

GOD "THE WORD"

John 1:1, 14

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VERSES 1-18 CONTAIN SOME OF THE RICHEST & FULLEST VERSES IN THE BIBLE. THAT FULLNESS IS BOTH A BLESSING & A DIFFICULTY FOR THE BIBLE STUDENT.

- a) **THEY ARE A BLESSING** because they are **PACKED FULL OF TRUTHS** regarding the Lord Jesus. Those truths are **LIKE A MULTIFACETED DIAMOND OF GREAT VALUE**. Each facet reveals a **glorious truth**.
- b) **THEY ARE DIFFICULT** because **so many truths** are packed into so few words. **LIKE A DIAMOND IS COMPRESSED COAL**, so these verses seem to be **COMPRESSED TRUTH**.

S WE WILL PITCH A TENT AND CAMP FOR A WHILE IN JOHN1:1. We will **take as much time as necessary** to **CONSIDER THE GLORY** God has revealed concerning the Lord Jesus.

S THIS FIRST MESSAGE WILL FOCUS ON ONE WORD that is mentioned **FOUR TIMES** in two verses. It is **THE GREEK WORD "LOGOS"** that is translated as **"WORD"** into the English.

- We get the English word **LOGO** from **LOGOS**. A logo is **A VISUAL SYMBOL** that is **representative of something larger than itself**. During the presidential **ELECTIONS**, there many logos posted along the highways.
- **(John 1:1)**, "In the beginning was the **WORD**, and the **WORD** was with God, and the **WORD** was God."
- **(John 1:14)**, "And the **WORD** was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."
- **"LOGOS" IS TRANSLATED A VARIETY OF WAYS** in the **KING JAMES VERSION**:
 - a) **communication**,
 - b) **intent**,
 - c) **say (-ing)**,
 - d) **speech**,
 - e) **talk**,
 - f) **utterance**,
 - g) **word, etc.**

AN UNCOMPLICATED DEFINITION OF "WORD" IN

ITS MOST SIMPLE FORM, WOULD READ:

- **“A WORD IS SOMETHING SAID”**
- A WORD IS AN OUTWARD EXPRESSION OF AN INWARD THOUGHT. Words are what make thoughts intelligible and understandable. You **CANNOT KNOW** what a person is thinking, in most instances, unless they put words to their thoughts.

S **A MAJOR PRINCIPLE** for interpreting Scripture is to understand what Bible words meant in **their HISTORICAL CONTEXT**. In this instance we need to consider what “logos” meant to the Jew and to the Greek. The Greek context is important because Greece had ruled over Palestine for more than 250 years prior to 63 B. C. The Greek culture and language had been so pervasive that the Hebrew O.T. had been translated into Greek beginning sometime before 200 B. C. That translation was called the *Septuagint*. John wrote the gospel in Greek. Greece’s influence on the Jews makes their view of *The Logos* very important. Both the **GREEK & THE HEBREW UNDERSTANDING** of LOGOS was deeper than the simple definition of **“SOMETHING SAID.”**

- **JOHN WAS A HEBREW (JEW) BY RACE.** For years Bible scholars felt the Greek understanding of *logos* was the greatest factor in John’s presentation of *the word*. Archaeological discoveries helped to alter that view. In **1947** the **DEAD SEA SCROLLS** were uncovered. As many as **500 scrolls** and **fragments** were found **AT QUMRAN** near the Dead Sea. The scrolls had been buried in order to preserve them from Roman destruction in **A.D. 70**. Those scrolls shed great light on what the Jews in John’s day believed about the “logos.” They saw the logos as **THE CREATIVE POWER OF GOD RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE.**
- **LOGOS** also had meaning to those steeped in **GREEK** culture. **THE GREEK PHILOSOPHER NAMED HERACLITUS WAS FIRST TO USE THE TERM “LOGOS” ABOUT 600 B. C.** For him the *logos* was **THE DIVINE REASON OR PLAN WHICH COORDINATED A CHANGING UNIVERSE. HIS IDEAS** were further developed by the philosophers **Plato, Aristotle, the Stoics, and PHILO, A HELLENISTIC JEW.** (International Standard Bible Encyclopedia)
- **THE GREEKS SAW THE “LOGOS” AS THE CONTROLLING PRINCIPLE OF ORDERLINESS IN A UNIVERSE THAT WAS IN CONSTANT FLUX.** It was the “LOGOS” that **PERVADED ALL SUBSTANCE** and **GAVE IT ORDER.** IN ESSENCE, the *logos* was **THE MIND** (or thoughts) that controlled the course of **MAN** and the cosmos.
- **IT IS LIKELY** that John had **THE HEBREW CONCEPT AT HEART** when he wrote John 1:1. **BUT IT WOULD NOT BE UNLIKE GOD** to choose a word to describe Himself that would have meaning for both **JEW and GREEK**

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- THE MAJOR QUESTION WE MUST ANSWER IS THIS:
WHY WOULD GOD CALL HIMSELF “THE WORD?” Out of all the **thousands of possible names** God could have used, why did you

use "logos?"

- **THREE POSSIBLE REASONS GOD MIGHT HAVE CALLED HIMSELF "THE WORD" ARE:**
 - I. BECAUSE WORDS ARE HOW WE COMMUNICATE**
 - II. BECAUSE WORDS ARE POWERFUL**
 - III. BECAUSE GOD IS THE FINAL WORD**

I. BECAUSE WORDS ARE HOW WE COMMUNICATE

S GOD DESIRED TO COMMUNICATE WITH HUMANITY.
God's **CHOSEN INSTRUMENTS** for communication **ARE WORDS.**

S WORDS REVEAL WHO WE ARE. WORDS MANIFEST WHAT IS IN THE HEART.

- **(Mat 12:34)**, "... Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."
- **IF YOU WANT TO KNOW** what is in a person's heart, listen to their words.

S CONSIDER THREE DIFFERENT WAYS GOD HAS COMMUNICATED WITH US USING WORDS

#1. THE SPOKEN WORD

S When the Hebrew O.T. was translated into Greek (THE GREEK SEPTUAGINT), the Hebrew word "**DABAR**" was translated into Greek using the word "**LOGOS.**"

S **DABAR** IS FOUND IN AN OFT REPEATED PHRASE that appears **92X's** in the O.T. The phrase is "**THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME.**" That phrase is also coupled **85X's** with the word "**SAYING.**" The phrase appears for the first time in:

(Gen 15:1), "After these things **THE WORD** (*dabar*) of the LORD came unto Abram in a vision, **SAYING** (*'amar*), 'Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.'"

GOD HAS SPOKEN WORDS!

- **MORE THAN 3,800x's** the O.T. reads **THE EQUIVALENT OF "Thus saith the Lord."**
- **49x's** the Book of Ezekiel reads "**The word of the Lord came to Ezekiel**"
- **15x's** "As I live **saith** the Lord."

S WE SAID THAT A WORD IS "**SOMETHING SAID.**" A WORD IS "**AN OUTWARD EXPRESSION OF THE INWARD THOUGHT.**" You **CANNOT KNOW** what a person is thinking, in most instances, unless they put words to their thoughts. **Words** are what **make thoughts intelligible** and understandable.

S **GOD HAS COMMUNICATED** to us through the **SPOKEN WORD** and in the process, let us know **WHAT WAS IN HIS**

HEART, i.e., WHAT HE WAS THINKING.

- #1. THE SPOKEN WORD
- There is a **second way** God has communicated using Words

#2. THE WRITTEN WORD

S God has taken HIS SPOKEN WORD **AND PUT IT IN WRITING**. The written form of the Word of God is called **THE BIBLE**. The O.T. was written in **Hebrew** and **Aramaic WORDS**. The N.T. was written in **Greek WORDS**.

S But we must understand, **WHEN THE O.T. JEW PICKED UP THE BIBLE, IT WAS NOT JUST ANY COMMON ORDINARY WORD, IT WAS THE VERY WORD OF GOD!**

S **THE SAME CAN BE SAID ABOUT THE O.T. & N.T. TODAY**

(2 Tim 3:16), "All scripture is given by **INSPIRATION** of God, /// and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:"

S **"THEH-OP'-NYOO-STOS"** (a compound Hebrew word)

- **"THEOS" = "GOD"**
- **"PNEUSTOS" = "BREATHED"**

S **GOD'S BREATH (SPIRIT) IS WHAT MAKES THE BIBLE WHAT IT IS**

(2 Pet 1:21), "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy **SPIRIT.**"

S **"PNEUMA" (Spirit) also means "WIND" & "BREATH."**

S **THE SCRIPTURE IS GOD-BREATHED (INSPIRED)**

- **We have THE BOOK OF GENESIS** because God breathed it and **Moses** wrote it down
- **We have THE BOOK OF ROMANS** because God breathed it and **Paul** wrote it down
- **We have THE BOOK OF JOHN** because God breathed it and **JOHN** wrote it down

- **THE PRESENCE OF EXODUS, ISAIAH, ACTS & JOHN** in our Bibles is as much a miraculous act of **God** as was the dividing of **THE RED SEA** and **THE RAISING OF LAZARUS** from the dead.

S **THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD** is what **MAKES THE BIBLE UNIQUE** from all the other books of mankind.

WE HAVE SAID THERE ARE AT LEAST THREE WAYS God has communicated words to us:

#1. THE SPOKEN WORD

#2. THE WRITTEN WORD

#3. THE INCARNATE WORD

THE MEANING OF THE WORD *INCARNATE* might be a little unclear for some. The Bible speaks about **CARNAL CHRISTIANS** meaning they were concentrating on **fleshly things** rather than on spiritual things. The word *INCARNATE* simply means *IN FLESH*.

(John 1:14), “And **THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH**, and dwelt among us, . . .”

- S **GOD PUT ON HUMAN FLESH** and dwelt among us and **HIS NAME WAS JESUS**.

- S **WE KNOW WHY GOD DID THAT**
 - **HE WANTED TO COMMUNICATE WITH US**. He **WANTED TO REVEAL** WHAT WAS ON HIS **MIND AND HEART**. God wanted us to know **WHAT HE THOUGHT!**

 - **AS WORDS REVEAL** the thoughts of one person to another, **SO JESUS CHRIST REVEALS** God’s thoughts to man. **JESUS IS GOD INCARNATE COMMUNICATING** and revealing Himself to us.

- S **GOD WAS NOT CONTENT TO JUST SEND SPOKEN WORDS FROM HEAVEN**. God was not content to just send **WRITTEN WORDS** from heaven. **GOD WANTED TO SEND SKIN-N-BONES WORDS** from heaven, so He put on human flesh. **THE WORD BECAME A HUMAN BEING**. That is what **CHRISTMAS IS ALL ABOUT**.

- S I have always appreciated **PAUL HARVEY’S ILLUSTRATION** that communicates this truth so simply. He tells of **A FARMER** who looks outside his window one terribly cold winter night. The winds were howling and the temperatures were freezing. There was **A COVEY OF QUAIL** in his driveway. He knew that it was so bone-chilling cold that they might not make it through the night. He put on his coat and gloves and went out to his barn. He opened the doors, turned on the heater and spread some grain on the ground. He then circled around the quail in order to shew them into the barn. The problem was the quail were afraid of him and scatter in several different directions. Not one quail went into the warm barn where food and safety were found. The farmer came to **THE FIRM CONCLUSION** the only way he would have ever been able to **COMMUNICATE** with those quail and lead them to safety, would have been to **BECOME a quail, SPEAK their language** and **LEAD THEM** to the place of safety.

- S Becoming a quail in order **TO HELP A MERE QUAIL** would have been **A LOT OF TROUBLE** to go to for something so small, but that is, in a very real sense, an illustration of **THE TROUBLE GOD WENT TO IN ORDER TO COMMUNICATE WITH US**. We can be thankful that God did not say, “O, they are just mere humans.” **DAVID ASKED (Psa 8:4)**, “What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?” The Word became flesh.

S **BY THE WAY, WE KNOW THE MAIN MESSAGE GOD WANTED TO COMMUNICATE TO US.** It is the theme of the Book of John. (**John 20:31**), "... **THESE ARE WRITTEN, THAT YE MIGHT BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD; AND THAT BELIEVING YE MIGHT HAVE LIFE THROUGH HIS NAME.**" (That was the thought God had on His heart that He wanted to communicate with us.)

- **WHY WOULD GOD CALL HIMSELF "THE WORD?"**
- **THREE POSSIBLE REASONS**
 - I. **BECAUSE WORDS ARE HOW WE COMMUNICATE**

II. BECAUSE WORDS ARE POWERFUL

S **WORDS MAY BE INSIGNIFICANT TO US,** but **THEY ARE SIGNIFICANT TO GOD.** Words are more powerful than any of us might ever imagine.

S **GOD SAID THIS ABOUT HIS WORDS:**
(**Isa 55:11**), "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: **IT SHALL NOT RETURN UNTO ME VOID,** but it **SHALL ACCOMPLISH** that which I please, and it **SHALL PROSPER** in the thing whereto I sent it."

S **CONSIDER SOME OF THE WAYS GOD HAS USED WORDS POWERFULLY**

#1. THE POWER OF "THE WORD" IS SEEN IN GOD'S CREATION

S (**Gen 1:3**), "And God **SAID** (aw-mar'), 'Let there be light: and there was light.'"

S (**Psa 33:6**), "**BY THE WORD OF THE LORD** were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth."

S (**Heb 11:3**), "Through faith we understand that **THE WORLDS WERE FRAMED BY THE WORD OF GOD,** /// so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

- **GOD DID NOT SEND HIS CONSTRUCTION CREW** and command them to construct the world.
- **GOD SPOKE THE WORLD INTO BEING.**
- **CONCLUSION: WORDS ARE POWERFUL!**

#2. THE POWER OF "THE WORD" IS SEEN IN GOD'S JUDGMENT

S **WORDS WILL JUDGE THE NATIONS:**

- (**Rev 19:13-15**), “And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called **THE WORD OF GOD**. {14} And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. {15} And out **OF HIS MOUTH GOETH A SHARP SWORD**, that with it he should smite the nations: . . . ” (Read **Hebrews 4:12**. **GOD IS NOT GOING TO USE TANKS, HE WILL USE WORDS.**)

S **WORDS WILL BE USED AT THE FINAL JUDGMENT**

- (Rev 20:12) "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and **THE BOOKS** were opened: . . .” (One of those books at Judgment will be the Word of God).
- (**Mat 7:23**), “And **THEN WILL I PROFESS** unto them, I never knew you: **DEPART FROM ME**, ye that work iniquity.”

S **CONCLUSION: WORDS ARE POWERFUL!**

#1. CREATION

#2. JUDGMENT

#3. THE POWER OF “THE WORD” IS SEEN IN JESUS’ EARTHLY MINISTRY

JESUS’ MINISTRY WAS ACCOMPLISHED PRIMARILY BY WORDS. Consider **THREE EXAMPLES:**

- 1) **IN MARK 4** Jesus was **ASLEEP IN THE BOAT** while **A STORM** was raging on the Sea of Galilee. The disciples awakened Him fearful for their lives. Listen to Jesus’ use of **WORDS:**
 - (**Mark 4:39**), “And **HE AROSE**, and **REBUKED THE WIND, AND SAID** unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.”
 - **HE DID THAT WITH WORDS!**
- 2) **IN MATT 8:5-13** Jesus was in **CAPERNAUM** when a **CENTURION** came up to him and asked Jesus to heal his servant. Jesus told him that He would go and heal the servant. The centurion told all Jesus needed to do was speak the word and it would come to pass. Jesus marveled at the faith found in that soldier. Listen to what Jesus said:
 - (**Mat 8:13**), “And **JESUS SAID** unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.”
 - **HE DID THAT WITH WORDS!**
- 3) **IN JOHN 11** Jesus was standing at **THE TOMB OF LAZARUS**. He had been dead for four days. Mary warned Jesus that Lazarus had been dead long enough that his decaying body would have already started stinking. After rolling the stone back here is what happened.
 - (**John 11:43-44**), “And when he thus had spoken, **HE CRIED WITH A LOUD VOICE, ‘LAZARUS, COME FORTH.’** {44} **AND HE THAT WAS DEAD CAME FORTH,** . . .”

- HE DID THAT WITH WORDS!
(Psa 107:20), "He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions."

S CONCLUSION: WORDS ARE POWERFUL! 1) CREATION
2) JUDGMENT
3) JESUS MINISTRY

MANKIND IS UNIQUE in that God has given to us the capacity to speak words. That may be part of what it means to be made in THE IMAGE OF GOD. Our words might well be more POWERFUL than any of us might ever imagine AND PERHAPS that is one reason THE BIBLE SAYS SO MUCH about our personal use of WORDS.

GOD WARNS US REGARDING THE WRONG USE OF WORDS

S JESUS SAID:

(Mat 12:36), "But I say unto you, That every idle WORD that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."

S (Prov 18:21), "Death and life are in the power of the tongue: . . . "

- NABOTH was put to death because of the wicked words of Jezebel
- FOR EVERY WORD IN HITLER'S MEIN KAMPF 125 PEOPLE lost their lives in WWII.

GOD ENCOURAGES US REGARDING THE PROPER USE OF WORDS

S JESUS WAS WALKING TO JERUSALEM with His disciples when He came to A FIG TREE that had leaves but no fruit. Jesus spoke NINE SIMPLE WORDS to that tree:

(Mark 11:14), ". . . 'No man eat fruit of thee hereafter for ever' . . . "

THE NEXT DAY Jesus and His disciples walked by the tree and Peter called attention to the fact that it had withered. Now, what do you suppose Jesus said about that withered tree? He gave A FAITH LESSON ON WORDS. Here is what Jesus said:

(Mark 11:22-23), "And Jesus answering saith unto them, HAVE FAITH IN GOD. {23} For verily I say unto you, That whosoever SHALL SAY unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things WHICH HE SAITH shall come to pass; HE SHALL HAVE WHATSOEVER HE SAITH."

- JESUS TAUGHT US TO USE WORDS!
- IT IS NOT NAME-IT-AND-CLAIM-IT, but rather it is FAITH-IT-AND-CLAIM-IT. Jesus said in Verse 22, "HAVE FAITH IN GOD." Faith is not a whim. Faith is the proper response to the revealed will of God and is ALWAYS BASED ON THE WORD OF GOD. (Rom 10:17), "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Base what you say on what God has said, i.e., on God's Word.

OUR WORDS ARE POWERFUL!

- **MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS** once stated she **FEARED THE TONGUE OF JOHN KNOX** more than **10,000 FIGHTING MEN!**

LISTEN TO WHAT GOD SAYS REGARDING THE POWER OF WORDS:

- **(Prov 10:11)**, "The mouth of a righteous man is **A WELL OF LIFE: . . .**"
- **(Prov 10:21)**, "The lips of the righteous **FEED MANY . . .**"
 - WITH WORDS **PETER** led **three thousand** to the Lord Jesus and they were baptized.
 - WITH WORDS **JOHN WESLEY** helped divert the judgment from England that had fallen on France
 - WITH WORDS **BILLY GRAHAM** has led **thousands** to Christ.
 - WITH WORDS **FRANKLIN GRAHAM** has fed thousands around the world through **Samaritan's Purse**.
 - WITH WORDS **MRS. MONTGOMERY** helped lead two little boys to Christ. She went **eighteen times** to the home a Mexican family in **San Antonio** and spoke words on behalf of the Lord Jesus. Eighteen times she was turned down. But **the next time** she came and invited them they were allowed to go to church with her. In weeks to come, two of those boys gave their heart to Jesus and became preachers. By age **sixty-six** **HOMER MARTINEZ** had led more than **200,000** to Christ. His brother **ANGEL MARTINEZ**, who has gone on to be with the Lord, led more than **500,000** to the Lord.
 - **WORDS HAVE GREAT POWER.**

THREE POSSIBLE REASONS God called Himself "**THE WORD**"

- I. BECAUSE WORDS ARE HOW WE **COMMUNICATE**
- II. BECAUSE WORDS ARE **POWERFUL**

III. BECAUSE GOD IS THE FINAL WORD

(Heb 1:1-3), "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, {2} **HATH IN THESE LAST DAYS SPOKEN UNTO US BY HIS SON**, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; {3} Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and **UPHOLDING ALL THINGS BY THE WORD OF HIS POWER, ///** when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;"

- S SINCE GOD IS "**THE WORD**," HE HAS **THE FINAL WORD** REGARDING EVERY SUBJECT. His Word is not just "**ANOTHER WORD**"; not just "**A DIFFERENT WORD**"; HIS WORD IS "**THE WORD**", i.e., **THE VERY WORD OF GOD**.

- S **TAKING JOHN 1:1-14 BY ITSELF WE CAN SAY:**
1) **GOD GIVES THE FINAL WORD REGARDING CREATION:**

(V. 3), “All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.”

(V. 10), “He was in the world, and the world was made by him, . . .”

- Someone says, “But **I believe; I heard; I read**”
- But **GOD HAS THE FINAL WORD**

2) GOD GIVES THE FINAL WORD REGARDING **SALVATION**

(V. 4), “In him was life; and the life was the light of men.”

(V. 12-13), “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: {13} Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

- Someone counters by stating they believe there are **many ways** to heaven.
- But **GOD HAS THE FINAL WORD** (John 14:6; Acts 4:12)

3) GOD GIVES THE FINAL WORD REGARDING **TRUTH**

(V. 9), “That was **THE TRUE LIGHT**, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.”

(V. 14), “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) **FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.**”

GOD’S COMMUNICATION WITH US IS TRUTH

- **(John 14:6)**, “Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the **TRUTH**, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”
- **THREE TIMES** God informs us through His Word, the Bible, that He cannot lie.
- **JESUS EXPLAINED THE TRUTH OF GOD’S WORD IN THIS MANNER:**
(Mat 5:18), “FOR VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, **TILL HEAVEN AND EARTH PASS, ONE JOT OR ONE TITTLE SHALL IN NO WISE PASS FROM THE LAW, TILL ALL BE FULFILLED.**”

- S A “**JOT**” is the smallest letter in the Hebrew alphabet (a YOD - “י” = Ps 119:73)
- S A “**TITTLE**” is a small projection of a Hebrew letter (a BETH - “ב” = Ps 119:81)
(the difference between a “ב” (caph = Ps 119:81) and a “ב” (beth) is a “tittle.”)

V. 18, “. . . One jot or one tittle **SHALL IN NO WISE PASS . . .**”

IT IS A GREEK DOUBLE NEGATIVE

- S **In English** it makes a positive and is not an acceptable form of speech
- S **In Greek**, not only was it acceptable, it provided a way to

doubly reinforce a negative

IT IS MORE POSSIBLE for the earth to be turned to cinders than for God's Word to fail. **Heaven & earth may fail**, but God's Word will not fail.

S **MARK IT DOWN CLEAR AND PLAIN, WHEN GOD COMMUNICATES, HIS WORDS ARE TRUE**, whether **spoken, written** or **incarnate**. **God does not use words that are false or untrue.**

S **CONSIDER THREE SCRIPTURES THAT DEMONSTRATE THAT REALITY:**

1) **(Rev 11:9)**, "And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations **SHALL SEE THEIR DEAD BODIES THREE DAYS AND AN HALF**, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves."

When John recorded those words, there was no worldwide communication. But there is today. God's Word is true, even when it speaks regarding things not yet seen.

2) **(Rev 9:16)**, "The number of **the mounted troops** was **TWO HUNDRED MILLION**. I heard their number."

When that was written there were not 200 million people on earth. Today it is possible for China to put together an army of 200 million.

3) **(Ezek 38:11)**, "And thou shalt say, I will go up to **THE LAND OF UNWALLED VILLAGES**; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,"

Ezekiel wrote of a coming war in Israel. It would be in a time of **UNWALLED VILLAGES**. The problem was when Ezekiel wrote that verse, the cities had walls. Walls were their protection. Yet, today the land of Israel is land of unwalled villages.

THE POINT — GOD'S WORD IS TRUE! IT CAN BE TRUSTED!

- **(Psa 119:160)**, "Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever."
- **BECAUSE GOD'S WORD IS TRUE — GOD HAS THE FINAL WORD!** His Word is sure.

JESUS REVEALED A COMING EXCHANGE OF WORDS BETWEEN GOD AND MAN AT THE FINAL JUDGMENT. It simply demonstrates that God has the final word:

(Mat 7:22-23), "**MANY WILL SAY TO ME** in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? {23} **AND THEN WILL I PROFESS UNTO THEM**, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

- Those folks in judgment **WILL HAVE A WORD**, but **THEIR WORD WILL NOT BE THE FINAL WORD.**

- **GOD'S WORD IS THE FINAL WORD**

LISTEN TO JESUS

(Mat 11:28-29), "COME UNTO ME, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. {29} **TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU**, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. {30} For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

- **DID YOU HEAR WHAT JESUS SAID?**
- Jesus said, "COME UNTO ME." He that commanded the **deaf to hear** and the **blind to see** said, "COME UNTO ME."
- ***WILL YOU OBEY HIM? WILL YOU COME?***