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“THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS IS THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY”

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“And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that HAVE THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS: worship God: for THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS is the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY.” (Rev. 19:10)

The word “prophecy” means prediction (spiritual or otherwise – Strong’s). The single biggest prediction concerning the believer is Christ’s promised return. *“And when he had spoken these things...”*

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth...while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come IN LIKE MANNER as ye have seen him go into heaven.” (Acts 1:8-11)

The “Bishoprick” were eyewitnesses

“Ye shall be my witnesses!”

Twelve is the number of perfect government. Why do you suppose there are twelve men on a jury? All twelve have to agree to bring about a conviction. God wanted a twelve-man jury to witness that Jesus rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. “You are my witnesses.”

Judas, who was a witness, fell from among those who were of the “Bishoprick.” (Acts 1:20) Not everyone and anyone is qualified to sit on a jury. First there is a screening to endure.

#1 – One cannot be related to the accused by blood.

#2 – A felon cannot sit in judgment.

#3 – Your belief on capital punishment.

#4 – Your belief on abortion.

#5 – Your belief on guns.

#6 – Your attitude toward gays.

#7 – Do you believe the Ten Commandments are valid?

Both the prosecuting and defense attorneys are concerned with this “Bishoprick.” It all depends on a particular case as to what questions will be asked.

After Judas committed suicide in Aceldama (Gk.-field of blood), the church was committed to selecting another man to fill his vacancy on the “Bishoprick,” the jury of twelve.

Qualifications to be in God’s Bishoprick

To qualify as a legitimate juror on God’s Bishoprick, one must meet certain qualification.

#1 – Be a follower of the “Bishoprick” (the Twelve) from the beginning. (Acts 1:21)

A. – A novice, a Johnny-come-lately, was unqualified.

#2 – Be ordained to be a witness of the resurrection. (Acts 1:22)

#3 – Were you present to hear God speak out of heaven at Jesus’ baptism, “*This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased*”? (2 Pet. 1:17)

#4 – Did you hear His voice?

A. – If you never saw anything, never heard anything, were never touched by anything, or never felt anything, you were unqualified as a juror because you were not a witness to anything.

#5 – Did you see Jesus Christ after His resurrection?

#6 – Were you among the 120 that gathered on the Day of Pentecost to see “*cloven tongues like as of fire*” sitting upon each of the 120? (Acts 2:3)

#7 – Were you “*filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance*” (Acts 2:4), in the Upper Room in Jerusalem?

The above were some of the screening questions to be answered by the prospective jurors to be “*numbered with us*” and to “*had obtain part of this ministry.*” (Acts 1:17)

I pray for them (the Bishoprick) (John 17:9-11)

This Bishoprick seems to culminate in Acts 15, when all the elders and apostles, met together to consider the question of circumcision. Ministers from Judaea taught, “*Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved.*” (Acts 15:1) In their final conclusion, they all agreed upon, “*We trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God.*” (Acts 15:19) Like all business meetings held by the apostles and elders, nothing is ever settled. The Bishoprick headed by James became known as the gospel of circumcision, with Peter as their chief evangelist.

Paul left that meeting believing no one had to be circumcised, Jew or Gentile. It split the church. They would never again come together. The Bishoprick is a type of Assemblies of God of our day under a General Superintendent adding to grace. Paul preached that if you add one law, you’re then a “leavened lump” (Gal. 5:9)--Calvinism. We have the identical rift today in the teachings of Arminianism vs. Calvinism.

If Apostle Paul were a Billy Graham and went by the polls for the sake of “oneness,” you and I would never have heard the “good news” as Gentiles. Paul would be preaching to Jews only.

“Ye are my witnesses.” This body of twelve men spoke in unison that these things were so. Jesus staked His life work of 3½ years on the power that exists in twelve men that can come together and agree that these things were so. This is what Christ’s prayer of John 17:9-11 is all about. *“I pray for them (the Bishoprick): I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine...And now I am no more in the world, but these (the Bishoprick) are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those (the Bishoprick) whom thou hast given me (the Bishoprick), that THEY MAY BE ONE, as we are.”*

Ecumenicalism teaches that we should be one with Romanism

Ecumenicalist preachers like Benny Hinn and Billy Graham, believe Jesus is praying that Protestants should no longer be “protesters,” but one with the Great Whore. (Rev. 17:1) God still instructs truly “born again” believers to *“Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”* (Rev. 18:4) *“For in one hour so great riches is come to nought.”* (Rev. 18:17)

There is only one vacancy, and two men are qualified. Did they vote? Did they perform a tryst to be hired by the remaining eleven? They did not know which of these two men should fill the vacancy left by Judas Iscariot. *“And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus (Gk.-just), and Matthias (Gk.-sober minded).* Who would you pick? A “just” man, or one in his right mind (a conservative)? They knew only God should make the choice.

Antioch is where it’s at, not Jerusalem

Apostle Paul leaves this General Council meeting with letters that the whole church was pleased that the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia are free from the law. (Acts 15:23) *“For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; that ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from (drinking) blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication.”* Only necessary things! (Acts 15:28-29)

Antioch, “the cloud coming out of the sea” (the church)

In Antioch the Bishoprick is reduced in size to a little cloud *“like a man’s hand.”* (1 Ki. 18:44) That cloud that Elijah’s servant saw is depicted in Antioch with the five-fold ministry in operation together. As they ministered together the Holy Ghost spoke. (Acts 13:2) The church operates the best as a single cell *“where two or three (elders) are gathered together in my name.”* (Matt. 18:20) Women are to learn at church as they watch the five overseers of the “five-fold ministry of God” rule and feed in the church of God. (Acts 20:28)

Prophets speak at least by two, no more than three

“Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other (according to rank) judge. If any thing be revealed to another (prophet) that sitteth by, let the first (prophet) hold his peace. For ye may all (the brotherhood) prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. And the spirits of the

prophets are subject to the prophets.” (1 Cor. 14:29-32) The prophets submit according to a chain of command, first apostles, second prophets, third evangelists, pastors and teachers at the bottom of the list.

This was Saul’s church. Barnabus introduced him to Antioch. It was here Saul learned how to be a preacher. He refused to go to Bible College in Jerusalem. In fact, he boasts, *“Neither went I up to Jerusalem.”* (Gal. 1:17)

God is not the author of confusion

Paul continues on how to have church. *“For God is not the author of confusion...”* then adds, *“Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak* (on the same level as an apostle, prophet or elder); *but they are COMMANDED to be under obedience* (even under grace), *as also saith the law...for it is a shame for women to speak in the church”* (1 Cor. 14:33-35), with the same authority of an elder. As a deaconess she teaches younger women. (Tit. 2:4)

Paul further adds, *“If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the COMMANDMENTS of the Lord. But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.”* (1 Cor. 14:37-38)

Apostle Peter was chosen to be the first Pope of the Bishoprick

The Apostle Peter was chosen by Jesus Christ to be the Pope, or the head, of the Bishoprick. *“That thou art Peter, and upon this rock* (twelve men “under God”) *I will build my church.”* (Matt. 16:18) Even Jesus did not choose a single woman to be a member of this exclusive club, the Bishoprick. In the Greek, it would read like this, “Thou art Petros (a little stone), and upon this petra (a large rock) I will build my church.” God built His church upon the ability of the Bishoprick being ONE “under God,” not upon the frailty of a man.

For they (the Brotherhood) watch for your souls

Let me ask you, Do you have a “brotherhood” in your church? The Bible commands us to *“Love the brotherhood.”* (1 Pet. 2:17) It never said to “love the sisterhood.” In the marriage relationship, women are never commanded to love their husbands. When we deal in the spiritual realm, the brotherhood is a type of the bride and you are required to love those who stand accountable for your soul. *“Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they* (the brotherhood) *watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they* (the brotherhood) *may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.”* (Heb. 13:17) Men have a problem with this because they are “heady,” “high-minded,” “little gods,” unthankful,” covetous.” (2 Tim. 3:1-4)

Apostle Paul replaces Peter as the Pope. “I have begotten you” (1 Cor. 4:15) “My gospel” (2 Tim. 2:8)

You may wonder what in the world kind of Bible am I reading from? We don’t recognize in our church any of the scriptures you’ve quoted. It is because of the Apostle Paul, replaced Peter (who “went fishing,” denied Christ three times, “Get thee behind me Satan”). *“He, that being often reproveth hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.”* (Prov. 29:1) As King David

replaced Saul, so Apostle Paul replaced the legalistic mindset of the Apostle Peter, a “minister of the circumcision.”

God knows where you live! He chose a man “*born out of due time*”(1 Cor. 15:8). Jesus knocked him off his Roman steed, screaming out of heaven, “*Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?*” (Acts 9:4) Do you think you are indispensable? The Bible says, “*Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.*” (Rev. 3:11)

Peter confounded by epistles of new Pope

This new leader of the church completely overwhelmed the Apostle Peter. Peter writes in his epistle, “*our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are SOME THINGS HARD TO BE UNDERSTOOD.*” (2 Pet. 3:15-16) “*For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.*” (Matt. 12:37) Petros, the little stone. Peter became a legalist, playing politics in the church, as well. “*I said unto Peter before them all (publicly), If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?*” (Gal. 2:14)

Peter, not only became subordinate to the Apostle Paul, but to James the Less as well. The disciples followed Peter for the last time after he led them on a fishing trip. This new leader of the Bishoprick barked out his first order of business after seeing Christ’s ascension into heaven. “*Simon Peter saith unto them (the Bishoprick), I go a fishing. They (the Bishoprick) say unto him, We (the Bishoprick) also go with thee*” (Jn. 21:3), our new captain.

Don’t you think Jesus had some serious concerns about the leadership of this Bishoprick? Jesus catches Apostle Peter stark naked skinny dipping in Lake of Galilee “*(for he was naked,) and did cast himself into the sea,*” when Peter learned “*It is the Lord.*” (Jn. 21:7) Is it any wonder Christ prayed for this Bishoprick in John 17:9-10? Sure, Christ loved Peter, but he had to ask him three times, “*Lovest thou me*” more than these (a mess of fish)? (Jn. 21:15-17)

Peter assigned to preach to Jews, while Paul went to the world

Read Matthew 16:17-19 to see how much Jesus loved Peter and all the power he gave him. Fathers and pastors are human beings. We have feelings, believe it or not. Often we pick favorites. We shouldn’t do this, but it is the human side of us. Many times that person we pour the most love upon appreciates it the least. Jesus loved Peter! He gave him everything. “*And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*” (Matt. 16:19) What good are keys to a man that wants to return to his old trade.” “*I go a fishing!*”

This G12 (the Bishoprick) disintegrated into a sect, like the Assemblies of God, with a new General Superintendent, the half-brother of Jesus, James the Less. They bypassed Apostle Peter, despite his amazing performance on the Day of Pentecost. Truly God had forgiven Peter, but the Bishoprick apparently could never forget the fishing trip.

If you read Acts 21:18-21, you'd really believe you were talking to an Assemblies of God preacher when James speaks to Paul. *"Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law (are circumcised)."* (Acts 21:20)

Apostle Paul never went to Bible College

The Apostle Paul boasts how he never attended the Bible College of the Bishoprick in Jerusalem. *"Neither went I up to Jerusalem to them (the Bishoprick) which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus."* (Gal. 1:17) Please read Galatians 1:10-20. *"Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not."* (Gal. 1:20)

The Apostle Paul, steeped in Phariseism, went into the Arabian Desert to get rid of his religion. After you've graduated from a Bible College, you still have to learn how to unlearn everything they taught you which came out of one textbook called, "Darbyism." The church is brainwashed, because all Bible Schools teach the same textbook--Darbyism. These scriptures I've shared are as foreign to their brain as speaking to some cult member.

Noah Hutchings vs. Rick Warren

Noah W. Hutchings writes in his latest article of The Prophetic Observer of May 2005, "Trying the Spirits...of the Church Growth (PDC) Religion," how Baptists are leaving their churches in droves after their pastor embraces the Purpose Driven Church doctrine.

Baptists have always been the strongest resisters of *"the Holy Ghost, and with fire."* (Matt. 3:11) *"When the unclean spirit is gone out of a (Baptist) man, he (the Baptist) walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none."* (Matt. 12:43) Do you know why the good Baptist, washed in the blood, can't find rest? Let me give you another scripture never, ever quoted by any preacher I've ever heard. *"For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day."* (Heb. 4:8) The other day, of course, was the Day of Pentecost. The prophet Isaiah describes this day, *"For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, THIS IS THE REST...yet they would not hear."* (Is. 28:11-12) That is why they are Baptists.

A whirlwind has gone forth. Is it Rick Warren's PDC?

You see, Noah Hutchings, since Baptist preachers have been lying to their congregations that Jesus gave them rest, they are now reaping "the whirlwind." Roe vs. Wade, giving birth to secular humanism, is the sign of the falling away. What you're experiencing in the Baptist Church through another Baptist, Rick Warren, is a promised "whirlwind" prophesied by the prophet Jeremiah, *"Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked (mindset). The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: IN THE LATTER DAYS ye shall consider it perfectly."* (Jer. 23:19-20)

Noah Hutchings, let me ask you a question. Do you really think the church will ever return to the days of H.A. Ironsides and J. Vernon Magee, who unequivocally blasphemed the Holy Ghost by their

rash preaching that “all manner of speaking in tongues is of the devil”? Such men were once the Voice of America! Their blasphemy has been silenced by the healing revivals of the 1950’s.

Stephen, in giving the altar call to his persecutors, said, *“Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.”* (Acts 7:51) The entire church will never return to the orthodoxy of Darby-Scofield Calvinism again.

Rick Warren, a Baptist?

What we are finding in Rick Warren, is a Judas goat. He is leading poor Baptist preachers to the slaughter. It is no wonder you’re using a scripture out of context for all pre-tribbers, Pentecostal or Baptist, 2 Thessalonians 2:3, instead of their cop out scripture of 2 Thessalonians 2:8, which is referring to Michael the Archangel assigned by God to watch over Israel.

Unclean spirits say, “I will return”

“Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept and garnished.” (Matt. 12:44) Baptists have “eternal security.” How could they be led away? If Baptists and United Methodists left the Freemasons and Las Vegas casinos, they’d probably file bankruptcy.

Texe Marrs, really hard-shelled

Texe Marrs, a hard-shelled Baptist, can’t even believe President George W. Bush, a United Methodist, found the Lord. God help us all, if he didn’t! We’d just have another John Kerry, Skull and Bones, as President. It is God that changes the heart of a king. *“That the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.”* (Dan. 4:17)

Unclean spirits and seven others!

“Then goeth he (the unclean spirit), and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.” (Matt. 12:45) The Bible says, *“For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them to have not known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.”* (2 Pet. 2:20-21)

Sheep not having a Shepherd

You Baptists have Rick Warren to worry about. We Pentecostals have charismatic televangelists leading us into the New Age religion. Sheep are the dumbest animals on earth. They cannot fend for themselves and is the reason *“Jesus...saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.”* (Mk. 6:34)

Captain's Bon Voyage

This is exactly the ministry of the Captain, to “teach” what you’ll never hear from any pulpit. I trust I can speak with the Apostle Paul, *“For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers (plural), to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.”* (Acts 20:27-28)

Let me give you a final farewell for this message from the Captain. Being a Baptist in this end time is not going to work! Just getting your vessel cleaned, swept and garnished by the blood of Christ is not enough. A vacuum has been created by the absence of the unclean spirit, but he’ll return with seven other devils with him, and *“the last state of that man is worse than the first.”* (Matt. 12:45) *“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.”* (Acts 1:8) Don’t be content with religion, nor in Pentecostalism’s wind. The Lord was not in the wind of greed to be rich, nor in the earthquake of signs and wonders, nor the fire of heated emotionalism (1 Ki. 19:11-12), but *“a still small voice.”* After hearing the still small voice, Elijah knew what he had to do. *“My sheep know my voice and a stranger they will not follow.”* (Jn. 10:4-5)

Baptists leaving church where Noah Hutchings was a member over PDC religion

The reason I left was because I could no longer stew in my pew over the Purpose Driven Church change that was taking place...This past month it was announced in my former church that 250 of the best tithers had left with their families, probably over 1,000 members. Others have left also.¹

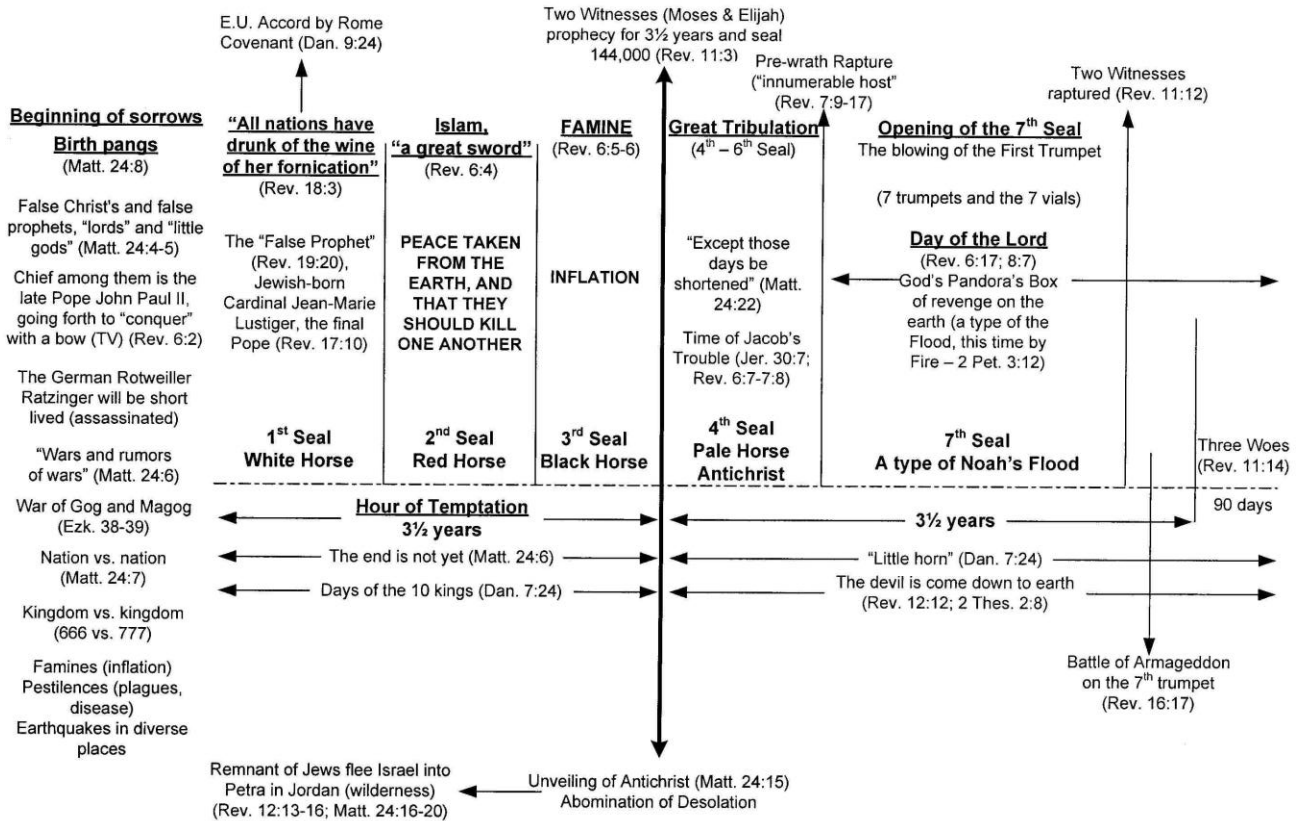
(This is why Noah Hutchings believes we are in the “great falling away.” – The Cpt.)

It seems ironic that Dr. Rick Warren is placed at the top of the cross by *Time* magazine when there is so much about the world and so little about the cross in the Purpose Driven Church religion.



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"THE FALSE PROPHET MAKES YOU VAIN (worthless; elated with self admiration; greedy of applause - Webster's)." (JER. 23:16)

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