

False Brethren

**Secretly introduced,—who, indeed, came in Secretly to Spy out our Freedom,
which we have in Christ Yahshua,
that they might bring us into Bondage
(Gal. 2:4)**

(When quoting scriptures, from the Rotherham Emphasized Bible New Testament, I will substitute the Hebrew word Yahshua for Jesus, Yahweh and Elohim for God and the LORD and Anointed for Christ.)

Father has warned us that there will be spiritual enemies who will dwell within our midst.¹ Today these enemies will appear as Christians. These individuals may be the leaders of our Christian Institutions, Bible translators or the pastor of our Church. Their zealotry is revealed when they persecute others who teach Yahweh's Word, when it contradicts their religious dogma. These individuals are not deceived. Their purpose is to deceive the Body of the Christ. They are the darnels² planted among the wheat; wolves in sheep clothing;³ false brethren stealthily clothed; the first false minister of light being the serpent in Genesis. These deceitful workers labeled the Son of Yahweh, a heretic, a cult leader or a worker of Satan.⁴ Their primary mission is to destroy the Words of Yahweh, thereby weakening the Body of the Christ. The Words of Yahweh are the nutrients in the blood that flows through the Body of the Christ; the truths that bring us life and freedom. The corruption or elimination of these nutrients brings death in part or in whole to the cells of the Body. The preservation or destruction of these nutrients define the battle lines of the ever-present war that has waged since the creation, between Yahweh and His servants, against the serpent and his servants.

The Apostle Paul's epistles were under attack by false brethren before the ink had dried on the parchment. He instructed the Romans, "But I beseech you, brethren, to keep an eye upon them who are causing divisions and occasions of stumbling, aside from the teaching which, ye, have learned,—and be turning away from them" (Rm. 16:17). Paul wrote the Corinthians, "But I fear lest, by any means, as, the serpent, completely deceived Eve, in his craftiness, your minds should be corrupted from the singleness [[and the chasteness]] which are *due* unto the Christ. For, if, indeed, he that cometh, is proclaiming, another Yahshua, whom we have not proclaimed, or, a different spirit, ye are receiving, which ye had not received, or a different glad-message, which ye have never welcomed, ye are, well, bearing" (II Cor. 11:3-4). The Galatians were warned, "O thoughtless Galatians! who hath bewitched you,—before whose very eyes, Yahshua Christ, was openly set forth as a

¹ Mt. 13:24-30, 36-43 He that soweth the good seed, is the Son of Man; And, the field, is the world, and, the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom,—and, the darnel seeds, are the sons of the evil one; And, the enemy that sowed them, is the adversary

² Darnel = resembling wheat except the grains are black

³ Mt 7:15 ¶ Beware of false prophets, who come unto you in clothing of sheep,—while, within, they are ravening wolves.

⁴ Mt 10:25 "It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more *will they call* those of his household!

crucified one? This only, am I wishing to learn from you:—by works of law, received ye, the spirit? or by a believed report? So thoughtless, are ye? Having made a beginning in spirit, are ye, now, in flesh, to be made complete” (Gal. 3:1-3)? Titus was told, “Not giving heed to Judaical stories and commandments of men who are turning away from the truth...Yahweh, they confess that they know, but, by their works, they deny him, being, abominable, and obdurate, and, as to any good work, found, worthless” (Titus 1:14-16).

Paul warned the Ephesians, “I, know, that there will enter, after my departure, grievous wolves into your midst, not sparing the little flock; and, from among your own selves, will arise men speaking distorted things, to draw away the disciples after themselves” (Acts 20:29). Paul, who within two years had taught the Word of Yahweh to all of Asia⁵ told Timothy, “thou knowest this—that all they who are in Asia [Ephesians included] have turned away from me...” (II Tim. 1:15).⁶ Paul instructed and warned Timothy to, “Proclaim the word, take thy position—in season, out of season,—convince, rebuke, encourage,—with all long-suffering and teaching. For there will be a season—when, the healthful teaching, they will not endure, but, according to their own covetings, will, unto themselves, heap up teachers, because they have an itching ear, And, from the truth, indeed, their ear, will they turn away, while, unto stories, they will turn themselves aside” (II Tim. 4:2-4).

False brethren, along with Church members, who have itching ears, have been at work in the Christian Church corrupting the Word of Yahweh for two thousand years. These false brethren add to, change and delete from the Word of Yahweh. Most Church members see Joseph Smith (Church of the Latter Day Saints) or Mary Baker Eddy (Christian Science) as false brethren because they added to, changed and deleted parts of the Word of Yahweh. Members of these organizations are blinded to the corruption that is in their own midst because they have acquired teachers who will satisfy their own covetings or because their foundation is not based upon the Word of Yahweh. Orthodox Church members (Catholics, Protestants, Pentecostals etc.) are also blinded because of the same reasons. They do not recognize that many of their own beliefs are just as corrupted as the above mentioned. Why? Because they are ignorant of the scriptures either by not reading them or by reading an incorrect Bible translation. They also may desire man-made doctrines.

⁵ One of the great divisions of the eastern continent, lying east of Europe. The Asia spoken of in the Bible is Asia Minor, a peninsula which lies between the Euxine or Black sea and the eastern part of the Mediterranean, and which formerly included the provinces of Phrygia, Cilicia, Pamphylia, Caria, Lycia, Lydia, Mysia, Bithynia, Paphlagonia, Cappadocia, Galatia, Lycaonia, and Pisidia. On the western coast were anciently the countries of Eolia, Ionia, and Doris, the names of which were afterwards retained, although the countries were included in the provinces of Mysia, Lydia, and Caria. Many Jews were scattered over these regions, as appears from the history in Acts, and from Josephus, the writers of the New Testament comprehend, under the name of Asia, either (1) the whole of Asia Minor, #Ac 19:26,27; 20:4,16,18; or (2) only proconsular Asia, that is, the region of Ionia, of which Ephesus was the capital, and which Strabo also calls Asia, #Ac 2:9; 6:9; 16:6; 19:10,22. Cicero speaks of proconsular Asia as containing the provinces of Phrygia, Mysia, Caria, and Lydia. Amtract Dictionary

⁶ Ac 19:10 And, this, took place for two years, so that, all who dwelt in Asia, heard the word of Yahweh, both Jews and Greeks.

For instance, most denominations believe in a doctrine called the Trinity, which is a man-made doctrine beginning around 381 A.D by Basil of Cappadocian.⁷ (See Constantinople Creed under Doctrines of Men) False brethren have composed this doctrine, as Joseph Smith composed his doctrine, in order that three gods would be worshipped, thereby leading Christians into breaking Yahweh's first commandment.⁸ Many Church members want their loved ones, after they die, to go immediately to heaven instead of sheol as the Word instructs.⁹ False brethren grant their wish by changing the Word of Yahweh to meet their desire, thereby making death a portal to Christ instead of an enemy. Our adversary likes nothing better than to have Yahweh's children believe that death is their friend.¹⁰ Yahweh instructs us to speak in tongues and prophesy but Church leaders say that speaking in tongues etc. cannot be operated today because it went out with the apostles.¹¹ Yahshua instructed us that if we believe, we can move mountains but false brethren, attempting to bring us into bondage, say just the opposite.¹² False brethren are in the Orthodox Church as well as the Churches that are on the fringe of Christianity. They are the darnels (imposters) planted in our midst by the adversary.

Paul instructed us that false ministers will not be wearing red suits while holding a pitchfork but rather they will appear as messengers of light speaking at the pulpit.¹³ In the past, these messengers of light have appeared as prophets of Yahweh, giving counsel to the

⁷ THE SECOND ECUMENICAL COUNCIL, THE FIRST COUNCIL OF CONSTANTINOPLE A.D. 381 **Basil of Cappadocian** Caesarea (Basil the Great 329-379), his younger brother, Gregory of Nyssa (world-class philosopher), and their best friend, Gregory of Nazianzus were the three Cappadocian Fathers. Basil went to Constantinople, at that time "distinguished for its teachers of philosophy and rhetoric", and thence to Athens to study philosophy along with his two friends.⁷ Basil is partly responsible for the phrase in the Constantinople Creed (381 A.D.), which added to the Nicene Creed; "And [we believe] in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver-of-Life, who proceedeth from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And [we believe] in one, holy, (II) Catholic and Apostolic Church." The Nicene Creed did not address the Holy Spirit. The identity of the Holy Spirit was in question. Basil stated, "Of the wise men among ourselves, some have conceived of him [the Holy Spirit] as an activity, some as a creature, some as God; and some have been uncertain which to call him... And therefore they neither worship him nor treat him with dishonor, but take up a neutral position..." "Basil came up with a doctrine explaining how God could be One and yet consist of two or three separate entities. And the development of this doctrine, Basil recognized, could not take place without a new language... It was necessary to create a new theological vocabulary capable of going beyond the bare statement that the Father and Son were of the same essence (homoousios). The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are three separate beings, each with his own individual characteristics; they are three hypostases. But they are one and the same in essence; they are homoousios."⁷ "Basil the Great was a man of encyclopedic cast. A philosopher, philologist, orator, jurist, scientist, archaeologist, who possessed profound knowledge in astronomy, mathematics and medicine "he was a ship, loaded with as much erudition as human nature can contain", writes his contemporary, Saint Amphilochius, Bishop of Iconium." (Hierarch Basil the Great - Universal Teacher. www.stjohndc.org/stjohndc/english/saints/9601a.htm)

⁸ I, am Yahweh thy Elohim,—who have brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of servants:—Thou shalt not have other elohims, besides me. Ex. 20:2-3 (Trinity equals God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit)

⁹ Ps 89:48 Who is the man that shall live, and not see death? That can deliver his soul from the hand of sheol. Ec 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, with thy might, do,—for there is no work nor calculation nor knowledge nor wisdom, in sheol, whither, thou, art going.

¹⁰ For he must needs reign, until he shall put all his enemies under his feet: As a last enemy, death, is to be destroyed; I Cor. 15:25-26

¹¹ So, then, my brethren,—be zealous to prophesy, and do not forbid, to be speaking with tongues; I Cor. 14:39

¹² Verily, I say unto you—Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be lifted up, and cast into the sea, and shall not doubt in his heart but shall believe that, what he speaketh, cometh to pass, it shall be his. Mk. 11:23

¹³ "For, such as these, are false apostles, deceitful workers, transfiguring themselves into apostles of Christ. And no marvel! for, Satan himself, doth transfigure himself into a messenger of light! No great thing, therefore, if, his ministers also, are transfiguring themselves as ministers of righteousness!—whose end, shall be according to their works" (II Cor. 11:13-15).

Kings of Israel. They mocked the actual prophets of Yahweh and called them heretics just as they do today.¹⁴ Yahshua warned his disciples about the Scribes and Pharisees. He said to the Scribes and Pharisees, “hypocrites; because ye make yourselves like sepulchres whitewashed, which, outside, indeed, appear, beautiful, but, within, are full, of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness. Thus, ye also, outside, indeed, appear to men, righteous, but, within, are full, of hypocrisy and lawlessness. Alas for you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites; because ye build the sepulchres of the prophets, and adorn the monuments of the righteous, and say—If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been their partners in the blood of the prophets: So that ye bear witness against yourselves, that ye are, sons, of them who murdered the prophets. And, ye, fill ye up the measure of your fathers! Serpents! broods of vipers! how should ye flee from the judgment of gehenna?” (Mt. 23:27-33). These individuals were the religious leaders of Israel. They would be known today as our theological professors, leaders of our denominations, Bible translators or maybe our pastor whose purpose is to bring the Church into bondage.¹⁵ The methods used by these false brethren to deceive a flock, are no different today than they were thousands of years ago.

Human beings are social creatures, thus they gravitate to the herd. The adversary knows this need of humans and utilizes their hunger for acceptance by making an individual submit to the leaders of the herd. If they do not submit to the doctrine of the herd, they will be cut from the herd, resulting in their isolation. An example of this strategy is displayed in the record of the man who was born blind. The Pharisees, the leaders of the herd, kept people away from Yahshua by making a rule; “the Jews agreed together, that, if anyone should confess, him, to be Christ, an, excommunicant from the synagogue, should he be made” (Jn. 9:22). The parents of the man who was born blind submitted to the religious authorities by not confessing Yahshua as the Messiah, while their son chose isolation for the sake of Yahshua. Isolation is one of the penalties used by the slanderer’s agents to control men’s behavior. Christians will submit to false doctrines in order to avoid isolation from the Church.

Another tool these broods of vipers employ against believers who stand against their deceit is labeling those believers that which they themselves actually are. They are the enemies of Christ but they will label us, the enemies of Christ. They are children of the adversary but they will label us, the children of satan. The High-priest said Yahshua spoke profanely but in reality the High-priest spoke profanely.¹⁶ They will stir up the multitudes against us as we speak Yahweh’s Word, as the High-priests also did against Yahshua.¹⁷ Yahshua was

¹⁴ II Chron. 18

¹⁵ But, *this was* because of the false brethren secretly introduced,—who, indeed, came in secretly to spy out our freedom, which we have in Christ Yahshua, that they might bring us into bondage:— Unto whom, not even for an hour, gave we place by the *required* submission,—in order that, the truth of the glad-message, might still abide with you. Gal. 2:4-5

¹⁶ Then, the High-priest rent asunder his garments, saying—He hath spoken profanely! What further need have we, of witnesses? Lo! now, ye have heard the profanity! Mt. 26:65

¹⁷ But, the High-priests, stirred up the multitude, that, rather Barabbas, he should release unto them. Mk. 15:11

called a deceiver but in reality they were the deceivers.¹⁸ They said John the Immerser had a demon, when in truth they were probably demonized.¹⁹ Deception is their method of operation.

Father has equipped us so we can identify the false brethren by operating discerning of spirits, which is a manifestation of our gift of spirit.²⁰ Yahweh revealed the children of the evil one to His Son, Yahshua, as He will also do with us, His children.²¹ We can also issue a simple test to our pastors or leaders, which will reveal the condition of their hearts. The test is to have them read the following study, “THE OTHERS CRUCIFIED WITH THE LORD,” written by E. W. Bullinger. (See Appendix A) If they admit that the study is correct and tradition is wrong then their hearts are malleable and can be trusted. If they hold to the tradition of men and say that there are two crucified with our Lord instead of four, then their words cannot be trusted; they hold the traditions of men over the Word of Yahweh; they could be false brethren.

False brethren deceive by exalting the traditions, experiences and commandments of men over the Word of Yahweh. You will know them by their zealous adherence to man-made creeds and their resistance to the written Word. Yahshua’s teaching undermined the religious foundation of Jerusalem, which was based on the sands of man-made creeds; grains of corruption interwoven with the Word of Yahweh. The zealousness of the religious leaders, who outwardly confess their ahab (love) for Yahweh, sought to put to death the only-begotten Son of Yahweh because he spoke the Words of Yahweh. If Christ appeared today as a regular Joe with no theological training, and began teaching the truths of Yahweh, the majority of today’s Churches would label him a heretic. The Words of Yahweh have and will always be, corrupted by the false brethren. These false ministers of light have existed through all of the ages, ours being no different. Their ancestors have corrupted our present belief system through our Bible translations and through our theological seminaries. They will attempt to nullify the words of life, not necessarily through Communism but through the Church pulpit. They will lead the Church in the singing of Amazing Grace, while later giving instructions not to speak in tongues. Our objective is to feed the truth of our Father’s life giving words to those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, which will result in an upheaval of so called Christendom. If the religious rulers called Yahshua, Beelzebul, we should not be content until our religious leaders label us as Beelzebul’s followers.

¹⁸ Mt 27:63 saying, "Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise.'

¹⁹ Lu 7:33 "For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.'

²⁰ And, unto another, energies of mighty works, [[and]], unto another, prophesying, [[and]], unto another, discriminations of spirits,—unto a different one, kinds of tongues, and, unto another, translation of tongues I Cor. 12:10

²¹ Ye, are, of your father—the adversary, and, the covetings of your father, ye choose to be doing. He, was, a murderer, from the beginning, and, in the truth, he stood not; because truth is not in him: Whensoever he speaketh falsehood, of his own, he speaketh; because, false, he is, and, the father of it. Jn. 8:44

Appendix A

THE OTHERS CRUCIFIED WITH THE LORD

(Matthew 27:38 and Luke 23:32)

(Appendix 164 in the KJV of the Companion Bible)

Misled by tradition and the ignorance of Scripture on the part of mediæval painters, it is the general belief that only two were crucified with the Lord.

But Scripture does not say so. It states that there were two "thieves," Greek lestai = robbers, (Mt 27:38). (#Mr 15:27); and that there were two "malefactors," Greek kakourgoi, (#Lu 23:32).

It is also recorded that both the robbers reviled Him (#Mt 27:44). (#Mr 15:32); while in (#Lu 23:39) only one of the malefactors "railed on Him," and "the other rebuked him" for so doing (verse 40). If there were only two, this is a real discrepancy; and there is another, for the two malefactors were "led with Him to be put to death" (#Lu 23:32), and when they were come to Calvary, "they" then and there "crucified Him and the malefactors, one on the right hand and the other on the left" (verse 33).

But the other discrepancy is, according to Matthew, that after the parting of the garments, and after "sitting down they watched Him there," that "THEN were there two robbers crucified with Him, one on the right hand and the other on the left" (#Mt 27:38). (#Mr 15:27). The two malefactors had already been "led with Him" and were therefore crucified "with Him," before the dividing of the garments, and before the two robbers were brought.

The first two (malefactors) who were "led with Him" were placed one on either side. When the other two (robbers) were brought, much later, they were also similarly placed; so that there were two (one of each) on either side and the Lord in the midst. The malefactors were therefore the nearer, and being on the inside they could speak to each other better, and the one with the Lord, as recorded (#Lu 23:39-43).

John's record confirms this for he speaks only of place and not of time. He speaks, generally of the fact: "where they crucified Him, and with Him others, two on this side, and that side, and Jesus in the midst" (#Joh 19:18). In (#Re 22:2) we have the same expression in the Greek (enteuthen kai enteuthen), which is accurately rendered "on either side". So it should be rendered here: "and with Him others, on either side."

But John further states (#Joh 19:32,33): "'then came the soldiers and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with Him. But when they came (Greek = having come) to Jesus, and saw that He was dead already, they brake not His legs.'" Had there been only two (one on either side) the soldiers would not have come to the Lord, but

would have passed Him, and then turned back again. But they came to Him after they had broken the legs of the first two.

There are two words used of the "other" and "others" in (#Joh 19:32) and (#Lu 23:32), see (Appendix 124) 1.

In the former passage we read, "they brake the legs of the first and of the other." Here the Greek is allos, which is the other (the second) of two when there are more, see (#Mt 10:23); (#Mt 25:16,17,20); (#Mt 27:61); (#Mt 28:1). (#Joh 18:15,16); (#Joh 20:2,4,8), and (#Re 17:10).

In the latter passage (#Lu 23:32) the word is heteros = different, see (Appendix 124). 2; "and others also, two, were being led with Him." These were different [1] from Him with Whom they were led, not different from one another; for they were "in the same condemnation," and "justly," while He had "done nothing amiss" (verses 40,41).

[1] Compare (#Mt 6:21,24); (#Mt 8:21); (#Mt 11:3). (#Lu 5:7); (#Lu 6:6); (#Lu 7:41); (#Lu 9:56); (#Lu 14:31); (#Lu 16:13,18); (#Lu 17:34,35); (#Lu 18:10); (#Lu 23:40).

From this evidence, therefore, it is clear that there were four "others" crucified with the Lord; and thus, on the hand, there are no "discrepancies," as alleged; while, on the other hand, every word and every expression, in the Greek, gets (and gives) its own exact value, and its full significance.

To show that we are not without evidence, even from tradition, we may state that there is a "Calvary" to be seen at Ploubézéré near Lannion, in the Côtes-du-Nord, Brittany, known as Les Cinq Croix ("The Five Crosses"). There is a high cross in the centre, with four lower ones, two on either side. There may be other instances of which we have not heard.

""In the Roman Catholic church... the altar-slab or 'table' alone is consecrated, and in sign if this are cut in its upper surface five Greek crosses, one in the centre and one in each corner... but the history of the origin and development of this practice is not fully worked out"" (Encycl. Brit., 11th (Cambridge) ed., vol. i, pages 762,763). This practice may possibly be explained by the subject of this Appendix.



THE FIVE CROSSES AT PLOUBEZERE, NEAR LANNION, Cotes-du-Nord, Brittany.