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VERSE DEDICATIONS

If you claim that **he said something that he never said**, he will reprimand you and show that **you are a liar**. (Proverbs 30:6.)

Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man **obey my teaching**, he should never see death. (John 8:51.)

Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Before Abraham** was born, **I am**. (John 8:58)

Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you. (Exodus 3:14.)

And Jesus said....You [*i.e.*, the twelve apostles] also shall sit upon **twelve thrones**, judging the **twelve tribes of Israel**. (Matt. 19:28.)

And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord...show of these two the one whom thou hast chosen, to take the... **apostleship from which Judas fell away...** and the lot fell upon Matthias; and **he was numbered with the eleven apostles**. (Acts 1:24-26.)

[A]nd the wall of the city [of the New Jerusalem] had twelve foundations, and in them names of the **twelve apostles** of the Lamb. (Rev 21:14.)

If I **bear witness of myself**, my witness is **not true**. (John 5:31.)

Yea and in your law it is written, that the witness of **two** men is **true**. (John 8:17.)

Paul, an **apostle** of Christ Jesus through the will of God, to the saints that are at **Ephesus**....(Eph 1:1.)

To the **Ephesian** Assembly... I have known thy works, and thy labour, and thy endurance, and that thou art not able to bear evil ones, and that thou hast tried those **saying themselves to be apostles** and are not, and hast found them **liars**. (Rev 2:1-2.)

PASSAGE DEDICATION

If someone who has been a true prophet tells you later that God now permits what God prophetically *previously* prohibited, what are you to think?

1 Kings 13:1-26 (1) At the LORD's command a prophet from Judah went to Bethel.... (6) King Jeroboam... said to the prophet, "Come home with me and have something to eat. I will reward you for what you have done [*i.e.*, a healing]." (8) The prophet answered, "Even if you gave me half of your wealth, I would not go with you or eat or drink anything with you. (9) ***The LORD has commanded me not to eat or drink a thing, and not to return home the same way I came.***" (10) So he did not go back the same way he had come, but by another road. (11) At that time there was ***an old prophet*** living in Bethel....(14) "Are you the prophet from Judah?" he asked. "I am," the man answered. (15) "Come home and have a meal with me," [the old prophet] said. (16) But the prophet from Judah answered, "***I can't go home with you or accept your hospitality. And I won't eat or drink anything with you here, (17) because the LORD has commanded me not to eat or drink a thing, and not to return home the same way I came.***" (18) Then the old prophet from Bethel said to him, "***I, too, am a prophet just like you, and at the LORD's command an angel told me to take you home with me and offer you my hospitality.***" But the old prophet was *lying*. (19) So the prophet from Judah went home with the old prophet and had a meal with him. (20) As they were sitting at the table, ***the word of the LORD came to the old prophet,*** (21) and he cried out to the prophet from Judah, "***The LORD says that you disobeyed him and did not do what he commanded.*** (22) Instead, you returned and ate a meal in a place ***he had ordered you not to eat in.*** Because of this ***you will be killed, and your body will not be buried in your family grave.***" (23) After they had finished eating, the old prophet saddled the donkey for the prophet from Judah, (24) who rode off. On the way a lion met him and killed him. His body lay on the road, and the donkey and the lion stood beside it.... (26) When the old prophet heard about it, he said, "That is the prophet ***who disobeyed the LORD's command!*** And so ***the LORD sent the lion to attack and kill him, just as the LORD said he would.***"

Book Reviews of Jesus' Words Only

Bookwire¹ Review May 30, 2006

Is Paul the Apostle really who he claimed to be? Or is he a false prophet whose writings should be excluded from the New Testament? Attorney Douglas J. Del Tondo deftly argues his case in the book *Jesus' Words Only – Or Was Paul the Apostle Jesus Condemns in Revelation 2:2?*

A self-proclaimed “evangelical Christian” since age 15, Del Tondo informs readers in the book’s introduction that his soul-searching began as a result of questioning the Baptist doctrine of eternal security and the Calvinist doctrine of perseverance of the saints. After searching for answers, Del Tondo was frustrated to find that although these teachings always originated with Paul, Jesus’ words seemed to contradict Paul’s. Irritated at what appeared to be an “incessant marginalization of Jesus in preference for Paul,” Del Tondo asks and seeks to answer the controversial question: “Why not Jesus’ words alone?”

A practicing attorney, Del Tondo’s obvious skill for in-depth research and proficient prosecution is evident, as he lays down argument after argument to support his verdict: Paul is guilty of being a false prophet, and therefore, his writings should not be included in the New Testament.

First, Del Tondo says, Paul never made a valid prophecy, which is the only way a true prophet could add text to the Bible (Deut. 18:15). Second, the writings of Paul negate the law, which Del Tondo says is clear evidence that he was a false prophet (Deut. 13:5). Third, Del Tondo points out that Jesus’ mention of Balaam in Revelation 2:14 points to Paul as the Balaam-type figure in the New Testament church.

1. Bookwire, a Bowkers company, provides professional reviews. This particular review was made available to bookstores nationwide as their introduction to the text.

(Balaam was an Old Testament prophet who taught that eating meat sacrificed to idols is permissible, as did Paul.)

Del Tondo uses evidence from both early Church History and scripture to weave a convincing case against Paul, although Paulinists would argue that there are numerous holes in his theory. The majority of evangelical Christians will most likely find Del Tondo's charges heresy.

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