x 2000+ words) OR two (x 5000+ words) essays on books from the Old Testament and prepare a detailed teaching plan suitable for a Church or Bible Class. Include your own introduction to the books as a preface to the teaching plan.

PROVISION OF THE CERTIFICATE IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

On completion of the course a Certificate in Biblical Studies will be issued by the EBCWA provided

1. The requirements for assignments have been completed successfully

2. Written confirmation is given by the student confirming that they have thoroughly studied all of the volumes outlined above including the Bible texts. In this regard it is good to keep your own note book as you go through the texts.

3. GLOBAL AND GRATIS CERTIFICATE IN PASTORAL THEOLOGY

The concept of this project is a learning course leading to a Certificate in Pastoral Theology that should be virtually free of charge (costs may be made for printing locally). This Certificate course is based on the content of our EBCWA – CD 2012-2015 and comprises in depth study of the following seventeen books. These may have been used for the Certificate in Biblical Studies already.

BOOK NO	TITLE	BOOK NO	TITLE	BOOK NO	TITLE
07	Pastoral Theology	75-4	Acts Volume 4	86	2 Timothy
75-1	Acts Volume 1	77	1 Corinthians	87	Titus
75-2	Acts Volume 2	78	2 Corinthians	91	1 Peter
75-3	Acts Volume 3	85	1 Timothy	92	2 Peter
06	Church History	112	Christian Leadership	113	Revival
				114	Ministers Handbook
		115	Other Religions		

ACCESS TO THE PASTORAL THEOLOGY COURSE

The College has decided that access to the Pastoral Theology Course will be dependent on the student already having completed the Certificate in Theology Course, although we recommend that the Certificate in Biblical Studies also be completed before starting this present certificate also, thus the only requirement for the student to proceed is that a mentor is available to partner the student. This course may be taught by a teacher-mentor to a class in the local church using the above fifteen books, or may be studied by the student with access to the books in printed or digital form.

OPERATION OF THE COURSE

The Certificate in Pastoral Theology which comprises study of 17 books from EBCWA CD 2012-2019 outlined above.

It is expected that students devote time to additional reading and research if other appropriate material is available by library or internet sources.

The student shall provide the mentor with a programme to enable the Certificate in Pastoral Theology to be completed within 6-12 months.

To respect the effort being given by mentors it is the responsibility of the student to complete the course on time. The course must be completed in twelve months. Reading of books 112-115 may be follow up to the course.

The Certificate represents approximately 25% of the full Diploma course and lays a firm foundation for further study.

PAPER 311 - PASTORAL THEOLOGY - Book 7 and 112, 113, 114, 115

SCOPE

Leadership, church administration, pastoral duties.

ASSESSMENT

Required: 4 x 2000+ word assignments. These may be in essay format, or as preaching notes from which the student could teach the subject to the local church or youth/home group.

Read set texts in detail, research, and then write biblically based responses, in each answer referring to most of the nine course books with biblical examples of each principle you raise or explain.

Select four topics.

I. Discuss the biblical qualities required for pastoral leadership. Develop a weekly timetable for ministry work that provides for family, study, visitation, teaching and meetings.

2. What should be done by you before and during your takeover of a new church? Develop a list of priorities for action in the weeks and months after the takeover.

3. Develop a visitational plan for the church which mobilises the members and reaches the lost/needy without violating biblical principles.

4. Discuss the biblical basis for the congregational meeting and develop a set of principles for operation, so as to avoid any disruption and keep Holy Spirit control.

5. What are the deacons, elders and other officers to do in the church? How do you as pastor co-ordinate this?

6. What personnel management techniques could be followed to ease tensions and facilitate function within church administration?

7. What is a woman to do in the church? Discuss the role of women in the New Testament church and in your congregation.

8. Develop a training plan for your deacons to assist them in their biblical function.

9. What factors and principles should be covered in the Constitution, and why?

10. What is involved in worship? Develop a worship service format which meets these, and give an example you have tried, with an assessment of its value from the congregation.

11. What do you consider as important in a Christian wedding? Develop a list of principles with biblical justifications for each.

12. The Baptismal Service and the Lord's Supper are important teaching services. Discuss.

13. Student's own choice (requires approval of topic by mentor-pastor).

PAPER 511 - CHURCH HISTORY SURVEY - Book 6

SCOPE - Church history from Pentecost (32AD) to the present day.

TEXT BOOKS

The following text books are required for this certificate and are not provided by EBCWA

A good Church History book.
Some good texts include -
“Christianity through the Centuries”, by Earle Cairns
“History of Christianity: A Lion Handbook"
Shelley B, "Church History in Plain Language"

On the CD 2012-2019 there is a “Church Age History and Study Books” icon – on which are many good written studies that will take the student without access to any printed books through all of church history and provide challenging reading to go with the lecture notes. In the CD 2012-2019 there are also three icons/files that contain several books each on helpful topics in Pastoral Theology – they are “Christian Counselling”, and “Christian Living”, and “Post-Grad Studies”.

ASSESSMENT

Required: 4 x 2000+ word assignments. These may be in essay format, or as preaching notes from which the student could teach the subject to the local church or youth/home group.

Select four topics.

1. Prepare a timeline outlining the history of the church age, with key dates, people and events. Make it in at least five sections and suitable for Sunday school or Bible Class.

2. Who were the key apologists and what was their message to the Roman Empire?

3. Was the blood of the martyrs the seed of the Church?

4. What was the impact of Constantine's Christianity on the spiritual state of the Church?

5. Describe the growth of Sacerdotalism in the early church.

6. What was the impact of the Celtic missionaries?

7. The Crusaders' legacy. Was it godly or devilish?

8. Who were the Albigenes and Waldensians? What did they stand for?

9. Was Luther just an anti-Semitic bourgeois? Discuss his later life.

10. Discuss Calvin's work in Geneva, or that of Knox in Scotland.

11 Describe the life, work and emphasis of one of the great revivalists of the 18th or19th century.

12. Summarize the growth of missions in the 19th century.

13. Student's own choice (requires approval of topic by mentor/elder/pastor).

PROVISION OF THE CERTIFICATE IN PASTORAL THEOLOGY

On completion of the course a Certificate in Pastoral Theology can be issued by the local Church Board provided

1. The requirements for assignments have been completed successfully

2. Written confirmation is given by the student confirming that they have thoroughly studied all of the volumes outlined above including the Bible texts.

In this regard it is good for all students to keep their own note book as they go through the texts

DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY

On completion of the three certificates outlined above the Diploma in Theology may be issued by the local Church Board.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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FURTHER STUDY TO BTH LEVEL AND BEYOND

Those wishing to go beyond the Diploma of Theology level of study need to have two assets in order to advance with confidence and assurance that you will not bring disgrace upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The **first is a group of dedicated and well proven leaders/teachers/mentors** for students. These men and women must be tried and tested leaders of the Lord's People and all have qualifications at least at the Diploma Level themselves as they start this process. If they have Diploma only they should undertake the Bachelor level study first and all graduate before they begin to teach the first batch of students. They can do this through a marker-mentor who is qualified to at least Master of Theology level from another Seminary. Their assignments must be assessed to ensure they are thinking and operating well above the basic level of the Diploma Course.

The **second asset required is a good library** for students to have access to at least 1000-5000 books for study at an advanced level. This may be provided by means of the internet or computer CD/DVD however in today's world. One CD may contain as many as 400 text books today, and a compressed DVD may contain 1000 texts. Many of the best texts from pervious generations are now available through the internet by sites like <e-sword.com> or on compressed CD/DVD. Students today may download whole libraries onto their computer hard drive, so the demand for an external library is disappearing fast, but governments accrediting courses may still require an external stand alone library. If you are accrediting a course with a local government, please ensure you have what they require.

Our belief is that anything that enables a student of the Word to stand alone, without having to "turn up" to a library for study is best, as when persecution begins in each country in earnest, as we expect it will, the teachers of the Word will need to operate alone. All fixed libraries of books will be seized or burned, but if each person has a computer and on it are 5000 books, then they are a traveling seminary! With the provision of used computers into Africa especially through charities in the USA this dream of having your own 5000 book library is close to reality for many and the books may be free or very close to it. Have all material on one safe and independent Computer – unable to be hacked – and back it up so that it's content is secure. The Internet may be used now – but only for a limited time by Bible believing believers.

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY (BTH) COURSE

Building upon the good foundation of the Diploma of Theology Course the BTH format suggested is as follows. We suggest that it comprise the foundation level of Eight (8) Papers of the Diploma Theology, and then an additional Sixteen (16) papers, to make a Bachelor of Theology with 24 Papers. This places it on a par with all recognized Bachelor's Level degrees in the British University system of the English speaking world.

The papers involved build upon the Diploma in the three subject/faculty areas, but add in another three faculty/subject areas that may be studied, depending upon the expertise of the lecturers/mentors the College has available locally, and also the written and internet available written, oral and visual aids available. Remember that through the "U-Tube" videos on line many subjects can be studied with world leaders in their field, and all "on-line" biblically sound resources should be utilized while they can be with safety.

All papers have a three digit number to identify them – the first number identifies the faculty/subject area, the second identifies the level of study (1=basic, 2=level 2, 3=level 3 advanced), and the third number identifies the specific paper subject at the level identified.

The following papers are identified as being potentially able to be woven into the final sixteen papers building to the BTH. There must be **at least eight level two papers**, and **at least six level three papers** to complete the required 24 papers for the award of the BTH degree. The final two papers above this set requirement can be level 2 or level 3 papers.

Faculty/Subject Area - Number 1 - of SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY (Paper Subject titles)

Paper 111	Basic Theology	completed in Dip Theol
Paper 112	Basic Theology	completed in Dip Theol
Paper 121	Fundamentalism – the doctrines explained	
Paper 122	Calvinism-Arminianism explained	
Paper 131	Special Topics as selected and approved	
Paper 132	Special Topics as selected and approved	
Paper 133	Special Topics	

Faculty/Subject Area – Number 2 – of BIBLICAL STUDIES

Paper 211	New Testament Introduction	completed in Dip Theol
Paper 212	Old Testament Introduction	completed in Dip Theol
Paper 213	New Testament Book Studies	completed in Dip Theol
Paper 214	Old Testament Book Studies	completed in Dip Theol
Paper 221	Biblical Theology of the Gospels	
Paper 223	Biblical Theology of the Letters of the NT	
Paper 222	Biblical Theology of the Mosaic Law	
Paper 224	Biblical Theology of the "Writings"	
Paper 231	Special topic in the theology of the New Testament	
Paper 233	Special topic in the theology of the New Testament	
Paper 232	Special topic in the theology of the Old Testament	
Paper 234	Special topic in the theology of the Old Testament	

Faculty/Subject Area - Number 3 – PASTORAL THEOLOGY

Paper 311	Pastoral Theology Introduction	completed in Dip Theol
Paper 312	Psychology-counselling Introduction	
Paper 313	Accounting for Non-profit Organizations	
Paper 314	Human Resources Introduction	
Paper 321	Evangelism	
Paper 322	Biblical Counselling - Stage 2	
Paper 323	Biblical Management Principles	
Paper 324	Special topic in administration	
Paper 331	Special topic in Evangelism	
Paper 332	Special topics in Counselling - Stage 3	
Paper 333	Special topic in biblical management	
Paper 334	Special topic in the theology of Administration/Management	
Paper 335	Special Topic – student selection	

Faculty/Subject Area - Number 4 – PHILOSOPHY/APOLOGETICS

Paper 421	Philosophy Introduction
Paper 422	Ethics Introduction
Paper 423	Apologetics Introduction
Paper 431	Special Topic in Ethics

Paper 432	Special Topic in Apologetics	

Faculty/Subject Area - Number 5 – CHURCH HISTORY

Paper 511	Church History Survey	completed in Dip Theol
Paper 512	The Early Church	
Paper 513	Israel's History to the destruction of the First Temple	
Paper 521	The Medieval Church	
Paper 522	The Reformation	
Paper 523	The Evangelical Revival and Missions	
Paper 524	Israel's history 535 BC to 139 AD	
Paper 531	Special Topic in Church History	
Paper 532	Special Topic in Church History	
Paper 533	Special Topic in Israel's History	
Paper 534	Special Topic – Archaeology Excavation – a month on site in Israel working on a recognized excavation of a biblical site. (Annual Opportunities through Biblical Archaeological Review.)	

Faculty/Subject Area - Number 6 – BIBLICAL LANGUAGES

Paper 611	New Testament Greek – Stage 1
Paper 612	Biblical Hebrew – Stage 1
Paper 621	Greek - Stage 2
Paper 622	Hebrew - Stage 2
Paper 631	Greek - Stage 3
Paper 632	Hebrew – Stage 3
Paper 633	Aramaic Studies

STUDY LEVELS FOR BTH DEGREE

Level 1 Papers are at the basic introductory level that you are familiar with the Diploma of Theology papers. Study at this level requires a good overall grasp of the subject area with clear expression in essays and assignments of the subject covered.

Level 2 Papers are in more advanced and specialized areas, and require a more thorough study of the more specific area covered. The criteria here center in the need to be able to explain the concept/material clearly in the assignments and gather all the facts that are relevant.

Level 3 Papers are looking for a clear ability to teach the subject to others, covering all the material required for mastery of the topic. By this stage the student is able to teach the subject matter clearly and thoroughly. Clear thinking, logical processing and strong presentation of ideas are required.

The requirement for each subject paper remains the same for each paper in the degree level as in the Diploma level, with four completed assignments (or two dissertation type essays) required for each paper.

ASSESSMENT FOR EACH ADVANCED PAPER

Required: 4 x 2000+ word assignments or 2 x 5000 word assignments on the approved topics below. These may be in essay format, or as preaching notes from which the student could teach the subject to the church. Remember the purpose is practical not purely academic and so presentation of material to a group may be required at times.

For the language papers approved on-line three stage courses are to be utilized and marked in accordance with the criteria for them. Course are to be audited by mentors to ensure that by stage three of the language course the student is able to read Biblical Greek and Hebrew/Aramaic well enough to do their biblical devotions in the languages.

Papers can be taught by lecture format if the teacher-mentor is able to do so, or simply be run by seminar and self study. Texts that are available locally or through the Internet must be set for the students and other readings approved so that the student can master the material and produce the assignments. Add in topics that have some depth to them as is appropriate locally given your own expertize and library-study resources.

Remember the BTH degree is designed to make the pastor think deeply, and so there is no final and approved list of subjects – for all that encourages thought and good healthy debate is helpful to clarify the Pastor's thinking and make him/her fit to lead. Each local College offering the degree is to develop new courses and pilot them and when they are acceptable share them with the EBCWA network through the internet while it is safe to do so. Let each encourage and provide good spiritual food for others.

QUESTIONS FOR EACH PAPER

Faculty/Subject Area - Number 1 - of SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

Paper 121 Fundamentalism – the doctrines explained

Two 5000 word assignments to be produced answering each of the two questions below.

1. What are the Fundamentals, and why do you believe they are "fundamental" to the Christian Faith. Explain.

2. Discuss the history of the Fundamentalist Debate – and what you see as relevant for your leadership today in your own country and church. What lessons must we learn from this debate.

Paper 122 Calvinism-Arminianism explained

Two 5000 word assignments to be produced answering each of the two questions below.

1. What are the beliefs of the two schools relating to Soteriology. Explain their positions and where any errors crop up in their arguments.

2. Discuss the position of your own church on the matter of salvation and sanctification. What lessons must we learn from this historical debate, as it relates to our present church belief and practice.

Paper 131 Special Topics as selected and approved

Paper 132 Special Topics as selected and approved

Paper 133 Special Topics

Two 5000 word or Four 2000 words assignments are to be produced for each paper, answering two or four specific theological questions that student and mentor may select.

They must be set out as lectures/presentations that the student could give them to an educated group and argue his/her case well.

Set topics that test the student and require them to research widely, but remember to be sure you have the resources to help them, or they have internet access.

Faculty/Subject Area – Number 2 – of BIBLICAL STUDIES

Paper 221 Biblical Theology of the Gospels

Four 2000 word assignments or Two 5000 word assignments to be produced answering any of the questions below.

1. Discuss the doctrine of resurrection/eternal life from the Gospel accounts.
2. Jesus teaching is "kingdom policy" – discuss the Sermon on the Mount as Jesus' Law.
3. Jesus virgin birth matters – discuss.
4. The Gospel in shoe leather is ethics and theology in their right place. Discuss.
5. The miracles matter – if they are falsehoods, then so is everything else. Discuss.
6. He came to die on the Cross – this was no accident. Discuss.

Paper 223 Biblical Theology of the Letters of the NT

Four 2000 word assignments or Two 5000 word assignments to be produced answering any of the questions below.

1. Discuss Paul's concept of man in his letters. Is it Jewish or Greek in origin?
2. Contrast the Pauline and Jewish Letters – is there a significant difference?
3. Paul develops the first creeds in his letters. Discuss.
4. Discuss the theological themes of one of Paul's Letters.
5. Does the Church lose its primitive simplicity after the Jerusalem Conference?
6. What is the Jewish Emphasis of James, Jude or Peter?

Paper 222 Biblical Theology of the Mosaic Law

Four 2000 word assignments or Two 5000 word assignments to be produced answering any of the questions below.

1. Contrast Moses revelation with the Code of Hammurabi, or another ancient Law Code.
2. Is the Mosaic Law treating women as "unclean" and second class?
3. Discuss the Criminal Code and its benefits over our prisons. Why would we find it hard to apply this?
4. "Moses is an invention of Ezra!" Discuss this falsehood and rebut it.

Paper 224 Biblical Theology of the "Writings" and the "Prophets"

Four 2000 word assignments or Two 5000 word assignments to be produced answering any of the questions below.

1. Discuss the use of the Psalms in worship.
2. Where does Ecclesiastes fit? What is its purpose?
3. Discuss the theological points made by the oldest book - Job.
4. Discuss how you would teach Proverbs for the youth group.
5. Discuss the historical books as "history" that teaches.
6. Discuss the theology of a specific Prophetic Book.

Paper 231 Special topic in the theology of the New Testament

Paper 233 Special topic in the theology of the New Testament

Paper 232 Special topic in the theology of the Old Testament

Paper 234 Special topic in the theology of the Old Testament

Faculty/Subject Area - Number 3 – PASTORAL THEOLOGY

Paper 312 Psychology-Counselling Introduction

Four 2000 word assignments or Two 5000 word assignments to be produced answering any of the questions below. Access to good on-line teaching and a current Text on Psychology and Christian Counselling is required.

1. What is psychology and what can it, and can it not do?
2. Discuss the development of ideas about the soul and mind.
3. What part does inheritance play in behavior?
4. Discuss what we mean by "personality". What is the biblical perspective on this?
5. What part does punishment have in learning?
6. What is meant by "behavioural reinforcement" and how does this influence theological education?

Paper 313 Accounting for Non-profit Organizations

Four 2000 word assignments or Two 5000 word assignments to be produced explaining the best procedures to put in place to secure the accounting processes for a "not for profit organization".

There will need to be a presentation element of this subject so that the student can demonstrate that they have processes that will assist correct accountability and eliminate any corruption in the church finances. Actual "Audits" may be required – working with an accountant to ensure all key issues are understood/highlighted in a set of books.

Paper 314 Human Resources Introduction

Four 2000 word assignments or Two 5000 word assignments to be produced answering questions from the HR texts chosen that are available locally. Remember, some "dated" texts from the 1970s and 1980s are actually better and more practical than politically correct texts printed in the years 2000+. Assess common issues of HR as they relate to your church or Not For Profit organization.

Paper 321 Evangelism

Four 2000 word assignments or Two 5000 word assignments to be produced on aspects of Church based evangelism.

This paper needs to have a practical element in it, and it is suggested that at least one assignment be preparation and planning for an evangelistic event, conducting the event, and following up and reporting the success of the event.

Paper 322 Biblical Counselling - Stage 2

Four 2000 word assignments or Two 5000 word assignments to be produced answering any of the questions below.

1. Describe what it means to "tell the truth in love" in counselling.
2. Describe your manner of correcting bad choices/decision making processes in a client's life.
3. What should you cover in the first counselling session?
4. Describe the elements of "stress management".
5. How do you assist a depressed person to confront and beat their possibly chemical/clinical depression?
6. Is "mindfulness" biblical – or are we teaching/mentoring something quite different?

Paper 323 Biblical Management Principles

Four 2000 word assignments or Two 5000 word assignments to be produced answering any of the questions below.

Using the Biblical Leadership Book 112, and 114 Minister's Manual – explain how you mentor/lead the following.

1. Plan a major Church Event – listing all details needed to be covered to run it successfully.
2. Produce a visitation plan to achieve the goal of touching each family through a year.

3. Produce a prayer warrior plan and execute it for a six month period – with weekly updates.
4. How active is your worship service? Is it entertaining or involving? What needs to change?
5. Prepare a Sunday School Plan to enable the young people to learn and grow spiritually.
6. Are the youth group ready for martyrdom? What do they need to know/live/do to be strong?

Paper 324 Special topics in Hermeneutics or Homiletics

Paper 331 Special topics in Evangelism

Paper 332 Special topics in Counselling - Stage 3

Paper 333 Special topics in biblical management

Paper 334 Special topics in the theology of Administration/Management

Paper 335 Special Topics – student selection

Faculty/Subject Area - Number 4 – PHILOSOPHY/APOLOGETICS

Paper 421 Philosophy Introduction

Four 2000 word assignments or Two 5000 word assignments to be produced answering any of the questions below.

1. What are the "bounds of sense" in our space time limited world?
2. Man is free to choose. Discuss.
3. What is truth? Answer Pilate's question.
4. What is the problem of evil?
5. Are faith and reason opposites?
6. What is moral? Are ethics utilitarian?

Paper 422 Ethics Introduction

Four 2000 word assignments or Two 5000 word assignments to be produced answering any of the questions below.

1. What is the Christian basis for ethics?
2. What is Jesus definition of Good?
3. Christian ethics changed Roman Civilization – discuss.
4. What is justice?
5. Are the Fruits of the Holy Spirit ethical virtues?
6. Are there sexual ethics, or just conventions of societies?
7. Special topic

Paper 423 Apologetics Introduction

Four 2000 word assignments or Two 5000 word assignments to be produced answering any of the questions below.

Read the Book on the CD number 115 – "Other Religions"

1. Zen Buddhist "mindfulness" is popular – is it right?
2. Discuss how to approach a Moslem and discuss the nature of Jesus.
3. The Bahai religion is very pleasant – where is its error?
4. Atheism is mindless – discuss.
5. Legalism is at the heart of Hell itself – discuss.
6. Hinduism defines India – or does it. Discuss how you stand up to the Hindu Nationalist.

Paper 431 Special Topic in Ethics

Paper 432 Special Topic in Apologetics

Four 2000 word assignments or Two 5000 word assignments to be produced answering the questions the student wishes to explore that you have the resources to examine thoroughly.

Faculty/Subject Area - Number 5 – CHURCH HISTORY

Paper 512 The Early Church

Four 2000 word assignments or Two 5000 word assignments to be produced answering any of the questions below.

1. The blood of the martyrs was the seed of the church. Discuss in terms of the first 300 years.
2. Examine the changing role of the city bishop.
3. When politics entered the church the Spirit left. Discuss.
4. Was Constantine saved at all?
5. Where did the Egyptian Church go wrong, if at all?
6. Discuss the growth of Sacerdotalism.
7. Special topic

Paper 513 Israel's History to the destruction of the First Temple

Four 2000 word assignments or Two 5000 word assignments to be produced answering any of the questions below.

1. What solid data do we have for the conquest of Israel around 1400 BC?
2. Discuss the historical problems with the sojourn in Egypt and the Exodus.
3. The time of the Judges – chaos or building time?
4. The legacy of David – discuss.
5. Solomon's Temple – evidence for it?
6. The Babylonians rise to power and domination – discuss.

Paper 521 The Medieval Church

Four 2000 word assignments or Two 5000 word assignments to be produced answering any of the questions below.

1. Cathedrals are a bad spiritual sign. Discuss.
2. Crusaders – saints, sinners or psychopaths?
3. Scholarship advanced and recaptured knowledge – did it revive the soul/spirit?
4. What changes came in that captured the organized church in evil through this period?
5. How did the ordinary people learn and practice faith through this period?
6. What leads to the breaking out of genuine faith in the pre-reformation period?

Paper 522 The Reformation

Four 2000 word assignments or Two 5000 word assignments to be produced answering any of the questions below.

1. What impact did the Albigenses/Waldensians have?
2. Describe the impact of Huss or Wycliff.
3. What was the legacy of printing? What occurs after its invention?
4. Identify the key parts played by the key reformers.

Paper 523 The Evangelical Revival and Missions

Four 2000 word assignments or Two 5000 word assignments to be produced answering any of the questions below.

Read the books on the CD on the Great Revival.

1. The seeds of the eighteenth century revivals were sown in the seventeenth. Discuss
2. Discuss the life/legacy of one of the great reformers John and Charles Wesley.
3. Discuss the legacy for preaching of Jonathan Edwards and George Whitfield.
4. Did Methodism grow spiritually, or out of the Obsessive nature of one man?
5. Describe the growth of social action through the revivals.
6. Slavery ends after the Great Revival's work was done.

Paper 524 Israel's history 535 BC to 139 AD

Four 2000 word assignments or Two 5000 word assignments to be produced answering any of the questions below.

1. The synagogue is the key to the period. Discuss.

2. The Persian Period was the "golden age" of Israel. Discuss.
3. Herod the Great was the greatest builder and destroyer of Judaism. Discuss.
4. The Jewish Revolt 66-70 AD was inevitable. Discuss.
5. The Messianic Synagogues were destroyed in the land by the Romans. Discuss the second revolt and how it changed Messianic Judaism.
6. Everyone fought over Jerusalem. Discuss the invaders and conquerors attitudes to the holy city.

Paper 531 Special Topic in Church History

Paper 532 Special Topic in Church History

Paper 533 Special Topic in Israel's History

Paper 534 Special Topic – Archaeology Excavation – a month on site in Israel – locate through Biblical Archaeological Review magazine annually.

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Appendix 1.

STARTING A NEW BIBLE COLLEGE MINISTRY

If the Lord leads us to establish a new mission, it is with the power of the Holy Spirit **ALONE** that it must be established. If God does not build the house those that labour do so in vain. We must trust God not men, and depend upon prayer power not marketing or asking others for resources. Our first principle is therefore PRAYER for the Lord to open the doors and provide what is needed directly to enable HIS work to be done.

It is also an EBCWA principle that we do not ask anyone for money. We are a Faith Mission, and that means we pray, we work, we announce what God is doing, and leave provision to the sovereign will of the Lord. If resources are not there, we cannot advance, and we do not advance, for it is the Lord's harvest, not ours. If we cannot move forward through lack of funds, in the Lord's Sovereign Plan, it is because another has the job, or we are not ready.

We pray and wait, but we do not ask others for funds. Paul sets the example in **Acts 16:6-12**.

If we feel "led" to establish a ministry, but resources are lacking locally, we must get upon our knees and seek the way the Lord wants it established. Our experience is that it will be done without large buildings needing to be purchased, or any equipment initially. God has led us to establish Bible Colleges in ways that do not have any administrative costs, and where the Lord provides the money for the pastors to do what is required on a weekly basis.

EBCWA Operating Principles

1. If the Lord leads us in a direction the Lord will provide for us there if it is truly His Plan and His time for the plan to be executed. Pray for the Lord's provisions alone, for it is HIS work, and HIS glory through it.

2. Do not ask any man for money, simply announce the ministry and advance into it in prayer, seeking the Lord's provision as you go. God rarely gives lots of money to establish things, but seeks our walk of faith to ensure things are provided when needed in a way that honours Him and brings glory to His holy name. Jesus gets the glory when it is HIS work – not any men.

3. Gather prayer warriors around you immediately, and have them pray daily for the needs, but open your eyes and seek the humble brother/sister with the loaves and fishes, not the "Rich Young Rulers" who hold onto their wealth. God works through the poor and rich people, but only those who commit themselves to him with all they have. We do not "target" people to ask them to give, we target prayer and remain open to what the Lord wants done, not any plans of men. **Jeremiah 10:23-25**.

4. Do not seek a trouble free path, for it will probably not be the Lord's path. **Matthew 7:13-23** tells us that the Lord's path is always the "narrow/constricted" way. We have to squeeze through tight places on His path in prayer and with perspiration at times. Pray, trust, wait, and move as the door opens and you will have the resources to advance through it. God's good name and glory is at stake in HIS work.

5. Do not wait for a full bank account, for what is "full"? Step out and minister as the door opens and you have the opportunity, and the funds to arrive at the place of ministry, and speak there. If you cannot reach the place, you are not meant to be there. Be ready to personally work in manual labour, your trade, or in any task that you can, to fund your own ministry. All ministries must be LOCAL and supported locally. Do not fall into the "American Prosperity Gospel" trap, for it is a lie. We stand with the Apostle Paul, and he worked by day and preached by night**. Acts 18:1-3, 19:8-12, 1 Cor 4:9-16, 15:9-11**

6. EBCWA was established with this Pauline (and biblical) mental attitude. Paul didn't pray over handkerchiefs, he sweated as he worked, and it was those sweat cloths that healed the sick. Many men today seek "sweat-less" ministry, but God's Holy Word indicates that such are fake and crooked. God works with those who sweat in the work! If you are not ready to do that you must find another group to work with. We are not magicians but workers in the Lord's vineyard, and so we are ready for the heat of the mid-day sun, and we will work into the night if the harvest requires it. We don't work with lazy people not ready to sweat, for the Lord never uses such people.

7. EBCWA began with myself (Dr McEwan) very ill, and very poor, through inability to work. We were given premises to use (we never owned them, and moved on from them four years later) and started without any funds above those needed to get the building useful. I provided my own transport (or was driven by students) and each person their own bibles and study books, and we started. God blessed greatly as we advanced, but not with money in abundance, just enough to advance to the end with joy in our hearts.

8. In the prisons of Southern and Western Africa we see the same things happening today (2011-2016). The prisoners have a Bible from the Bible Society, and note paper and a pencil provided from the guards, and the lecturer has a study book and their Bible, and they begin with nothing else. We now provide the notes on CD/flash drive to be down loaded onto any Prison computers, and the Power Points are included to use when teaching the Diploma Course if the facility has a projector and computer, but these are <u>not needed</u>. In your local situation, my beloved brother and

sister, just start with a set of notes and your Bible open, but start with prayer and work with prayer, and end with prayer. We found that the prison authorities themselves provided printing for prisoners as the courses advanced when they saw the "fruit" in the lives of the prisoners. **Matthew 7:13-23**. Prisons were transformed by the course and the prison officers provided help for the men and women they once despised and feared, who they now saw were their brothers and sisters in Christ.

9. STARTING OUT - Prepare yourself by studying the Course from the CD or website. Be ready to teach it, as God only uses prepared people. Pray for the People, and the Premises as I did all those years ago. Step out to meet the needs with your Bible open and the notes under your arm, and see the Lord provide for what the poor need in your local area. If it is Bibles, pray for that need to be met. If it is for pencils and paper, pray for that to be met, or transport, pray for that.

10. Do not wait for computers, power point projectors, or cars to drive you to the place of ministry! If they are there use them, but do not depend on expensive technology, use the simplest things, for Satan finds the simplest things the hardest to oppose and destroy. Be like Paul, work and provide for your own team yourself and advance into the God anointed ministry.

Trust God, build a local ministry and serve the local churches by training the next generation of godly leaders.

Do not depend upon foreigners for contact with them can be easily cut off by the enemy.

Trust the Lord alone and keep as low profile and low cost as you can, for Satan finds it hard to eliminate poor people who have no support structures to destroy. High profile and high budget enterprises can be easily destroyed.

We have prayer and we can work and perspire in the Lord's work. With God's provision of power, people and His Plan we are unstoppable by Satan and his dysfunctional team.

Let us do that and trust God alone. If God builds, no man can tear down!

Jesus our Saviour, Lord, and King can be trusted.

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Appendix 2

THE BLASPHEMOUS NATURE OF THE SO CALLED "PROSPERITY GOSPEL"

Satan hasn't needed to invent new evils for thousands of years, for man's Old Sin Nature is well known to him, as in the Garden of Eden he began his path of deceit for mankind by leading our ancestors astray after their own lusts rather than obedience to the Lord's clear commands.

As all marketing executives understand, greed and the desire for wealth and ease is the universal desire of all members of Old Sin Nature dominated mankind. Greed, as one crooked businessman pointed out to me one day, is the only dependable human emotion and drive. Like all lust greed is **not good**. It is a great evil that despises and abuses all others for the sake of the greedy person's lust being met.

The Bible has warned against this satanic evil from the beginning, but we see it written large in our modern church, where prosperity in time is seen as more important than heavenly rewards. The catch cry of these new preachers of unrighteousness is, "have it now and have it later", or "have it now and don't think about later!" God's Word from the beginning has warned against these servants of the enemy and their viewpoint, but it has satanically deceptive force, and it always has to those who want an easy life and a comfortable journey through this life.

Many prefer the "Broadway" of life's pleasures to the narrow/constricted and thorn surrounded mountainous path that the Lord tends to call his disciples to follow. Some live in the palaces of this world like Daniel, but most of us are called to walk with Ezekiel and Jeremiah the "narrow/constricted path" that all too often involves suffering, sickness, and pressure filled situations. Even Daniel suffered these things, although living in a palace. The majority will sadly follow after deception, but this booklet is a trumpet call in these last days to all believers who wish to walk in spirit and in truth and honour the Lord rather than satisfy their lust for ease.

This is not me being dramatic, it is sad and biblical truth, so please believer hear the Lord's call to your heart. Read also the short paper at the end of this booklet – and set up your ministry Jesus way!

Matthew 7:13-23. "*13. Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:*
14. Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.
15. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.
16. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?
17. Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.
18. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
19. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
20. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.
21. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
22. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?
23. And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

Proverbs 6:16-23. "*16. These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:*
17. A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,
18. An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,
19. A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.
20. My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother:
21. Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck.
22. When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.
23. For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:"

We are told very clearly that persecution and pressures may await us on our road with the Lord through life, and that these things are not the sign of us being in sin, but are the sign that the "prince of this present world" may "hate" us for Jesus sake. The Lord reminds us that the Holy Spirit is given as the "Comforter" in all such pressures, not as the "money counter" to count our wealth and success!

John 15:18-27. "*18. If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.*
19. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.
20. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.
21. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.
22. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin.
23. He that hateth me hateth my Father also.
24. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.
25. But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.
26. But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:
27. And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning."

In this world he told us we will have "trouble" not prosperity as the norm, but that through the power of the Lord through the Holy Spirit within (1 John 4:4) we can be overcomers against all pressures that will come in God's power and provision. God's provision to achieve all he calls us to do will always be "abundant" as Paul and the others found, and we are called to faith-rest our lives in that divine provision to achieve the divine purpose. Hebrews 11:1-3.

John 16:33. *33. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."*

The Lord will supply all we need in order to fulfil the divine commission for our lives, but never to fulfil self centred prayer lists that are based on our lust for ease, wealth and plenty, but the Lord will always "fill up" all we need for worship, service and the needs of others and ourselves to do the on-going work.

Philippians 4:10-19. "*10. But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity.*
11. Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.
12. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.
13. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
14. Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction.
15. Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.
16. For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.
17. Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.

18. But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God.
19. But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
20. Now unto God and our Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

If we have great prosperity we give thanks and pour it out to the Lord's work, for all he gives is for service, not self centred enjoyment. Nothing in the Church Age is for ourselves, it is all for the body and to bring glory to Him not ourselves. Who gets the glory? Notice Paul's words in the letter to Philippi above. He is under pressure as many times as he is "abounding", but in all circumstances, and in all situations he is seeking the glory of the Lord and expecting the Lord to "come through" with all he will need to do the work. The Lord always does! Its never however about our lust based desires, but about his Plan and our desire to fulfil it 100% in our short lives. **Habakkuk 2:4, Mark 11:24, Galatians 5:1**.

In case we have any doubts about the apostolic message being the same as the Lord's words we have Luke's account of Paul's ministry below, where he notes his message to the earliest churches after the Lord had raised him from the dead, when he was stoned to death at Lystra. Note the text here, for Paul has apparently been killed by the mob and then raised from the dead – and he just relaxes and keeps ministering.

Acts 14:19-28 "*19. And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead.*
20. Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.
21. And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,
22. Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.
23. And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.
24. And after they had passed throughout Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia.
25. And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down into Attalia:
26. And thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled.
27. And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.
28. And there they abode long time with the disciples."

Dealing with pressure situations and growing spiritually through faith applied in the Holy Spirit's power was the "norm" for the apostles and their expectation for all the new believers. We believe that this remains the Lord's expectation for us all. We are to grow in the "grace and the knowledge of the Lord", 2 Peter 3:18, and be ready to follow our Lord into any situation he calls us to walk through with his hand in ours.

Everywhere we walk in his plan for our life we have the filling of the Holy Spirit to comfort us and the Lord beside us for living fellowship, but it may be through fire and great darkness at times. It is His Light and His Word and Spirit that comforts us in such places. Hear Peter and Paul's encouragement and see and understand clearly the true nature of the "normal" Christian walk through this present world.

1 Peter 2:18-22. "*18. Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.*
19. For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.
20. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.
21. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:
22. Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:"

1 Peter 4:12-19. "*12. Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:*
13. But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.
14. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.
15. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.
16. Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.
17. For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?
18. And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?
19. Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator."

Romans 5:1-11. *"1. Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*
2. By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
3. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;
4. And patience, experience; and experience, hope:
5. And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.
6. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.
7. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.
8. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
9. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.
10. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.
11. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement."

Paul's expectation was that pressure situations would be normal for the believer under satanic attack in the intensified stage of the Angelic Conflict that follows the Cross, the Empty Tomb, and Pentecost. The victory of the Cross and Empty Tomb has defeated Satan strategically, but we are urged to keep our armour on, for the defeated enemy is rage filled at his defeat, and seeks to destroy any careless believer who does not go about armed in the Spirit! We now walk a victorious battlefield in this world, and the ultimate eternal Victory is assured for the Holy Spirit filled believer, but alertness is called for each and every moment of every day, for the enemy's troops still walk about and they remain malice filled. Do a word study of the military command words, "alert", "stand" and see how many times believers are given "orders" that would be appropriate to troops on a battlefield, not any parade ground.

We are living still on a battlefield where the Lord Jesus Christ defeated the enemy of mankind, but where the enemy is still fighting any rear guard actions he can to maim and kill believers. This present world is not a palace where we relax but remains a battlefield, where deceptive enemies lie about pretending they are no threat but will kill the unwary and unarmed. The "Marriage Supper of the Lamb" is relaxing time and that is to come, but only after the Church is with the Lord in heaven. Revelation 19.

Until that eternal relaxation and celebration time we are soldiers and ambassadors of the court of heaven in enemy occupied territory, even though it is the blood soaked ground of the Lord's victory over sin and death. Evil is yet to be removed, but we are 100% sure that it will be finally defeated and removed – but that is the Lord's Second Advent and until then we are his soldiers and ambassadors.

So let us stand to attention – as the soldiers of the Lord, and let us hear his "Daily Orders" for the Church Sage and be obedient to his commands to us. We prove our love by following his orders, not being deceived by the agents of the enemy who have infiltrated the churches**.**

John 15:14, 2 Corinthians 11:13-15.

CHURCH AGE "DAILY ORDERS" FOR ALL BELIEVERS

Ephesians 6:10-18. "*10. Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*
11. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
12. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
13. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
14. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
15. And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
16. Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
17. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:
18. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;"

James 4:7-10. "*7. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*
8. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.
9. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness.
10. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

1 Peter 5:6-10. "*6. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:*
7. Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.
8. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:
9. Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

10. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.
11. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

James 1:12-19, 26-27. "*12. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.*
13. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted by God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:
14. But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust,and enticed.
15. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin when it is finished, bringeth forth death.
16. Do not err, my beloved brethren.
17. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.
18. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.
19. Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:
26. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.
27. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

James is very blunt about the reality of pressure, the "normal" nature of trouble and temptation, and the need to stand against it without blaming anyone else, and then he warns us to be wary of the great dangers coming from rich people who will abuse the saints, and the danger for the saints being deceived by riches.

James 5:1-6, 10-11. "*1. Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.*
2. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth eaten.
3. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.
4. Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.
5. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.
6. Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.
10. Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.
11. Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy."

Paul speaks also of "deceitful lusts", **Ephesians 4:22**, whereby believers are conned into following after things that do not matter and ignoring the eternal things that will actually bring glory to the Lord Jesus. He speaks confidently of our victory in Christ Jesus, and he assures the Roman Church that they can never be separated from the Love and Power of the Lord Jesus Christ even though they will most certainly go through great pressure situations and many may give their lives for the Lord.

Romans 8:35-39. "*35. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*
36. As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
37. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
38. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
39. Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 12:10-15. "*10. Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;*
11. Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;
12. Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;
13. Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.
14. Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.
15. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep."

Many in this church suffered and died in the persecution of 65-67 AD including Peter and his wife, and Paul.

The author of Hebrews reminds us that we are all being cheered on from the stands of eternity by all the great saints of the past, who watch with interest our struggles and triumphs as we battle our way through the angelic conflict. In a battlefield who isn't fighting? The answer is of course = the coward, and the one who stays out of the fighting for other reasons than cowardice, like laziness or lusts.

What are we to make of people who speak of and seek after wealth and power now as their right before the sight of the saints who gave their lives for the Lord? What must the saints of the past who suffered and died for their testimony say in heaven as they watch and hear the prosperity focused believers and make believers of today? What are we to say in

light of the multitude of believers who even today are giving their lives for the Lord in many lands and suffering great want?

Do we accuse the holy martyrs and suffering saints of being sinners? Are they in error because of their present poverty and suffering? Are believers who suffer today in sin, do they lack faith, or are they just being asked to walk a harder path than us at this point, and may they possibly even win more eternal rewards than us?

Hebrews 11:32 – 12:3. "11:*32. And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:*
33. Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions.
34. Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.
35. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:
36. And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:
37. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;
38. (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.
39. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:
40. God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.
12:1. Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,
2. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.
3. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."

We are on dangerous ground here if we accuse any poor or sick believer of being in error, for Job's counsellors were all prosperity gospel preachers and accused Job of sin, and our Almighty God condemns them all to death, and Job's prayer for them alone saved their lives! **Job 42:7-9**. The whole book of Job opposes the "prosperity gospel" message for the preachers of all such nonsense are roundly condemned by the Lord, as being in satanic (though well meaning and sincere) error!

God forbid that we insult the martyrs of yesterday or today – and yet this is exactly what the prosperity gospel preachers do every time they praise their own big cars, palatial homes and lavish life styles and seek more money from God's people to pay for their expenses.

In light of this discussion what are we to expect as we face the "last days" of this present age? Sadly it is to see more and more of these falsehoods proclaimed by deceived and deceiving men and women. The satanic nature of the prosperity gospel message is clear when you realise that every dollar given to these so called "ministries" is a dollar that isn't going into a genuine ministry that is bringing glory to the Lord.

Every person deceived by this evil message is sadly a person who later walks away from the Lord feeling "let down" by the false promises of the slick preachers of what I call "cash-Christendom", and yet they have never met the real Jesus who is with us in trouble and distress. John 16:33.

Let us tell ourselves the truth brethren, and stand against this old evil in its new guise. Let us silence the "counsellors/persecutors of Job" who abound in our own day. We are well warned that we will have many of them about!

2 Timothy 3:1-5, 4:1-5. "3:*1. This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.*
2. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
3. Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
4. Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;
5. Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.
4:1. I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;
2. Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.
3. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
4. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.
5. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.
6. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.
7. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:
8. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Let us choose our company believers! Let us select the company of the genuine saints like Job and the apostles of the Lord, not these make believer "aints", in their white suits and patent leather shoes, who preach evil for their own benefit and the robbery of the genuine Church.

Let us select our company and be comfortable with the words of the apostles, and stand in the apostolic faith. Jude 3. We stand with our brethren who have suffered and died for their faith down the years and lest we stand ashamed before them and our Lord we do not seek a rose covered path through this life, but we seek the Lord's only path for us, and whatever that brings to us.

We welcome any wealth that comes for it will be provision for ministry, not funds for self centred pleasure. We seek the blessing and abundance of the Lord's provision for His Worship and Work, not our rest and relaxation. One great modern saint who gives millions of dollars a year to ministry said, "I have learned that the more I shovel out to the Lord, the more the Lord shovels back into my businesses, and the Lord always has a bigger shovel than me". If we are prospered, as this man is in the Lord, it is to pour blessing to the glory of Jesus, not buy another new car to add to our garage full of classic cars!

We stand as the Lord's soldiers, fully armed and filled with the Holy Spirit ready to worship, serve and minister to the saints, and we look to heaven for our provisions and our ever-lasting rewards. We stand with Paul not the fakes of the money making satanic circus.

REAPING AND SOWING

The preachers of the "Prosperity Gospel" will often quote from selected passages and draw "principles" from them, but beware that the text they quote is not taken out of its context, and so does not actually teach something significantly different to the things these men and women are arguing.

Favourite texts are Malachi 3:8-10, and 2 Corinthians 9:6. They are representative of the others they will use, and so I will address them briefly here to underline the message that we have already seen above. The key background message of all the Scriptures, Old Testament and New Testament, is that God blesses us that we might be a blessing to others, and that the "blessing" may be material for some, but it may not, but whatever the Lord blesses us with, it is never for self centred enjoyment, but to pour out blessing to others to the glory of the Lord Jesus name and the uplifting of his Church.

Let us examine the principles of Malachi chapter 3. The first thing to notice about this chapter is it speaks of the Coming of the Lord to Israel as their Messiah. It speaks of the first messenger who announces the Lord (John the Baptist – Elijah figure) and the prophetic word given here in 399 BC was fulfilled 100% in the Lord's first Advent 29-32 AD.

It is a strong condemnation of the hypocrisy in the days of Malachi, and right through to the days when the Lord himself will come. Pharasaic hypocrisy was a major target for the Lord's attention in his First Advent. The Lord told many parables relating to money and giving, and challenged religious and legalistic hypocrisy in every way. These challenges remain relevant to us and the two Biblical Doctrines relating to GIVING are below set out by points to follow this up, for we are all challenged to "give as unto the Lord", and do so until he returns, or we join him through the door of death.

The "tithe" was not just a ten percentage gift, it was actually the "income tax" for the temple upkeep in ancient Israel. In the Doctrinal summaries below it is spelled out more fully, but the annual tithe, depending on the year in the agricultural cycle, could be a ten percent payment, or up to 23.3% in some years, including a gift for the "poor of the land" also. Free will offerings were always on top of the basic "tithe".

The problem in Malachi's day is that the people were lying about their annual agricultural/business profits and so were "robbing" the temple and the Levites of the needed funds to keep the temple sacrifices operating. The temple and the sacrifices spoke of the coming Messiah and so it was vital that they operated properly as they prepared for his arrival and spoke of His person and His work!

To fail to fulfil their obligation to support the Levites, the Temple, and the poor of the land, was to "rob God" of the witness to the coming Messiah and to show contempt for the Mosaic Law and the Lord's plan for Israel as the "light bearer nation" before the gentiles. It was a serious insult to God, just as believers today failing to support the local church, and its work, and their pastor, and yet expect the church to "be there for them".

The key issue is what is to be our mental attitude as we give? Do we give in grace and gratitude, in joy at what the Lord has poured out upon us, or do we calculate our giving to the percentage point and give "what is required"? Paul speaks about this, following up the many parables of the Lord, in 2 Corinthians chapters 8-9, and these chapters are referred to below in the two doctrinal studies.

It is our ministry's position that we give in grace and gratitude, not in legalistic calculation of what is the "correct amount". We believe that church age believers, following the parables the Lord told, and the teaching of the apostles, give abundantly, as the Lord has prospered us and we are able to give, and that giving may be in time, talents, spiritual gifting, goods or money.

Malachi's people had a strict calculation to stick to to support temple, Levites and the poor and they were robbing God by not meeting that requirement, but they are being challenged to give far more as a free will offering also on top of any obligatory tithes.

The issue for Malachi, and as the Lord's prophet, the issue for the Lord, is that their slack giving of the tithe is a reflection of their slackness in love towards the Lord their God. They need to return to the right level of love towards the Lord first, well before they re-open their wallets. (Verse 7 – Revelation 3:19-22.) Malachi will go on to describe the sort of life-style of the "lover of the Lord" who will be speaking often of the Lord, not just calculating their offering! Malachi 3:16-18.

The issue is not that the Lord will "double their investment" with him in giving. The issue is that if they get their love for the Lord right, then they will meet their obligations towards his holy temple and the Levites who run it, and they will support the poor! As James identifies, building on the Lord's words, recorded in Matthew chapters 6 and 25, if we get our heart right towards the Lord we will have all else right. That means we will give to the Lord's work and we will support our poorer brethren! James 1:22 – 2:26.

That means, as Paul notes in 2 Corinthians 8-9, that we will pour with joy all we are able to give towards the Lord's work. As the Lord has prospered we will give. That means we will not try to give when we actually need to receive, as we have no money, but even if we have no money at this point we will still give, but it will be our time, energy, work, or some other thing. Whatever we give it will be given with joy not with any expectation of getting back, and we will give without a calculator in our hands.

The Lord will meet our needs so that we can meet the needs of the churches, but note here, it is the meeting of needs not the meeting of lusts or "wants". We give freely and with joy, and we must be ready to receive if we have need to at times, without embarrassment, if we face the famines that this world brings at times.

The prosperity gospel preachers miss the obvious here, that we are to support each other, for good and spiritual brethren are at times "poor" and will need our help and we may need theirs at some point. The Jerusalem Church helped the others early on but later needed help to deal with a famine there. They were not spiritual in wealth and carnal when they needed help – they were spiritual both times, and so were the others who received help from them, and then later helped them. The believer needs to be ready to "abound" and "be abased", and that means we are to be ready to receive gifts from others and then give gifts as we are able later. Philippians 4:10-13.

Any prosperity we have here is to "pour out" to the glory of the Lord, and any need we have is to be poured out before the Lord, 1 Peter 5:5-10, knowing that He will meet our needs in accordance with the riches that are in our relationship with Christ Jesus. Romans 9:23, Ephesians 2:2-8, Philippians 4:19.

We are to be relaxed about wealth and goods, seeing them as mere "details of this present life", and be ready to give them away to assist the Lord's work and people, and ready to receive them from others when we have need. "Things" are no indication of spirituality, they are just "details" to be used or received to do the work we are called to do on this walk through this very short life. Spirituality is walking in the Holy Spirit, not a matter of wealth or the lack of it!

Let us stand with the apostles ready to pour ourselves out to the glory of God and the blessing of our brethren, and let us stand against those who wish to make the churches into money making rackets to feed their own and other's lusts.

We are here for the glory of the Lord Jesus – and so let us use all we have for His Glory and seek any way we can find to assist his saints, our brethren that all that blesses us might be a blessing to others.

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Appendix 3.

Post Rapture Advice

If you are reading this – and all the Christians you know have disappeared – then the first thing to do is disconnect the computer you intend to use for spiritual purposes from the internet – as just reading this document will lead to your arrest and death later in the period of history you have now entered. If you desire to train others in what you now know was true, then our material can be used, but only under cover, well below the enemy's surveillance network.

Select the computer you want Christian material on, and disconnect it IMMEDIATELY from the internet. When it is safely disconnected from any way it can be hacked into and read by another person, only then load up the EBCWA CD or flash drive material and begin to study that material and listen to the MP3 lectures that will prove useful for your survival and to train others as "under-ground" pastors and teachers. The computer will only be safe to use for a few years, as once the Anti-Christ figure fully discloses himself you are advised to disconnect from all technology, as it will make you too easily found and killed. Print the study books you can while you can.

Well, all debate about the reality or otherwise of the Rapture of the Church is now over for you!

All the genuine believers in the Lord Jesus Christ that you once knew are now gone from the earth, and accept no nonsense explanations from government about their whereabouts – they are with Jesus. He is coming and those who left will be with him and you have limited time to learn and apply all the things that will be helpful for your survival. Our Diploma Course is a true "Survival Guide" for you and all you will teach through the next seven + years until the Lord returns for you.

There is still hope for you – but only as you now accept what you refused to acknowledge to your old Christian friends before – that Jesus is indeed the King of all kings and the Lord of all lords – HE is the Saviour and on the Cross of Calvary he paid the penalty for all your sins. You need to urgently establish yourself in your new faith in Jesus before the pressure of these coming times really comes upon you.

The reality and success of Jesus' work on the Cross for the sins of all mankind is proved once and for all now, as all those who believed in Him have been removed from the earth before it is to be judged.

That is the period you have just entered – the period of judgment known as the "Tribulation Period" – but it will be a time of significant prosperity to start with and most will be deceived through the next three and a half plus years into relaxing with the increasing power of the Western World Dictator. This man is called the "Man of Sin" and several other titles in the scriptures. Refer below to the Bible Topic Book study on him and his work. He will emerge over time and reveal his real nature only slowly to fool all who look for a human saviour from the world's problems, and initially he will deliver on his promises.

Those who are deceived by the western power system and believe the promises of this "Anti-Christ" figure will be killed by his lies in time. You have entered a period we could call "sudden death playoff" and if you get things wrong in future years you will be toasted! The Bible gives you your only hope – and remember your Christian friends who have gone now – for it was their hope and the promises of the Bible didn't let them down. Trust God's Word in the Bible – you wont be let down by truth – but all who trust the Anti-Christ will pay with their lives.

The Western Dictator/Ruler (Anti-Christ) will emerge in the next months/years, and he will gain more and more power through the next three plus years until he launches himself as the sole "world ruler" who can solve the world's political, military, economic and ecological problems. He will demonstrate serious power and abilities – for he has Satan himself to guide/empower him, so do not under-estimate or mock him. He has real power – but it is evil in truth and deed.

Keep under his radar – and secretly study the material here – and not not trust any one who doesn't share your new found love and worship of the Lord Jesus Christ – and even then check the truth of their words carefully. In later years of the Tribulation period false/fake believers will capture and kill all the genuine believers they can under the Anti-Christ's orders. It all seems "far fetched" at this point – but the evil that you will see unfold will be seriously strange, but the malice of this world ruler's people is real and will be fatal to all who under-estimate him. John 15:18-27.

The actual time clock for the "Tribulation" period begins when this dictator establishes a treaty of friendship with the nation Israel – a sign that he has established "peace" in the Middle East. This means you may have from the Rapture time, significantly more than three and one half years before he makes his move to control Israel, demand personal worship, and control the rest of the world, and so begins the last phase of world history. From the date of the treaty with Israel however you have exactly three and a half years before he makes his dramatic move to destroy all other religion than worship of him, and seize power over all still independent states.

A rebuilt Jewish temple will be operating in Jerusalem on the Temple Mount by the end of this first time period of 3 ½ years, probably well beforehand. The second time period will also be 3 ½ years and it will end with the return of Jesus to judge and rule the earth – so the challenge for you is to hear His Word now, and be 100% obedient to the instructions that the Bible gives through this first and second time periods until Jesus actual return. Once certain events occur the

time frame will be very precise, and study of the books of Daniel, Zechariah and Revelation will make this clear to you. The Holy Spirit will teach and encourage you as you read these books and study them with the material we have left you.

The second period of 3 ½ years is known as the "Great Tribulation" – as it will be a time of extensive judgment events that will unfold upon the earth in the order set out by the Apostle John in the Book of Revelation. The book of "Revelation" is your basic manual to help you prepare for the things that will unfold, but read the Old Testament book of Daniel first to see the "big picture". Commentaries on both books are on the EBCWA CD/memory stick under the Old/New Testament Commentaries File. Print the long version of these books and read them often – the truth alone will help you navigate through this time. Additional details are given in other books of the Bible, but they are all referenced from the Daniel and Revelation Studies.

Have the Holy Bible open each and every day – it is all you can depend upon now – only the truth of God's Word will set you free from fear in these dark days you have entered. The Psalms in the Old Testament will be your source of worship and comfort, as they express the faith of great believers of the past at times of great darkness.

The Four Gospels in the New Testament are also required reading, as hearing the words of Jesus every day will encourage you. Systematic teaching is found then in the other New Testament letters, and these should be read through also. Reading five Gospel Chapters each day will enable you to read all four Gospels every month – this is the right level of saturation with the words of Jesus for the days you are entering.

Summary of "Daily Orders" for all Tribulational Believers

The Situation for all of you becoming believers in the days after the Church has been removed from the earth will be perilous. Multitudes will perish as martyrs for their new found faith and the pressure upon all who express faith will be extreme. **Revelation 7:9-16**.

Those of you who are now believers in Jesus through these last days will be looked upon by Anti-Christ's servants as dangerous people following, as far as the Anti-Christ's people are concerned, a dangerous, past, and bankrupt ideology. You will be seen as believers in the Roman Empire were seen, as "enemies of the human race". Accept this and devote yourself to the truth alone – Jesus is King and Lord and HE will return, and HE will win over the Anti-Christ. **Revelation 19:16-21**.

Biblical Christianity will be universally hated and hatred of any who follow the historic Jesus in those days will be taught as the correct viewpoint to the entire unsaved world population. The believers in Jesus of these Tribulation days will be portrayed as "enemies of the last hope of mankind".

The "world ruler", the Anti-Christ, will portray himself as the "last hope of man", and he will give strong evidence that he is a unique, gifted and powerful individual capable of achieving what he claims to be aiming to do. He will initially give solid evidence that he intends to solve the problems of mankind including "global warming", famine, economic chaos, disease spread, refugee crises, civil and national wars, drugs/alcohol problems, and international crime.

He actually has no such plans at all; rather he uses each of these things as tools to gain more power and control over governments and populations. His evil plan of deception will deceive the majority of mankind, but genuine believers in Jesus will still be numerous and many will survive to welcome the Lord's Second Advent by following the simple instructions of scripture. Hope is in obedience to the scriptures you ignored before this time – but it is not too late – if you read, believe, and apply these things. **Hebrews 4:1-3, 11:1ff**.

The danger believers will face through these years is direct persecution for practising any faith in the Lord Jesus and expressing any belief in the Second Coming of Jesus. The Anti-Christ will seize control by guile of the great majority of religious organizations/churches/mosques/temples and governments through the first three and a half year time period; the first half of the "Tribulation Period" that is now come upon you.

The satanically empowered world ruler figure will gain control by appearing to be starting to meet many of mankind's pressing problems, bringing a peace to the Middle East like no other person has been able to achieve. He will have the Arab and Israeli people sign a peace treaty that will appear to resolve the threat of further nuclear war in the Middle East. He will gain control of world finances and trade, and use the economic policies and increased power of the United Nations to expand centralized control of finance, and so manipulate world finance.

He will insist upon a "cashless society" to eliminate organized crime and control the activities of "undesirables", but he will be resisted in this by many, and will not be 100% successful. It is crucial that all the secret believers maintain a cash/barter economy and base most trading for survival on untraceable bartering between themselves alone. Gardens for food and stocks of tinned foods/water supplies will be crucial as the days of control tighten. Centralized control of money through credit simply makes organized crime more powerful of course, and the greatest organized crime organization the world has ever seen is the Anti-Christ's "One World Government". Store food and grow your own, as it will be all you will have before the first period ends.

He will try to identify all who become followers of Jesus and eliminate them as the "enemies of peace and order", but all this is but the prelude of his evil. Initially masquerading as "good for the world crises" the mask will fall off when he

unveils his new "world religion" at the end of the first 3 ½ years of the Tribulation period. The real pressure will come on all believers in Jesus at this point, when the Anti-Christ will actually sets up an animated/cyber idol in the rebuilt temple in Jerusalem. As staggering as it appears at this point, he will disclose then that he actually believes he is god and wants all of mankind to worship him! He will have the power from Satan himself to back his claims, so do not doubt his power, limited as it is. 1 John 4:4.

At that point he launches his new world wide religion to replace all others. It is the worship of him, and the satanic force that is behind him. He will kill all religious leaders of the surviving faiths of the world who do not buckle to his demand that they worship him. He may pretend he is an "alien deliverer" from a galaxy "far away", or some other being, but he will demonstrate god like (read demonic) power when he does this. The "gloves are off" at this point and he will show just how powerful and ruthless he is and how he hated/despised the liberal churches and other world religions that he worked with until this point.

This lunatic act will be a turning point for many, and the Arab nations, with their hatred of idolatry from Islam, will immediately see that he is indeed the servant of Satan, and so reject his control of their nations. They will embrace the Jewish refugees that flee from his control from Israel and hide them in their mountains. War will break out everywhere at this point – and genuine believers in Jesus from this point in time need to be ready to fight a guerrilla war against those who administer the Anti-Christ's systems in their own nations. Refer to book 121 – "The Arab Nations in the Last Days" in the Prophecy file of the EBCWA CD to understand this phenomenon, especially if you live in the Middle East.

You must be ready in all respects, and I mean really "battle ready" by this point. There is no surrender to Anti-Christ or his supporters from this point when he sets up his idol for world wide worship – for he will openly kill all who oppose him from this point onwards. The now believing Arabs and Jews will be fighting from this time onwards and the Lord Jesus will return to deliver them – they have his word on that.

You also must fight and kill all evil forces when-ever and wherever you are opposed by them, and the Lord will also be then able to deliver you alive at the end of these three and a half terrible years. There will be little evangelism by you from this mid-tribulation point, for you must hide, and if discovered you must fight to the death, or die at the hands of the Anti-Christ's forces in your nation. Many will believe they serve "world order" by hunting you, and if they come near you and you cannot evade them, then you must kill them. In this time period do not try to speak with them, or argue logically with them, for they will have taken his mark, and be his people by then.

At that point when he sets up the idol the count down to the end (Jesus Return) truly begins, and any who believe in Jesus need to be instantly ready to flee into pre-prepared (food, weapons, and water stocked) isolated and wild places in order to survive, because world wide violent persecution will be unleashed within hours or days of this world changing event when the idol is set up in the temple at Jerusalem.

After the rejection of worship of him by many, his hatred of believers in Jesus will truly explode in a world wide orgy of violence towards any who will not worship him. **Revelation 13:7-18**. He will even turn upon the leaders of other religions at that point, destroying all who will not bow their knee to him as supreme being. Too late those who compromised with him will realise they were duped by evil, and they will be swept away in his instant executions of all who refuse to worship him.

He uses the world wide economic system of control of points of sale to monitor people and check their compliance with the new religion. Those who need to purchase any item officially in the EFTPOS and CCTV controlled cities will be able to be investigated constantly as to their beliefs and their acceptance of the new religion. Local people who accept rulership status in his system will audit all people who buy and sell to check their compliance to the new religion, and "one-world order". Those who do not accept the new world religion and take the "mark of the beast" on their forehead or the back of their hand to be able to be "scanned" at all official points of sale, and so have movements monitored 24/7 will be threatened with their loss of access to food, medicine and all goods.

If they reject his control over their beliefs/lives, and are unable to flee his net of control, they will be imprisoned in his concentration camps and later executed. Your own neighbours will condemn you to death at this time if you cannot escape the internet and phone "net" of financial/movement control. Those who are able to flee and patiently wait for the Lord in wild and secret places will be delivered by the Lord Jesus on his return, but they need incredible patience and fortitude, for they must remain "invisible" to the authorities for the last three and a half years of the history of this fallen world, or they must kill all who come after them, for surrender to these supporters of the Anti-Christ is death for all believers in Jesus. **Revelation 14:9-13**.

As you can see in the EBCWA CD Church History studies, all this has happened before in the Roman Empire. In the pagan Roman Empire the Christians were executed as "enemies of mankind", and so it will be again world wide in this Tribulation time when Anti-Christ gains control of the majority of countries and forces his new religion upon mankind. As we have seen above, many Arab countries immediately reject his idolatry and fight him, and he cannot fully control their nations. **Daniel 11:41-45**. He launches war against these places but will be unsuccessful and Jesus will deliver these Arab and Jewish believers at the end of this final 3 ½ year period.

These Arab nations to the east of Israel become the hiding places for many believers through these last dark three and a half years. The enforcement of his religious edicts are patchy world wide, and some believers escape in all nations, but they can escape only by being able to avoid the official economy of their nations for the three and a half years that are to

run until the Lord's return. He is not as successful as many had believed he would be, and finally he is totally destroyed, with all who stand with him. He is to be destroyed totally with all who are deceived by him at the Lord's Second Advent – when the Lord comes to deliver those of you who have held out obediently through these extremely dark days.

In the entire seven year Tribulation period becoming a believer is costly indeed for all who repent through this time and accept the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. You must truly count the cost, but the Word of Scripture is clear, hope filled, and the instructions of each relevant book of the Bible are precise. If you study them and are obedient you will be alive and be delivered when Jesus returns.

The believing survivors of this time period are those who can isolate themselves and live well under the enemy's technological system of control ("below his computer/mobile tech driven radar"). You must avoid the official economy of your nations, and literally fall off the mobile phone network and computer screen of the EFTPOS and AP (automatic payment) based world economy by the end of the first 3 ½ year period. Everyone within the official system (controlled then by the Anti-Christ's people) will receive a tattoo or implant/chip number/ID and must use it to pay official bills, and buy any commodity from an official and EFTPOS controlled shop.

The believers who survive this time frame are those people who can disappear from the mobile phone and ID Chip carrying society, not officially pay rent, rates, or taxes in any way that would enable them to be traced and found by officials. They must be able to suffer great hardship and privation; use the shoes/clothes they have through this time, or make their own, and grow or barter food in an unofficial economy that does not require the worship of the Anti-Christ to operate.

The believers in Jesus of these coming days must be ready then to resist the officials of the State by violent and fatal means. **Matthew 10:34, Luke 22:36.** The non-violence of the Church Age period **is over for believers** in Jesus, as Anti-Christ is determined to murder all believers, and so his forces must be resisted by fatal means. No prisoners of the Anti-Christ's forces must be taken, for once they have taken the "mark of the beast" they have determined their choice for him against Jesus, and their implants will give the GPS coordinates to the enemy forces to enable them to find you. It is a quite different world for these last terrible 3 ½ years than ever before on the earth. Daily Orders for the first three and a half years are set out below.

TEN "DAILY ORDERS" FOR NEW BELIEVERS IN THE TRIBULATION PERIOD

1. Stay as fit and healthy as possible, and become medication free if at all possible. This way you will not need the official economy. If medication is needed, then at least three and a half years of it will need to be stockpiled before the image of the Anti-Christ is set up in the rebuilt temple of Jerusalem. The signs are there to see, and so believers of this day can be prepared, but they must apply themselves 100%. They must be ready to disappear from public sight and have the means of survival "under the surveillance radar" of the enemy. Slackness of any sort means death in these days, for his hatred of all who love and serve Jesus is total. John 15:18-25.

2. Stockpile food, water, appropriate shoes, clothes, medicines, and weapons for the last days in a secret place away from the control of the government where you can "disappear" when the time comes. Believers must be ready to "disappear" from their economy before the "mark" is required for all financial transactions. They must not tell any unbeliever their intentions or they will be betrayed. They must take any means for resistance to the enemy with them also, for the enemy in those days will be people who were their neighbours and friends. Once they have taken the mark of the beast, they have become their enemy, and they will hand them over to be killed. Believers must have the means of transport to be able to reach their prepared destination quickly and without requiring assistance from anyone else.

3. If they are a couple, they must not get pregnant through this 3 ½ year time frame, as carrying a child or caring for a child that might cry aloud at the wrong time may lead to the discovery and death of the group in the next period. Also pregnant women, or a couple with toddlers cannot move quickly in difficult terrain or situations. Survive and then, once Jesus has returned, have the children in safety under the Lord's protection and blessing, but do not slip up on this or you will have none that live.

4. Believers need to train in privation and patience. They must be able to go without extra goods, the comforts of home, and the social pleasantries of society. The early church had two fasting days a week to maintain mental and physical toughness and this will be needed again. They must be able to be electronic technology free, as all phones have GPS chips to identify locations of all users. Disconnect from all electricity supplies connected to any grid, for they will be traced and the people found. Believers must be self sufficient through these last years.

5. The Lord's Command is clear to all who are in the land of Israel when the Idol of the Anti-Christ is set up – "Flee to the mountains". You must be ready to be instantly obedient to this command, as the enemy's control over transport and movement of people will be quickly established to prevent escape within hours/days. In Israel the mountains are the Arab controlled areas to the south and east of the land of Israel. Believers must express great faith in the Word of God to flee into those areas at that time but if they do, they will be safe. They must have a pack ready, with all their supplies ready to go at a minute's notice, with any weapons/ammunition that they can carry.

6. World wide, believers are to flee to any place where they can disappear from official society and governmental control. The book of Revelation describes the great plagues that will be unleashed by the Lord upon the earth to punish those who follow the Anti-Christ. From a study of these waves of punishments it is clear that the only safe place is well away from sea level, active volcanoes and dangerous fault lines that will trigger tsunamis. Believers must be patient through this time. The word translated "patient" is "hupomone" in the Greek language, and it means, "big souled". It is the ability to handle the most extreme pressures and have and hold faith in a greater power than what they see around them. The mountains will fall in this time, but those who trust the Lord, and are under canvas or the stars, will be kept safe, even though the earth shifts beneath them. They must have patience and absolute faith in the Lord their God and be well away from the buildings of man, for they will all be flattened by the end! **Revelation 16:17-21**. The earthquakes described in scripture here are Richter Scale 10 quakes and will induce fear at a level never seen on the earth before. Faith-Rest in the arms of the Lord in open spaces is the only hope for believer's lives and sanity through these last days. **Hebrews 3:14-4:12**. These great earthquakes and tectonic events will however provide "cover" for believers also.

7. Study the Bible with focused attention. There will be two categories of believers in those terrible days; the living ones who know the Bible and obey it, and those awaiting execution or already dead, who didn't know and obey God's Word! The Bible will be the only book that believers need at that time, and they will be advised to be constantly reading and rejoicing in its comfort and its clear instructions for survival through this period. Do not watch TV, or use the Internet or phones!

8. Hide from officials of the government. Reject all offers to surrender and "meet the Lord", for the enemies of the Lord will deceive any who do not know the scriptures in that day. It will feel like being in self imposed jail for three and a half years, but be patient, for the Lord will come for those who are patently waiting, and are obedient to his words through these terrible days. Stay hidden and secret if at all possible through these last three and a half years. Avoid the company of all but your believing group or family, for all others who have accepted the "mark of the beast" are required to betray you and hand you over for execution, and they will do so, for their doom is sealed by the Lord's Word. Anti-Christ's people are malice filled with driving hatred of all who believe in Jesus – never doubt their malice or you will die at their hands.

9. Do **NOT** trust any person who is not a genuine believer. Resist the enemies of the Lord if you must to survive. Violent resistance to the forces of the Anti-Christ will be **crucial for many in various places**. In the Church Age there is no warrant to resist evil by the sword, but rather to give the Gospel and accept death as a martyr if required, but all is changed once the Church is raptured and gone. There is no mercy to be shown to any believer by the forces of Anti-Christ once his idol is set up, so those who cannot hide and stay away from the enemy must fight until the end of this period or accept martyrdom will be their lot. If you must fight the enemies of Jesus, fight them with all the force and strength you have. Those Jewish believers who have not fled to the mountains when the idol is set up must congregate in Jerusalem and fight to the death there in the last months of this final period of history before the Lord's return. There is no option to surrender! Surrender is death, so fight on and die fighting, facing the enemies of the Lord. Do not surrender and die in weakness. Do not allow the enemy any rejoicing or easy victories in those days.

10. Wait with patience for the Lord's Return. When he comes it will be seen by all of mankind and you will be delivered if you have waited patiently for Him. Remain in hiding until he personally calls for you. Do not expose your position even on the last day until the Lord himself arrives to deliver you. God's Word and its instructions must be more real to believers than any events occurring around them. Those without doctrine will unhinge, but those who know the Lord, His Word, and His Plan will rest upon him until they are delivered. **Deuteronomy 33:27.**

Use the EBCWA CD/Flash Drives in the early days before the Idol is set up in the Temple in Jerusalem.

Print the Bible Commentaries while you can especially of the Diploma Course books, Gospels and Letters of the New Testament and read and re-read them. Without any electricity you can still read and send out no electronic pulse from any electronic device that can be picked up by those hunting for you.

If you have the time – and you have this now within the early days after the disappearance of your old Christian friends – then you could study the Diploma of Theology Course(13 Books on the CD to print off). Spending a few hours each day you could complete this in a year and that will assist you greatly in the next seven years as pressure builds.

The Books of Daniel and Revelation, as noted above, are crucial reading matter as the days darken. Daniel introduces the framework for all of human history, and especially the end period, that you have now entered. Read and re-read Daniel and rest secure in the Plan of God for this time frame. It ends with Jesus return. He will come and He will rule this blasted earth – but be assured that the earth will survive for him to return to.

Use Revelation as your manual for survival as the days really darken, as you can check off the judgments as they unfold and know what is coming next. Do not let despair grip your spirit, read the book of Revelation again and again, and rest secure in the plan of God – Jesus is Coming to deliver you.

KEY DOCTRINE TO UNDERSTAND IN THE FIRST DAYS OF THE TRIBULATION

THE ANTICHRIST

1. SCRIPTURE PASSAGES TO READ - Daniel 7:8,21-26; 8:23-25; 9:26,27; 11:36-45; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12; Revelation 13:1-18; 17:16,17; 19:19,20.

2. BIOGRAPHY

The Antichrist is the world ruler who will emerge as a violently anti-God despot, who will emerge after the removal of God's Christian Church. He comes from the gentile nations (the sea) in the last times. His power base will be a ten nation empire closely related to the old Roman Empire, known as the Revived Roman Empire. The Antichrist is very clever and infiltrates by means of a peace/prosperity campaign. He is, however, very hungry for power and once he wrests power from his subjects, he destroys the apostate religious system which has been working closely with him until then. He makes a covenant with Israel, allowing them to sacrifice in the temple, but eventually sets himself up to be worshipped as God in that temple. His reign of almost seven years duration becomes increasingly and openly anti-God, involving demonically powered signs and wonders. He has a close relationship with the one known as “the false prophet”, the Jewish leader of Israel at that time. At the end of his empire’s days of power before Jesus return he moves on Jerusalem, and the Arab nations, which are resisting him, with areas being held by believers. Jesus Christ returns at the Second Advent to deliver those in Jerusalem and in Jordan/Arabia, and he captures the Antichrist and false prophet, throwing them into the lake of fire.

3. EVALUATION

a) The Antichrist arises out of the Gentile nations with the final empire of ten nations (Revelation 13:1).
b) The seven heads are seven mountains which speaks of Rome (Revelation 17:9).
c) There are seven kings: five are fallen, one is, and one is to come (Revelation 17:10). These are empires - the five that are fallen are Egypt, Assyria, Chaldea, Persia and Greece. The one in existence in 96 AD (when John wrote Revelation) was Rome, and the one to come is the Revived Roman Empire of the last days.
d) The ten horns are ten future nations/power blocs which receive power for a short time under the Anti-Christ. (Revelation 17:12).
e) He rules empires (Revelation 13:2; cf. Daniel 7:4-6).
f) His power is from Satan (Revelation 13:2; cf. Revelation 20:2).
g) Satan gives Antichrist the world empire (Revelation 13:2).
h) Satanic worship is a key part of Antichrist's regime (Revelation 13:4,8).
i) He is a great orator. He is anti-God and has total power for 3 ½ years (Revelation 13:5).
j) His empire becomes a world empire (Revelation 13:7), but he doesn't control everywhere. Daniel 11:36-45.
k) The dictator of Palestine who is demon possessed ("the false prophet") promotes him and supports him deceiving all Jews he can into following him (Revelation 13:11).
l) Great wonders and miracles are a feature of this empire (Revelation 13:13).
m) A statue of the Antichrist is constructed. It has the ability to speak. Worship of it is compulsory on the pain of death (Revelation 13:14,15).
n) The Antichrist controls the world economy by marking members of the human race on the forehead or on the right hand (Revelation 13:16,17; cf. Revelation 14:9-1 1).
o) His number is 666, a number which represents "perfect man" or "perfect sin" (Revelation 13:18).
p) He will not be fully revealed until the Church is removed (2 Thessalonians 2:3-7).
q) The Antichrist's rule features power, signs and lying wonders from Satan himself (2 Thessalonians 2:9).
r) He deceives the unbelievers (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12).
s) The Antichrist is destroyed and thrown into the lake of fire at the Second Advent (Revelation 19:19,20).

4. PRINCIPLES

a) Satan is the ruler/prince of this world (John 16:11).
b) World domination and internationalism is Satanic in origin (Genesis 11:6-9).
c) Miracles, signs and lying wonders are strategies employed by Satan to deceive (John 8:44).
d) Economic control of the individual enslaves that individual (Proverbs 22:7).
e) Ultimately vast power creates the delusion that the person in control is actually God, but he is demonic in power and origin and policy (Genesis 3:5; Isaiah 14:13,14).
f) The Antichrist will not be revealed until after the Rapture of the Church, when the Holy Spirit filled believers presence which restrains him is ended. (2 Thessalonians 2:3-7.) Within a few minutes however those who have rejected Jesus realise they were wrong and a multitude of people become believers and are Spirit filled opponents of him through the entire period. Most will be martyred however.
g) A few years of power is not worth an eternity of suffering in the Lake of Fire. Revelation 21:8, 27.
h) Eventually man must account to Jesus Christ as his judge if he does not accept Jesus Christ as Saviour (Revelation 20:10-15).

i) At a point, people become so hardened to God that God gives them over to their own delusions (2 Thessalonians 2:11, Romans 1:28).
j) The Antichrist is a person, not to be confused with the many antichrists of (1 John 2:18) or the "spirit of antichrist" of 1 John 4:3.

5. In the Tribulation there will be a counterfeit trinity with Satan (father), the Antichrist (son) and False Prophet (spirit).

6. Names given to the Antichrist indicate his satanic/demonic character:-

a) The seed of Satan (Genesis 3:15)
b) The little horn (Daniel 7:8)
c) The king of fierce countenance (Daniel 8:23)
d) The prince that shall come (Daniel 9:26)
e) The desolater (Daniel 9:27)
f) The wilful king (Daniel 11:36)
g) The man of sin (2 Thessalonians 2:3)
h) The son of perdition (2 Thessalonians 2:3)
i) The lawless one (2 Thessalonians 2:8)
j) The Antichrist (1 John 2:22)
k) The beast (Revelation 11:7)

7. Characteristics of the Anti-Christ:-

a) He is called the seed of Satan (Genesis 3:15). Just as Jesus Christ had a supernatural birth being born of a virgin, it may be that there will be something supernatural about the birth of the Antichrist. It is likely that Satan will impregnate a human woman and thus be the father of the Antichrist in a similar way to the angelic infiltration of Genesis 6:2.
b) In Daniel 9:26 he is said to be of the people who destroyed the Temple. The Roman Empire destroyed the Temple in 70 AD. The Antichrist may therefore be of Roman Empire national origin.
c) The identity of the man of sin will not be 100% clear until the start of the Tribulation, although he may be fairly prominent in politics prior to that period. He will not be revealed until after the Rapture of the Church (2 Thessalonians 2:3-7). In the middle of the Tribulation, he sets himself in the Temple calling himself God (v4-8).
d) In Daniel 9:27 the start of the Tribulation is marked by the signing of a seven year covenant between the Antichrist and the nation of Israel. When Israel signs the covenant, God issues a decree of destruction against the whole earth (Isaiah 28:14-22) - the judgements of the book of Revelation. The Antichrist is shown as the rider on the white horse of Revelation 6:1 who brings the promise of (false) peace.
e) The rise of the Antichrist to power:-
   i) In Daniel 8:23-25 he is seen as a skilful leader, involved in the occult power (v23), will war against the Jews (v24), and will rise to power through deceit (v25).
   ii) In Daniel 11:36-39 he shall do what he wants, claiming to be God and exalting himself (v36), he will repudiate all religious practices from his ancestors (v37). He however will honour a god whom his ancestors did not know (v38) who assists him to power (v39), this god being Satan. He will accept the offer of the kingdoms of the world which our Lord refused in the wilderness.
   iii) In 2 Thessalonians 2:8-9 we are told that his coming is according to the energising of Satan accompanied by miracles, signs and wonders.
   iv) During the first half of the Tribulation, he gains political control of the ten groups that make up a One World Government. This includes the removal of three of the ten leaders (Daniel 7:23-24, Revelation 17:12-17)
   v) He also destroys the One World Church ("Mystery Babylon") that has operated in the first half of the Tribulation (Revelation 17:5,16.) In Revelation 11 he is able to kill the two witnesses who have been causing him major problems. They however will be resurrected much to his dismay.
f) The death and resurrection of the Antichrist. In Daniel 11:40-45 he kills the kings of the North, South and East, and in v 45 he will come to his end and none shall help him. However in Revelation 13:3 he receives a fatal wound but the fatal wound is healed. This suggests that the Antichrist dies and is resurrected by the power of Satan. This miracle deceives the world further into believing that the Antichrist is God and the unbelieving world now worships him. The Lord ends his rulership with eternal judgment.

Check all the biblical references above in their order and understand that his evil man of sin is doomed, but in your faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and King/Lord of all you are secure eternally.

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