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“And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause?” (I Samuel 17:29)

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We Must Defend Israel

Israel became a free, independent nation on May 14, 1948. Our country's president, Harry S. Truman, announced on the same day that America recognized Israel as a legitimate country. Before this, the Jews had been scattered to the four winds. They had no homeland to call their own. In many countries, where the Jews lived, they were hated and persecuted as they still are today. During World War II, Nazi Germany under Adolf Hitler murdered about 6,000,000 Jews. Terrorist groups today hate Israel so much that they deny the very fact that Holocaust took place. The Arabs' only goal for Israel is they will someday completely wipe Israel off of the map. Israel knows that they will never have peace through appeasement with their Arab enemies.

The Jews are God's chosen people. The Bible says in Genesis 12:3, “And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.”

In 1965, 1966, and the first part of 1967, the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) attacked the nation of Israel 113 times. This group was nothing more than a hate-filled terrorist organization bent on total annihilation of Israel at any cost to themselves and Israel. The Jewish targets of the blood-thirsty PLO were women, children, and elderly people. In fact, anyone who was a living and breathing Jew was also target to be killed.

The leader of the PLO was the demonic Yasser Arafat. Adolf Hitler was a kissing cousin to Yasser Arafat. Both of these men were Jew-hating maniacs. Arafat and the PLO's philosophy was if there is one Jew alive, that was one too many. Israel, over the years, has repeatedly tried to live in peace with their Arab neighbors.

During the Six-Day War, God's hand of mercy of was upon Israel. Russia, as it is today, was supplying the Arab nations with great amounts of weapons to attack Israel. Egypt was leading the way in the Arab attack on Israel. The other Arab nations that were involved were Syria, Jordan, Kuwait, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, and Iraq. The Arab forces during the start of the Six-Day War, amounted to 465,000 soldiers, about 2,800 tanks, and 800 military airplanes and helicopters. This military force had Israel seemly surrounded, except for one thing, and that was God's presence. The Arab forces' military objective was to completely destroy Israel and not to leave any Jew alive. If any Jews were captured, they were to be completely absorbed into the Arab world that would leave no trace of their Jewish heritage to be remembered.

Israel launched a surprised attack on the Arabs before they launched their attack. On June 5, 1967, Prime Minister Eshkol gave the go ahead to attack Egypt. All of the Israeli Air Force, except twelve planes to defend Israel, took off for Egypt at 7:14 am in what was called "Operation: Moked". The brilliant defense minister who was in charge of this operation was Moshe Dayan. The Israeli Air Force completely destroyed the Egyptian Air Force while it was still grounded, and then proceeded on to Syria and Jordan where they also destroyed their air forces in a single day. Without sufficient air cover, the Arab ground military forces' days were already numbered, and they were resoundingly defeated by Israeli troops to bring to close this war in six days. God had once again protected Israel from destruction.

After the Arabs' defeat they still swore to the same devilish goals to annihilate Israel off the face of the earth. From then until now, Arab terrorist groups have constantly attacked Israel. These terrorist groups have killed, raped, burned, and spread mayhem throughout Israel at times. The world community at large still clamors for Israel to give up more of its land to these God-hating terrorists, so they can be closer to Israel to kill more Jew with more ease. Israel must not--under any circumstances--give away any more land.

President Trump, during his presidential campaign, promised the voters of this country, if he were elected as president, he would move the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. He recently decided to lie to the American people about moving the embassy, because his advisers in the State Department, Pentagon, and National Security said it would upset the peace talks between the Palestinians and Israelis. This is just political hogwash. President Trump's closest White House adviser encouraged him to keep his campaign promise, and move the embassy to Jerusalem. Unfortunately, President Trump decided to go with the political status quo.

President Trump's about-face on moving the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem has definitely inspired the terrorist groups in the Middle East in recruiting more Muslims into their ranks. It also has weakened Trump's word. President Trump sharply criticized Obama for pledging to take action against terrorism, and then he back down several times from the terrorists because of fear of reprisals. President Trump has committed the same grave error as the man he criticized. President Trump must be held accountable for his campaign promise to those who voted for him in moving the US Embassy to Jerusalem.

Establishing the US Embassy in Jerusalem would have put the terrorist groups and Russia on notice, that we will no longer turn a blind eye and a deaf ear to what has been, and is, happening to Israel in relationship to the Arab countries and their objective to drive Israel into the Red Sea.

Hundreds upon hundreds of Christians are being slaughtered by the terrorists in the Middle East. The false and bloody religion of Islam is the influence on Muslims to commit these evil deeds upon Christians. Our political leaders need to publicly admit that, not only our country, but the whole world is at war with Islam.

America should gather our allies together to root out and crush terrorism in the Middle East, instead of playing political games about this. Evil cannot be appeased as we found out in World War II with Hitler, but it must be destroyed as we had to do with Nazi Germany.

As Bible-believing Christians we must allow our voices to be heard in support of Israel. This is the way you can do this. Take a few minutes and call the White House at: **(202) 456-1414**; and, when the operator answers, ask for the Presidential Comment Line. Then politely tell the comment line individual what your message for President Trump is: for him to keep his campaign promise and move the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Then thank that individual for taking your comment.

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The Law of the First Mention

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”
(II Timothy 2:15)

Throughout the Bible, the Lord gives us many commands concerning His holy, given by inspiration, infallible word. He tells us to hear it (Rom. 10:17; Rev. 1:3); read it (I Tim. 4:13; Rev. 1:3); memorize it (Ps. 119:11); meditate on it (Josh. 1:8; Ps. 1:1-3); obey it (James 1:22); and, as our text tell us, study it. There are some important things to keep in mind when we read and study God’s word. One of those things is the principle or the Law of the First Mention.

The Law of the First Mention refers to the first time a word, phrase, topic, or theme appears in the Bible. It sets the stage for how a word, phrase, etc., is used throughout the scriptures. You may get contrasts, further clarifications, additional definitions, but the first mention will, as Dr. William Grady points out, “always set the tone for the basic understanding of the word throughout the Bible” (*Given By Inspiration*, p. 128). The definition of a word will often show up in the verse or chapter context of its first appearance. Sometimes you may have to look up some additional cross-references of scripture [and by scripture, I mean actual verses of the Bible--**not word definitions in a lexicon**] to get **God’s meaning** of that word. The Bible is not only its own best commentary, but also its own best dictionary.

Take, for example, the word *asswaged*. The first time it is mentioned is at the end of Genesis 8:1, “and the waters **asswaged**”. Now while the word’s definition does not appear in the verse, we have enough context from v. 1 itself to learn the definition from the word’s chapter debut. We see in v. 1 that the word *asswaged* is connected to water--specifically the waters of Noah’s flood. Now we just compare scripture with scripture, and see what we learn. In v. 2, we are told “and the rain from heaven was **restrained**”. V. 3 informs us that “after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were **abated**.” Then in v. 5 we read, “the waters **decreased** continually until the tenth month”. From this we learn the word *asswage* in the Bible means, “to restrain, abate, or decrease something.”

Another example is the topic of hell. The first time hell is mentioned in the Bible is in Deuteronomy 32:22, “For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest **hell**, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.” It is interesting to note that right off the bat hell in its first mention is associated with fire. There is nothing in the context of the verse that would suggest fire is referring to anything else but fire. The reason for pointing this out is sadly there preachers today who are claiming the fires of hell are not real. Our Lord Christ Jesus says otherwise. In the Sermon on the Mount, He warns of “hell fire” (Matt. 5:22). In a sermon in Mark 9:43-50, Jesus connects hell with fire several times! In its last mention, hell one last time is mentioned along side fire--specifically the lake of fire (Rev. 20:14). This short study by itself should make it clear that the fires of hell are real, and whoa unto that lost soul who goes there! Any preacher, who denies this fact, is a coward at best, and a minister of Satan at worse.

So the first mention is very important to consider whenever studying any word, phrase, theme, or topic in the Bible. This would include the topic concerning “the fear of the Lord” (Prov. 9:10), which we shall examine in more detail in our next series of articles.

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Where Darwin Went Wrong!

Darwinian Evolution is promoted as the scientific view of origins, while creation is dismissed as just a religious view. However, despite the hype, Darwinian Evolution is not truly scientific, but is simply part of an Atheistic Creation Myth being promoted as science. Knowing what Darwin did get right, and where he went wrong, is helpful when you hear about some discovery that is claimed to prove Evolution. It is also helpful in responding to many claims Evolutionists make.

Now not everything Darwin wrote is wrong--it does have some elements of truth. After all the effective lies have some truth to them. For example, telling a teacher that you did not do your homework because your dog ate it, is more believable than you did not do it because you were abducted by aliens. After all it is quite possible that your dog did eat your homework, after you cut it up and mixed it into his dog food. The point is, that a lie is easier to sell if there is some truth to it, rather than if it were a total fabrication.

There are small observed changes in organism adapting to their environment, however, Darwinian Evolution is more than adaptive changes; it is also the idea that when projected back far enough, these changes produced every living organism from a single, universal common ancestor. The fact is that there are adaptive changes, and some of them result from genetic mutations that are regulated, in part, by natural selection. However, this idea also predated Darwin, being described by the old Earth creationist Edward Blyth around 1837. Contrary to the claims of Evolutionists, modern Creationists have no problem with adaptation, seeing it a simply variety with in kinds of organisms. So where did Darwin go wrong?

Darwin made a major scientific blunder that any honest peer review would catch and throw out the paper for. That scientific blunder was over extrapolation of data beyond what is actually observed. He took observed variability adaptive seen in living organisms today and concluded that it could have produces every living thing seen on Earth from a single universal common ancestor--including mankind. This was not only an unreasonable extrapolation then, given how little was known about heredity at time (since DNA would not be discovered for about 100 years). With what is known today, this over extrapolation is even more unreasonable, since it would require an innumerable number random mutations to actually add information content to the genomes. Darwin's theory took hold because there was no real peer review at the time that stopped bad research from getting published, and academia was already filled with atheists desperately looking for an alliterative to God. However, Darwin's scientific blunder was not really where he went wrong, because it was just a result of where he really went wrong.

Where Darwin went wrong was abandoning God and the Biblical account of creation. He let the uniformitarianism, presented by the deist Charles Lyell in his book, *Principles of Geology*, draw him away from the Biblical account. Once he had abandoned Biblical creation, he clearly was looking for a way to remove God from the picture all together. So where Darwin really went wrong, was not his theory of evolution, but his abandonment of God and the Bible that led to his evolution theory.

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