

**Let my people go!**  
**Ministry of Cpt. Gordon Nelson**  
**The Old Ship of Zion**  
**Only believers "shall take up**  
**serpents" (of the sea). (Mk. 16:18)**

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**DEMOCRACY: IS IT OF GOD OR THE DEVIL?**

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*"Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them." (Matt. 20:25)*

This scripture is mentioned in three of the four gospels, Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Usually this fact alone is indicative to the relative importance of this doctrine to the church. In Mark's account we read, *"Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them."* (Mk. 10:42) Jesus is speaking of the government that exists in Washington DC today, and our elected representatives that rule over us. God told the church plainly not to follow the example of our politicians that bear rule over us. *"But it shall NOT BE SO among you."* (Matt. 20:26) *"But so shall it NOT BE among you."* (Mk. 10:43) *"The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors (have pecuniary means [money]-ability). But ye shall NOT BE SO."* (Lk. 22:25-26)

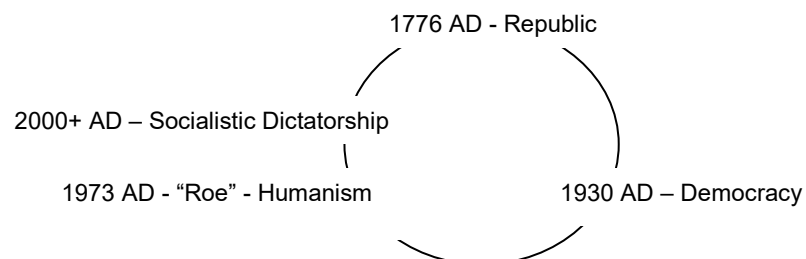
What is there about this bringing the same government of Washington DC into the church that you don't understand? Did Jesus make it plain enough to you that this form of government called democracy was unacceptable for the church?

**"We give you a republic, if you can keep it!" (Ben Franklin)**

The founding fathers of our nation reneged upon a democracy. They believed democracy, or will of the majority, was akin to mob rule. There are no sacred cows in a democracy, such as freedom of speech, the right to bear arms, freedom of worship, protecting private property, etc. Fifty-one percent of the vote can destroy any of our inalienable rights given to man by God. They believed democracy was the halfway mark to dictatorship, therefore, democracy was regarded as something to fear.

It was Benjamin Franklin who, after signing the Constitution, said, "We give you a republic, if you can keep it." We kept it up until the election of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Ever since the rise of FDR, the word "republic" would seldom be used by our news media, or in the public school system. Democracy being wedded to humanism by Roe v. Wade spelled the death knoll of Christianity. There is not a single Christian on the Supreme Court.

**Democracy invariably leads  
to dictatorship**



## **“Philip Dru: Administrator,” by Col. E. Mandell House**

The mystery man of President Woodrow Wilson’s cabinet was Col. E. Mandell House, a Jewish international banker, who was born in Texas. He wrote a novel that forecast the future events of our nation. Col. House’s book was entitled, Philip Dru: Administrator. In the book, socialist Philip Dru eventually comes to power as the welcomed dictator on the heels of a race riot perpetuated by our own news media.

There is only one other fictional character in the book besides Philip Dru, and his name is Rockland (type of FDR). You must consider the fact that the book was first published in 1913. Rockland comes to power as President of the United States on the heels of a great depression. Rockland immediately closed all the banks. It is in the book! The very moment FDR was elected President, he flew to Col. E. Mandell House’s mansion to receive further instruction on how to portray Col. House’s fictional character he called Rockland. In the book, Rockland sets up public works programs such as building freeways, dams, WPA, CCC, etc.

The culminating climax to the book is a race riot which breaks out all over the nation, instigated by our own news media. Killing people simply over the color of their skin becomes so violent that everyone screams for dictatorship to stop the violence. Louis Farrakhan may be seeing the dawning of his day in this Hate Bush campaign that is now brewing in America.

## **White Pentecostals followed Eudorus N. Bell**

Do you know why this type of government (democracy) is destructive to the church? Because it invariably leads to dictatorship. Following Azusa Street, what did the white man do but follow an ex-Southern Baptist, Eudorus N. Bell, founder of the Assemblies of God, to establish a democratic system of “dominion” like “the princes of the Gentiles exercise” in Washington DC and in the Southern Baptist organization.

Bell, an ex-Southern Baptist, invoked the same dominion rules as exercised by the “princes of the Gentiles,” upon Pentecostalism. As Pentecostals, we have to a large degree followed the Southern Baptists ever since. If the Southern Baptists sign the document, Evangelicals and Catholics Together: The Christian Mission in the Third Millennium, the Assemblies of God follow as “lambs being led to the slaughter.” Their doctrines of unconditional salvation to every one that says, “Lord, Lord,” has pervaded our holiness heritage. If Southern Baptists believe in a pre-trib rapture, we do too! Both were indoctrinated with Darby-Scofield theology.

The Southern Baptists and the Assemblies of God are linked like America is to Great Britain. As in the natural, so in the spiritual. If Great Britain gets entangled in war, who comes to her rescue? We are simply one of the lion’s whelps of the British Empire over which the sun never sets. The young lion, America, has been drawn into two world wars over her coming to the rescue of the Lioness.

## **Assemblies of God tied to the Southern Baptists through Eudorus Bell**

In a similar fashion, the Assemblies of God is yoked to the Southern Baptists. As Pentecostals, we are the lion’s whelp. We are not the head, but the tail. As a people, we would have been far better off

spiritually had we followed Bishop Mason, founder of the Pentecostal Church of God in Christ, than to have followed Eudorus Bell, the white man's leader.

Eudorus chose the hireling system of government. The people own the church, so they must "hire" a preacher. It seemed like a perfect government, after all, the evidence points to the success in Washington DC. In addition, it gave the reason for establishing Bible schools to train preachers to fill the vacancies. The District Superintendent became a type of a labor union executive to hire preachers for the various vacancies in his district.

In the parable of the labourers in the vineyard, the householder went out about the eleventh hour and *"found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us."* (Matt. 20:6-7) Upon such a visit to see the householder of jobs available at the District Superintendent's office of the Assemblies of God for the state of Minnesota, Raymond G. Carlson suggested to my brother-in-law that the Assemblies of God needed a church to be established in Bemidji, Minn. Fresh from the DS's office, the Rev. D.H. Mapson stopped off to visit his sister, my wife, to inform us that he was being sent by the householder, Raymond Carlson. "God is sending me to Bemidji, Minn. to build a church for the Assemblies of God." I confronted D.H. with, "How can you say God is sending you to Bemidji when you've just come from the DS's office with his suggestion?" A hireling does not hear the voice of the true Shepherd, hence he hears the voice of man. These folks really believe these elected officials speak on behalf of God.

### **The \$64,000 question, "Who is the wolf?"**

*"But he that is an hireling...seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth."* The \$64,000 question in all of this is, "Who is the wolf?" *"The thief (or wolf) cometh not, but for to steal (your money), and to kill (any spiritual relationship), and to destroy (your worship of God by your exalting a man as god)."* (Jn. 10:10,12)

The wolf has an insatiable appetite that can never be quenched. "Hollywood today, Wall Street tomorrow!" (Matthew Crouch) The hireling system adopted by Eudorus established a system preachers themselves rebel against. One must first be totally convinced that the hireling system ultimately leads to dictatorship before a person will even enquire, "Is there a better way?"

### **America in prophecy: one of the lion's whelps**

Whenever Gog, and the land of Magog (Russia) thinks its *"evil thought...I will go up to the land of unwallled villages (Israel)...to take a spoil,"* the only resistance that will come will be in the form of a question, *"Art thou come to take a spoil?...to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?"* (Ezk. 38:10-13)

This question arises from *"Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with ALL the young lions thereof."* (Ezk. 38:13) England ruled the seven seas. I believe "the merchants of Tarshish" is the lion, or England, with all her "young lions." One of these young lions is the USA, which never escaped the mama lioness of Great Britain. We are eternally bound together through the Federal Reserve Act, signed into law by a Democrat, Woodrow Wilson.

## Do the seven churches of Revelation speak to us today?

To complete the church age, two churches are left standing side by side to the end: Philadelphia and Laodicea. Each of these seven churches of Revelation represents a time period in the history of the church.

#1 – Ephesus represents the period of following the Apostolic age.

#2 – Smyrna – The period of the great persecutions.

#3 – Pergamos – Where Satan's throne is located. Alexander the Great stored the gods of every country in the world that he conquered. They were later transferred to Rome.

#4 – Thyatira – 500-1500AD. The papal triumph of Nicolaitanism and Balaamism.

#5 – Sardis – Period of the Reformation – Martin Luther

#6 – Philadelphia – Church of the open door, commencing with John Wesley (Rev. 3:7-11). The true church.

#7 – Laodicea (Gk. – people rule) – Azusa Street and the publishing of the Scofield Study Bible. Darby-Scofieldism and Azusa Street were contemporaries living as two completely separated churches. Today they are one. What happened? Ecumenicalism.

### Laodicea (Gk. – people rule) – Rev. 3:14-20

Laodicea is a democracy, ruled by a church owned by the people, hence, they must hire a preacher from the Bible College, *“and my people love to have it so.”* (Jer. 5:31) *“So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing...”* (Rev. 3:16-17)

The scripture refers to two ways to travel. You must make the choice. Philadelphia is the narrow way, *“and few there be that find it.”* Laodicea is the wide gate and broad way, *“that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat.”* (Matt. 7:13-14) Which way are you on?

In Psalm 1, David probably put to lyrics these two ways. Which way have you chosen?

*“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.”* (Psalm 1:1-6)

## **“Enter ye in at the strait gate”**

The Bible implores for you to find the entrance to the kingdom of God called, the strait gate, a type of Jesus Christ who said, *“I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved.”* (Jn. 10:9)

*“Enter ye in at the strait (narrow [from obstacles standing all about]) gate...because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and FEW THERE BE THAT FIND IT.”* (Matt. 7:13-14) According to Strong’s, many obstacles stand in the way to obscure “the strait gate,” hence few find the door.

One must first become born again to even see that there is a kingdom of God. Next, you must get rid of obstacles in your life to find the “strait gate,” the entrance to the kingdom of the Father. One must receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost to establish a relationship with Eliezer (a servant of Abraham and type of the Holy Ghost). The Holy Ghost was sent to earth by the Father to search for a bride for his son. *“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever.”* (Jn. 14:16) If you don’t want anything to do with the servant (the Holy Ghost), God will stop the marriage because the Father only believes his servant’s report, not yours! Read Genesis 24: A bride for Isaac.

## **Philadelphia (fraternal love as brethren)**

*“Love the (fraternal) brotherhood.”* (1 Pet. 2:17) It is the very antithesis of Paul’s prophecy to Timothy. *“This KNOW also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves...having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: FROM SUCH TURN AWAY.”* (2 Tim. 3:1-5)

It is difficult to describe anything existing in the church today as being biblical because the Bible condemns both the “hireling” and the “lord.” (1 Pet. 5:3) This seems like a crazy thing to say, but as far as government is concerned, the Freemasons come closer to what the Bible is talking about in the realm of government, than anything existing in the church of today.

Check these scriptures. Don’t they describe a fraternity of brothers?

#1 – *“Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love;”* (Rom. 12:10)

#2 – *“In honour preferring one another.”* (Rom. 12:10)

#2 – *“Love the brotherhood.”* (1 Pet. 2:17)

#4 – *“Salute the brethren.”* (Col. 4:15)

#5 – *“Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.”* (1 Thes. 5:26)

#6 – *“No one of you be puffed up for one against another.”* (1 Cor. 4:6)

#7 – *“If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye (brethren) also ought to wash one another’s feet.”* (Jn. 13:14)

#8 – “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” (Jn. 13:35)

#9 – “Let the ELDERS (brotherhood) that rule.” (1 Tim. 5:17)

#10 – “Let the prophets speak two or three.” (1 Cor. 14:29)

#11 – “For ye (brethren) may all prophesy one by one.” (1 Cor. 14:31)

#12 – “Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others (brethren).” (Phil. 2:4)

## Lot cries for something less: Zoar

The Bible instructs the church very plainly, “*that ye should earnestly contend for THE FAITH which was once delivered unto the saints.*” (Jude 3) If the book says it, we believe it, then pursue it by faith until it comes into existence. Don’t cry for something less, as Lot did!

“Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot.” (Lk. 17:28) How was it in the days of Lot? Lot was sitting at the gate of Sodom, exactly where you are sitting while watching Fox News, ABC or NBC on your television. The newscasters are relating almost daily of raving Sodomites in Washington DC on your boob tube. We are all living in Sodom. This is what gays do, proposition. Is that some startling

new revelation to Democrats?

## Studds first openly gay congressman

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**BOSTON** • Former Rep. Gerry Studds, who became the first openly gay member of Congress when his homosexuality was exposed during a teenage page sex scandal, died early Saturday. He was 69.

Studds died at Boston Medical Center several days after he collapsed while walking his dog, his husband said. Doctors determined his loss of consciousness was due to a blood clot in his lung, Dean Hara said.

Studds regained consciousness and seemed to be improving, but his condition deteriorated Friday because of a second blood clot, said

Hara, who married Studds shortly after same-sex marriage was legalized in Massachusetts in 2004.



Gerry Studds

Hara said Studds gave courage to gay people by winning reelection after publicly acknowledging his homosexuality.

“He gave people of his generation, of my generation, of future generations, the courage to do whatever they wanted to do,” said Hara, 49.

Studds was first elected in 1972 and served 12 congressional terms.

He retired from Congress

in 1997.

In 1983, Studds acknowledged his homosexuality after a 27-year-old man disclosed that he and Studds had had a sexual relationship a decade earlier when the man was a teenage congressional page.

### Why don't they disclose that he is a Democrat?

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Our children are all being taught it is an acceptable lifestyle in their sex education class in the public schools. Are the Democrats the only party for gays to feel comfortable in? Barney Frank’s roommate ran a prostitution house for gays out of his house. Mark Foley, by comparison is an angel, in the language of sodomy. There was no physical contact.

Two angels appeared at

the gate of Sodom. These angels came to warn Lot of the coming judgment. And the angels said unto Lot, “*Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of this place: for we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD.*” So Lot was mocked as he tried to warn his immediate family of the coming judgment. Lot only managed to salvage two daughters and his wife; “*and few there be that find it.*” (Matt. 7:14). The angels then ordered Lot and his family to get out of Sodom,

*“Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.” (Gen. 19:12-17)*

### **Zoar, Lot's little city of refuge?**

*“And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my LORD...I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die: behold now, this city is near to flee unto...Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.” (Gen. 19:18-22)*

Zoar means little, or small. Lot did not wish to go to the mountaintop, lest some evil befall him and he might die. God is instructing all of us to go to the mountaintop where all brothers can form the foundation of a brotherhood. In Zoar one goes to church. In the brotherhood of Zion, you are the church. *“And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains.” (Isa. 2:2)*

### **Abraham climbed the mountain, looking for a foundational city**

*“By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went...for he looked for a city which hath foundations (government of the brotherhood), whose builder and maker is God.” (Heb. 11:8-10)* Like Abraham, we keep climbing the mountain, while others feel secure in Zoar. The church at Antioch, recorded in Acts 13:1-3, is our mountain to climb. *“As they ministered together.”* Do you really think Eudorus N. Bell had Antioch on his mind when he designed the roadmap for the Assemblies of God? In Antioch, where believers were first called Christian, they had the five-fold ministries of Ephesians 4:11. *“And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.”* In Antioch, five different men functioned in the gift of their calling. Today, one man claims all five ministry gifts to satisfy his own 501(c)(3) with the IRS. What he really has is an IRS State Church, no different than what exists in Red China today.

Abraham did not know when he had arrived; God had to tell him. I'm sure it was on top of a mountain, for God said, *“For all the land that thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth.” (Gen. 13:15-16)*

The Lot's go by their eyes and their carnal mind. *“And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where...like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan.” (Gen. 13:10-11)*

In this hour in which we live, the Holy Spirit is instructing God's people, *Flee to the mountains.* *“Contend for THE FAITH which was once delivered unto the saints.” (Jude 3)* But we are perfectly content living in the plains and Zoar. In Zoar the preacher is either a “hireling” or a “lord.” Neither hear from God. *“This shall be a token unto thee...ye shall serve God upon this mountain.” (Ex. 3:12)* You will never survive the catastrophe that is coming to America in Zoar, where every man thinks only of the things that pertain to himself. Jesus Christ says, *“Hear what the unjust judge saith...Nevertheless when the*

*Son of man cometh, shall he find (the) faith<sup>1</sup> on the earth.*” (Lk. 18:6-8) Even Lot could not survive in Zoar. *“And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain”* (Gen. 19:30), finally obeying God. God knows what is best for you, for he cares for you.

Lot used his eyes and his brain, which was why he chose the well-watered plains of Jordan and Sodom. But, this is not the end of the story. Lot ultimately loses everything, winding up in a cave committing incest with his two daughters. (Gen. 19:32-36) The two daughters said, *“Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.”* (Gen. 19:32) There is no judgment in Zoar, *“every man did that which was right in his own eyes.”* (Jdg. 21:25)

### **The Captain has two sons**

I have two sons, one natural and the other spiritual. They both have one thing in common; they both have head problems. I would call my natural son, The Brain. He took it as a complement. The very first time I met my spiritual son, Randy, I saw a vision of an oversized head. I saw all the gears and elevators churning in his head before he came to any conclusion. However, this is a phenomena of all men that I have met. To accept something merely on the merits of faith and because God has spoken, is totally preposterous to men. Women, on the other hand, are more apt to rely on their heart, feelings and emotions. If they went by their head, they certainly would not have married you! God regards neither one. He speaks through the still small voice.

Randy’s spiritual name is “Jacob, the trickster,” who has never yet wrestled with the angel for a character change. In Jacob’s return to the land of his nativity, he knew Esau would kill him if he saw the old nature of Jacob. Who do people see when they see you? The old nature, or the “new creature in Christ Jesus,” where *“old things are passed away”* (2 Cor. 5:17)?

### **King Saul lost the throne over one lie**

King Saul only told Samuel the prophet one half of a lie, one time, after being anointed. *“Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD? And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. But THE PEOPLE took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.”* (1 Sam. 15:19-21)

Samuel answered Saul, saying, *“Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in OBEYING THE VOICE OF THE LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft (all Saul did was tell a half-truth), and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD (by sparing King Agag’s life), he hath also rejected thee from being king.”* (1 Sam. 15:22-23) King Saul lost the throne over a single lie! It is a dangerous thing to tell Samuel a barefaced lie. Don’t ever try lying to the prophet of God!

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<sup>1</sup> “This reference is not to personal faith, but to belief in the whole body of revealed truth.” (C.I. Scofield)

You can fool the little city preacher of Zoar, but don't try it on the High Priest with the "*Urim and Thummin*"<sup>2</sup> on his breastplate. (Ex. 28:30) The entire Mapson family, except baby brother, were in collusion to pass off their big sister as a virgin onto God's anointed. I realize now that my marriage into a nest of Assemblies of Godites was for the same reason that Samson married a Philistine woman of Timnath (Jdg. 14:2), that he might have an occasion (to seek a quarrel) with the Assemblies of God. "*If ye had not plowed with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle.*" (Jdg. 14:18) Why else would Rev. D.H. Mapson be in my dream, driving us in his car, with he and his wife as our witnesses? "*There is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.*" (Matt. 10:26)

### **"Judgment must begin at the house of God"**

*"For the time is come (and past due) that judgment must begin at the house of God."* (1 Pet. 4:17) Do you think an elevator boy at the Patten's, with absolutely no money, could have stopped the Kingfish? You can't see God in stopping the biggest con artist of our time? Pentecostal preachers, owning their own 501(c)(3) non-profit incorporations have robbed folks for years and years. This trial was unprecedented in the annals of crime. Patten believed he was unstoppable.

You say, "Preacher, the Urim and the Thummin was under the law of Moses." If it was, why were the people being instructed in the days of Nehemiah, "*that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and Thummin.*" (Neh. 7:65) They were still looking for such a priest to appear again. Personally, I believe the "gift of the discerning of spirits" is a type of the Urim and Thummin of the Old Covenant.

God had me to marry into a nest of Assemblies of Godites for the same reason Samson married "the woman in Timnath." (Jdg. 14:1) "*But his father and his mother knew not it was of the LORD* (for Samson to marry a Philistine), *THAT HE SOUGHT AN OCCASION* (a quarrel) *against the Philistines.*" (Jdg. 14:4) "*And he that is the high priest among his brethren, upon whose head the anointing oil was poured...And he shall take a wife in her virginity.*" (Lev. 21:10,13)

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<sup>2</sup> Urim and Thummin, typically translated as "lights and perfections" or "revelation and truth," kept in the breastplate of the Aaronic high priest. In some way, the ascertainment of divine will was revealed through the Urim and Thummin. Read Exodus 28:29-30 about this "breastplate of judgment" worn by Aaron.