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## *Right Division*

(AN OVERVIEW OF DISPENSATIONAL TRUTH)

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

Part 12

### Paul's Timeline of Right Division

(Ephesians 2)

PAST	PRESENT	FUTURE
"time past" – "that era" – "once"	"now"	"ages to come" – "oncoming eons"
2:2, 3, 11	13	7
Barrier Wall Up	Barrier Wall Down	Barrier Wall Up
Old Testament Mathew-Mark-Luke-John-Acts Paul's Early Epistles	Ephesians Colossians	Hebrews – James - I & II Peter I, II & III John Jude - Revelation

Before continuing our dispensational survey of the Greek Scriptures we'll take a short break to consider Paul's own timeline of right division found in Ephesians chapter 2. Doing so will better help us in our placement of the epistles in God's plan of the ages.

It's important that we recognize that Paul had a two-fold ministry. First, at his separation in Acts 13, he became a priest to the Gentiles (Romans 15:8, CV),<sup>1</sup> then after the close of the book of Acts God gave him a new ministry concerning the "Administration of the

Secret"<sup>2</sup> (Ephesians 3:9, CV).<sup>3</sup>

#### PAST – PRESENT - FUTURE

In Ephesians 2 Paul provides us with a basic past-present-future timeline of the ages. He uses the word "now" to represent the current administration that

- For a closer look at Paul's priestly ministry, see:
  - Paul's Priestly Ministry, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., [Bible Student's Notebook #721](#);
  - Paul's Priestly Ministry: Supplementary Notes, [Bible Student's Notebook #721](#);
  - Paul's Priestly Ministry, Adlai Loudy, [Bible Student's Notebook #532](#);
  - The Priestly Ministry of Paul, A.E. Knoch, [Bible Student's Notebook #532](#);
  - Onward and Upward: Paul's Priestly Ministry Transitioning Toward His Celestial, Vladimir Gelesnoff, [Bible Student's Notebook #509](#).

- For a detailed study of this subject see the comprehensive work [The Administration of the Secret](#) on the order form under "Compilations."
- "It was not until the end of the Acts era that the salvation of God is sent directly to the nations (Acts 28:29). The latter half of the second chapter of Ephesians (2:11-22) is an elaborate statement showing that, in the present administration of God's grace, the nations are no longer in the inferior position accorded them in Paul's earlier ministry." – A.E. Knoch (1874-1965), *Concordant Commentary on the New Testament*, page 33

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was revealed to him, and under which we “now” live.

Those things that he teaches in Ephesians are true “now,” but were not true in the past and will not be true in the future. So in Ephesians, as well as in Colossians,<sup>4</sup> we have the current information concerning what God is doing “now.”

## THE BARRIER WALL

The feature that distinguishes the past and future from

4. With Philippians being the gateway epistle to Ephesians and Colossians, and Paul’s personal letter to Philemon being a companion letter to Colossians. For a brief look at the nature of Philippians, see the author’s work “Philippians: Paul’s Pivotal Letter Pressing Toward the Mystery” in [Bible Student’s Notebook #788](#).

“In our remarks on the teachings of Paul’s earlier epistles, we noted that the burden of their message concerned the “things on the earth” – in other words, the Adamic race. ... But, if explicit mention of the “things of heaven” is absent from Paul’s earliest writings, that certainly cannot be charged to his later epistles: Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians; these, forming perhaps the smallest group of the New Testament writings, have the *largest scope* of any of the groups. They contain a digest of universal history ... The group is a complete Bible in itself, though compressed within the narrow confines of a trinity of sacred writings. These epistles especially contain the solution of the problem of universal destiny, as Paul’s earlier writings solve the question of human destiny.” – A.E. Knoch (1874-1965), *Unsearchable Riches*, volume 4, pages 260-261

the present is “*the middle wall of partition*”<sup>5</sup> (“*the central wall of the barrier*,” CV). This *Barrier Wall* once stood firmly fixed between Jew and Gentile, between the nation of Israel and all of the other nations, between the Circumcision and the Uncircumcision. As long as this wall was up there was a dispensational difference between people and how God dealt with man. During the *Secret Administration* this wall is down.

*For He is our Peace, Who makes both one, and razes the central wall of the barrier* (Ephesians 2:14).

This wall was a barrier to anyone who was on the wrong side of it. As Gentiles, our ancestors were on the wrong side. They were not a part of Israel’s covenants with God. Christ was not their Messiah.

## “BUT, JUST NOW”

While contrasting the things of the past and future with the present Paul uses the pivotal word “now.”

5. For a further look at the “*middle wall of partition*” see:
- The Middle Wall, Charles H. Welch, [Bible Student’s Notebook #550](#);
  - The “Middle Wall” of Ephesians 2:15 – and How It Relates to Acts 15, Charles H. Welch, [Bible Student’s Notebook #574](#).

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- ed position among the celestials (Romans 6; Ephesians 2:6);
- adult sonship position (Galatians 4).

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**But now** in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13, KJV).

**Yet now**, in Christ Jesus, you, who once are far off, are become near by the blood of Christ (Concordant).

**But, just now**, in Christ Jesus, ye, who at one time were afar off, were made nigh in the blood of the Christ (Rotherham).

The contrasting Greek word δέ (*de*)<sup>6</sup> is translated “but” and “yet” in these translations. However, the Greek word translated “now” is not the common one νῦν (*nun*), but rather it is νυνί (*nuni*)<sup>7</sup> which is “a strengthened form”<sup>8</sup> of the word, meaning “**just now**” (Strong’s).

Therefore, in Ephesians 2:13 Paul is not referring to some 30 years past, when he began to teach his evangel; instead he is speaking of the immediate “**just now**” (*nuni*) of his writing of Ephesians.

Rotherham makes it a point to convey this importance accurately in his translation.

**But, JUST NOW**, in Christ Jesus, ye, who at one time were afar off, were made nigh in the blood of the Christ (Ephesians 2:13).

Our current administration was an absolute secret

6. Strong’s G1161.

7. Strong’s G3570.

8. Vine’s Expository Dictionary.

not revealed prior to Ephesians.<sup>9</sup> To read this heavenly destiny and hope into the former writings of Paul is a grave mistake.<sup>10</sup>

When Paul penned Ephesians he said that “**just now**” all dispensational distinctions between men, concerning how God dealt with them, have been removed. Paul says that we have been blessed during the *Secret Administration* “with all spiritual blessings among the celestials” (Ephesians 1:3, CV). So,

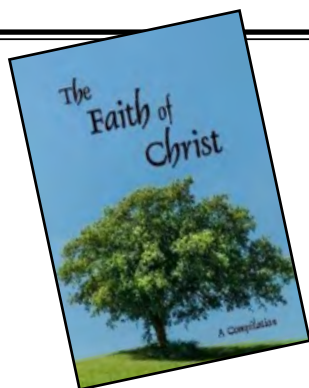
- the inheritance has changed,
- the location of the inheritance has changed,
- the calling has changed, and,
- not only has the administration changed, but the administrators have changed as well.

It is “**just now**” that we have completeness in Christ alone, without ritual, rite or dispensational barrier (Colossians 2:10). There are no blessings that we have to attain that are not already ours.

9. “Unless we realize the fact that the burden of Ephesians was an *absolute secret*, this precious quality will not endear it to us, and we will fail to appreciate its message and the underlying love which it reveals. Its greatest charm will be lost to us if we find it foreshadowed in Genesis, or foretold in the Hebrew prophets, or revealed in the ‘Gospels,’ or the Acts of the Apostles, or if we even confuse it with Paul’s previous revelations in his earlier epistles. It was hid from the eons in God (Ephesians 3:9), and was made known only by Paul during his Roman imprisonment (Ephesians 3:8).” – A.E. Knoch (1874-1965), *Unsearchable Riches*, volume 18 (1927)

10. “... We have been reading this mystery [the Secret Economy] into previously revealed truth. Earlier Scriptures have been so colored by its presence that their true import is difficult to entertain.

“Search the Scriptures and see, where is there any license for introducing a heavenly destiny and hope before Paul wrote Ephesians. All things shall be heavenly as to character, but this refers to position. It was a secret, not only unrevealed, but actually concealed.” – A.E. Knoch (1874-1965), “The Divine Mysteries (The Secret Economy),” *Unsearchable Riches*, volume 1; page 56 (1909)



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## ***The Faith of Christ (A Compilation)***

Here is a subject worthy of our careful consideration. It is crucial to our spiritual well-being, since it is vitally joined to our redemption and deliverance which are to be found in the Lord Jesus Christ. “*The faith of Jesus Christ*” is unwittingly denied by sincere and well-meaning believers. After having been well-grounded in this subject as it is revealed in His Word and reflected in this study, may we no longer be found in that rapidly growing company of believers who are unenlightened because they are uninstructed. Authors include:

E.H. Clayton (1887-1972), A.E. Knoch (1874-1965), Adlai Loudy (1893-1984), and Frank Neil Pohorlak (1907-1988).

In the old economy, all blessings were based on the principal of “If – THEN.” God would tell Israel, “If you will do this .... **then** I will do this.” This is the principal of the law: obey God, and He will bless you.<sup>11</sup>

Paul revealed that all has been accomplished beforehand by Christ, so we are now “*complete in Him.*” All things emphasized in the past by the *Barrier Wall* have been removed. We “*now*” live under an administration where there is:<sup>12</sup>

- no water baptism;
- no physical circumcision;
- no divinely recognized nations;
- no observance of days;
- no dietary restrictions;
- no religious feasts or suppers;
- no signs or wonders;
- no miraculous healing;
- no casting out of demons;
- no snake handling;
- no raising of the dead;
- no tongues;
- no visions;
- no Mosaic law observed;
- no vows;
- no animal scarifies;
- no ordinances;
- no altars;
- no manmade temple;

11. For more on this “If – Then” principle of the Law, see, “A Brief Survey of the Mosaic Covenant,” earlier in this current series (*Right Division*; Part 4) in [Bible Student’s Notebook #554](#).

12. We have used this list in the past. We purposely repeat it for emphasis. In a day plagued by the failure to “*correctly partition the Word of Truth*” (II Timothy 2:15), this truth cannot possibly be overemphasized.

- no priesthood;
- no confession of sins;
- no prophecies being fulfilled;
- no selling of personal possessions to have things in common;
- no neglecting of the family;
- no apostles;
- no prophets;
- no bishops;
- no pastors;
- no offices;
- no miraculous gifts;
- no local assemblies.

All of these *were* characteristic of God’s *past* dealing with Israel, and most will represent His *future* work in the restoration of Israel.

All of these *were* true when the *Barrier Wall* was present, “*but now*” – in the absence of that wall – we are “*complete in Him.*” There is nothing that needs to be added.

### “TIMES PAST” – “AGES TO COME”

In Ephesians 2, when Paul speaks of the past, he says “*in times past*” (:2, 3, 11, KJV). The CV employs two different ways to refer to the past: “*once*,” as in *once these things were true*, and also “*in that era.*”

When referring to the future he says “*ages to come*” (:7, KJV), or as the CV renders it, “*in the oncoming eons.*” Thus, in Ephesians 2 Paul is contrasting things in the past and the future with the “*now*” of the *Secret Administration*.



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## THE SECRET ADMINISTRATION

Though the grand truths of Paul's Gospel were firmly revealed and established in his earlier epistles, it was only "just now," at the writing of Ephesians, that the *Secret Administration* was being revealed.<sup>13</sup>

The word "administration" (or "dispensation") refers to the way things are done or carried out. Not all administrations are the same. God has had different administrations and different people in charge of them. The administration today was an absolute secret "in times past." You can read chronologically from Genesis until you get up to the book of Ephesians and you would never have a clue that this administration was going to happen.

In the beginning God made a plan for all of the ages, but He hid this *Secret Administration* and then proceeded to carry out His other plans until He had set Israel aside at the close of the book of Acts.<sup>14</sup> It was

13. "All of Paul's previous epistles are definitely declared to be ours, yet with such modifications as the abrogation of Israel's priority involves. Ephesians does not restate Paul's previous evangel, for that would have been useless. All to whom the new revelation came were acquainted with it. All that they needed was the ability to adapt it to the larger light.

"As a consequence, the epistle to the Ephesians is full of contacts and contrasts with Paul's previous teaching. Not only are we given the broad basis on which to build our attitude toward Paul's other writings, but many of the details are developed for us and the character of the link between the two is carefully considered." – A.E. Knoch (1874-1965) *Unsearchable Riches*, volume 18 (1927), pages 204-207.

14. "The ministry among the Dispersion ended in the imprisonment of Paul. ... The final crisis is at Rome. On an appointed day the representative Jews come to Paul in great number. Another appeal is made and scorned. The sentence of rejection spoken secretly in Matthew is now publicly pronounced. Israel is shut up in disobedience. A monument is erected on the site. On one side thereof are written Isaiah's fearful words. On the other: 'The salvation of God is sent to the Nations.'" – A.E. Knoch (1874-1965) *Unsearchable Riches*, volume 2, page 34.

then that He revealed through Paul that which He has hidden within Himself.

*To make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been **hid in God** ... (Ephesians 3:9, KJV).*

*To enlighten all as to what is the administration of the secret, which has been **concealed from the eons in God** ... (CV).*

Therefore, you can read not only all of Scripture up until Paul's writings, but all of Paul's early epistles too – and there are no hints regarding the *Secret Administration*.

However, it's important that we're not confused by the references to other "secrets" (or "mysteries") in Paul's early epistles. God has always revealed "secrets." In fact, you can read about "secrets" even in the Gospels. You can read about the "secrets of the Kingdom."<sup>15</sup> God has always had little bits of information He never told anyone. However, He never had an entire administration whose every aspect – its hope, its people, its destiny, its calling, its instructions, its inheritance – were *all* a secret. *These* secrets were first revealed in Ephesians and then in Colossians.

The Old Testament prophets and the four Gospels were not about you and me. They're about God dealing with the nation of Israel. In fact, when Israel's Messiah called the Twelve He actually forbid them to go to the Gentiles (our ancestors), sending them only to "the lost sheep of the House of Israel."<sup>16</sup>

15. Cf. Matthew 13:11; Mark 4:11; Luke 8:10.

16. Matthew 10:5-6



## *To Enlighten All as to the Secret*

by — A.E. Knoch (1874-1965)

The letter to the Ephesians is an elaboration of the definition of the present secret economy of which Paul became the dispenser.

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During the Pentecost Dispensation of the Acts Period, acting as “priest to the Gentiles,”<sup>17</sup> Paul had all of the apostolic signs (i.e., “signs of an apostle,” II Corinthians 12:12). He,

- healed the sick;
- raised the dead;
- performed miracles;
- observed the Law;
- made vows;
- offered sacrifices;
- circumcised.

Some would have us believe that somewhere in the middle of the book of Acts a great *dispensational* change took place; but this change occurred only *after* the end of the book, when the *Secret Administration* was revealed in the book of Ephesians.

What happened in the middle of the book of Acts was the *addition* of a *new* gospel: *Paul’s Gospel*, the evangel of the Uncircumcision, the good news of the grace of God. But *Paul’s Gospel* is never to be confused with the *Secret Administration*.<sup>18</sup>

Paul’s ministry of the *Secret Administration* has been long abandoned by most, due to a failure to rightly (or correctly) divide (or partition) the Word of Truth.

17. During Paul’s early ministry the Nations were by no means on an equal footing with the favored nation. We were merely “guests” at Israel’s table.

“This is the place we gentiles have in the ministry of Christ. Our position was improved in the succeeding Pentecostal era. But it was not until Paul’s imprisonment that we were brought nigh and enter the family of God (Ephesians 2:18-19). Until then we were still guests at Israel’s table, if not puppies under it.” – A.E. Knoch (1874-1965), *Concordant Commentary on the New Testament* (1968), page 33.

18. For more information see, “Paul’s Gospel & the Secret Administration,” [Bible Student’s Notebook #788](#).

*Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing** the Word of Truth* (II Timothy 2:15).

*Endeavor to present yourself to God qualified, an unashamed worker, **correctly cutting** the Word of Truth* (CV). Or, “**correctly partitioning**” (CV, 1927 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition).

If you include all of Paul’s epistles in the current *Secret Administration*, then you’ll have baptizing, observing the Lord’s Supper, doing signs wonders and miracles, tongues, etc. These Jewish things are also found all the way through the entire Pentecost Administration in the book of Acts. In fact, when Paul was challenged regarding his teaching during the book of Acts, he replied,

*I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying **none other things** than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come* (Acts 26:22, KJV).

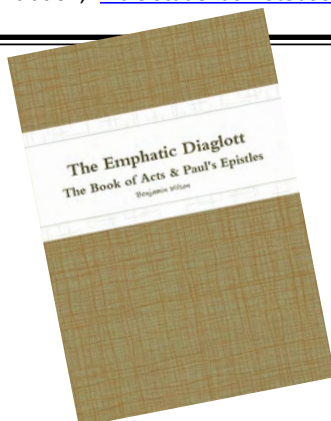
*Until this day I stand attesting both to small and to great, saying **nothing outside** of what both the prophets and Moses speak of impending occurrences* (CV).

Of course, all of this changed after the close of the book of Acts with the “just now” revelation that the *Barrier Wall* had been torn down and that the *Secret Administration* had been established.

Today we have a *new*:

- administration

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## ***The Emphatic Diaglott:*** ***The Book of Acts & Paul’s Epistles*** by — Benjamin Wilson

This is a Greek Interlinear with a literal English translation. It contains illustrative and explanatory footnotes, a copious selection of references, and a valuable alphabetical appendix. Facsimile of this 1864 classic with enlarged type. 8-½ x 11.

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# "Seasons of Refreshing" & "Times of Restoration"

by – Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

*Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the **times of refreshing** shall come from the presence of the Lord; and He shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the Heaven must receive until the **times of restitution** of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began (Acts 3:19-21, KJV).*

*Repent, then, and turn about for the erasure of your sins, so that **seasons of refreshing** should be coming from the face of the Lord, and He should dispatch the One fixed upon before for you, Christ Jesus, Whom Heaven must indeed receive until the **times of restoration** of all which God speaks through the mouth of His holy prophets who are from the eon (CLV).*

There are enormous amounts of prophecy that were given to Israel in the Hebrew Scriptures that are yet to be fulfilled.

Notice that, according to Peter in Acts 3, these unfulfilled prophecies can be placed into two categories: "refreshment" and "restoration."

Also notice that both of these categories involve significant periods of time. These are coming, not in a single "season of refreshing," nor a single "time of restoration," but instead there are a multiple of each: "**seasons** of refreshing" as well as "**times** of restoration."

Christendom's methods of prophetic interpretation have left little room for such vast "seasons" and "times." Most believers simply follow some version of Christendom's eschatology, futilely attempting to force the enormity of Israel's prophetic scene into a few extremely abridged time periods. From this shallow vantage point it is believed that more time has passed in God's ages than remains. This couldn't be further from the truth.

Multiplied millennia remain, more than have yet transpired, for the fulfillment of all of the glorious plans that God has revealed in His Word. Far from being near the "end" of something prophetic, the span of God's aeonian plan is immense, and our placement is early on in its timeline. Much more of God's prophetic program remains than man's feeble eschatologies allow.

*Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, which keeps covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments **to a thousand generations** (Deuteronomy 7:9).*

*Be mindful always of His covenant; the word which He commanded **to a thousand generations** (I Chronicles 16:15).*

*He has remembered, unto **times age-abiding**, His covenant, the word He commanded, **to a thousand generations** (Psalm 105:8, REB). **BSN***

## TOPICS:

**Major:** Seasons of Refreshing; Times of Restoration

**Minor:** 1,000 Generations; Israel

## "Aeonian"

Of all of the arguments on this question, the one which appears to me the most absolutely and hopelessly futile is the one in which so many seem to rest with entire content; viz. that "eternal or *aeonian* life" must mean endless life, and therefore that "*aeonian* chastisement" must mean "endless chastisement." ...

No proposition is capable of more simple proof than that *aeonian* is *not* a synonym of endless. It only means, or can mean, in its *primary* sense, pertaining to an *aeon*, and therefore "indefinite," since an *aeon* may be either long or short ...

— F.W. Farrar (1831-1903)

*The Wider Hope* (1890), page 327

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**Major:** Eonian Life; Quotes (titled)

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However, when God has finished with this present administration, the books of Hebrews, James, Peter, John, Jude and Revelation will find their complete fulfillment. God has always had a people. He had a people in the past, and He has a people in the future, and they have their own books of Scripture to go to. All of these Jewish books are about the future.

While the entire Bible is profitable to us, it is only beneficial when we are careful to understand if any given part is directly to us or not. If we don't do so, it can be destructive to our lives. Peter said concerning Paul's epistles,

*And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which*

**they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other Scriptures, UNTO THEIR OWN DESTRUCTION** (II Peter 3:15-16, KJV).

*And be deeming the patience of our Lord salvation, according as our beloved brother Paul also writes to you, according to the wisdom given to him, as also in all the epistles, speaking in them concerning these things, in which are some things hard to apprehend, which the unlearned and unstable are twisting, as the rest of the Scriptures also, to their own destruction* (CV).

Today we have the most unique privilege of possessing the completed Word of God (Colossians 1:25).<sup>19</sup> The revelation of God given to Paul regarding the *Secret Administration* completed it and we're "now" able to read and enjoy *all* of Scripture in light of Ephesians and Colossians – God's pinnacle truth!

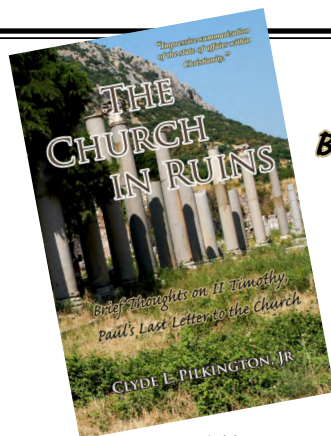
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**Major:** Middle Wall; Timeline

**Minor:** Colossians; Ephesians; Paul's Gospel; Secret Administration

<sup>19</sup> For more information see, "Colossians: The Completion of the Word of God," [Bible Student's Notebook #788](#).



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Priceless. – OH  
Awesome. – TX  
A real eye opener. – MI  
Groundbreaking stuff. – OH

## THE CHURCH IN RUINS

### *Brief Thoughts on II Timothy, Paul's Last Letter to the Church*

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

This brief survey of Paul's last epistle will reveal that while almost 2000 years have transpired, the condition of the church has remained the same, and indeed has worsened in accordance with Paul's warning to Timothy.

This book is not a call for a re-awakening of "the church," because it is apparent that this is not Father's plan. Rather, it is a call to individual men – men whose place in the Christian religious system has left them empty, stagnant, and restless – to awaken to Father's call to be His faithful servant and stand outside of that system to look for other faithful men as well.

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Impressive. – TX  
Another nail driven by the Truth. – WI  
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### Scripture Version

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AV: Authorized Version  
BSV: Bible Student's Version  
CV: Concordant Literal Version  
DAR: Darby Translation  
DT: Dabhar Translation  
ED: Emphatic Diaglott  
ERV: English Revised Version  
FF: Ferrar Fenton Bible  
GNT: Goodspeed New Testament  
HCSB: Holman Christian Standard Bible  
KJV: King James Version  
MKJV: Modern King James Version  
NAS: New American Standard Version  
NET: New English Translation  
NIV: New International Version  
REB: Rotherham's Emphasized Bible  
WEB: World English Bible  
WNT: Williams New Testament  
WT: Weymouth Translation  
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CWS: Complete Word Study Dictionary (Zodhiates)  
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TGL: Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon  
UR: Unsearchable Riches  
VED: Vine's Expository Dictionary  
YAC: Young's Analytical Concordance

### Reference Notations

*cf.* – compare  
*e.g.* – for example  
*et al.* – and others  
*etc.* – et cetera (and so on)  
*ff.* – and the following  
*i.e.*, – that is