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“THE MESSAGE BIBLE”: CONTINUES ITS IMPROPER TERMINOLOGY

CAN IT HONESTLY BE SAID THAT “THE MESSAGE BIBLE” IS AN IMPROVEMENT? I THINK NOT!

I had planned to let last month’s article be the last one on “THE MESSAGE BIBLE.” But, after reviewing these verses I wanted you to get a good overview of how corrupt “THE MESSAGE BIBLE” really is. As you read them, please ask yourself, “Is this something I want my children reading?” The crude language is a turnoff. It removes any and all Inspiration from Scripture and reduces them down to a language that is found in cheap novels.

The Bible is God’s Word and Message to the Church. It is a

blueprint of God dealing with man. It introduces us to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I don’t think that the God of the Universe would express Himself to His Creation in this manner. This is man and man’s attempt to take something truly Sacred and Holy and denigrate it to the lowest level. I encourage you, if you have it, get rid of it. If you don’t have it, you are a better Christian for not having it. Read and see for yourself.

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Ezekiel 24:13

King James:

In your filthiness is lewdness: because I have purged you, and you were not purged, you shall not be purged from your filthiness any more, till I have caused My Fury to rest upon you. (*“Filthiness” must be purged by Calvary, or else it will be purged by Judgment, but purged it shall be!*)

The Message:

Your encrusted filth is your filthy sex. I wanted to clean you up, but you wouldn’t let me. I’ll make no more attempts at cleaning you up until my anger quiets down. I, God, have said it, and I’ll do it. I’m not holding back. I’ve run out of compassion. I’m not changing my mind. You’re getting exactly what’s coming to you. Decree of God, the Master.” (note New Age term, “Master.”)

II Kings 18:27

King James:

But Rabshakeh said unto them, Has my master sent me to your master, and to you, to speak these words? has he not sent me to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own urine* with you? (*The contempt continues!*)

*(literally in Hebrew “water of the feet”)

The Message:

But the Rabshakeh said, “We weren’t sent with a private message to your master and you; this is public—a message to everyone within earshot. After all, they’re involved in this as well as you; if you don’t come to terms, they’ll be eating their own turds and drinking their own pee right along with you.”

Hosea 4:12

King James:

My People ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declares unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms has caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God. *(The phrase, "Their stocks," refers to wooden idols. "Their staff" refers to divination rods [Ezek. 21:21-22].)*

The Message:

They ask questions of a dead tree, expect answers from a sturdy walking stick. Drunk on sex, they can't find their way home. They've replaced their God with their genitals. They worship on the tops of mountains, make a picnic out of religion. Under the oaks and elms on the hills they stretch out and take it easy. Before you know it, your daughters are whores and the wives of your sons are sleeping around. But I'm not going after your whoring daughters or the adulterous wives of your sons. It's the men who pick up the whores that I'm after, the men who worship at the holy whorehouses—a stupid people, ruined by whores!

Hosea 4:2

King James:

By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood touches blood. *("They break out," speaks of the terrible sins mentioned and presents the allusion of water overflowing its banks and spreading in all directions. It means to "break through the wall.")*

The Message:

All this cussing and lying and killing, theft and loose sex, sheer anarchy, one murder after another!

Hosea 4:19

King James:

The wind has bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices. *("The wind," i.e., the spirit of idolatry [Vs. 12], carries its devotees into bondage, and the result of their sacrifices is that they are put to shame. As a result, the "wind" will become a strong storm of Divine Wrath, which will seize on Ephraim, wrapping her up with its wings, and will carry her away.*

While the time would come that she would be "ashamed because of these heathen sacrifices," still, it would be too late, for the nation by then would have been completely destroyed.)

The Message:

When the beer runs out, it's sex, sex, and more sex. Bold and sordid debauchery—how they love it! The whirlwind has them in its clutches. Their sex-worship leaves them finally impotent.

Hosea 2:10

King James:

And now will I discover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of My Hand. *(Israel would find that none of her idols could deliver her from the Assyrians, which would take her captive.)*

The Message:

I'll expose her genitals to the public. All her fly-by-night lovers will be helpless to help her. Party time is over. I'm calling a halt to the whole business, her wild weekends and unholy holidays.

Hosea 11:2

King James:

As they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images. *("As they called them," refers to the Prophets calling Israel to Repentance. "So they went from them," pertains to Israel turning a deaf ear to those who were their truest friends and best advisors. They continued to offer sacrifices to Baal, and "burn incense to graven images.")*

The Message:

But when others called him, he ran off and left me. He worshiped the popular sex gods, he played at religion with toy gods.

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Judges 19:22

King James:

Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain sons of Belial (*worthless individuals*), beset the house round about, and beat at the door, and spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man who came into your house, that we may know him. *(These were homosexuals; it would have been better for the Levite to have spent the night with the heathen Jebusites than with the professed children of God; for the latter had already become viler than the former, although Joshua was not long dead! The singular resemblance of the whole narrative to that in Gen., Chpt. 19 suggests that the Israelites, by their contact with the accursed Canaanites, had reduced themselves to the level of Sodom and Gomorrah. The illustration given in this Chapter proclaims the wisdom of the command to destroy utterly these workers of abomination. Some sins are worse than others, and the sin of homosexuality is one of the most vile. It is the only sin that has occasioned the destruction of entire cities, and we speak of Sodom and Gomorrah, and done so instantly, and done so by God. The United States, and especially this country, because of the great Gospel Light it has been given, will ultimately face the Judgment of God in its sanctioning of homosexual marriages, so-called. The sin itself is bad enough; however, to legitimize it, which this nation is doing, will ultimately bring upon our heads the Wrath of God, and rightly so!)*

The Message:

They were relaxed and enjoying themselves when the men of the city, a gang of local hell-raisers all, surrounded the house and started pounding on the door. They yelled for the owner of the house, the old man, "Bring out the man who came to your house. We want to have sex with him."

Proverbs 1:11

King James:

If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause (*Verses 11 through 14 suggest the evil enticement fomented by Satan that lurks in the path of every young man and young lady. To be sure, these enticements are deadly, characterized by the words "blood," "grave," and "the pit"*).

The Message:

If they say—"Let's go out and raise some hell. Let's beat up some old man, mug some old woman. Let's pick them clean and get them ready for their funerals."

Romans 1:29

King James:

Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers.

The Message:

Since they didn't bother to acknowledge God, God quit bothering them and let them run loose. And then all hell broke loose: rampant evil, grabbing and grasping, vicious backstabbing. They made life hell on earth with their envy, wanton killing, bickering, and cheating. Look at them: mean-spirited, venomous, fork-tongued God-bashers. Bullies, swaggers, insufferable windbags!

Proverbs 17:12

King James:

Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly. (*Who are these fools? They are those who do not regard the Bible as the Word of God, consequently ignoring its contents.*)

The Message:

Better to meet a grizzly robbed of her cubs than a fool hell-bent on folly.

I Corinthians 1:18	
<p>King James: For the preaching (<i>Message</i>) of the Cross is to them who perish foolishness (<i>Spiritual things cannot be discerned by unredeemed people, but that doesn't matter; the Cross must be preached just the same, even as we shall see</i>); but unto us who are Saved it is the Power of God. (<i>The Cross is the Power of God simply because it was there that the total sin debt was paid, giving the Holy Spirit, in Whom the Power resides, latitude to work mightily within our lives.</i>)</p>	<p>The Message: <i>The Message that points to Christ on the Cross seems like sheer silliness to those hell-bent on destruction, but for those on the way of salvation it makes perfect sense.</i></p>
Numbers 23:7	
<p>King James: And he took up his parable, and said, Balak the king of Moab has brought me from Aram, out of the mountains of the east, saying, Come, curse me Jacob, and come, defy Israel (<i>Satan has not stopped this type of attack from then until now</i>).</p>	<p>The Message: <i>Then Balaam spoke his message-oracle: Balak led me here from Aram, the king of Moab all the way from the eastern mountains. "Go, curse Jacob for me; go, damn Israel."</i></p>
Lamentations 3:65	
<p>King James: Give them sorrow of heart, Your curse unto them. (<i>"Your curse unto them," is not known or understood by most Christians. However, Deut., Chpt. 28, proclaims the Truth that God blesses obedience while cursing disobedience. Even though this is the day of Grace, the principle now is the same as then.</i>)</p>	<p>The Message: <i>Give them their just deserts. Break their miserable hearts! Damn their eyes! Get good and angry. Hunt them down.</i></p>
I Chronicles 11:19	
<p>King James: And said, My God forbid it me, that I should do this thing: shall I drink the blood of these men who have put their lives in jeopardy? for with the jeopardy of their lives they brought it. Therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mightiest. (<i>This means that the Sacrifice of Christ at Calvary's Cross is to never be used for personal aggrandizement, but always for what it was intended, which is the Salvation of souls, gained only by Christ pouring out His Life.</i> <i>This is, at least in part, what makes the "Word of Faith" doctrine, so-called, so wrong and false. It attempts to use Christ for personal gain, i.e., "riches." While it is certainly true that God does bless, and bless abundantly, He does so only on the basis of our Faith exclusively being in Christ and the Cross. The truth is, in that particular false doctrine, the only ones getting rich are the Preachers, and that by subterfuge, and the perversion of Scripture.</i>)</p>	<p>The Message: <i>And then David wouldn't drink it! He poured it out as a sacred offering to God, saying, "I'd rather be damned by God than drink this! It would be like drinking the lifeblood of these men—they risked their lives to bring it." So he refused to drink it. These are the kinds of things that the Big Three of the Mighty Men did.</i></p>
Micah 3:5	
<p>King James: Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who make My People err, who bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he Continued . . .</p>	<p>The Message: <i>Here is God's Message to the prophets, the preachers who lie to my people: "For as long as they're well paid and well fed, the Continued . . ."</i></p>

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King James:

who puts not into their mouths, they even prepare war against Him. *(The first phrase refers to the lying prophets of whom Jeremiah also complained [Lam. 2:14]. "Who bite with their teeth," refers to an abundance of food, and is another way of expressing the "peace and prosperity" proclaimed by these false prophets.*

"And cry, Peace," refers to the fashionable preacher proclaiming "Peace," i.e., that there is no future Wrath of God, no Lake of Fire, and no Judgment to come. The True Preacher, as in Verse 8, denounces sin and announces Judgment. "And he who puts not into their mouths," pertains to these preachers who preach for large salaries; they, therefore, trim their message according to what they are paid.

"They even prepare war against him," pertains to the false prophets being at war with the True Prophets.)

The Message:

prophets preach, 'Isn't life wonderful! Peace to all!' But if you don't pay up and jump on their bandwagon, their 'God bless you' turns into 'God damn you.'

Jeremiah 5:7

King James:

How shall I pardon you for this? your children have forsaken Me, and sworn by them that are no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses. *(The words, "When I had fed them to the full," refer to the Lord giving a full Revelation in the Pentateuch, and yet Israel practiced idolatry in response; they assembled themselves by troops in the temples of idols. The Lord could not pardon them for this, because they did not seek pardon, but rather went deeper into sin.)*

The Message:

Why should I even bother with you any longer? Your children wander off, leaving me, Taking up with gods that aren't even gods. I satisfied their deepest needs, and then they went off with the 'sacred' whores, left me for orgies in sex shrines!

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