

How Scripture Interprets Itself: Pt II

Part I of this teaching is captured in the previous Artios Letter.

We must remember that all scripture interprets itself either in the verse, in the context or where it was elsewhere used. 80-90 % of the Word of God interprets itself right in the verse.

Words employed must be in harmony

The meaning of the words employed must be in harmony with the verse under consideration, as well as the entire portion of related scripture. (This consideration is for a subject, not an incident.)

Hebrews 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.



'By Faith' should be 'by believing.' It comes from the Greek word pistus. The word 'faith' should be translated 'believing' in the entire chapter of Hebrews 11.

Let's look at Galatians 3.

Gal 3:22-23 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. {23} But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.

'Faith' means, 'believing.' It specifically refers to Jesus Christ's believing. What came? The believing of Jesus Christ came, and it refers to what he did for us.

To 'be translated' vs. 'carried over'

Acts 7:16 And were **carried over** into Sychem, and laid in the sepulchre that Abraham bought for a sum of money of the sons of Emmor *the father of Sychem.*

Metatithemi, "translated," means, 'to take from one place to another, or to transfer.' It is never used in conjunction with a 'taking up.'

A 'taking up' is translated from the Greek word analambano.

Acts 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is

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taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

To 'take up' is **analam-bano**. Jesus was taken up into heaven.

Mark 16:19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was **received up** into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

To 'take up' is **analam-bano**. Jesus was taken up in to heaven and sat down on the right hand of God.

John 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, *even* the Son of man which is in heaven.

No man, except Jesus, ascended up to heaven. We know that Jesus was born by divine conception. That is the meaning of "but he that came down from heaven." Jesus wasn't strolling around in heaven before he was born. Before He was born, he was simply in God's foreknowledge. All of

God's Word has to fit together. We aren't allowed to privately interpret it.

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1 Cor 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not **seen**, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

'Seen' is **eidon** meaning 'to look at with actual perception *with the eye's*.' In Hebrews 11:5, which we read earlier, 'see' refers 'to seeing someone die.' Enoch did not see someone die—with his own eyes. It is not talking about Enoch not having to die, for all men are appointed to death. It is talking about 'not seeing another person die—with the eyes.'

Hebrews 11:13 These all died,...

...including Enoch. Enoch

was not taken into heaven. Now, it becomes very clear, with a little bit of understanding of three simple words; '**faith**', '**translated**', and '**see**.'

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There are entire sections of the Word translated according to theological viewpoints just to sell Bibles. Some sections are translated one way in the western world, and an entirely different way in the eastern world. Why? To sell Bibles.

It's a shame that those who ought to know don't take the time required to work the Word according to these principles. We must understand that the meaning of the words employed must be in harmony with the verse under consideration as well as the entire portion of related scripture.

Much Love in Christ!

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