I Have Found This Book II

2 Kgs. 22:1-20 2 Chronicles 28:1—34:33

- I. This Book:
 - A. Cannot deny that "This Book" is a reality in the world.
 - B. What does this book claim to be?
 - 1. Gen. 1:1-4 God said.
 - 2. Gen. 35:11 God said.
 - 3. Exod. 3:14 God said.
 - 4. Lev. 1:1 Jehovah called Moses
 - 5. Numb. 7:11 Jehovah said.
 - 6. Deut. 3:26 Jehovah said.
 - 7. Josh. 1:1 Jehovah spake.
 - 8. God/Jehovah:
 - a. God 3575 verses
 - b. Jehovah 5822 verses
 - C. The Gospels:
 - 1. Jn. 1:1, 6-7, 14 Affirms that there came a man from God...to bear witness.
 - 2. Jn. 1:29-34 The Son of God came into the world.
 - 3. Jn. 15:16 Jesus chose the apostles
 - 4. Jn. 16:13-15 The apostle would be aided by the Holy Spirit.
 - 5. Matt. 16:19 What they taught would be first established in heaven.
 - 6. Jn. 20:30-31 The evidence was revealed.

- D. The General Epistles:
 - 1. 1 Cor. 2:16 "we have the mind of Christ"
 - 2. 1 Cor. 14:37 The commandment of the Lord.
 - 3. 1 Cor. 4:17 Teach everywhere in every church
- E. What this book claims to provide:
 - 1. Titus 1:1-3 Eternal life through the knowledge of this book.
 - 2. Rom. 1:18, 28-32 Consequences of the lack of this knowledge.

The Never-Ending Story

Three apostles gave a stern warning concerning false doctrine and how it can affect the church:

- 1. The apostle Paul: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise" (1 Cor. 3:16-18).
- 2. The apostle Peter: "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not" (2 Pet. 2:1-3).

The question is, "How does false doctrine enter into the church?" The apostle Paul dealt with the process, saying, "For such are false apostles,

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works" (2 Cor. 11:13-15). Those who are of such a guild "These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire" (2 Pet. 2:17-22).

Where can these false teachers be found? "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." (2 Tim. 4:1-5): they come from within.

The greatest danger facing the church and the cause of Christ can be found behind the pulpit. ret



Where is the Militant Christian?

The apostle Paul told Timothy: "This charge I commit unto thee, my child Timothy, according to the prophecies which led the way to thee, that by them thou mayest war the good warfare" (1 Tim. 1:18).

The apostle Paul told the Ephesians: "Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the worldrulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Wherefore take up the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand. Stand therefore..." (Eph. 6:10-14).