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About Jigsaw Puzzles

Some time ago, I visited a local discount bookstore and purchased a jigsaw puzzle of the world's map, assuring myself, "Five hundred pieces won't take a genius." However, as I began organizing the shapes and colors and separating their piles, I was certain I'd been short-changed. There didn't seem to be enough pieces to frame the thing. It perturbed me that I'd expected a complete puzzle from a discount store. I scolded myself, "Well, you get what you pay for!" Nevertheless, I decided to put the pieces together as well as I could without all the parts and with many pieces that didn't look like they belonged at all.

Persevering to finish my project, I thought of the puzzle our family spent weeks putting together. It was at least a thousand pieces, all the same shape and size, nearly the same color—blue and gray dinosaurs in a swamp. Five of us worked on it in our spare time. We didn't know we were learning about life: **Don't give up the puzzle before all of its pieces come together.**

The five hundred pieces finally found their places, a satisfying and sobering moment. I saw how wrong I was about its parts not fitting. Many times I had no idea where they went, but when I tried them, if they fit they stayed. At last it all worked perfectly, and its border neatly framed the entire puzzle. Not a piece was missing, and no extras remained. The parts were there all along. Writing this book was a lot like putting that puzzle together.

I never wanted to be a writer but began after the morning in late 2003 when He quietly shouted me awake—"Write a book!" I published *A Thorn in My Flesh* in late 2009. In January 2010 the Lord silently said, "The church is divided by deceptions" and led me to learn the truth of His words. I found the apostasy was institutionalized in the 4th century but had begun long before.

The Spirit urged me to write the truth as He delivered it in the words of the Bible. The challenge was to truly believe it. In writing, I discovered strongholds; false teachings had prevented my faith in its words, so I tore down their walls to believe the Bible literally with the Spirit as my Teacher for *The Union*.

... "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" –
Yeshua (from Mat. 4:4 NKJV; cf. Deut. 8:3)

I learned by asking questions and expecting answers from my Rabbi who'd anointed me and given me this mantle. He

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hadn't opened these things to a scholar, but to a dark horse. It wouldn't take a genius to believe God. The longer it took, the more I learned. My quest for the truth led to its mysteries, which I extracted as another book, *Mysteries of the Ancient Word*.

The prophecies popped out of the mysteries unexpectedly; after that, I realized He'd planned it all from the start. His words confirmed my findings as I pressed in for the details. At first I was reluctant to broach prophecy, but Jesus said He'd teach me and He did. The metaphors often opened to me before the Bible confirmed what I already understood. It took my breath away!

I couldn't have planned it. I didn't know what to expect, but continued writing. At first I was inundated with the information I needed on the Internet; it was uncanny. I meditated on the words and prayed for Revelation to clarify Daniel. God answered when I removed Revelation from *Mysteries* to simplify its text.

Suddenly, I saw the order of Revelation and wondered how we'd missed it all these years! I dared to believe God instead of men, and He opened my mind. The scattered pieces of the puzzle fit into their places till its picture came together. The greater difficulty lay in turning it all into words for others to understand it too. A jigsaw puzzle became its paradigm as I put the pieces into their respective piles; then, connected their matching parts.

Jesus was doing the impossible—unveiling the *Apocalypse!* This meant a third book was on the way. I took its mysteries out of *The Union* and its prophecies out of the book of mysteries, writing and editing three at once when *Unveiled!* was conceived.

At first, its pieces were hard to understand. How could they be what they were? I called out, "How is that possible?" And He replied with a vision. I reacted, "This is hard to believe!" But when I believed, it made perfect sense. The more I believed, the more He unveiled until all of its parts fit. I saw the whole world in a new way by turning to the Light of God that opened my eyes to it. I asked the questions, and the Holy Spirit had the answers. It took a team. I believed the Bible's words as I wrote, and God answered all my calls. After all, this was His idea, not mine.

I was determined to write by faith because I knew without it we can't please God. It's been my practice to read the Bible aloud, listen to its words, and then believe the words, even if it means discarding what I had believed before. Now I was willing to look outside the box where God has been forever.

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The apostles came from humble circumstances, not scholars with computers and high tech at their fingertips. Jesus opened their minds to see the world as they'd never seen it before. In the same way, we can only comprehend His words when His Spirit opens our eyes to them. Few people understand them; this has resulted in our belief that the greatest war in history, which returned His people to their land, isn't mentioned in the Bible. Although the "experts" have been telling us that, God doesn't do a thing without first speaking to His prophets. (Amos 3:7)

Paul urged us to demolish strongholds, words we receive that are honored above the Scriptures. He was also taught by the scholars but went to Arabia to discover the truth, not from any man, but the Spirit taught him as his Schoolmaster when he learned about tearing down strongholds. (Gal. 1:14-17)

The arguments are within us by traditional teachings. If we parrot the teachers, they affirm us regardless of the truth, but if we turn from them to God's Word alone, He rewards us:

⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly but powerful through God for the tearing down of strongholds. We are tearing down false arguments ⁵ and every high-minded thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God. We are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Messiah— (2 Cor. 10:4-5 TLV)

Poring over documentaries again and again, I saw the prophecies clarify their evidence, and He provided the strength and peace I needed to approach His words.

²⁷ But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. (1 Jn. 2:27)

Unveiled! has two goals: to open the prophecies and to prepare us for the future. By believing His words, we trust God as He is, not distorting His nature; The Almighty does not have to please us. We must change our belief when what we think we know contradicts the Bible's words.

⁹ He said, "Go *your way*, Daniel, for the words *are* shut up and sealed until the time of the end. (Dan. 12:9 ESV)

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The two parts of *Unveiled!* interact, covering several epochs of time, especially as it relates to Israel. Each part shines its light on the other. Revelation explains the events happening in the background of history. After reading *Unveiled!* review its pages for greater clarity. Take notes; draw pictures; read slowly.

The basic Scriptural Order is on pp. 294–95. It is complex. Since the material isn't easy, some things are repeated to confirm where its words fit history. By comparing the words of God to the past century, we'll begin to see the effects of the supernatural on the natural world around us.

The Bible is proven true when history opens its prophecies. If we read the Bible without believing its words, we should question whether we want to know the truth. Maybe we've been *ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.* (2 Tim. 3:7) It takes tenacity, but if the Holy Spirit is with us, we'll see the places where the pieces fit and be encouraged in our search for the whole picture. (Acts 17:10-12) If we ask God a question and He gives us its answer in a vision or a dream, we'll follow that vision or dream; give it time; if it's true, it was God.

Like the Bereans, I believe God literally unless He speaks symbolically, as He often does in prophecy. Then I “press in” to “see,” praying and meditating till the Holy Spirit opens the eyes of my heart and my mind to focus on the Word as a witness to it.

The Spirit of God prodded me to search out literal meanings of words I thought I knew but hadn't understood. Many years ago, He'd led me out of far more confusing things because I refused to quit. Maybe that's why He chose me for this, not despite my past, but because of it; it's an irony.

Apocalypse is Greek from *apōkalupsis* and *apōkaluptein*, to uncover. *Unveiled!* sheds light on the mysterious connections of its words, meant to be revealed for us to *see* at the end of the age. He's our Rabbi whose revelations open our eyes. (1 Cor. 13:2, 12)

Believing the Word is like eating the whole lamb at the first Passover in Egypt—guts, brains, and all! (Ex.12:8-9) Though it isn't easy, let's eat the unappetizing parts: open up and take them in; chew, swallow, and digest them:

²⁶ “But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

(Jn. 14:26 NKJV) – Hundreds of verses came to mind.

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The main body of *Unveiled!* opens our minds to Revelation, which opens many mysteries, step-by-step. *The Revelation of Jesus Christ* was unsealed two thousand years ago. *And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. (Rev. 22:10)*

Its Scroll hasn't been sealed since Jesus opened it, nor has it been understood, but at the end of the age, much of its future has passed; history fills in its words, and He has unveiled them.

In Part 1 Revelation 17 introduces Daniel 7. Some events in 17 occurred long before John was in exile on the isle of Patmos; other parts lead to Daniel's prophecies. As time goes on, Daniel 7:23-38 returns us to the Revelation (on pp. 39-40). There's a lot to know; condensed in His Revelation, it's ours to discover by searching history through faith in its words. Revelation tests our faith. Its astonishing details affirm the testimony of Jesus Christ, making *Unveiled!* an important book for all of us.

⁷“And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”
(Rev. 22:7 ESV) – Yeshua, of His Revelation from the Father

Prayer and meditation are vital; no intellect can figure out spiritual words. If we can't understand earthly things, how can we comprehend heavenly things? (Jn. 3:12) Our brains are carnal flesh. (Jas. 2:26) But the mind of Christ is of the Holy Spirit:

¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³ And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. (1 Cor. 2:10-13 ESV) – Re: the spiritual mind

In Revelation we find the cross He had ordained for each of us—one assurance we'd rather deny, but without which, we'd forfeit everlasting life. (Mat. 10:37-39) The Spirit of Jesus Christ unveiled the mysteries at the end of the age to prepare us for our place on the timeline.

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Consider these pages, and if in anything you differ, the Lord will prove all things with time. But know this: our preferences don't decide the truth. We can live without a lot of things, but we can't live apart from the truth. If we diligently search for it, we'll find and embrace it by the grace God provides. Now let's believe His every word and live in shalom, my friend.

Significant Details

A Bible at your side helps find the parenthesized verses and checks the contexts. Use a concordance. For phrases, e.g., *the Great Sea*, Biblegateway.com offers the frequency and usage. I've used literal and interlinear translations to validate wordage along with Aramaic, Hebrew, and Greek lexicons.

You might bookmark Part 1, chapter 1, starting at page 19; chapter 13 at page 133; and chapter 17 at page 189. These pages are frequently cited in other parts of the text. You can flip to your bookmarks to find them. It's a quick way to compare these scriptures while many others are listed by book, chapter, and verse, which is why a Bible (or two) beside you is helpful.

“Church” refers to institutional churches or to those who profess to believe, so it's not capitalized. [Gr.: *ekklesia*, a calling out, is translated, “church.” Heb.: *sunagōgē* is a gathering, congregation, or assembly.] In *ekklesia* or in *sunagōgē*, holiness is the goal of anyone who confesses Jesus' or Yeshua's, name.

Jesus' full name in Hebrew is *Yehoshua[h]*, or “Yehováh is Salvation,” or “Yehováh saves”; short, it's *Yeshua*, “Salvation.” It's *Iesous* in Greek.^a Since the language of the Roman Empire was Greek, Jesus' disciples likely spoke Greek,^b Aramaic, and maybe Hebrew, less common after the captivities had introduced new languages to the Jews and Samaritans.^c

The first translations called Him *Iesus*, His name in Greek, which is now “Jesus.”^d A growing number of Jews are finding Jesus by His Hebrew name, Yeshua. Had it been used it in the King James Version of 1611, we'd be familiar with it today. In *Unveiled!*, both names are used interchangeably.

Words are underlined or in bold font for emphasis. Biblical words are indented in sans serif, unlike my own words, and some are *italicized* within my text. [The Bible's *italics* are added by translators to clarify or interpret its meaning, which can be helpful but may miss the mark.]

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Concerning upper or lower case: “Scriptures” refers to the Bible as a whole; lower case “scripture(s)” refers to a particular passage or verse(s). Cf. is from the Latin word, *confer*, preceding the reference(s) that compares one passage or verse with another.

The words *man* or *men* most often refer to mankind or to person(s) in a generic sense. This is common in the translations and is true since God formed woman out of man, calling both *adam*, “man(kind)” (in Gen. 2:22). Thus, we are all mankind and should not be offended.

In Christ there’s *neither male nor female* (from Gal. 3:28) for God is Spirit. Without denying His own creation’s genetic differences, God cares more about the contents of our hearts. Yeshua honored women; the first to see Him alive after He rose from death was Mary Magdalene. Though a negative perception of women apparently began after Eden, two thousand years ago, Jesus Christ came and looked into our hearts.

The unspoken Hebrew name of God [YHVH], in the Biblical texts, is “LORD.” In the TLV, it is ADONAI. Both have two sizes of font to indicate His holy name. The substitute for Adonai is “Lord” [in most Biblical texts]. *Elohim* [the plural One] is God. Adonai YHVH is “Lord GOD.” Some have “G–d”, respecting Jewish tradition as an unspoken name. Here it is “God” because He has made His holy name *great among the gentiles*—of all people! (Mal. 1:11)

BC meant “Before Christ” for fifteen hundred years till its change to “Before the Common Era,” BCE. *Anno Domini*, “In the year of our Lord,” was once AD but in recent years became CE by men who deny God in Christ. The former abbreviations are used to honor the Creator of this magnificent universe.