

## Jehovah's Witnesses – What they believe.

### **Summary Information**

- Founded in 1880 by 18yr old Charles T. Russell. Russell died in 1916 and the president became Franklin Rutherford who first called them Jehovah's Witnesses.
  - (Isaiah 43:10a ESV) "You are my witnesses," declares the Lord,
  - (Isaiah 43:10a NWT) "You are my witnesses," declares Jehovah,
  - They have about 8 million members with approximately 1.2 million in the US.
  - JW's reported nearly 20mm members in 2014
- Largest magazine circulation (42mm Watchtower and Awake! 41mm) in the world. Next highest is AARP (22mm) and BH&G (8)
- Based in Brooklyn NY
- Every USA door knocked on once per year.
  - Every hour spent "preaching" is recorded and published in the Watchtower Magazine.
  - 2 billion hours in 2015 = 2,850 peoples' life span of 80 years.
  - Had 263k baptized in 2015
- They believe in old-earth creationism.
  - The six days of creation were 7,000 year epochs.
  - God created various kinds that were allowed to evolve
  - Man is the only exception, who was created by Jesus, whole.
  - The Millennial reign of Christ will represent the final 1000 years of the last 7000 year "day of rest" of God.

### **Human Government –**

- Anyone who serves in the military, salutes a flag, votes, takes on any public office or participates in any way to government organizations on this earth are breaking the commandment of idolatry. Also they do not celebrate birthdays, Christmas or most other holidays because they consider it idolatry.
- John 17:15-16 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. [16] They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.
- Blood transfusions are not allowed based on...

## Jehovah's Witness – Why what they believe is wrong.

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- How can Jehovah's Witnesses' prophesy be wrong yet they consider themselves the truth ?
- 1 John 4:1 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.
- Russell prophesized that Christ would return in 1874 and then again in 1914, but he did not. The prophesy then became that Christ arrived in 1914 but is invisible. However the Bible clearly states that we will see him when he comes again:
  - Rev. 1:7 Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.
- Knorr prophesized that Jesus would arrive and Armageddon would occur in 1975 but it did not.
- Other prophesies include:
  - World War II was to be Armageddon.
  - The Jehovah's Witnesses would be changed to heavenly glory in 1925.
  - Rutherford - Abraham, Isaac and Jacob would return visibly to promote the kingdom of God... built a mansion in San Diego CA for them.
  - Knorr – 1975 was to be the year of Armageddon.

### **Human Government**

- We should respect and honor those in authority (with discernment).
- 1 Tim. 2:1-2 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-- for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.
- Luke 20:25 "Caesar's," they replied. He said to them, "Then give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."
- Romans 13:1 Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has

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- Leviticus 3:17 " This is a lasting ordinance for the generations to come, wherever you live: You must not eat any fat or any blood.' "

### **Continuing Revelation**

- Leaders receive direct and continuing revelation from God.
  - Members are taught to believe whatever the Governing Body tells them. Any disagreements on any doctrine are considered an intolerable offense against God and can result in disfellowship which also could mean annihilation upon death.
- Changes in theology over time by the Governing Body are referred to as “increased light”, as new revelations from Jehovah God.

### **Scriptures –**

- The New World Translation bible is considered the divinely inspired and inerrant word of God as translated by an anonymous group.
  - NWT is the only translation that can be trusted.
  - They translate the Greek for LORD or God as Jehovah.
  - Refer to Jehovah in the NT 237 times
  - John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was [a] God. (NWT).
  - Colossians 1:16a For by him all [other] things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible (NWT)
- Scriptural Studies written by Russell are “the Bible in an arranged form,” that is to say , they are not mere comments on the Bible, but they are practically the Bible itself.”
  - “People would ‘go into darkness’ by studying the Bible alone w/o the aid of his Studies.”

### **God Jehovah**

- Is a spirit being , invisible and eternal.
- Comes from YHWH which is transliterated Jehovah.
- God is not always omniscient, having “selective foreknowledge”
  - God did not know in advance that Adam and Eve would sin
- Everything that is not Jehovah God is an idol.
  - Kingdom Halls – have no stained glass, no images or statues, no candles, absolutely no crosses, no baptistry, no altar, no communion table, etc.

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established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

### **Continuing Revelation**

- Continuing Revelation from God is not supported by Scripture.
  - Rev. 22:19 And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

### **Scriptures**

- The New World Translation (NWT) is not inerrant and divinely inspired. The basic weakness of their scripture translation is :
- The Bible is inspired and inerrant in the original writing, not in any translation, especially NWT.
- There is a clear bias in the NWT based on their world view that, among other things, demotes Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.
- The translation was not developed by a group of knowledgeable Hebrew and Greek scholars. Only one of the translators had any significant amount of study in the original languages and he, only two years.

### **God the Father**

- Is not a spirit being
- There is only one God. We and angels, such as Michael, are not and will never be gods. Jehovah's Witnesses profess to be Monotheistic (belief in one God) but also believe the Scriptures are inerrant. Even with the false and twisted translations contained in the NWT they are still left having to explain the fact that Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are referred to as God. Their false solution to this conflict

- Jehovah is the one and only Almighty God. - But there are non-Jehovah gods in the Bible
  - John 10:34 – We are all gods, or will become gods.
  - Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I have said you are gods'?"
  - Exodus 7:1 – Even Moses was a god to Pharaoh.
  - Then the Lord said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron will be your prophet.

### **Jesus**

- Is the greatest of the lesser gods, mighty but not the Almighty.
- John 14:28 "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.
- John 10:35-36 If he called them 'gods,' to whom the word of God came--and the Scripture cannot be broken-- what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'?
  - The words "Son of God" are found 45 times in the KJV NT.
- Jesus was the first and only creation of Jehovah and, prior to his birth on earth, he was the archangel Michael, which he is today.
  - Jesus is therefore immortal (like we are) but not eternal (like Jehovah is).
- He then became God's agent by creating everything in the universe.
  - 1 Thes. 4:16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
  - Col. 1:15-16 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all [other] things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all [other] things were created by him and for him. (NWT).
- Jesus should not be worshipped only given honor as Jehovah's creation
- Jesus started ruling God's Kingdom (invisibly from heaven) in October of 1914.
  - Based on a timeline from their interpretation of Daniel 4, Ezekiel 4 and Revelation 12.

(which flies in the face of their own belief in a monotheistic God) is that Jesus and others are minor gods (Polytheism).

- John 10:34 has been twisted. Jesus' response to their objection is a reference to OT rabbinic law that the priests had great power over the people, even to the point of being treated as gods. This is not a reference to any divine or non-human authority.
- Exodus 7:1 – This verse in no way suggests that Moses was a God in the divine sense of the word. It merely refers to the fact that Moses was able to do miracles. Clearly, Moses gave the credit of all his actions to the true God.

**Jesus** is not a lesser God. He is co-equal with the Father. He is not an angel. He was raised with a physical body and not as a spirit creature.

The Alpha and Omega is Jehovah God in :

Rev. 22:13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.

The Alpha and Omega is Jesus Christ in :

Rev. 1:17-18 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

When did Jehovah God die (Jesus Christ died).

John 5:18 For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.

John 14:28 - It should be recognized that while Jesus Christ was on earth He willingly and temporarily gave up some of His heavenly characteristics. It is from this perspective that one should view verses such as this.

Philip. 2:7-8 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!

This does not make Jesus any less 100 percent God and 100 percent man.

Jehovah's Witnesses argue from the statement, The Father is greater than I, that Jesus is a lesser god. But this would make Jesus a created being or would lead to polytheism, both of which are clearly unbiblical. The Father and the Son share the same essence (John. 1:1-2; 14:9; 20:28). The Father and the Son are

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- Jesus lived a perfect life, but he could have sinned and failed in his mission.
- He died on a torture stake as an atonement for Adam's sins. He did not die for our sins. Jesus was then raised from the dead as a glorious spirit creature.
  - At death, Christ's body disappeared and it was a spirit creature who came out of the tomb not Jesus.
  - They deny that Christ was resurrected from the grave.
- Jesus was not recognized as he took on a human form.
  - John 21:4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.
  - Jesus went through the door as a spirit.
  - John 20:26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"
- Jesus will come again to earth to rule for 1000 years and then return to Heaven.

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“One” in purpose and essence (10:30). Thus the Father is greater in office or glory than the Son was in His humiliation.

Jesus was not the first creation of God. He is co-equal and co-eternal with God the Father.

Jesus Christ not an angel (archangel Michael)

Jesus will come, preceded by the archangel perhaps blowing a trumpet not as the archangel.

Notice also that 1 Thes. 4:16 calls Jesus “the Lord himself”.

Hebrews 1:3-5 – Jesus is not an angel.

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?

Jude 1:9 – Michael did not command Satan.

But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"

Matthew 4:10 – Jesus commanded Satan.

Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written:

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."

Col. 1:15-16 First the word “other” was incorrectly added to the NWT translation. No other translation includes the word “other” in this passage. As part of the Trinity, Jesus Christ was involved in the creation of everything, not every “other” thing as the Jehovah's Witnesses would suggest. By him all things were created (not all “other” things).

Jesus should be worshipped.

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**Trinity** – This concept is an attack by Satan to undermine Jehovah God. Three distinct persons in one Monotheistic God, no way!  
The word Trinity is found nowhere in the Bible.

God is Jehovah God.

Deut. 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Jesus is a lesser god that was God's first creation.

Holy Spirit is not a person but a the powerful force (ex.

Electricity) that comes from God and he uses to accomplish his will.

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Even now Jesus, at the right hand of the Father, is in bodily form and not a spirit being.

Col. 2:9 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form,

1 Peter 3:22 who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand--with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. Jesus had a physical resurrection just as we will one day. Just a list of supporting Scriptures for this event runs over a page.

Throughout the entire content of inspired Scripture the fact of Christ's identity is clearly taught. He is revealed as Jehovah God in human form (Isaiah 9:6; Micah 5:2; Isaiah 7:14; John 1:14; 8:58; 17:5 [cf. Exodus 3:14]; Hebrews 1:3; Philippians 2:11; Colossians 2:9; and Revelation 1:8, 17–18; etc.).

**Trinity** - is not pantheistic (multiple gods).

Three persons in one being

Only God, humans and angels are personal .

Human beings are finite and limited. Therefore only one person can exist in a human being, namely me.

God's being is infinite and unlimited, he can be, and is, shared by three persons, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Psalm 102:1-27 – These are verses about Jehovah

[25] In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.

Hebrews 1:3 – 12 – These same words are about Jesus Christ  
[10] He also says, "In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hand.

See “Witnessing to the Jehovah's Witness – Trinity” below.

Jesus was called God at the foundation of the world(Hebrews 1).

The Holy Spirit is not just a spirit force. He is treated in the scripture as a person with intellect, emotions and will. He speaks to the issues of sin, of righteousness and judgment (John 16:8), He teaches (John 14:26), He regenerates (John 3:6), He baptizes (1 Cor. 12:13) and He can be grieved (Eph. 4:30).

The Trinity can be seen in many places throughout the Scriptures.

Matthew 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

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**Resurrection** – takes place at the Final Judgment.

There is no interim place after death, good or bad.

Upon death people enter a period of Soul Sleep.

Soul Sleep - Daniel 12:2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.

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**Resurrection** – takes place at the end of the age. Perhaps at the pre-trib rapture, at the end of the Tribulation period and at the end of the Millennium.

Soul Sleep is not correct. Upon death we will be with the Lord

See “Witnessing to the Jehovah's Witness – Heaven vs Soul Sleep” below.

As Biblical-Christians we are either alive on this earth or at home with the Father. Those that are not destined for Heaven will also be relocated immediately upon death (There is no Soul Sleep. Heaven and Hell are real, literal places.

However, our bodies will be resurrected at the end of the age.

Resurrection of the dead will [may] be simultaneous both of the just and the unjust (Daniel 12:2; John 5:28-29; Romans 2:6-16; 2 Thes. 1:6-10). The qualities of the resurrection body will be different from those of the body laid in the grave (1 Cor. 15:53-54; Phil. 3:21); but its identity will nevertheless be preserved. It will still be the same body (1 Cor. 15:42-44) which rises again. As to the nature of the resurrection body, (1) it will be spiritual (1 Cor. 15:44), i.e., a body adapted to the use of the soul in its glorified state, and to all the conditions of the heavenly state; (2) glorious, incorruptible, and powerful (1 Cor. 15:54); (3) like unto the glorified body of Christ (Phil. 3:21); and (4) immortal (Rev. 21:4). Christ's resurrection secures and illustrates that of his people. “(1.) Because his resurrection seals and consummates his redemptive power; and the redemption of our persons involves the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:23). (2.) Because of our federal and vital union with Christ (1 Cor. 15:21-22; 1 Thes. 4:14). (3.) Because of his Spirit which dwells in us making our bodies his members (1 Cor. 6:15; Romans 8:11). (4.) Because Christ by covenant is Lord both of the living and the dead (Romans 14:9). This same federal and vital union of the Christian with Christ likewise causes the resurrection of the believer to be similar to as well as consequent upon that of Christ (1 Cor. 15:49; Phil. 3:21; 1 John 3:2).”

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**Salvation**– Requires the following good works

The “field manual” provides answers to typical questions that may be asked of a Jehovah's Witness. To the question “Are you born again?”, the manual offers the following answer. “ You want to know if I have accepted Jesus as my Savior and have received the holy spirit, is that right? May I assure you that the answer is Yes; otherwise I would not be talking to you about Jesus.”

The basis if this answer is that Jesus' death on the cross was the atonement for the sins of Adam. In that sense he is our Savior.

However, his death was not enough to cover over our sins. We have to earn our way to heaven.

Faith and absolute loyalty in and to Jehovah God.

High standards of morality – no lying, sexual misconduct, gambling, etc.

Be a member of the Jehovah's Witnesses.

They are the only source of accurate information regarding God and interpretation of the Bible.

Unquestioned acceptance of the current doctrines and beliefs of the organization.

Being a Jehovah's Witness is the only path to heaven.

Baptism by immersion and righteous conduct.

Do not know until death (resurrection) if they have done enough good works to go to heaven or paradise on earth.

Works theology keeps focus on loyalty to the organization and door-to-door evangelism.

During the Millennial Kingdom (1000-year reign of Christ), those that are not yet found to be worthy will have a second chance to follow Jehovah. Most will wisely comply and become Jehovah's Witnesses and consequently be saved to paradise on earth.

Referred to as the “day of judgment” people who never knew Jehovah will be resurrected and given time to learn how to serve him.

### **After Physical Death**

**Heaven** - At the end of the age 144,000 Jehovah's Witnesses who became members early in the movement have a chance to rule with

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**Salvation** does not require works. This is the most important difference between Biblical-Christians and Jehovah's Witnesses (or any other False Teaching for that matter).

Salvation is by grace alone faith alone through Christ alone.

Salvation is exclusively a gift of God's called – **Grace**. No works are involved.

Salvation is not a process but immediate justification and regeneration through - **Faith** in ....

Jesus Christ as the one and only narrow gate to heaven.

Acts 4:12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Galatians 2:16 know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified.

Ephesians 2:8-9 Even in the New World Translation, Salvation through faith not works is clear as follows:

“By this undeserved kindness, indeed, YOU have been saved through faith; and this not owing to YOU, it is God's gift. No, it is not owing to works, in order that no man should have ground for boasting” (emphasis theirs). (NWT)

Hebrews 9:27 states that man is to die once and then to face judgment. We will not have a second chance during the Millennial reign of Christ.

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**Heaven** is the one place for all who are saved. There will not be a separation between one group and another as is taught by the Jehovah's Witnesses.

There is a Heaven in existence now.

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Jesus in heaven (Anointed Class). This is the only group that needs to be “born again” and anointed with Jehovah’s “holy spirit”.

The remainder will live for eternity in paradise on earth .

Hell – There is no such thing as eternal punishment or a lake of fire.

Hades and Hell are just the grave (Sheol / Gehenna). Presently everyone who has died is in Soul Sleep.

At the end of the Millennial Kingdom, all non-Jehovah’s Witnesses that still remain will be annihilated along with Satan and his demons.

This is referred to as Annihilationism.

Jehovah is a God of love.... Ezekiel 18:4 For every living soul belongs to me, the father as well as the son--both alike belong to me. The soul who sins is the one who will die.

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2 Cor. 12:2a I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven.

At the end of the age there will be eternal Heaven on earth.

2 Peter 3:13 But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

Rev. 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.

Hell is real and literal and is the place for those who are not saved.

Jesus spoke of Hell much more than he spoke of Heaven (see below on Scripture references to Hell).

Luke 16:22-23 "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.

There is no evidence for Soul Sleep

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;

2 Cor. 5:8 We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

Other verses include Luke 16:19-31, Matt. 10:28, 1

Thessalonians 4:14

## Witnessing to a Jehovah's Witnesses

Must be done from a position of love and caring for the lost. Not a theological debate. The Jehovah's Witness believes that any admission that his doctrine is wrong (in front of his partner) is a basis for loss of salvation. Remember, they believe that the Trinity is from Satan; focus on Jehovah God in prayer. The Jehovah's Witness has proof texts (many memorized) for all their false teachings. However, the scriptures are twisted, (either taken out of the correct context, unclear verses where numerous clear verses exist but are ignored, or verses are totally changed by their NWT). Try to lovingly challenge them on the context of the scriptures they use. Finally, keep in mind that the God of the universe is on your side.



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Changes in Jehovah's Witnesses direction to their members by the Governing Body on one issue (use of blood).

1940 — Blood transfusions are acceptable

1945 — Blood transfusion are not acceptable

1956 — Blood serums should be treated as blood and are banned

1958 — Blood serums are acceptable

1959 — Storage of one's own blood is unacceptable

1967 — Organ transplants are not acceptable

1974 — Blood serums are a personal choice

1975 — Hemophilia treatments (Factor VII and IX) are not acceptable

1978 — Hemophilia treatments (Factor VII and IX) are acceptable

1980 — Organ transplants are acceptable

1983 — Hemodilution is acceptable

1990 — Hemodilution is not acceptable

1995 — Hemodilution is acceptable

2004 — Hemoglobin is now acceptable

Is Hell literal eternal punishment?

- The place of disembodied spirits. Acts 2:31
  - And a place of torment. Luke 16:23
- The place of future punishment.
  - Separation from the presence of God. 2 Thes. 1:9
- DESCRIBED AS.
  - Everlasting punishment. Matthew 25:46
  - Everlasting fire. Matthew 25:41
  - Everlasting burnings. Isaiah 33:14
  - A furnace of fire. Matthew 13:42, 50
  - A lake of fire. Rev. 20:15
  - Fire and brimstone. Rev. 14:10
  - Unquenchable fire. Matthew 3:12
  - Devouring fire. Isaiah 33:14
- Prepared for the devil. Matthew 25:41
- Devils are confined in, until the judgment day. 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 1:6
- Punishment of, is eternal. Isaiah 33:14; Rev. 20:10
- The wicked shall be turned into. Psalm 9:17
- Human power cannot preserve from. Ezekiel 32:27
- The body suffers in. Matthew 5:29; Matthew 10:28
- The soul suffers in. Matthew 10:28
- The wise avoid. Proverbs 15:24
- Endeavor to keep others from. Proverbs 23:14; Jude 1:23
- The society of the wicked leads to. Proverbs 5:5; Proverbs 9:18
- The beast, false prophets, and the devil shall be cast into. Rev. 19:20; Rev. 20:10

- The powers of, cannot prevail against the Church. Matthew 16:18
- Illustrated. Isaiah 30:33

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