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O Taste and See that the LORD is Good!

Judge Johnson, in California, heard that some evangelistic meetings were still and quiet instead of being disorderly and noisy. The Judge said: *"I don't want religion, but I will go to the meeting, and get the minister's secret in keeping a congregation still, and take it before a jury."* The first night he came, he said:*"The congregation was still, but I did not quite get the secret, but will have it."* The next night, the house being crowded, he occupied a chair in the aisle. During the service he paid the strictest attention, and seemed deeply affected. As the speaker stepped down out of the pulpit, the evangelist asked if there were any present ready to give themselves to Christ. The Judge rose to his feet and said with great earnestness: *"Here is one who is ready."* Leaving his chair, he walked down to the desk, knelt for prayer, and would not rise from his knees until he had evidence of regeneration. The Judge had the secret. *"The secret of the LORD is with them that fear* [and love] *him; and he will shew them his covenant."* Psalm 25:14

Mock Turkey Roll (for Thanksgiving)

2 cups soaked garbanzos ¼ cup Mock Aminos
3 Tbsp Total beef and chicken seasoning mix
2 Tbsp nutritional yeast flakes 1 Tbsp onion powder
½ tsp garlic powder 2 Tbsp oil
Blend with 1½ cups water. Add to 2 cups gluten flour in a bowl.

Knead for 2 minutes. If it is not holding together add ¼ to ½ cup more gluten flour. Longer kneading=more chewy and elastic. Shorter kneading=more spongy and bread-like. Form into two oval-shaped loaves on an oiled cookie sheet. Bake 50 minutes at 350°F. You can hollow this out and stuff with dressing or mix it into a dressing casserole.



Dressing Casserole

5 cups stuffing or homemade croutons ½ cup coconut oil ½ cup celery, chopped
1 medium onion, chopped 1 Tbsp beef-like seasoning 1 ½ cups tofu chicken or gluten turkey, diced
Sauté onion and celery in coconut oil. Combine seasoning and 2 cups hot water. Toss all ingredients together in a bowl. Bake in greased casserole at 350ºF for about 45 minutes. Serve with gravy if desired.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"... the greatest of these is love."
1 Corinthians 13:13 (1535 Coverdale Bible)

"Joy is love exalted; peace is love in response; long-suffering is love enduring; gentleness is love in society; goodness is love in action; faith is love on the battlefield; meekness is love in tough situations; and temperance is love in training."--Dwight L. Moody

Profitable Traditions--Cultivate Thankfulness

Build an acrostic for the word Thanksgiving or with your full name. List things you are thankful for that start with each letter. For an extra challenge, set a timer and see how fast you can fill in the acrostic.

Recipes that are Yummy
Umbrellas when it is raining
The gift of Salvation
Heaven

*"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts…**and be ye thankful**."*
Colossians 3:15

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Prophetic Parallels

Editor's Note and Study to Show Thyself Approved

"And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid." Ezra 3:11 As one reads the book of Ezra, it is interesting to note how, after the 70 years of Babylonian captivity were accomplished, the three decrees of the Persian kings for the Jews to rebuild the temple, etc., seem to parallel the three angels' messages in Revelation 14:6-12. The book of Ezra records, *"And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia."* Ezra 6:14

While the Cyrus Cylinder, an 1879 archaeological find, confirms that the Jews were allowed to go back to Jerusalem under Cyrus, the 1769 King James Bible margin dates this decree of Cyrus, *"Circa 536 B.C."* Circa simply means around. (Note: the Babylonian, Persian, and Jewish years all began and ended at different times, so sometimes this causes an apparent difference of dates.) Ussher's chronology, Annals of this World, dates Cyrus' first full regnal year, or "year reigning as king" of Babylon, to be "*537 BC.*" According to Ezra 1:1 & 5:13 this was the same year as the decree. The Bible tells the story thus, *"Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem."* Ezra 1:1-3 Here Cyrus gives glory to the God of heaven for giving him all the kingdoms of the earth. He also gives a directive to build a temple for the worship of the LORD/Jehovah, who is the Creator of heaven and earth according to Exodus 20:11. We find much of this paralleled in the first angel's message found in Revelation 14:6,7. *"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."*





Cyrus' decree was followed around *"519 BC,"* by Darius the Great's decree, found in Ezra 6:7, *"Let … the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in his place…"* Verse 11,12 adds, *"Also I have made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house, and being set up, let him be hanged thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this. And the God that hath caused his name to dwell there destroy all kings and people, that shall put to their hand to alter and to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree; let it be done with speed."* So according to the decree of Darius, those who fight against the building up of God's house will have their houses pulled down. This corresponds to the second angel's message which states, *"Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."* Revelation 14:8 There are many applications that we can learn from this parallel. Those who mistreat and fight against God's house in their body temple by eating and drinking poisonous or unhealthful things, such as alcohol, tobacco, etc., will have their house pulled down. Darius' decree also said they were not to alter God's house/temple, and so, in the end, those who alter God's temple of truth, His word, the Bible, will have their houses pulled down. Babylon is fallen. This would also apply to those who alter their body temple. God made humans to be born male or female, and we should leave it that way. Romans 1:27 speaks about how those who alter the natural use of their bodies will be *"receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet* [suitable]*."* In other words, their body house will be pulled down. The same is true of those who alter God's house as found in the temple of time, the Sabbath. God chose the seventh day, and trying to change the worship from the seventh day to any other day of the week is to try to alter the temple of time. Those who do this must repent, or their house will be pulled down, for Babylon is fallen.



We find the last decree, the decree of Artaxerxes I or Artaxerxes Longimanus in *"457 BC,"* according to the 1769 KJV margin. Here we repeat a small portion of it. Notice the added focus on reinstituting civil rule under the law of God. *"Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect peace, and at such a time… Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven: for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons? Also we certify you, that touching any of the priests and Levites, singers, porters, Nethinims, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose toll, tribute, or custom, upon them.* [The first tax exemption for a religious group?] *And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, that is in*

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thine hand, set magistrates and judges, which may judge all the people that are beyond the river, all such as know the laws of thy God; and teach ye them that know them not. And whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily upon him, whether it be unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment." Ezra 7:12,23-26
So here organization and civil government, directed according to the law of Jehovah, was restored.

As the temple was for worship, the third angel's message in Revelation also focuses on worship connected with the law of God and following what is commanded by the God of heaven. It also warns of God's wrath against the counterfeit, the mark of the beast. "*And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand,* [in his thinking or in his actions] *The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Revelation 14:9-12* One could show how the Sabbath is the Seal of God as opposed to Sunday, the mark of the beast, but the simple explanation is that only one of God's commandments involves a *"rest day."* Those who do not keep it have *"no rest day nor night."* Genesis 2:1-3 and the fourth commandment in Exodus, 20:8-11 tell us that on the seventh-day God rested. Therefore the mark of the beast is indeed a counterfeit for the fourth commandment. It is a counterfeit for the seventh-day Sabbath, the temple of time. Those who worship on another day are worshiping the beast/the man of sin. They are endorsing *"the mystery of iniquity,"* that Paul warned about in 2 Thessalonians 2:7. The Greek word "anomia" used here for iniquity means literally "without the law." Unlike Artazerxes decree *"And whosoever will not do the law of thy God…let judgment be executed speedily upon him, whether it be unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment,"* the third angel warns that the mark of the beast/ disregarding the Sabbath of God's law is rebellion on the final test question. Those who rebel, their punishment will be *"for ever and ever"* with no second chances. So indeed, now is the time to repent and change your ways, before it is forever too late. If you do amend your ways, and begin to diligently follow the commands of God, because of Christ' righteousness, you may be forgiven and still be listed with the "saints" who *"keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."*

Indeed, like those in Nehemiah's time rebuilding the wall, the movement who give this threefold message will fulfill Isaiah 58:12 (rightly described in the 1535 Coverdale Bible). It states (spelling modernized), *"Then the places that have ever been waste, shall be builded of thee: there shalt thou lay a foundation for many kindreds. Thou shalt be called the maker up of hedges, and the builder again of the way of the Sabbath."*

Eating Your Fruits & Veggies Actually Does Help You Live Longer!

A health segment from swiftrunnerministries.com

Probably the least controversial advice in all of nutrition is *"Eat more fruits and vegetables."* For one thing, it has the recommendation of the Great Physician behind it. Before sin, He gave His recommendation for fruit, saying, *"Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat:"* Genesis 2:16 After sin, God added vegetables, saying, *"Thou shalt eat the herb of the field.."* Genesis 3:18

This turns out to be excellent advice to follow if you want to live longer. The Journal of Clinical Nutrition published a 13-year study involving 71,706 participants. It found that fruit and vegetable or *"FV consumption <5* [of less than five] *servings/d*[day] *is associated with progressively shorter survival and higher mortality rates."*[1] Nutritionfacts.org expounds, *"Compared to those eating 5 servings of fruits and veggies a day, those only eating 4 lose a month off their lifespan. Only 3 servings, lose three months. Then we start going off the cliff.* [At only] *2 servings a day, we live 7 months shorter, 1 serving, practically a year and a half* [is lost]*, 2 years gone at* [only] *a half serving a day, and then* [with no servings] *3 years of our lives down the drain.*[However,] *Just a single serving of fruit, just like one apple, just one serving of fruit, could mean a 19 month difference between life and death. And one daily salad, could mean years more time on this planet."*[2] In fact, the study showed, that participants who consumed 3 vegetables per day lived 32 months (2.5 years) longer than did those who never consumed vegetables.[1]



So how does this play out at the grocery store? A study of 1,781 elderly participants in Taiwan found that, *"After adjusting for co-variates, higher (Q4) vegetable and higher fruit (Q4) food expenditures referent to Q1 were significantly predictive of reduced mortality… and the risk decreased by 12% and 10% for every NT$15 (US$0.50) increase in their daily expenditures. Animal-derived and grain food spending was not predictive of mortality."*[3] In other words, this study found that if older adults spent 50 cents more per day on vegetables, they had a 12% lower all-cause mortality or chance of dying. If they spent 50 cents more per day on fruit they had a 10% lower all-cause mortality or chance of dying. Indeed, it seems that money spent on fruit and veggies is money well-spent.

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God's Revolver

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

A certain evangelist shared the following story and published it in 1888.

A number of years ago an incident occurred which greatly endeared the Bible to me, and caused me to feel safe without any carnal weapon. All in a moment I found myself surrounded by six men demanding my purse. I was where I could not defend myself or obtain help from man. I confess to a strange palpitation in my heart. It seemed clear that my purse or life must go.
At that instant something seemed to say: "Tell them who you are."



With much difficulty I said to them: "I am a minister of Jesus Christ. My business is to preach Christ wherever I go, and you know you are making a demand upon me that you cannot meet at the judgment seat of Christ."

After a little I distinctly heard one of them say: "Let him go."

Then I knew God's revolver had taken effect. I now became calm, and pointed them to the Judgment-seat, where they must meet me and this whole transaction. Strange to tell, they were silent for a little, then one by one went away, and left me alone. This was plainly the effect of preaching to them the great Day of Judgment, accompanied by the Divine Spirit.

I can never forget my feelings as I walked away from the spot, seeing "Jesus only" with me. I seemed to grasp the "Bible" with a new love and confidence, and silently said:
"I shall never need any other revolver than this."
*Indeed, "The Word of God **IS** quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword."*

The Apocrypha--Is It Scripture? -- Prophetic News Notes

In December of 2023, the Newswire headlined *"The 120-Book Holy Bible and Apocrypha Collection Released: Longest Single-Volume Published Book in the World"*[1] The article went on to say that this volume contains *"nearly twice as much material as the standard 66 books of the Holy Bible."*[1] According to the article, *"This is the largest and most comprehensive collection of non-Gnostic Scriptures and apocryphal books ever produced (120 books in total), substantially exceeding the Catholic Bible (73 books), Eastern Orthodox Bible (76–78 books), Ethiopian Bible (81 books)*[some have 88]*, and even the Cepher (87 books), which is popular in the Hebrew Roots movement."*[1]



With all these different numbers of books of the Bible, how can we know what **is** part of the Bible and what **is not**? An article entitled, *"The Bible's Deleted Scenes: A Guide to the Strange Biblical Stories Known as the Apocrypha"*[2] informs us that *"The word* [Apocrypha] *comes from a Greek term meaning 'hidden,' and was used to refer to disputed texts not included in the mainstream Bible. Some churches acknowledge these apocrypha, and others reject them."*[2] The Apocrypha includes books like those entitled Tobit, Judith, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Wisdom of Solomon, Sirach (also known as Ecclesiasticus), Baruch and others. A few of these books, like Maccabees, contain some historical accounts. Some like Sirach or Wisdom include life tips or sage advice, while others are considered to be fables. For example, in the book of Tobit an "angel" tells a lie and says he is of human lineage. Tobit 5:4,10, 12 reads as follows, *"Therefore when he went to seeke a man, he found Raphael that was an Angell…. Then Tobit said vnto him, Brother, shew me of what tribe and family thou art…Then he* [the angel] *said, I am Azarias, the sonne of Ananias the great, and of thy brethren."* Considering God's hatred for lies this is an unlikely story. Speaking of the Apocryphal books, Townley's Illustrations of Biblical Literature states, *"Some of them are highly absurd, and but little superior to the fables of the Talmudists: such are the stories of Bel and the Dragon; Susannah and the Elders; etc."*[3] Although we will see that the Apocrypha cannot be accepted as scriptural, one can see how the

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description of Alexander the Great found in 1 Maccabees 1:1 might be of historical significance. It states, *"And it happened, after that Alexander sonne of Philip, the Macedonian, who came out of the land of Chettum, had smitten Darius king of the Persians and Medes, that hee reigned in his stead, the first ouer Greece."* For this reason, early Protestant Bibles sometimes included the Apocryphal books, but listed them separately & made abundantly clear that they were NOT the inspired, inerrant word of God, neither were they received as part of the canon of scripture. *"The popish council of Trent, on the contrary, decreed in 1546, that several of the Apocryphal books should by the Romish Church be received as canonical."*[3] Unlike Protestant Bibles where the Apocrypha was separate, in Catholic Bibles, the Apocryphal books were integrated between the actual books of the Bible blending man's words with the word of God.

HERE ARE SEVERAL REASONS WHY WE DO NOT RECEIVE THE APOCRYPHA AS PART OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

1. **The Apocryphal books were not included in the original Hebrew Old Testament preserved by the Jews.** Romans 3:1, 2 states that God used the Jews to preserve His Word; therefore, we know that He guided them in the rejection of the Apocryphal books from the canon of Scripture. Paul wrote, *"What advantage then hath the Jew?.. Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God."* In the same New Testament where we are told, *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness…" 2 Timothy 3:16,* Jesus stated, *"These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me."* Luke 24:44 This, along with Matthew 23:35 and Luke 11:51, a reference to the first and last book of the Hebrew Bible (See Genesis 4:8 & 2 Chronicles 24:20:-22), show Jesus was referencing and using the specific order and sections of the Tanakh or Hebrew scriptures. In fact, the consonants of the word **T**a**n**a**k**h are an acronym from the first letters of the three sections in the Hebrew Bible: the **T**orah or Law, the **N**ev'im or Prophets, and the **K**etuvim or Writings (the first of the Writings being Psalms, so the Writings were often referenced by that name too). The Greek Septuagint, where the Apocrypha comes from, does not contain these sections or this order. Therefore, it is evident that the standard of scripture Jesus and Paul referred to is the Hebrew Old Testament.



2. **Also, Jesus did not quote from the apocryphal books, but He does from many books of the Old Testament.** In fact, *"It has been estimated that over one-tenth of Jesus' recorded New Testament words were taken from the Old Testament. In the four Gospels, 180 of the 1,800 verses that report His discourses are either Old Testament quotes or Old Testament allusions."*[4] It is fairly easy to show Jesus quoted from Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy, Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, Psalms, Isaiah, Daniel, Hosea, Jonah, Micah, and Malachi[3] and Jesus also alluded to many other books of the Old Testament.

3. **The Apocryphal books do not claim to be the inspired Word of God and are not inerrant**. Unlike the inspired Scriptures, the Apocryphal books contain no statements such as "thus saith the Lord" or "these are the words of God." In fact, some parts admit they were feeble human attempts that could be subject to errors. For example, the writer of 2 Maccabees 15:38 says, *"And if I haue done well, and as is fitting the story, it is that which I desired: but if slenderly, and meanly* [poorly]*, it is that which I could attaine vnto."* In other words, I did the best I could, but it is probably not perfect. And indeed, some of the history in the apocryphal books is known to be incorrect. Judith 1:5 incorrectly cites *"Nabuchodonosor"* as *"king of the Assyrians, who reigned in Ninive"* instead of listing Nebuchadnezzar as king of Babylonia who reigned in Babylon like the book of Daniel, Kings, Chronicles, Jeremiah, and Ezra. Baruch 6:2, 3 rightly calls *"Nabuchodonosor king of the Babylonians"* but it says the Jews would serve in Babylon for seven generations, unlike Jeremiah 25:11 that correctly states it was for 70 years.

4. The Apocryphal books contain teachings contrary to the Bible. For example, they teach the unbiblical concepts of magic, purgatory, praying to the dead, God listening to the dead, money buying salvation, and that help is only to be given to the deserving. Remember, the Bible test is, *"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah 8:20* And 1 Corinthians 14:32 declares, *"The spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets."* Below is evidence of some of these errors.

The book of Tobit teaches magic to get rid of devils It states, *"Then the angel said to him: Take out the entrails of this fish, and lay up his heart, and his gall, and his liver for thee: for these are necessary for useful medicines…. Then Tobias asked the angel, and said to him: I beseech thee, brother Azarias, tell me what remedies are these things good for, which thou hast bid me keep of the fish? And the angel, answering, said to him: If thou put a little piece of its heart upon coals, the smoke thereof driveth away all kind of devils,*

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either from man or from woman, so that they come no more to them." Tobit 6:5-8 In contrast, in the Bible, Jesus *"cast out the spirits* [devils]" not by using magic, but *"with his word."* Matthew 8:16

The book of Maccabees teaches the false doctrine of purgatory and prayers for dead It states, *"(For if he had not hoped that they that were slaine should haue risen againe, it had bin superfluous and vaine, to pray for the dead.) And also in that he perceiued that there was great fauour layed vp for those that died godly. (It was an holy, and good thought) wherupon he made a reconciliation for the dead, that they might be deliuered from sinne."* 2 Maccabees 12:44,45 Texts like Isaiah 38:18, Acts 4:12, & 1 John 1:9 expose this error.

In addition, the book of Baruch incorrectly teaches that God listens to the prayers of the dead. It states, *"O Lord almighty, thou God of Israel, hear now the prayers of the dead Israelites, and of their children, which have sinned before thee, and not hearkened unto the voice of thee their God: for the which cause these plagues cleave unto us." Baruch 3:4* This is contrary to the Bible which clearly teaches, *"the dead know not any thing" Ecclesiastes 9:5* and *"The dead praise not the LORD…" Psalm 115:17*

The book of Tobit also teaches money taking away sin (buying salvation) Tobit 4:11 says, *"For alms deliver from all sin, and from death, and will not suffer the soul to go into darkness."* Tobit 12:9 repeats this falsehood, *"For almsgiving delivers from death, and it will purge away every sin."* On the contrary, the Bible makes clear, *"For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed* ***without money****." Isaiah 52:3* Romans 6:23 reiterates salvation is a free gift, *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

The Book of Sirach teaches that help is only to be given to the deserving. It states, *"Giue to the godly man, and helpe not a sinner. Doe well vnto him that is lowly, but giue not to the vngodly: hold backe thy bread, and giue it not vnto him, lest he ouermaster thee thereby. For thou shalt receiue twice as much euill, for all the good thou shalt haue done vnto him…Giue vnto the good, and helpe not the sinner."* Sirach 12:4,5,7 This contradicts Proverbs 25:21, 22 *"If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee."* Matthew 5:44, 45 also makes clear that we are to be kind to all, *"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."*

After proving all things, we find that we must reject the apocrypha as scripture for Jesus said, *"the scripture cannot be broken." John 10:35* God's word is not a mixture of some error and some truth. Let us then be *"Holding fast the faithful word." Titus 1:9* Instead of spending time reading counterfeits, *"Let us study the Word of God. Let us make it part of our lives, bringing its teachings into the daily experience. Thus only can we gain the knowledge that will enable us, these day of peril, to distinguish the true from the false."*[5]

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Kids' Corner

God's Amazing Creations

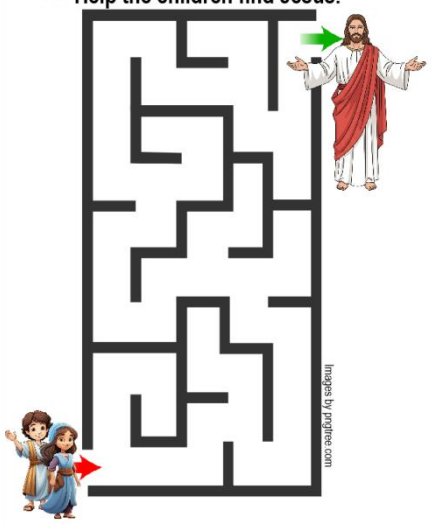




The picture on the left is a Rainbow belly pipefish. It is found in India and Bangladesh. Like their seahorse relatives, the male (daddy) pipefish is the one who carries the babies inside him. The female (mommy) pipefish puts eggs into a brood pouch on the underside of the male's body. He fertilizes and incubates or takes care of the eggs—providing food from his own abdominal wall—until releasing them to hatch as miniature versions of grown pipefish. On the right, can you see the freshwater pipefish babies coming out of the pouch? Just like the pipefish takes care of his babies and gives them what they need, Jesus cares for you too. The Bible says, *"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19*

"Jesus... said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." Mark 10:14

Help the children find Jesus.



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