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Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth

Training Workmen that Need Not Be Ashamed

THE INSTITUTE UPDATE

How thankful we are for the completion of another semester at **Berean Bible Institute**. During the fall 2002 semester we had 32 students enrolled. This is the most that we have had since **BBI** began holding classes in the fall of 1996. Needless to say, it is exciting to be part of a growing ministry that is helping to train those who will be the leaders of the Grace Movement in the future.

At **BBI** we provide a core of solid Bible teaching along with ministry training in the effort to help our students become effective ministers of God's Word. **BBI** is unique in that, as far as we know, it is the only school of its kind in America. Its main distinction is its uncompromising stand for the truth of God's Word "*rightly divided.*" Yes, there are other schools that stand for and teach the Grace Message, but I am not aware of any that offer the full Bible and ministry training program that **BBI** does and that is dedicated solely to that purpose. Our mission at **Berean Bible Institute** is to teach "*faithful men*" the revelation of the mystery so that they might "*be able to teach others also.*"

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RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH

by Dr. W. Edward Bedore

LESSON NINE - The Law, Part V -Moses

The Children of Israel

As God had told Abraham, his descendants became slaves in a foreign land (Gen. 15:13,14). During a time of great famine in Canaan Jacob and his twelve sons ended up in Egypt. The story of Joseph, who was sold into slavery by his brothers, and the events that brought his family to Egypt is recorded in Genesis chapters 37 and 39-50. It was the descendants of Jacob's twelve sons who multiplied into a great multitude known as the twelve tribes of Israel or "*the children of Israel.*"

Their being placed into the bondage of servitude in Egypt was in accordance with the outworking of God's prophetic plan of redemption. The man Abraham, through his seed (descendants), had become a vast host of people. The books of Exodus through Deuteronomy give us a record of God turning this horde of slaves into a people for Himself, a nation to be called by His name (Deut. 28:10).

The Name Israel

Before Jacob went to Egypt, God changed his name from Jacob, which means *supplanter* or *contender*, to Israel which means *Prince* or *Ruler with God* (Gen. 32:27-28). The name Israel is descriptive of Israel's place among the nations. It denotes the nation's status as unique and favored among all the nations of the earth, and speaks of God's prophetic plan for Israel to be over the Gentiles as the "head" or chief nation when God's Kingdom of Heaven comes to earth.

The Deliverer

By the providence of God Moses, as a child, was saved from a plot to kill all the Hebrew baby boys and was raised in Pharaoh's house as his daughter's son (Ex. 1:1-2:10; Acts 7:17-21). When he was forty years old, Moses took matters into his own hands in

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Mail Received At Box 40

FROM ILLINOIS:

"I'm very grateful for the chance to go (visit **BBI**) and would like to go again on occasion...the teaching is first rate and the students are as well. I'm very optimistic about the Grace Message after meeting the students. I feel that the message is in good hands. Now if we can only get more dispensational schools all around the country/world we'd be in great shape..."

FROM MISSOURI:

"Always rejoicing and giving thanks for all that are faithful to His Word and the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the mystery. Thank you for your faithfulness in training young people interested in learning and for all the others as well."

FROM PENNSYLVANIA:

"Sending help for the ministry in your corner. We count it a privilege to serve our wonderful Lord by giving. He keeps supplying, we keep giving."

FROM IDAHO:

"We enjoy the *BBI Bulletin* so very much, and we pass it on to other believers that know the revelation of the mystery."

FROM KANSAS:

"Please send me one set of your Practical Living charts, I am hoping these charts will help me better understand the work of Jesus and improve my daily walk as one of His followers."

FROM WISCONSIN:

"Please use this money gift wherever there is a need. I hope you will keep on doing what you do. I have had so many blessings from the men you have sent to fill our pulpit."

FROM ILLINOIS:

"Just a brief note to tell you how much we appreciate the ministry and teaching of **BBI**. During our three years without a pastor we had several young students fill our pulpit. Each one was a blessing to us as they shared from God's Word."

If your church or ministry is located in our general area and are looking for a guest speaker please contact **BBI**. We may have a student who is available to fill in for a Sunday.

THE BULLETIN BOARD

News & Announcements

Spring Semester at Berean Bible Institute begins January 27th, 2003. If you would like an application or a Handbook and Course Catalog, please contact **BBI**.

To all of **BBI's** prayer and financial supporters, thank you. **Berean Bible Institute** would not be here if it was not for you. The goal of **BBI** is "to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery" and with your help we are striving to make that possible.



PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY- for students that are planning to move to Wisconsin to come to school this semester.

PRAISE- we thank God for all the instructors here at **BBI** who work tirelessly to teach the Word of God *rightly divided*.

PRAYER- some of our students along with their families have had to move back home because of family circumstances, please keep all of our students in prayer.

PRAISE- we thank God for all the students He has brought to **BBI**.



Spring Bible Conference

Speaker: Pastor Joel Finck

Dates: February 21-23, 2003

Location: Fellowship Bible Church
Orlando, Florida

Contact: Pastor David Siegmann
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an attempt to deliver his people from their bondage as slaves of the Egyptians. After killing an Egyptian who was beating one of his brethren, Moses was forced to flee Egypt and ended up living the life of a shepherd in the land of Midian for forty years (Ex. 2:11-22; Acts 7:22-30). But, in God's perfect timing, He called Moses to return to Egypt to deliver the children of Israel out of slavery. Moses was a specially chosen messenger of God who was used to usher in a new dispensation. His commission was not to merely proclaim and uphold what had been revealed in the past. No, he would be used of God to reveal a new administration in the outworking of God's plan of redemption. God had not changed, but now the way He would deal with mankind would change. From Adam until this point in history the blood sacrifice was offered through the patriarch (head of the family, clan, or tribe). But when Israel became a nation and the Levitical priesthood was instituted that would no longer be acceptable to God.

The Deliverance

In working out His plan of deliverance, God sent Moses to Pharaoh to demand that he let His people leave Egypt. Pharaoh refused and the result was a contest between the false pagan gods of Egypt and the True and Living God of Israel. The Egyptian religion was nothing more than the refinement of the occultic religion of ancient Babel. As the king of Egypt, which was a world power at that time, Pharaoh represented the nations (Gentiles) and their godless world system. The God of Israel would now prove His superiority over man, his false gods, the world system, nature and Satan.

Pharaoh refused to allow Israel to leave Egypt to sacrifice to the Lord God of Israel. His answer was "Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the Lord nor will I let Israel go" (Ex. 5:1-2). This resulted in pronouncing several plagues upon Egypt through Moses. The last seven of these plagues conspicuously by-passed the land of Goshen where the children of Israel lived. That there was a difference between Israel and their God and the Gentiles and their false gods would become evident to the world (see Ex. 9:13-16).

Each of the ten plagues brought upon Egypt because of Pharaoh's refusal to let Israel leave was a direct assault on one of Egypt's false gods and Satan who is the instigator of rebellion and idolatry.

The Duel

As a prelude to the contest that would come, Aaron threw down his staff as God directed. When

it miraculously became a serpent Pharaoh ordered his sorcerers to do the same, which they did through their enchantments. But Aaron's rod (serpent) swallowed their rods (serpents) (Ex. 7:8-13). The serpent, which is a type of Satan, was worshipped by the Egyptians as the goddess who was the protector of Pharaoh. Thus, before He brought the plagues on Egypt, God let it be known that not even Pharaoh would be spared from the plagues. It revealed the fact that Israel's God, the Creator of heaven and earth, is greater than the Devil and all his power. But this revealed truth only served to harden Pharaoh's heart. Throughout the ages men and women have chosen to believe Satan's lie rather than the truth of God's Word. Satan is a liar and a deceiver and to follow him is to go to perdition.

Exodus 7:14-12:36 records for us the plagues which God brought on Egypt before Pharaoh finally allowed Israel to leave the land. Their focus and order make it clear that there was a purpose to them. Following is a summary of the plagues:

1. **Water Turned into Blood** (Ex. 7:14-25). The Nile River was worshipped as the giver of life because Egypt depended on its yearly flooding to make the land fertile. "Hapi" was the god of the Nile. Becoming blood it became a river of death instead of a life-giver.



2. **Frogs** (Ex. 8:1-15). The frog was worshipped as a symbol of prolific fruitfulness and was considered sacred and was not supposed to be killed. The frogs overran the country and even inundated the houses. When they



died they produced a great stench in the land, the stench of death. "Hekt" was the name of the frog-headed Egyptian goddess.

3. **Lice** (Ex. 8:1-15). This was a blow to the Egyptian earth-god "Geb." "The dust of the earth became lice throughout all the land of Egypt."

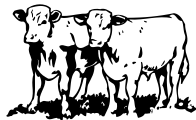


That which was sacred to them became an affliction. Pharaoh's magicians had duplicated the first two plagues, but could not do so with this plague or any of those that followed.

4. **The Plague of Flies** (Ex. 8:20-32). These were not common house flies, but a more powerful kind of insect which was able to corrupt (lay waste) the land. More than likely they were the sacred beetle, an Egyptian symbol of creation and creative power. "Khepara" was the



beetle-god. That which symbolized creation became a destroyer of their land. While the first three plagues had affected the land of Goshen where Israel dwelt, this and all of the following plagues only affected the Egyptians.



5. **Murrain** (Ex. 9:1-7). This pestilence or disease affected cattle. The Egyptians worshipped cattle and in particular the black bull "Apis" who supposedly represented "Osiris" the Egyptian god of the underworld and judge of the dead. Their false god was powerless against the God of heaven.



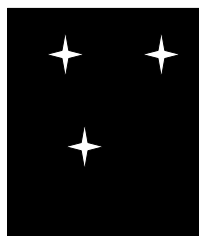
6. **Boils** (Ex. 9:8-12). The pagan priests of Egypt were defiled by the boils and so could not serve in their temples. This included Pharaoh whose office was that of both king and high priest and he was considered a god-man. Pharaoh was worshipped as the incarnation of "Horus," the hawk-headed god of the sun. This plague affected the entire religious system of Egypt.



7. **Hail** (Ex. 9:13-35). Hail that fell from the sky was mingled with fire (lightning) and destroyed not only crops and trees but also any man and beast found in the open fields. This assault was primarily aimed toward "Isis," the principle goddess of Egypt, the goddess of fertility who represented the moon and was considered to have power over the air (atmosphere). She was the sister and wife of "Osiris" and mother of "Horus." She can be tracked back to "Semiramis" of ancient Babylon with whom the mother-child worship of paganism began.



8. **Locusts** (Ex. 10:1-20). The plague of locusts was an affront to "Osiris," the Egyptian god of the underworld and of the dead. Osiris was pictured as the one who manifest good and was considered the lord of lords and king of the gods. The Egyptians depended on Osiris to protect them from locust swarms. This plague, brought in by the east wind and removed by a west wind, proved him to be powerless against the Living God of Israel.



9. **Darkness** (Ex. 10:21-29). The ninth plague came upon Egypt unannounced and blotted out the light of the sun. Egypt looked to the sun-god "Ra" (or Re) as the supreme being in their pantheon of false pagan gods. All other gods

were thought to be subject to Ra and were closely associated with him. He was also connected to their creation myths. The Lord proved Himself to be superior to Ra and showed Himself to be the God of gods, King of kings, and Lord over all the earth (Deut. 10:17; Ps. 47:7; 95:3; Jer. 10:6-7; 46:18; 48:15; Dan. 2:47; Zech. 14:16; Mal. 1:14; Rev. 19:15-16). This withdrawal of light from Egypt (a type of the world) while Israel still had light in their dwelling places was symbolic of a great spiritual truth. The only revelation of God that would be given to the world from now on would come through the nation of Israel. In the new dispensation, that was beginning, for the Gentiles (nations) to know God they would have to come through the nation of Israel and acknowledge her God as the one and only True and Living God who was supreme over the earth and all that is in it. He is the Creator, the One True God.

10. **Death of The Firstborn** (Ex. 11:1-12:36). The firstborn of both man and beast were dedicated to the gods of Egypt. In this final plague God claimed that which supposedly belonged to the false gods of Egypt, which were proven impotent before the God of Israel Who has power even over life and death.



The Passover lamb pre-figured the Lord Jesus Christ who would one day come to offer His life for the redemption of mankind. In Egypt only those who put the blood of the lamb on the door-post were spared when the first-born were stricken (Ex. 12:21-23). Today only those who trust in Jesus Christ who died for our sins, as their personal Savior will be saved from everlasting condemnation (Eph. 1:7; 2:8-9).

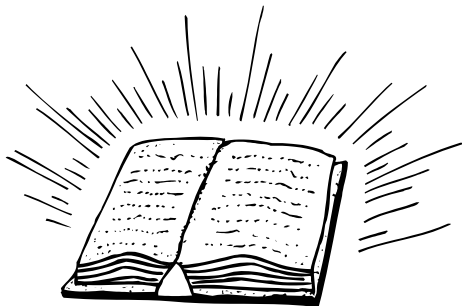
Out of Egypt

After the plague of the death of the first-born Pharaoh sent Israel out of the land. Under the direction of Moses, and guided by the Lord Himself in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, Israel crossed the Red Sea and went into the Wilderness of Sinai and camped before the Mountain of God. The pursuing Egyptian army had been destroyed in the sea and now God would begin a new phase in the transitional period from the Dispensation of the Patriarchs into the Dispensation of the Law. Moses was God's chosen vessel to usher in this new economy or administration by which He would deal with man. To Moses alone God would reveal the commands and statutes of the Law. It was Moses' responsibility to share these things with God's special people, the nation Israel (see Ex. 13:17-20:21 cf. Deut. 5:22-28).

But Now

The Law of Moses (also called the Mosaic Law) was in effect from Moses to Christ during which time the nation of Israel held a predominate place in God's dealing with mankind. During this period of time, the keeping of the Mosaic Law was required for a right relationship with God (Ex. 19:5-8; cf. Deut. 28:1-2 ff; Deut. 28:15 ff.). The Old Testament books of Exodus through Malachi are a record of national Israel's history and the messages brought by her God-sent prophets. And, during His earthly ministry, the Lord Jesus Christ lived under the Law and was a vital part of Israel's history, for it was He that the Law and the Prophets pointed forward to (see Luke 24:13-27). But, when Israel rejected her promised Messiah, God raised up another special messenger through whom He revealed the, until that time secret, Dispensation of Grace. Saul of Tarsus would become Paul, the Apostle of the Gentiles (see Acts 7:51-8:3; 9:1-22; 26:12-18; Rom. 11:13; Gal. 1:11,12; Eph. 3:1-9; Col. 1:24-27; I Tim. 1:12-16).

Salvation today is not in the context of national identity, the keeping of the Law, or the observance of any sacrifices or rituals. *"But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the righteousness of God which is by faith in Jesus Christ unto all them that believe: for there is no difference: for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, I say, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."* (Rom. 3:21-26).



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There is no endeavor that is more noble or more important than that of the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Because this is true it is also important that those who are going into the ministry be properly prepared for the work of the ministry. For that reason **BBi** is here to help individual believers to prepare themselves to effectively serve God.

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you who have supported **BBi** during the last year. The Lord has blessed this ministry by the full supply of every need, and we praise Him for His faithfulness. We also look forward to the coming year with great anticipation as we know it will be filled with tremendous challenges and even greater opportunities to serve God by making known the Gospel of the Grace of God in Christ Jesus our Lord through the educational ministry of **Berean Bible Institute**. We trust that you will keep us in your prayers as we continue in the work that God has placed us in here at **BBi**.

In Christ,

Dr. W. Edward Bedore

SPENT

Only one life 'twill soon be o'er.
Will you pass through the upward door?
Will you hear the upward shout?
Or even know what it's about?

Only one life 'twill soon be past
The life Christ gives will truly last.
Before your life ebbs away,
Trust Calvary's work, be saved today

— *Bernice Whitman*

"Whereas ye know not what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." James 4:14

*"If we live in the Spirit,
let us also walk in the Spirit."*

Gal. 5:25

***Only one life; 'twill soon be past.
Only what's done "in Christ" will last.***

Courses Offered for the Spring 2003 Semester (January 27-May 22)

102 - APOLOGETICS: (*Two credit hours*) Apologetics is a defense of the origin and absolute reliability of the Bible as a Book uniquely inspired by God. This course offers a comprehensive and systematic survey of the evidences of the truth and authority of the Scriptures. It will help to confirm the student's faith and equip him or her to stand against the attacks of humanistic unbelief, to be knowledgeable in order to effectively witness in our high-tech and evolutionary thinking culture, and to maintain a strong and uncompromising stand for the infallibility of God and His Word in every situation. This course is especially recommended for those attending or planning to attend a secular college or university.

104, 304 - BIBLE EXPOSITION I, VI: (*Four credit hours*) This systematic expositional survey is divided into six courses that take the student through the Bible in three years (the books of Daniel, Acts, Romans, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Revelation, the Major Prophets and the Minor Prophets are also offered in separate study courses). Each book will be studied in its dispensational setting as part of all Scripture (II Tim. 3:16). The primary textbook for these courses will be the Bible.

104 - This course begins with Joshua and moves through II Chronicles giving the student a working knowledge of the history of Israel as a nation in the Promised Land. The special purpose of God's chosen people, the establishment of the kingdom under David, the apostasy of Israel, the prophets God sent to Israel, the Babylonian Captivity, and how these things relate to the Millennial Kingdom and the present Dispensation of Grace is emphasized.

304 - This course deals with the Poeticals, or Wisdom Literature of the Bible and cover the books of Job through Song of Solomon. Each book will be studied in its dispensational setting as part of all Scripture (II Tim. 3:16).

106 - BASIC BIBLE DOCTRINES II: (*Two credit hours*) A concise study of the important major doctrines of Scripture from a dispensational point of view. This course covers the Gifts, the Believers Walk, Baptism, the Lord's Supper, the Resurrection, the Second Coming of Christ, the State of the Dead, and the Mission and Commission of the Church.

108 - ROMANS: (*Two credit hours*) This course systematically works through the important epistle of the Apostle Paul to the Romans. The study of this book is vital to the understanding of man's universal need of salvation, God's provision of salvation through Jesus Christ, God's offer of salvation by faith alone, the dispensational nature of the Bible, God's dealings with Israel, and living the Christian life by faith.

110 - ACTS: (*Two credit hours*) This course is an expositional study of the book of Acts with special emphasis given to the importance of its historical aspects concerning the beginning of the Church (the Body of Christ), the dispensational transition into Grace, and their harmonization with the epistles of the Apostle Paul.

112 - CULTS: (*Two credit hours*) This course gives special attention to the distinctive errors that characterize the religious systems of the cults. The main emphasis is given to the true message of God's Word enabling the student to recognize erroneous teachings whenever and wherever they are encountered. An overview of the beliefs of the major cults in America and how to reach individuals caught in the spiritual darkness of a cult or false religious system with the message of God's grace in Jesus Christ is also given.

116 - BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW: (*One credit hour*) The major worldviews are compared and contrasted with Biblical Christianity. This study shows how non-Christian values and belief systems have negatively influenced the thinking of our times. The incredible clarity, coherence, and truthfulness of the true Christian worldview is highlighted and affirmed.

302 - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION II: (*Two credit hours*) This course covers the organization, development, and maintenance of educational ministries for children, youth, and adults within the context of the local church and its outreaches.

306 - PRACTICAL DISPENSATIONAL THEOLOGY IV: (*Two credit hours*) Theology is the study of God. Systematic Theology is the ordered study of the great doctrines of God's Word, the Bible. Dispensational Theology is the systematic in-depth study of the great doctrines of Scripture according to the Biblical principle of right division (II Tim. 2:15). Dispensational Theology 306 covers the doctrines of Ecclesiology (doctrine of the Church, baptism, and the Lord's Supper), and Eschatology (the doctrine of future things—death, the intermediate state, the resurrection, the judgments, and the final state).

308 - DANIEL AND REVELATION: *(Two credit hours)* Because of their intricate relationship to each other these two important prophetic books will be studied together and compared. Emphasis will be given to their dispensational perspectives and how they relate to other Bible books, as well as the prophecies found in them concerning the fulfillment of God's purpose for the nation of Israel, and the Lord Jesus Christ's Second Coming in power and in glory.

310 - BASIC GREEK II: *(Two credit hours)* This course is designed to expose students to elementary New Testament Greek and equip them to utilize lexical and grammatical tools in order to enhance their individual and independent study of God's Word. And the introduction to translation work of the Greek New Testament .

312 - EPHESIANS, PHILIPPIANS, AND COLOSSIANS: *(Two credit hours)* A systematic review of the Apostle Paul's prison epistles to local churches. Special attention is given to Paul's distinctive message of God's Grace in Jesus Christ and the Body of Christ's heavenly position and hope as revealed in these important letters.

314 - THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM: *(One credit hour)* In this course, the three major millennial views are compared with each other and the Scriptural teaching about the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus Christ. A presentation of the nature and notable features of Christ's kingdom on earth and its relationship to the Body of Christ and the eternal state is included in this study.

1002 - BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES OF MARRIED LIFE: *(Two credit hours)* This semester, **BBI** is offering a special class on the Biblical principles of marriage. With the institution of marriage under assault because of the increasingly secularist/humanistic worldview that has permeated our society, it is vitally important that those who want a secure marriage understand the Biblical principles of marriage, and how to apply them in their own relationship. The roles and responsibilities of husbands, wives, and couples as well as how to solve the most difficult problems of married life will be covered. Participants are not required to make the normal formal application to take this special class. However, they must sign up by the 23rd of January if they plan to attend. Class size is restricted, so those who are interested are encouraged to sign up for the class as soon as possible. Single people are allowed to attend. Married couples are strongly urged to attend together if at all possible.

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Berean Bible Institute exists as a non-degree granting school of adult education which endeavors to provide advanced Biblical and doctrinal studies in accordance with the Biblical principle of right division and the revelation of the mystery, along with practical training in ministry and leadership skills in order to help individuals become prepared to do the work of the ministry in local churches and/or the mission field, at home or abroad, with the overall goal of making the Gospel of Jesus Christ known to the lost throughout the world, the edification of believers, and the promotion of personal Bible study.

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