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## This Is PETRA!

*What do Petra's mysterious ruins hold for us today? Is this hidden city the place of protection for God's Church during the coming tribulation?*

by Herman L. Hoeh

**E**XCAVATIONS are at this moment being conducted at Petra. Fallen columns, ancient walls are being reconstructed. Old roadways are being uncovered by archaeologists.

Petra, first inhabited by Canaanite Horites, then Edomites, Israelites, Nabatean Arabs, then lost to the world, is coming to life!

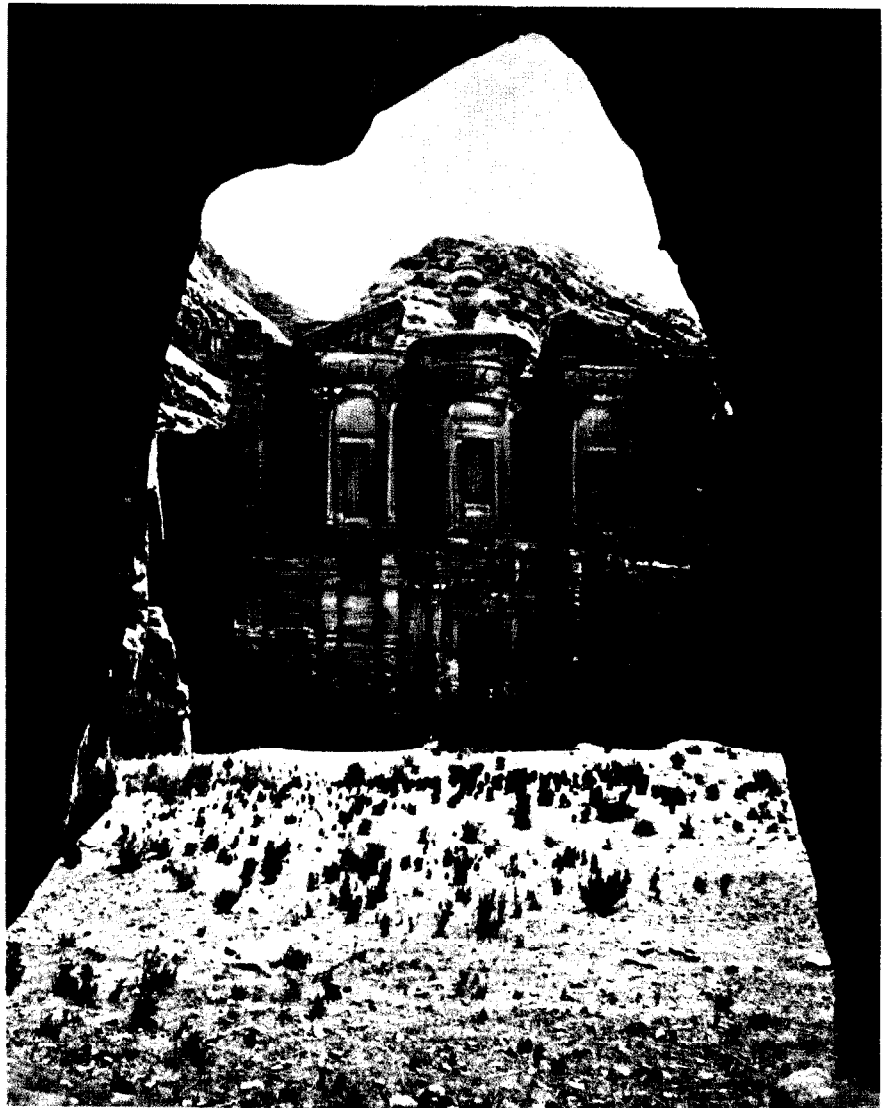
Why? Is this famous, yet mysterious city merely to be a tourist attraction? Or is it being cleaned up for some special reason—prophesied, perhaps, in the Bible?

### Why the Mystery?

Cities other than Petra have remarkable histories—but only Petra remains a mystery! Not so much because of its past, as for its future! Over the centuries students of the Bible have puzzled over references to Petra in the Bible—and especially to verses revealing a place of escape. Yet none of the scholars of this world seem to understand.

Has the real meaning of Petra been purposely hidden from the world—even though archaeologists are preparing the area for visitors? Are Petra's caves again to hide refugees from their enemies in a world where there is no other place to hide?

Let's open our Bibles to see why Petra



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On the mountains high above Petra is this famous building—Ed Deir—carved out of yellow-tan sandstone. Not all of Petra is rose-red.

has puzzled scholars and Bible students for centuries.

The true Church of God is pictured in Revelation 12. It is symbolized by a woman—the bride of Christ. But it is a persecuted woman—a Church hated by the world. According to verse 6 the Church fled the first time from her persecutors for 1260 years—during the Middle Ages. But verse 14 unveils another flight of the Church—in the very last days. This time the duration is only 3½ years! “And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle”—supernatural deliverance—“that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time”—3½ years.

This prophecy has never been understood by the world because the world cannot understand *to whom* this prophecy refers. It does not recognize who are the true Church. It sees only the false churches, described in Revelation 17.

But consider now the special *time* of this prophecy about protection in a mysterious wilderness. Notice exactly which period in the history of God's Church the escape shall occur. Turn to Revelation 3:7-13. This is addressed to the Philadelphia Era of God's Church—the Church before whom Christ opens the door to preach His gospel around the world (verse 8). Because this Church has kept God's word, Jesus promises: “I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation”—the time of trial—“which shall come upon *all the world*, to try them that dwell upon the earth” (verse 10). Here is a world-wide terror to come upon all nations. This is not for the slow-moving past. It is a prophecy for the pulsating present—the last days of human history—just before God intervenes to set up His Kingdom to bring peace at last.

Here is a prophecy for this generation—at the very time God's Church is preaching and publishing the Gospel of the Kingdom of God world-wide. This prophecy is about *us!*

But how will Jesus keep us from the coming trial and persecution? We just read the answer from Revelation 12! There is a place of safety, in a wilderness, for the people of God.

But where is that wilderness?

That is the mystery that has puzzled so many for so long! God has kept it a mystery so the world would not know. He has even kept it hidden from God's Church in the past so His people would have their minds on their work! It is only those who are having a part in the work of God—who have their minds on the Kingdom of God, not some

physical place of protection—who will escape. That escape cannot be planned for *in advance*. It is a supernatural escape!

Remember, if the Christians in Jerusalem in apostolic days had quit their work and prematurely escaped to Pella before A.D. 69, they would have been destroyed by the Roman armies who devastated the city. It was only those who completed the work of God who reached safety in A.D. 69 *after* the Romans destroyed Pella!

That is why God has veiled the exact place of escape from human eyes all these years. But as the days draw closer to the time of the end, the light of prophecy shines ever more clearly! When the moment comes that we need to know where that place of safety is, Christ will make it known. Meanwhile we need to keep our eyes open and our minds yielded—drinking in the implications of prophecy for this Church today! But where does Petra fit in all this?

### An Old Testament Prophecy

Turn to Isaiah 42:10-13. Here is a prophecy for today—a time of divine intervention, verse 14. Now read verse 11 from the Jewish Publication Society translation according to the original inspired Hebrew:

“Let the *wilderness* and the cities thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit”—the descendants of Kedar are the Bedouin Arabs who dwell throughout the Middle East in black tents. Here we have a wilderness located in the Arab world! But continue reading: “Let the inhabitants of Sela exult. Let them shout from the top of the mountains.” The inhabitants of Sela? Who are they? And where is Sela? (In the King James Version the word for Sela is translated “rock.”)

Any Bible student knows that Sela is the Hebrew name of Petra! Sela means Rock—in Hebrew; Petra means Rock in Greek! But Sela or Petra is fundamentally uninhabited today, save for a few dozen wandering Bedouin. These are not the inhabitants in this verse, for notice verse 12: “Let them”—the inhabitants of Petra or Sela—“give glory unto the Lord”—the Bedouin do not know God, they are Mohammedan—“and declare His praise in the *islands*.”

Which islands? The islands which Israel inhabits—Isaiah 41:1 and 8. God is certainly not going to use a few uneducated, ignorant Mohammedan Bedouin to declare His glory in the islands and coastlands of Northwestern Europe—where Israel is today! This prophecy

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# HOW to KEEP UNITY in the CHURCH!

*This Church—the True Church of God—is GOVERNED by the Creator, through Jesus Christ, its living HEAD. But are you sure it is the government of God—and not mere HUMAN rule?*

(Reprinted from the January 1958 Good News)

by Garner Ted Armstrong

**T**HE CARNAL mind is "ENMITY against God" (Rom. 8:7). ALL of us, regardless of who we are, still possess a goodly amount of carnality!

Paul told the brethren at Corinth, who were *members* of the CHURCH OF GOD—members of *THIS CHURCH*: "For ye are yet carnal; for whereas there is among you envying and strife, and factions, are ye not carnal, and walk [live] as men?" (I Cor. 3:3.)

Even though we have been *begotten* by the Father, we still have a great deal of our own HUMAN NATURE. That human nature is antagonistic to God. It is *human nature* that causes individuals within the Church to begin wanting *their own way*, leading them to discount the government of God within the Church!

## Humans Rebel Against Authority

You need to recognize there is a trait of your nature which leads you to *resist* authority! God identifies the Israelitish peoples in His Word by a special characteristic of rebelliousness! (Deut. 9:13.)

Typical carnal rebellion against the authority of God nearly always takes the same course. Today, when individuals let their *carnal nature* exert itself, they argue *against* God's government—just as did Korah in resisting Moses!

God had called Moses, as we all well know. God too, called Mr. Armstrong to this world-wide ministry by literally sweeping him into His work. Most of you are familiar with some of the details, and are presently reading the autobiography being run serially in *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

*Moses was human!*

Mr. Armstrong is human!

Notice how those who despise authority always point to the *human instrument* to justify their own mistakes!

The people who rebelled against Moses refused to recognize him as only the *instrument* in God's hands. They reasoned around in their own minds that Moses and Aaron had PRESUMPTUOUSLY SET THEMSELVES in office.

Notice it!

"And they rose up before Moses,

with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, *famous in the congregation* [these men were 'popular' among the people], *men of renown*. And they gathered themselves together [formed a 'party' or 'group'] against Aaron . . ." (Numbers 16:2-3). Notice how these human, carnal leaders *did not* recognize Moses and Aaron as the *direct representatives of the living God*, but looked on them as EQUALS, as mere human beings whose *office* was humanly appointed. They had reasoned themselves into feeling, in the face of such OVERWHELMING evidence to the contrary, that Moses and Aaron had SET THEMSELVES up as human leaders over the people.

That is always the first accusation *today*, when carnal-minded ones begin to question Church doctrines or Church authority. They reason—begin to "*rationalize*," which God condemns (II Cor. 10:5, margin)—that they are dealing with human beings who hold only *human offices*!

So did Korah, and those with him.

"Ye take too much upon you," they accused, "seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them [the age-old theme, 'you're no better than I'], and the Lord is among them; wherefore then lift ye up YOURSELVES above the congregation of the Lord?" (Num. 16:3.)

Read this entire chapter! It clearly shows that the *attitude* of the people toward their leaders—an attitude of rebellion, of accusation—was one of deliberately accusing Moses and Aaron of having SET THEMSELVES up in office, *not* acknowledging their DIVINE APPOINTMENT!

Moses proved *by the fruits* it was GOD who had called him to office (verses 28-31). But even in the face of this *great miracle* from God to *punish* the factious leaders, others *still* didn't understand, and began to "point a finger" again, claiming Moses and Aaron had somehow destroyed Korah by their *own power*!

And so it is today!

When God's ministers *must* act to safeguard the ENTIRE Church by *putting*

*out an individual* who is filled with a root of bitterness, some do not understand. Some begin to accuse God's ministers of acting on HUMAN REASON—of acting because of HUMAN feelings—because of personal antagonism! *They accuse the Government of God of being the government of men!*

## Human Nature Hasn't Changed

Men are the same today. *We* are all potentially the *same* today, and, unless we have *enough* of the Spirit of Christ within us, we can allow OUR human reason to begin acting in the same manner as did Korah. Read the *ninth* chapter of John's Gospel and see how the Jews did the same thing to the blind man who had been healed.

Refusing to listen to the wisdom of the words with which he spoke, they began to accuse the physical individual, finally "casting him out" in order to *avoid being reproved and corrected!* *They wanted their own way!*

But what about YOU? Has *your* nature been changed? Have you literally begun to "put on the NEW MAN, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness"? (Eph. 4:24.)

If so, then you have *started* on the road to salvation. But Jesus described it as a *strait and narrow* road, and said: "FEW there be that find it" (Matt. 7:14).

There is a great PITFALL your Bible constantly warns of—that of beginning to ACCUSE GOD'S MINISTERS! That of beginning to DESPISE GOVERNMENT, TO REJECT AUTHORITY!

## Jude's Striking Warning

Jude wrote to the Church of certain *ungodly men* who had slipped unnoticed into the congregation. In describing their overall ATTITUDE, Jude wrote; "Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, *despise dominion* [AUTHORITY, RSV] and *speak evil of dignities*" (Jude 8).

The ones who had crept in with the true brethren were *typical* of Korah (who is used as an example in this very letter, verse 11) in that they were "murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts, and their mouth speak-

eth great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of [in order to *gain*] advantage" (Jude 16).

Because of this great destructive influence *against government*, wanting to PLEASE THE PEOPLE in order to gain personal advantage, Jude wrote: "You should earnestly CONTENT for the faith which was ONCE DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS" (Jude 3).

### Jesus DID Establish Authority

During His earthly ministry, our Saviour told Peter, "Thou art Peter [Petros, or a little stone], and upon THIS ROCK [PETRA, a large ROCK, or CRAG, referring to Christ, who is the Rock—I Cor. 10:4, and the Chief Corner STONE—Eph. 2:20] I will build My Church; and the gates of the *grave* [rightly translated] shall not prevail against it.

"And I will give unto you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; and whatsoever you shall BIND [prohibit] on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever you shall loose [PERMIT] on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matt. 16:18-19).

Jesus DID build His Church, and He DID give His true ministers the "keys" to the Kingdom of Heaven.

But Christ did not relinquish His position as the living HEAD of the Church! The pagan doctrines represent Christ as having "gone 'way off somewhere," too busy, supposedly, to be concerned with this earth. Presumably, He gave PETER all the power as the "Vicar" in His stead—and the so-called "successors" of Peter have made themselves the literal heads of the Church ever since. Heads of a *church*, YES, but NOT THE CHURCH OF GOD!

Wherever you find GOD's own Church—you'll find Jesus Christ is still its living, active, RULER! (Eph. 5:23; Col. 1:18.) Rather than turning the Church over to *men*, Jesus promised He would be with His Church always! "Lo, I am with you ALWAYS, even unto the consummation of the age" (Matt. 28:20).

The *authority* placed in the Church is NOT THE AUTHORITY OF MEN—but of Jesus Christ! Paul told the Corinthians, "For we preach *not ourselves*, but Christ Jesus the Lord ("BOSS," RULER); and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake" (II Cor. 4:5).

### Various Offices Necessary

The Body of Jesus Christ, explained Paul, is made up of *many members*, having many differing functions, or administrations. Yet it is one Body! Read the entire 12th chapter of I Corinthians. Here, you see God lists the *governmental offices* HE has set within the Church. "But now hath GOD set the members *every one* of them in the body, as it

hath pleased HIM" (verse 18). "And God hath set some in the Church, first apostles, secondly prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, *governments*, diversities of languages" (verse 28). Paul gives the organizational pattern in his letter to the Ephesians. "And He [God] gave some, apostles, and some, prophets: and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers" (Eph. 4:11).

The necessity for having different offices is fully explained in I Corinthians 12. Just as ANY organization, as any machine, must have its separate parts, all functioning smoothly together, so must the Church of God!

WHAT is the function of these God-ordained offices?

"For the PERFECTING of the saints, for the WORK OF THE MINISTRY [preaching this Gospel of the Kingdom to all the world as a witness, and *feeding the flock*] for the EDIFYING of the body of Christ" (Eph. 4:12).

That's *why* Church Government is necessary.

### God's Government in Church Today

But did you know these are not earthly, physical offices?

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ . . . and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together *in the heavenlies* [or, in heaven-appointed offices] *in Christ Jesus*" (Eph. 2:4-6). Notice: "And there appeared a great wonder in HEAVEN," wrote John, "*a woman* [THIS CHURCH] clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars" (Rev. 12:1). The Church is a SPIRITUAL organism. As a spiritual body, its officers occupy SPIRITUAL (heavenly) offices—which carry not physical, but SPIRITUAL power and authority!

"But Jerusalem which is above [the heavenly city from which God's Government emanates] is free, which is the mother of us all" (Gal. 4:26).

This is the vital principle Korah and the others who rebelled with him didn't understand! This is the truth those who murmur *today* do not understand! God's Government in His Church is DIVINELY appointed—directly from God the Father and through Jesus Christ the Head of the Church! It truly *is* Government, NOT from men, but directly from God!

### "Binding and Loosing"

God's ministers have the grave responsibility of *prohibiting* certain things, and of *permitting* other things! This does *not* mean mere MEN may arbitrarily alter the divinely revealed

LAWS of God! *It does* mean Jesus Christ *decides*, through His instruments, in certain cases where there is no specific, definite "Thus saith the LORD" found in Scripture!

The outstanding New Testament example is Acts 15. In reading the entire chapter, you see the apostles and elders at Jerusalem had to decide *what constitutes sin* in a certain case.

After this "binding" decision had been made, the apostles delivered the outcome of the counsel to the Church. These decisions were "decrees!" That is, they became a plain "Thus saith the LORD" since it was CHRIST'S decision, *not* the vain *ideas of men contrary to Christ and His rule!* "And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the *decrees* for to KEEP, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem" (Acts 16:4).

God's ministers today are compelled to make certain binding decisions. In other cases, they must decide to "loose" a certain matter, according as God makes His will known, as He reveals it. This is true in deciding divorce and remarriage cases—where the couple concerned *don't really know* whether or not they are living in adultery. After *prayer*, and sometimes *many hours* of solemn *counsel*, going over the facts of the case many times, a "binding" or a "loosing" *decision* is rendered. IN NO CASE DO GOD'S MINISTERS TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE CARNAL "FEELINGS" OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED! There can be NO respect of persons! I think you all should know that *one of our own God-ordained ministers* came to the others with a case of divorce to be decided. His divorce occurred, of course, long before his ordination. God's ministers could clearly see it was Christ's decision that the man was still *bound* to the woman—even though *she* had remarried since their separation!

This man is a true Minister of the Gospel of Christ. I have cited this case for YOUR GOOD! Some are not FULLY CONVINCED that the rule and authority in the Church is truly from God!

It is the same when a certain *doctrinal* point arises. There can be NO respect of persons.

As my father has explained, the Sardis Church made the mistake of wanting to "cowtow" to the wishes of the *people!* When a point was in question, the ministers would reason, "What will the TITHEPAYERS go along with? What will be the most satisfactory to the people?" In doing this, they were guilty of rejecting precious truth—and God says of them, "THOU ART DEAD!"

When the question arose on *make-up*, God's ministers had to find, NOT "what will the most *people* go along with," but  
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is speaking of the time of the resurrection and the return of Christ in power and glory. Christ is going to use His servants—now immortal in the Kingdom of God—to proclaim His intervention and the establishment of His Kingdom over all the earth. He is going to use the very ones whom He is now using to proclaim His message. Then they will finally heed!

Isn't this prophecy a clear indication that the place of safety for the people of God who are now doing the work of God—and broadcasting to the islands and coastlands of Northwestern Europe—is in an Arabian wilderness, where the Bedouin dwell and is probably at Sela, or Petra?

## Supernatural Protection

Turn now to another parallel passage, this time Isaiah 33. Read especially verses 13-17. Notice the time setting. It is when the world's ambassadors, who seek to make peace, suddenly find the world caught up in frightful destruction (verses 7-8).

Beginning with verse 13 God warns the House of Israel—the "sinners in Zion"—of their sins (verse 14). "Who will be able to live through the end-time fiery atomic and hydrogen warfare?" God asks (verse 14). Those who obey Him, declares verse 15. But where



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A Bedouin mother and baby before their cave home in Ed Deir Valley at Perta.

will they go?

Verses 16 and 17 answer! "He shall dwell on high: his place of defense shall be the munitions of rocks..." This verse is poorly translated in most versions because the translators did not understand the prophecy. The true meaning has been hidden. The place of protection shall be, not munitions of rocks, but the "strongholds of Sela!" The original, in-

spired Hebrew, mistranslated "munitions," is *metsad*, and means a stronghold or a castle or a fort. And the word for "rock" in this verse is *Sela*, the name of Petra in the Hebrew language!

Petra is a dry, barren area. It hardly provides a few dozen Bedouin sufficient sustenance. How are all of the faithful people of God to be provided for? Continue with the end of verse 16: "... *his bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.*" Here also is supernatural provision! Remember what happened to the children of Israel in the Sinai wilderness? God supernaturally provided them food and water nearly 40 long years! God can do the same today! It is not those who heap up provisions that shall escape! It is those who obey God, who do His work, and who trust Him to provide the necessities and the divine protection *when that time arrives!*

Verse 17 completes the picture: "Thine eyes shall see the King in His beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off"—or "they shall behold a land stretching afar," according to the Jewish translation. We shall see Him as He is (1 John 3:2). Notice also that those in safety see "the land"—Palestine, the promised land stretching into the distance. Surely here is another indication of the high rocky crags of Petra from which one may look northwest to the promised land.

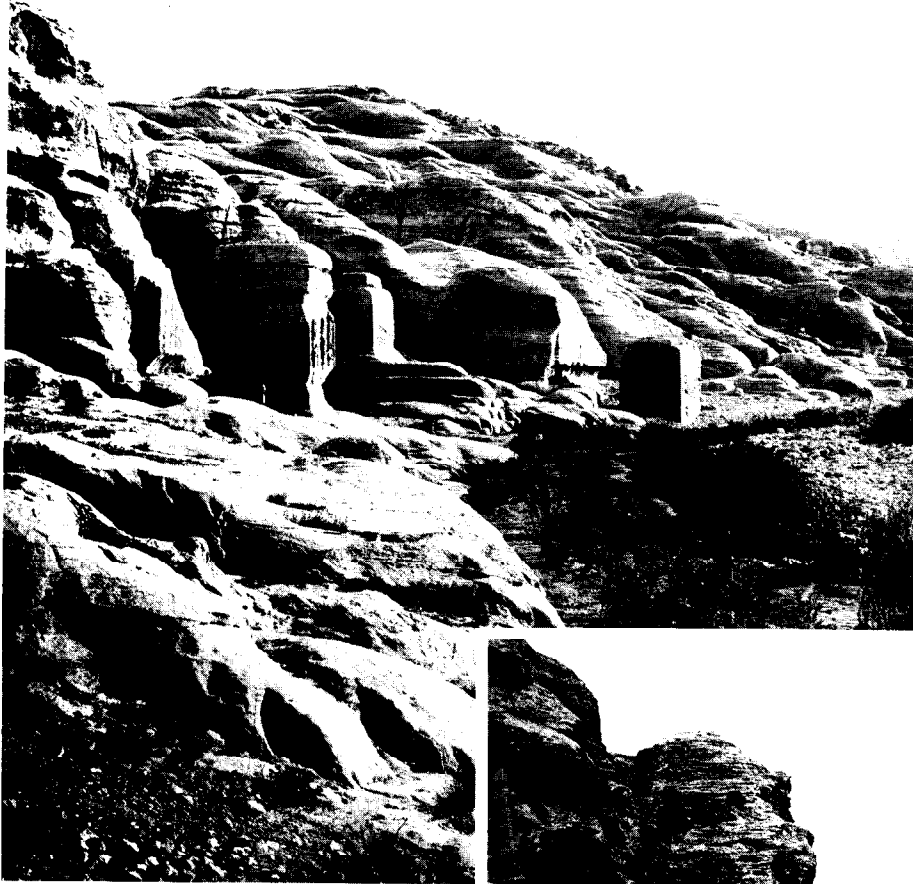


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The mountains of Petra viewed from the east.

## Place of Safety

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The approach to Petra passes by these three decayed pylons.

verses about Petra are found in Isaiah 16.

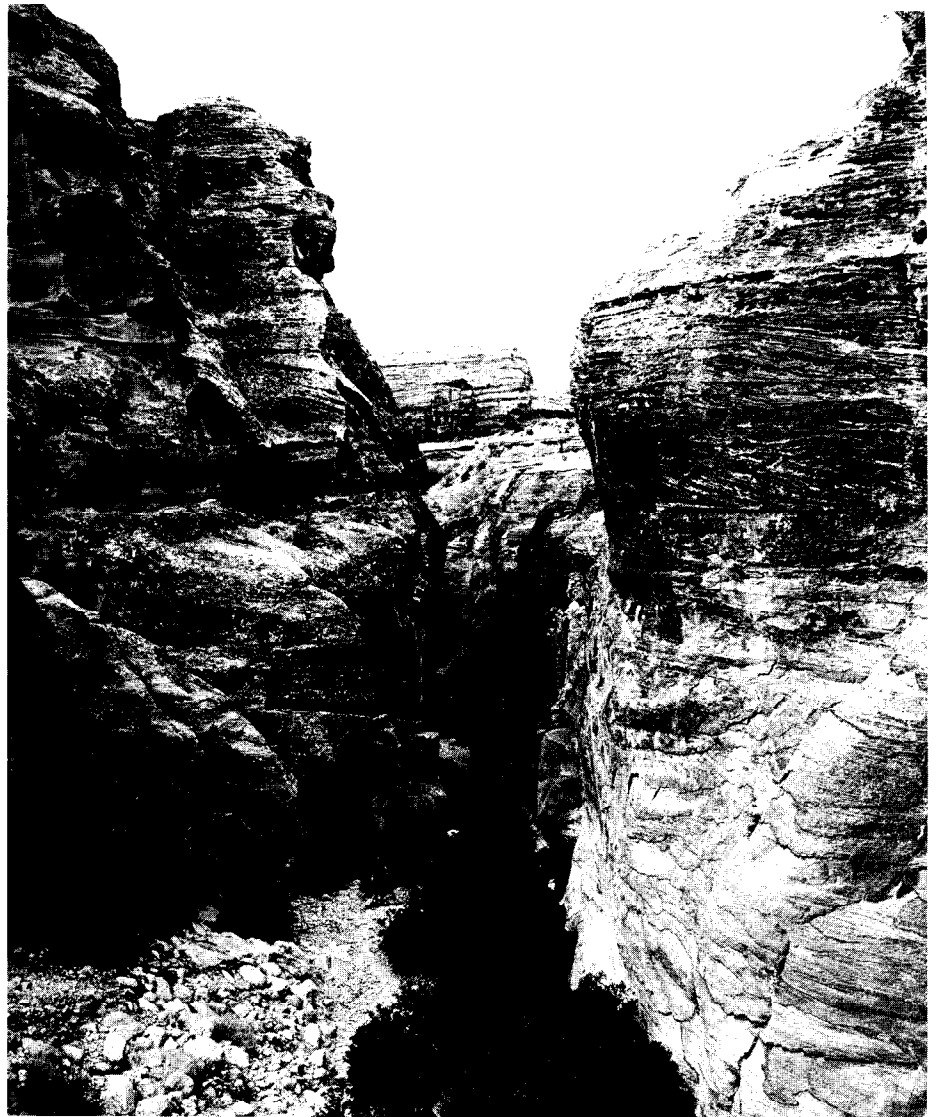
The prophecy is found in verses 1 to 5. It is a message to Moab—modern Jordan, in whose territory Petra or Sela is presently located. Verse 1 should read: "Send ye the lambs for the Ruler of the land from Sela that is toward the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion" (compare the KJV with the JPS translation).

The time setting of this prophecy is the return of Christ to rule the nations. He is the King of the land. The Moabites are commanded to seek Him, to send Him an offering as a token of their submission. The offering comes from Sela. But why are the Moabites found in Sela, when only Bedouin dwell there today? The succeeding verses answer: "For it shall be, that, as a wandering bird cast out of the nest, so the daughters"—descendants—"of Moab shall be at the fords of Arnon." Other prophecies picture hordes from the east capturing the land east of the Jordan. (See Ezekiel 25:10.) As these Communist hordes plunge toward Palestine, slaughtering as they go, a pitiful remnant—

described in Jeremiah 48:1-25—escapes at the Arnon (a stream running into the Dead Sea). The Moabite refugees flee southward for protection. Why? Is it perhaps because they have known of others already there in a place of safety? Now look at verse 4. God is addressing Moab: "Let *Mine outcasts* dwell with thee, Moab; *be thou a covert to them* from the face of the spoiler."

So there *are* others there already. "Mine outcasts," God calls them. God's people, who flee from the world, refugees or outcasts!

*The fleeing Moabites are not to betray where they are.* This makes verse 3 much clearer. The Moabites are commanded to "Give counsel, execute justice; make thy shadow as night in the midst of the noon day; hide the outcasts; betray not the fugitive" (JPS trans.). Their flight is not to reveal *where God's own outcasts are.* Their  
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Gateway to the Sik, the only approach into Petra.



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Petra! The opening of the Sik! And the carved El Khazne, the first view of the glory of Petra. The Sik at this point is narrowest and darkest, with rugged cliffs on both sides — so narrow a large man could touch both sides at the same time!

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movements are to be as invisible as if it were in black night!

Now compare this prophecy with Jeremiah 48:28, "O ye that dwell in Moab, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock"—*Sela*, in Hebrew—"and be like the dove that makes her nest in the sides of the hole's mouth"! A perfect description of Petra, with its caves!

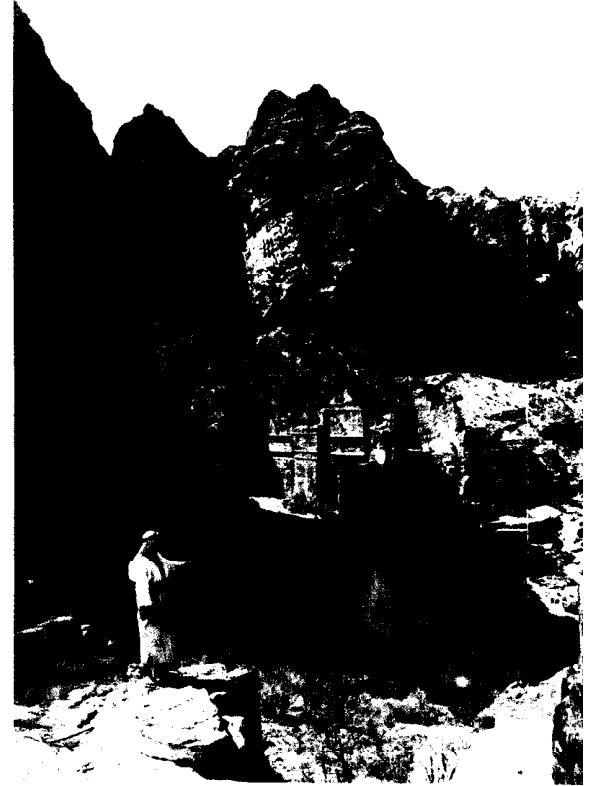
Isaiah 16:5 then reveals the very next prophetic event to occur: "And a throne is established through mercy, and there sitteth thereon in truth, in the tent of David, One that judgeth, and seeketh justice, and is ready in righteousness" (JPS trans.). Christ is now pictured as seated on the throne of David! Surely this indicates that God's

outcasts in Isaiah 16 are the same as those mentioned in Revelation 12 who escape to the wilderness—shortly before the return of Christ!

## Christ the Rock

Everyone who has read the Bible has noticed how often the Bible reveals the Eternal God—the Christ of your New Testament—as a Rock. Consider, for example, David's words in II Samuel 22:2: "The LORD is my Rock." In this verse the original Hebrew word for Rock is *Sela*. Christ was David's Rock, his refuge. Christ is our Rock, our refuge. But is this not possibly a type of the very *place of refuge* where Christ will hide His own outcasts. Doesn't this imply that *Sela* may be that place?

By contrast, the European power which shall persecute God's people has  
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Full view of the Roman theatre. Area was once caves before construction of the theatre. The interiors of the caves still extend into the hillside.



Right, deep gorge en route to Ed Deir, high above Petra.

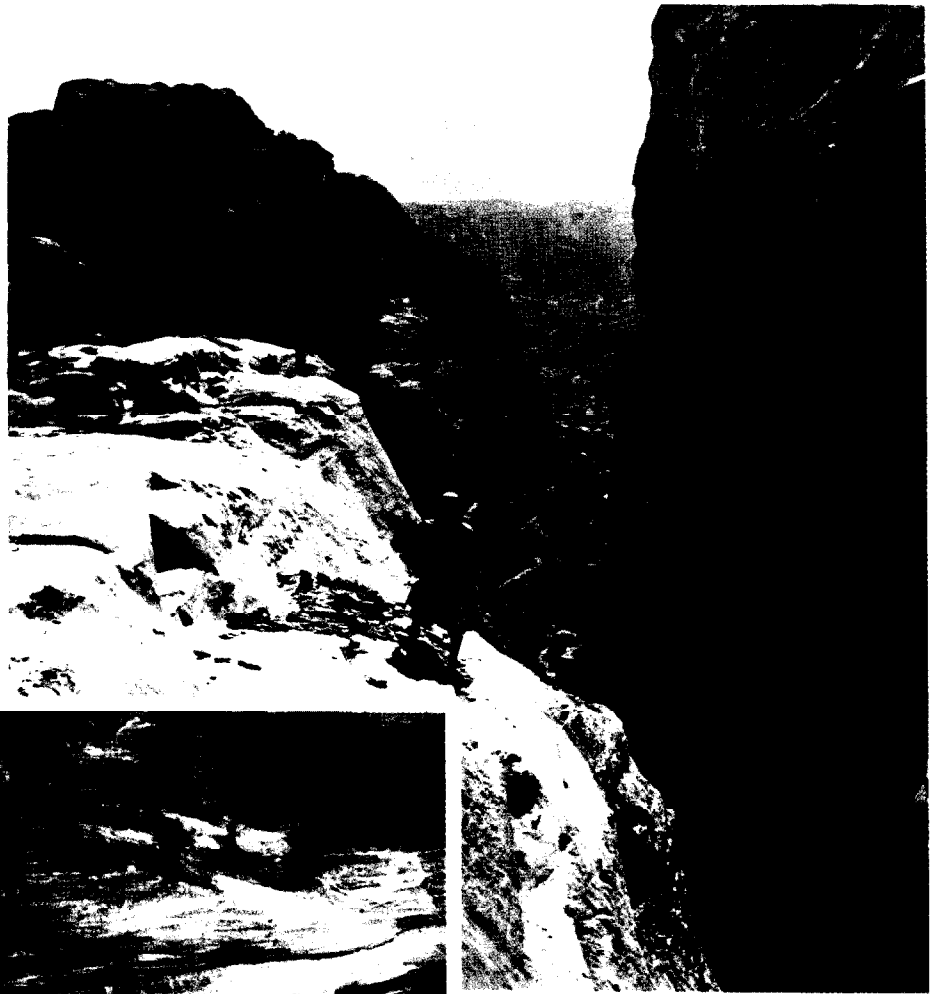
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Left, the high cliffs surrounding Petra Valley are a challenge to any mountain climber!

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Below, the gorgeously colored interior of the "Store House" — assumed to have been anciently used as vaults for precious merchandise.

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its rock, whom it calls "Peter." Did you ever stop to consider that the name "Peter" in English is merely a form of the Greek *petros*, meaning a "small rock." The Church which shall dominate the coming revival of the Roman Empire in Europe—already forming in the Common Market—claims to be founded on a Peter who died at Rome. They claim him as their foundation, their rock. But that Peter was not the apostle Peter. The history of all this cannot be included in this article, but a prophecy about *this* counterfeit rock is in your Bible. It is in Isaiah 31:8-9. This prophecy was not understood by the translators of the King James Version. It is correctly rendered in the Jewish translation: "Then shall Asshur fall with the sword, not of man, and the sword, not of men, shall devour him; and he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall become tributary. And his *rock* shall pass away by reason of terror, and his princes shall be dismayed at the ensign"—the ensign is Christ.

Did you observe verse 9? "*His rock shall pass away...*" Here is a *counterfeit rock*—a rock on which the coming  
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# A Preview of THE WORLD TOMORROW

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## This Is PETRA!

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German-dominated union, the revival of the Roman Empire, will be founded. Asshur in this prophecy is Germany—for the Germans are Assyrians! But it is to be a church-state union. And the church that will control it claims to be founded on a rock—a Peter! Their rock or Pope will finally perish—in the lake of fire (Rev. 19:20).

### Daniel's Prophecy Reveals Where

The longest continuous prophecy, covering event by event over 2500 years of history, is found in Daniel 10 to 12. In the eleventh chapter, verse 41, is a prophecy for the time of the end. The final ruler of the Roman Empire—the kingdom of the north—overruns Egypt

and invades Palestine. But there is one land that escapes his grasp. "He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon" (v. 41). The ancient territories of Edom, Moab and Ammon are today all found in one modern nation—Jordan! And in Jordan today is Petra!

Does not this prophecy imply that Jordan escapes because God has chosen this land to be a place of safety? Every one of these prophecies point to the mysterious city of Petra as a place of safety!

The history of Petra and more hitherto unpublished pictures will appear next month. No matter where God should lead His Church, you will find the little-known story thrilling.

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Full view of El Khazne, the first edifice seen through the Sik. These buildings were carved in Roman times when the Nabatean Arabs lived in Petra.

## How to Keep UNITY

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"WHAT IS GOD'S WILL?" God's expressed will as revealed in many PLAIN scriptures was made clear in my father's article on make-up. But some did not agree with God's ruling—and so immediately fell into the trap of Satan, just as did Korah, and began to DENY THE GOVERNMENT IN THIS CHURCH WAS AND IS THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD!

Because some "wanted their OWN WAY" they began to point a finger at the *human instruments* of God, saying it was NOT God's ruling, but merely the "ideas" of MEN! As I have already shown—this is inevitably the PATTERN followed by those *carnal minded* persons who still want their own way!

But it was GOD THE FATHER and JESUS CHRIST who made the decision on make-up! They *revealed* to their human servants the *plain truth* on the subject—and it then became the duty of those human instruments to reveal that truth to YOU!

But please note carefully that these carnal-minded individuals *never even attempt* to answer from the Bible—showing plain, clear *scriptures* to *prove* their point (because they know they can't), but invariably, just as did the Jews (John 9), they *begin to ridicule the individual persons of those who were used in making the decision!*

Don't YOU ever fall into that deceptive trap!

### Rule in the New Testament Church

Have you never noticed HOW MUCH of your New Testament reveals the *government* of the Church?

Some have assumed Church Government is an "idea" of MEN. Some have said it cannot be *proved* from the Bible.

What?

Are any of YOU so *ignorant* of the scriptures?

*Every single letter of the apostle Paul presents in itself a clear picture of the exercise of government and authority in the Church!*

Notice! Paul wrote to the ROMANS in Rome, even though he hadn't yet *been* to Rome, and began the letter by citing his apostolic AUTHORITY! "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ called to be an *apostle*, separated [ORDAINED!—see Acts 13:14] unto the gospel of God" (Rom. 1:1). He rebuked them many times, giving them instructions on *how to live* a godly life.

Notice his letter to the Corinthians. After stating again his office and divine *authority*, he begins to sharply REBUKE this church, which he spoke of as being yet carnal (I Cor. 3:1). Paul reiterates he spoke through the mind of Christ

(Gal. 2:20 and I Cor. 2:16). He *rebuked* certain who were "puffed up." He wrote: "Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you. But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the *power*. For the kingdom of God is *not in word, but in POWER*. What will ye? Shall I come unto you WITH A ROD, or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?" (I Cor. 4:18-21). Does *this* sound like Paul had *authority* in the Church? It most certainly does!

In the next chapter, he deals with the one who had been committing fornication. Again, after *admonishing* the entire congregation, he ordered them to PUT AWAY (disfellowship) the sinning person! When he did, he put TEETH in it! "*In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the POWER of our Lord Jesus Christ, to deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus*" (I Cor. 5:4-5).

He ordered them to do it—in *the name of Jesus Christ!*

### Paul's Personal Critics

Some were Paul's critics. Some were "examining" Paul's motives. In the 9th chapter, he showed he had the *authority* to take a wife with him—though he was unmarried, and *have her full expenses paid!* "Mine answer to them that do examine me is this. Have we not POWER [authority] to eat and to drink? Have we not power [authority] to lead about a [christian] sister, *a wife*, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Peter?" (I Cor. 9:3-5).

He then went on to explain about tithing, showing it was the *tithe* that was to finance Paul on his apostolic journeys to spread the gospel.

All the way through this wonderful letter to the Corinthians, Paul gives them reproof, correction, admonition—ORDERS!

Notice its last chapter. "Now concerning the collection for the saints, *as I have given order* to the churches of Galatia, even so DO YE!" (I Cor. 16:1.) And: "I beseech you, brethren . . . *that ye submit yourselves* unto such, and to every one that *helpeth* with us, and *laboureth*" (I Cor. 16:15-16).

Paul concludes this letter by reminding them to show respect and submissive spirits toward those who had addicted themselves to the ministry and the work of God.

But was this a harsh rule to make the Church miserable? Was Paul an "overlord" who was cracking his own whip over the poor, helpless souls in the Church? Not so!

"NOT for that *we have dominion* over

your faith, but are HELPERS of your joy: for by faith ye stand" (II Cor. 1:24). And yet, even in this *second* letter, Paul shows further the *authority* God had vested in His ministry:

"For though I should boast somewhat more of OUR AUTHORITY, which the Lord hath given us for *edification*, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed . . . 'For his letters,' say [some], 'are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.' Let such an one think this, that, *such as we are in word* by letters when we are absent, SUCH WILL WE BE ALSO IN DEED WHEN WE ARE PRESENT" (II Cor. 10:8-11).

Paul, in his first letter, had to use the *authority* God had given him to correct and reprove the Church. The problems they had were of a very serious nature! Think of it! Some were even *getting drunk* on the wine during the Pass-over!

Is it any wonder Paul had to REBUKE them sternly?

Notice, too, how he referred to certain individuals within the Church who "examined" or criticized him, and others who spoke stultifyingly of his personality.

Read especially verse 13 of chapter 10: "We will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the RULE which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you" (II Cor. 10:13).

Through the 11th chapter, Paul showed the Corinthians the utter carnality with which some of them were judging. They were concerned with the *physical* appearances, as carnal-minded people always are. He warned against false apostles (II Cor. 11:13-15), and then, through the remainder of the chapter, listed the *many hardships* he had undergone *for their sakes!*

Finally, he concludes this letter of Church government by authoritatively telling them he was going to SETTLE the matter, and do it SWIFTLY, when he arrived in Corinth in person! "In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established" (II Cor. 13:1). He showed how God's government within the true Church must be concerned with THE GOOD OF THE WHOLE CHURCH, even if it means cutting out ONE "spoiled" member, that the others are not affected with the same spiritual rot and decay! "I write to them which heretofore *have sinned*, and to *all other*, that, if I come again, I WILL NOT SPARE!" (II Cor. 13:2).

"Therefore I write these things being absent," he continued, "lest being present I should *use sharpness*, ACCORDING TO THE POWER WHICH THE LORD HATH GIVEN ME to edification, and not to destruction" (II Cor. 13:10).

### Only an Isolated Case?

But some will say, "Oh, but the Church at Corinth was a carnal Church—they needed correction—we don't need any of that kind of 'rule and authority' today!"

Again, *are you so ignorant of the Word of God?*

Listen!

*Every single letter of the apostle Paul in your Bible constitutes, IN ITSELF, one of the strongest proofs of the real authority and power God put within the ministry, and shows how that authority is to be used!*

Paul takes up the entire first chapter, and part of the second, PROVING his apostolic AUTHORITY to the Galatians! Read it!

He writes, "O FOOLISH GALATIANS, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not OBEY the truth?" (Gal. 3:1.)

In the letter to the Ephesians, he explains the offices of the Church (Eph. 4:11); and the entire 4th and 5th chapters constitute direct admonitive rules by which *they were to live!* Paul showed the government within the ministry by saying, "Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things: WHOM I HAVE SENT unto you" (Eph. 6:21-22).

The Church at Philippi was not experiencing the same *problems* as those in Corinth, and therefore did not need to be corrected as much. But this letter also illustrates Government in the Church! The entire second and third chapters of Philippians show Paul's direct admonitions on how to conduct their lives. Paul said this Church was an OBDIENT Church! "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always OBEYED, *not as in my presence only*, but now *much more* in my absence, WORK OUT your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Phil. 2:12). He included certain personal notes concerning the ministry in the second chapter, saying "But I trust in the Lord Jesus to SEND Timothy shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state" (Phil. 2:19). After mentioning two of the other ministers, Timothy and Epaphroditus, Paul reminds the Philippians to "HONOUR SUCH!" Or, as the Authorized Version renders it: "Hold such in reputation!" (Phil. 2:29.)

In the letter to the Colossians, Paul begins again by citing his apostleship and authority. He opens the letter with a wonderful description of our calling and hope in Christ, showing Christ's high OFFICE now, and explaining once again the GOVERNMENT OF GOD IN THE CHURCH!

Notice it! "And He [Christ] is before all things, and by Him all things consist. And HE IS THE HEAD OF THE BODY,

THE CHURCH, who is the Beginning, the Firstborn from the dead" (Col. 1:17-18).

When we understand the real intent of Colossians 2:16-17 we see again, NOT an annulment of God's laws, but a direct statement about Church government! Paul says, in effect, not to let any *man* be your judge as to HOW you keep the annual Holy Days, new moons or Sabbaths, BUT, *on the other hand*, let the Church of God judge the manner. The word "is" in verse 17 is *italicized*, showing it was *supplied* by the translators. Dropping out this added word, the context can mean: "Let no MAN therefore judge you . . . BUT (or, on the other hand, let) the BODY OF CHRIST!" (Col. 2:16-17.)

The 3rd chapter is a series of direct admonitions on HOW TO LIVE!

### In ALL the Epistles

And so it is—throughout Paul's writings, and throughout the Gospels, and THROUGHOUT the entire New Testament! The Bible itself is a book of AUTHORITY! Paul oftentimes referred, in his letters, to the VERBAL authority of his office.

"Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and EXHORT you by the Lord Jesus, *that as ye have received* of us [when he had been *with* them personally] how ye ought to WALK [live] and please God, so ye would abound more and more. For ye know WHAT COMMANDMENTS we gave you by the Lord Jesus!" (I Thes. 4:1-2.)

He then continues to direct them in the matter of marriage—commanding them to abstain from fornication. Notice further how he tells them to "study [be ambitious] to be QUIET, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, AS WE COMMANDED YOU!" (I Thes. 4:11.) Could anything be plainer?

Paul reminded this Church, as he did also the others, to respect the ministry and acknowledge the authority God had placed in the Church. "And we beseech you, brethren, to KNOW them which labour among you, and are OVER YOU, IN THE LORD, and ADMONISH you; and to esteem them very highly IN LOVE, for their WORK'S SAKE!" (I Thes. 4:12-13.)

In concluding this letter, he said, "I CHARGE [give orders, instructions] that this epistle be read unto all the *holy brethren*" (I Thes. 5:27).

In his second letter to this Church at Thessalonica, Paul had to deal forcibly with them! Because they did *not* heed his gentle warnings and admonitions of the first letter, he had to COMMAND them—and do it with the *very authority of Christ!*

"Now we COMMAND you, brethren,

IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh *disorderly*, and not after the tradition which he received of us. For yourselves know how ye OUGHT TO FOLLOW [Greek, "imitate"] us, for we behaved NOT ourselves disorderly among you . . . For even when we were with you, THIS WE COMMANDED you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk [live] among you DISORDERLY, working not at all, but are busybodies" (II Thes. 3:6-11).

Paul was having to take a hand!

Paul was using his God-given *authority* to SETTLE a matter! Did he do it in timidity—in spineless whining as the scribes and Pharisees? No! He most certainly did not!

"Now them that are such WE COMMAND AND EXHORT BY OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST that *with quietness* they WORK, and eat their own bread" (II Thes. 3:12).

Further, Paul told them to MARK anyone who did not OBEY his commands, and have no further fellowship with that person! "And if any man OBEY NOT our word by this epistle, NOTE that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed!" (II Thes. 3:14.)

### Instructions to the Ministry

In the "Pastoral" epistles, Paul is specifically concerned with Church Government! Their very presence in the Bible is DIRECT PROOF of the Government of God within the Church.

Paul writes to the young evangelists under his charge to INSTRUCT them concerning the welfare of the Church. He urges *them* to hand down this authority to those *under them*, and to ADMONISH them, that the Church can GROW.

READ THESE LETTERS AGAIN!

Notice the very *qualifications* for holding office in the ministry have to do with how well a man can RULE and GOVERN. "One that RULETH WELL his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity. FOR IF A MAN KNOW NOT HOW TO RULE HIS OWN HOUSE, HOW SHALL HE TAKE CARE OF THE CHURCH OF GOD?" (I Tim. 3:4-5.)

Paul said those elders who RULED WELL (who really "bore fruit" in the ministry—and were able to HANDLE the responsibilities of the office) were to be given DOUBLE WAGES! (I Tim. 5:17.) I could easily write many pages about the DOZENS (*literally dozens—count them!*) of places in the letters to the young ministers where Church Government and authority is illustrated!

But this is enough.

Brethren—you shouldn't need three dozen scriptures telling you to do the  
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# Calories DO Count!

*Here is a very important article on the latest diet fad!*

by John Edward Portune

EVERY year the American public becomes the unwary victim of an endless barrage of food plans, wonder pills, miracle food supplements, and "effortless diets." Sweeping the country now and taking the best-seller list presently is a new book advertising the "calories don't count" diet. Like a plague spreading through society, a fad enjoys momentary acclaim but is soon relegated to the ash heap as the public awakens to its utter worthlessness. The grandiose advertising slogans soon vanish.

It would seem that the mountain of past failures would be enough of a witness against new fads, yet obviously not. The number of food fads continues to increase. But what is far more serious is that *some of God's people are no better at recognizing food faddism than the average blind American.* If they prove their Bible no better than they prove food fads, it is serious!

## How to Recognize a Fad

Do you know how to recognize a food fad when you see it? How can you be sure of a new diet or food supplement before you are tempted to try it? Can you afford to experiment blindly with the marvelous body God gave you as the temple of His Holy Spirit?

Currently the public is excited about the so-called "wonder" Safflower Oil Diet, advertised as "a revolutionary biochemical plan to re-educate the public on the whole problem of obesity." Thousands have flocked to buy the \$3.95 book by Dr. Herman Taller bearing the deceptive title *Calories Don't Count*. In order to learn how to recognize food fads, it is vital for you to examine this prime example.

The Taller method is a diet high in fats and low in carbohydrates (sugars and starches). Dr. Taller assures his readers that the average obese person will lose best on a diet in which 65% of the calories are obtained from fat. This is a value often twice what a proper diet should contain.

Dr. Taller claims that fat people utilize fats and carbohydrates differently than people of normal weight, and he attributes to vegetable fats some miraculous property of melting away fat tissue. Consequently you are directed to eat abnormal quantities of vegetable oil, certain margarines, and to be sure, two

Safflower capsules before each meal. (Six capsules per day, the doctor neglects to tell his readers, contain less than 2 per cent of the recommended intake of oil per day.)

The medical source of the Taller diet is a *theory* propounded by Dr. Alfred Pennington quite a few years ago. From Dr. Pennington's research Dr. Taller presumed that fats rich in poly-unsaturated fatty acids (found most abundantly in vegetable oil, and especially safflower oil) will "soften" body fat and stimulate pituitary secretions to burn it up. As support for these claims, all that Dr. Taller dares say is, "*Perhaps* all I need say in support of my new nutrition principle is that it works."

In evaluating such unique claims we must all remember one fact. The Bible is the ultimate source in acquiring the true perspective of any question, spiritual or physical. To clearly illustrate this point, consider Leviticus 11. Neither nutritionalists nor scientists have yet learned that we should not eat unclean animals. Therefore, it is immediately apparent that even man's physical knowledge is confined to a limited viewpoint. As a result, we must subject all things, diets included, to the scrutiny of God's Word.

## The Bible—the Source of ALL Knowledge

Simply stated, God's principle in eating is BALANCE and MODERATION. We must adhere to this principle whether we are convinced we have an unsolvable weight problem or not. It is just as wrong to use one unbalanced diet to correct another as to use one poison (medicine) to correct another (sickness). A human body disrupted by years of unbalanced and excessive eating can only respond properly to a balanced diet. The fat person simply has years of incorrect eating to overcome. Leading nutritionalists state clearly that the best method of weight control is one low in calories, yet *balanced in respect to food elements*.

Even the specious title of the book, *Calories Don't Count*, should have made you question the soundness of the contents.

Calories do count! The very title recommends breaking God's principle of moderation. You are a glutton if you do not control the amount of food—the

calories—you eat.

One case history taken from Dr. Taller's book will make it clear that the diet promotes gluttony, something which God severely condemns in Prov. 23:20. On page 176 the doctor tells of a dentist who because of compulsive eating developed a 50-inch waist. After subjecting the dentist to his routine, Dr. Taller writes of him:

*"What about the dentist's compulsive eating? It continues and may still be continuing as you read this... 'Extra slices of chicken?' he says. 'No, I eat extra chickens.' He eats as many as six veal cutlets at a sitting. He has found candies made without carbohydrates and he nibbles at them steadily. The dentist eats as much as he ever did, but he no longer bears the scars, outwardly or inwardly" (italics ours).* Living like this is outright sin!

## Did the Theory Work?

Even so, many will still ask, "Well, does it work?"

Let's look at some clinical evidence. In 1955 a Dr. Sidney C. Werner and his associates at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons conducted a careful study of the original Pennington Diet. "The results...", the report concludes, "reveal that a high-fat, low-carbohydrate diet and one with equal calories *high in carbohydrates and low in fat* are handled similarly by the body in terms of the response of body weight." Further tests have clearly shown that Pennington's theory that fat burns fat is entirely erroneous. The Columbia University research team was so convinced of the worthlessness of the idea that he concluded, "It seems unnecessary to increase the series (of patients) to document the point further."

You may still be wondering how the diet has worked for some whom you may know. There are at least three reasons, none of which are really due to Dr. Taller's diet, but which work in spite of it. These factors create the apparent success attributed to the unsaturated oil. First of all, the Taller diet is not high calorie, despite the claims that calories don't count. The actual diet given in the book, including the excessively unbalanced amount of oil, contains less than 2,300 calories. For virtually all fat people this amount will take fat off, despite unsuccessful past

efforts. The doctor clearly knew that *calories do count!*

Secondly, enthusiasm for overcoming a problem can bring a degree of improvement not attributable to the system alone. This is simply a matter of attitude and will—the influence of the mind over the body.

The final and most important reason is that many who read Dr. Taller's book for the first time became diet conscious and found that they were consuming less fat and total calories on the high-fat diet than they were on their regular diet! Of course they lost weight when they controlled their intake. The fact is Dr. Taller knows calories do count. He knows that even his unbalanced diet will reduce total calories to a weight-losing level.

Convinced by Dr. Taller's appealing theory, the reader is unknowingly led to correct his diet while thinking the success is due to the miracle action of the oil. In essence, the doctor has done nothing more than cover the proper dietary principles with a unique twist to sell his product. This is not so serious in itself, but it reveals a striking lack of real wisdom on the part of those who read the book.

What is even more serious is that a high-fat diet can be hazardous to health. This is just the natural result of disregarding God's principle of balance and moderation. Dr. Philip L. White, in *Today's Health*, April, 1962, page 80, writes, "The diet is likely to be deficient in vitamins and minerals [due to the mis-balance]. Carelessly followed, the diet could be dangerous for individuals with diabetes, and kidney, liver, or gall bladder disease. Dehydration may be produced. Also, the kidneys are forced to excrete large amounts of protein breakdown products." Some of this could be said of many a diet, but is outstandingly true for this diet.

Remember, Dr. Taller's diet, or any other diet, for that matter, is not the solution. It is just a dangerous crutch. Instead, you must eliminate the wrong *habits* which caused your problem in the first place! You need to exercise self-control. You will put the weight right back on regardless of the type of diet if you fail to learn proper eating habits. The reason Dr. Taller says that you have to stay on his system for life is that he has not told you how really to get rid of the bad habits creating your overweight problem. Dr. Taller's diet is nothing more than a life-long burden—a "broken reed" which will create far more health problems than it could possibly solve.



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A view of the valley in Petra — a desolate area once the site of the prosperous city of Petra. The Arab in picture is standing by the Wadi Siyyagh. In the center of the picture is the Wadi Mousa — the River of Moses, with the Khubta Range in the distance.

## This Is PETRA!

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Meanwhile, ask yourself: Are you going to *believe God* no matter where

He reveals we should go, no matter by what route? Are you going to *trust Him* to guide His ministers to reveal His will? Are you going to *remain faithful and obey* what God makes known through them?

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same thing! When God says DO a thing —He should need to say it ONLY ONCE! It remains OUR decision as to WHETHER we will obey!

### Does Government Remove FREE MORAL AGENCY?

"But isn't this thing DANGEROUS?" some might say. "Doesn't this authority given to the ministry take away MY RIGHT TO DECIDE FOR MYSELF?"

NO, IT DOESN'T!

**NONE OF YOU HAVE THE RIGHT —OR EVER WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DECIDE FOR YOURSELVES WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS WRONG—TO DECIDE WHAT IS SIN!**

God decides what sin is. And it is the responsibility of His ministers to preach *what God has revealed in the Bible!* BUT! YOU then, as a FREE MORAL AGENT, MUST DECIDE *WHETHER OR NOT YOU WILL OBEY!*

God gives you that privilege! As a free, voluntary being, you can make up

your own mind whether or not you will choose the RIGHT WAY or the WRONG way. God WILL not choose *for* you. But YOU can NEVER decide for yourself WHAT IS SIN! That is God's prerogative! For there is "ONE LAWGIVER who is able to save and to destroy" (James 4:12).

And *that GREAT LAWGIVER IS ALIVE!* HE IS WORKING IN AND THROUGH THIS CHURCH!

If you BELIEVE your Bible—if you HAVE the Holy Spirit—if you BELIEVE CHRIST IS TO DWELL IN His Church—then you have the *faith* to know Jesus Christ is CAPABLE of ruling His Church, and capable of making the RIGHT decisions, and of REMOVING from office any instrument of His that is acting contrary to HIS will!

God's ministers are in these offices NOT to inflate their vanity, or to decorate their persons—but to enable them to SERVE YOU! The Government in our Church is one of the greatest BLESSINGS God has given us!