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Even though Cain killed Abel, didn't repent, and didn't show any remorse, God still spared Cain's life and **actually** protected him from being killed by others.

- **Genesis 4:15:** "And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him."

There are times when the Bible calls someone a brother even though the **actual** relation may be slightly different. "Brother" seems to be a more general term. (In this case the person who Abram rescued was Lot, who was Abram's nephew and not his brother.)

- **Genesis 14:14:** "And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan."

Even though Abraham only offered to give the three men bread and water, he **actually** had one of his own calves prepared for them.

- **Genesis 18:4-5 7:** "Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said. ... And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it unto a young

man; and he hasted to dress it."

Although Lot told the angry mob that his two daughters were virgins, they were both **actually** married.

- **Genesis 19:8, 14:** "Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof. ... And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law."

The angel of the Lord told Abraham that he hadn't withheld his only son Isaac from "me". Since God was the one who told Abraham to sacrifice his son, that means the angel was **actually** God (a preincarnate appearance of the Lord Jesus.)

- **Genesis 22:12:** "And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me."

Ephron claimed the land Abraham wanted (so he could bury his wife) was worth 400 shekels of silver. (That was an outrageous price, and was vastly more than it was **actually** worth.)

- **Genesis 23:15:** "My lord, hearken unto me: the land is worth four hundred shekels of silver; what is that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy dead."

Rebekah wasn't told that she would be paid for watering the camels that belonged to Abraham's oldest servant until she had **actually** completed the job.

- **Genesis 24:22:** "And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold;"

Abraham called Rebekah the daughter of his master's brother (even though she was **actually** the granddaughter).

- **Genesis 24:48:** "And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son."

Abraham's oldest servant wanted approval from Rebekah's household before **actually** leaving with her.

- **Genesis 24:54:** "And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master."

Jacob believed that if Esau swore to give him his birthright then he would keep that promise. (However, it's unclear if that **actually** happened. There's no record of Jacob ever receiving it.)

- **Genesis 25:33:** "And Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he swore unto him: and he sold his birthright unto

Jacob."

When Jacob brought the savory meat to Isaac, his father wanted to feel him so he could tell if he was **actually** talking to Esau.

- **Genesis 27:21:** "And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou be my very son Esau or not."

The reason Isaac blessed Jacob was because Jacob successfully deceived his father into thinking that he was **actually** Esau.

- **Genesis 27:23:** "And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him."

Esau **actually** went out and hunted an animal for meat, just as Isaac commanded him to do.

- **Genesis 27:30:** "And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting."

Rebekah told Jacob that once Esau was no longer angry with him, she would send for him and fetch him back home. (That never **actually** happened).

- **Genesis 27:45:** "Until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence: why should I be deprived also of you both in one day?"

Even though Rebekah said she would take the blame if Jacob was caught, when he was **actually** caught she placed the blame on Jacob.

- **Genesis 27:13, 45:** "And his mother said unto him, Upon me be thy curse, my son: only obey my voice, and go fetch me them. ... Until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence: why should I be deprived also of you both in one day?"

When Rebekah wanted Jacob to leave home and go live with Laban for a while, she wasn't honest with Isaac about what was **actually** going on. Instead she lied to him.

- **Genesis 27:43-44, 46:** "Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran; And tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away; ... And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these which are of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?"

Laban called Jacob his brother (even though Jacob was **actually** his nephew).

- **Genesis 29:15:** "And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou art my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what shall thy wages be?"

Laban acted as if he was going to give Rachel to Jacob after he worked for him for seven years, even though he **actually** had

no intention of doing that at all. (Laban lied to Jacob and committed an act of fraud.)

- **Genesis 29:18-19:** "And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter. And Laban said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me."

Even though Jacob worked seven years for Rachel, and even though Laban led Jacob to believe that he would give him Rachel in return for that work, Laban didn't **actually** do that. Instead he gave Jacob his daughter Leah.

- **Genesis 29:23:** "And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her."

Rachel **actually** wanted Jacob to have children with her maid.

- **Genesis 30:3:** "And she said, Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her."

When Asher was born, Leah was still trying to find happiness by bearing children for her husband Jacob. (She did that even though it wasn't working and hadn't **actually** given her any happiness.)

- **Genesis 30:13:** "And Leah said, Happy am I, for the daughters will call me blessed: and she called his name Asher."

Jacob was willing to lie about what God had **actually** said in order to manipulate people. (There's no evidence God told Jacob any of the things that he claimed. The reality is Jacob obtained Laban's livestock through fraud and deception, not by some miraculous blessing from God.)

- **Genesis 31:11-13:** "And the angel of God spake unto me in a dream, saying, Jacob: And I said, Here am I. And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the cattle are ringstraked, speckled, and grised: for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee I am the God of Bethel, where thou anointedst the pillar, and where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred."

When Laban overtook Jacob, Laban **actually** threatened him with violence (even though God had specifically forbidden him from doing that).

- **Genesis 31:29:** "It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad."

Jacob had the ability to go off on tirades of what looked like righteous anger, but which was **actually** just lies. (Jacob obtained Laban's livestock through deception and fraud, not a miracle from God.)

- **Genesis 31:42:** "Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty. God hath seen mine affliction and the labour of my hands, and rebuked

thee yesternight."

Even though God **actually** appeared to Laban in a dream and told Laban to not say anything to Jacob either good or bad, Laban criticized and threatened Jacob and then claimed that all of Jacob's possessions belonged to him.

- **Genesis 31:43:** "And Laban answered and said unto Jacob, These daughters are my daughters, and these children are my children, and these cattle are my cattle, and all that thou seest is mine: and what can I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their children which they have born?"

When Esau offered to join Jacob on the rest of his trip, Jacob told Esau to go on ahead and that he would follow behind to Seir later. (However, it's not clear if Jacob ever **actually** went to Seir at all.)

- **Genesis 33:14:** "Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant: and I will lead on softly, according as the cattle that goeth before me and the children be able to endure, until I come unto my lord unto Seir."

When Simeon and Levi attacked the city where Shechem lived, they didn't just kill Shechem. Instead they slaughtered every single male in the city, even though the only male who was **actually** guilty of anything was Shechem and the rest of the men of the city weren't involved. (This was a brutal act of mass murder.)

- **Genesis 34:25:** "And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob,

Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and slew all the males."

Jacob understood that Joseph had dreamed that one day he and Joseph's mother would bow down to Joseph. (Since his **actual** mother Rachel was dead at this point, this seems to be referring to Leah.)

- **Genesis 37:10:** "And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?"

Even though the sons of Jacob knew what **actually** happened to Joseph, none of them were willing to be honest and tell their father the truth. Instead they all told a deliberately malicious lie that was designed to hurt their father as much as they possibly could.

- **Genesis 37:32-33:** "And they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's coat or no. And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces."

Judah didn't realize the woman he thought was a prostitute was **actually** Tamar, his daughter-in-law.

- **Genesis 38:16:** "And he turned unto her by the way, and said, Go to, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee; (for he

knew not that she was his daughter in law.) And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me?"

Joseph told his steward to tell his brothers that the silver cup which was "stolen" was the one he used in divination. (It's not clear if this was **actually** true.)

- **Genesis 44:4-5:** "And when they were gone out of the city, and not yet far off, Joseph said unto his steward, Up, follow after the men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good? Is not this it in which my lord drinketh, and whereby indeed he divineth? ye have done evil in so doing."

It's not clear if the sons of Jacob ever told him the true story of what **actually** happened to Joseph (or if they did, when they explained it to him).

- **Genesis 45:26:** "And told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not."

When Jacob was blessing the sons of Joseph, he gave the double portion to Joseph (not Reuben, the **actual** firstborn). (This is because Reuben had sex with Jacob's concubine Bilhah, and lost the birthright – see Genesis 35:22 and 1 Chronicles 5:1.)

- **Genesis 48:21-22:** "And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die: but God shall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers. Moreover I have given to thee

one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow."

After Jacob died, Joseph's brothers sent a messenger to Joseph saying that Jacob had commanded him to forgive them. (However, there's no evidence this **actually** happened, and his brothers had a long history of lying. It's possible they made this up.)

- **Genesis 50:16-17:** "And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying, So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him."

The flame of fire in the burning bush was called the angel of the Lord. However, *God* is the one who spoke to Moses out of the bush. That means the angel of the Lord was **actually** God.

- **Exodus 3:2, 4:** "And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. ... And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I."

By the time God sent the seventh plague upon Egypt, Moses realized that Pharaoh was lying and wasn't **actually** going to let the Israelites go, no matter how many promises Pharaoh made.

- **Exodus 9:30:** "But as for thee and thy servants, I know that ye will not yet fear the LORD God."

When the Israelites murmured against Moses and Aaron, they were **actually** murmuring against God.

- **Exodus 16:7:** "And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the LORD; for that he heareth your murmurings against the LORD: and what are we, that ye murmur against us?"

Under the Mosaic Law, the reason maidservants weren't freed after six years of service was because when a master purchased her, he was **actually** marrying her. He was supposed to keep her as a wife forever.

- **Exodus 21:8:** "If she please not her master, who hath betrothed her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed: to sell her unto a strange nation he shall have no power, seeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her."
- **Exodus 21:10:** "If he take him another wife; her food, her raiment, and her duty of marriage, shall he not diminish."

The Israelites gave the golden calf the credit for delivering them out of Egypt (even though the Lord was the one who **actually** delivered them).

- **Exodus 32:8:** "They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt."

When Moses and Joshua went down the mountain and heard the Israelites shouting (because they were worshipping the golden calf), Moses told Joshua the noise was **actually** singing.

- **Exodus 32:18:** "And he said, It is not the voice of them that shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome: but the noise of them that sing do I hear."

When God was angry with the Israelites for their idolatry and Moses pitched a tent, he called it the tabernacle of the congregation. (However, the **actual** tabernacle wasn't built until later.)

- **Exodus 33:7:** "And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to pass, that every one which sought the LORD went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which was without the camp."

Ithamar (son of Aaron) counted all the items of the tabernacle and made sure that everything which needed to be made was **actually** made.

- **Exodus 38:21:** "This is the sum of the tabernacle, even of the tabernacle of testimony, as it was counted, according to the commandment of Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, son to Aaron the priest."

Part of the atonement process for sin involved not just sacrificing animals, but **actually** eating them after they were

sacrificed.

- **Leviticus 7:15-16:** "And the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day that it is offered; he shall not leave any of it until the morning. But if the sacrifice of his offering be a vow, or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offereth his sacrifice: and on the morrow also the remainder of it shall be eaten:"

When the Israelites sought after idols, they were **actually** seeking after demons.

- **Leviticus 17:7:** "And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations."

Under the Mosaic Law, when the Israelites brought the sheaf of their firstfruits to the priest, the priest had to **actually** wave them before the Lord.

- **Leviticus 23:12:** "And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the LORD."

Under the Mosaic Law, when a person purchased land they were **actually** just renting that land until the year of jubilee, because it had to be returned in that year to its original owner.

- **Leviticus 25:13, 15-16:** "In the year of this jubile ye shall return every man unto his possession. ... According to the number of years after the jubile thou shalt buy of thy neighbour, and according unto the number of years of the

fruits he shall sell unto thee: According to the multitude of years thou shalt increase the price thereof, and according to the fewness of years thou shalt diminish the price of it: for according to the number of the years of the fruits doth he sell unto thee."

The reason the Israelites weren't allowed to sell land forever was because their land **actually** belonged to God, and they were living in His land.

- **Leviticus 25:23:** "The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine, for ye are strangers and sojourners with me."

Under the Mosaic Law, if a person sanctified a field to the Lord that he purchased from someone else (which meant he was renting the land), then the priest was to estimate the value of the land (based on how many years there were until the jubilee), and the person was to pay that value to the Lord as a holy thing. In that case the person was **actually** giving money to the Lord and not land (because he couldn't give the land since he was just renting it).

- **Leviticus 27:22-23:** "And if a man sanctify unto the Lord a field which he hath bought, which is not of the fields of his possession; Then the priest shall reckon unto him the worth of thy estimation, even unto the year of the jubile: and he shall give thine estimation in that day, as a holy thing unto the LORD."

Under the Mosaic Law, people were allowed to redeem the tithe of their harvest or their fruit. This means instead of giving the **actual** crops or fruit to the Lord, they could convert

its value into money and give that money instead.

- **Leviticus 27:31:** "And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth part thereof."

Under the Mosaic Law, there was a way for a jealous husband to tell if his wife was **actually** guilty of adultery or not. (This procedure required a functioning temple where God manifested His presence, which no longer exists.)

- **Numbers 5:12, 15-17, 27:** "Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man's wife go aside, and commit a trespass against him ... Then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth part of an ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense thereon; for it is an offering of jealousy, an offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance. And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before the Lord: And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is in the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put it into the water: ... And when he hath made her to drink the water, then it shall come to pass, that, if she be defiled, and have done trespass against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, and become bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot: and the woman shall be a curse among her people."

When God said He would provide meat for the entire nation of Israel for a month, Moses **actually** mocked God. Moses didn't believe it.

- **Numbers 11:21-22:** "And Moses said, The people, among

whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen; and thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month. Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them?"

The Levites who joined Korah's rebellion were **actually** rebelling against God.

- **Numbers 16:11:** "For which cause both thou and all thy company are gathered together against the LORD: and what is Aaron, that ye murmur against him?"

All firstborn animals belonged to the priests. However, the firstborn of unclean animals had to be redeemed, so they weren't **actually** given to the priests.

- **Numbers 18:15:** "Every thing that openeth the matrix in all flesh, which they bring unto the LORD, whether it be of men or beasts, shall be thine: nevertheless the firstborn of man shalt thou surely redeem, and the firstling of unclean beasts shalt thou redeem."

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When the Israelites asked for permission to pass through Edom, the king of Edom **actually** came out against Israel with many people to prevent them from entering his territory.

- **Numbers 20:20-21:** "And he said, Thou shalt not go through. And Edom came out against him with much people, and with a strong hand. Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his border: wherefore Israel turned away from him."

When Balaam smote his donkey with his staff, his donkey **actually** spoke to him.

- **Numbers 22:28:** "And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times?"

Balaam asked that he might die the death of the righteous. (However, he was **actually** killed by the Israelites for teaching the Moabites how to make Israel sin so God would punish them.)

- **Numbers 23:10:** "Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!"

When the spies discouraged the Israelites and convinced them not to enter the land God had given them, God made them a promise (which was **actually** a curse).

- **Numbers 32:10-12:** "And the LORD's anger was kindled the same time, and he sware, saying, Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I sware unto

Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me: Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun: for they have wholly followed the Lord."

Under the Mosaic Law, the tithe was based on crops. It wasn't a monetary amount. The Israelites were **actually** expected to bring a tenth of their crops to the tabernacle and give them to Levites.

- **Deuteronomy 14:22:** "Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year."

A person is only a true prophet if *everything* that he says will happen **actually** happens, with no exceptions.

- **Deuteronomy 18:22:** "When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him."

Under the Mosaic Law, if a man lied and claimed that his new wife wasn't a virgin when he married her when she **actually** was, he would get in trouble for telling that lie. (He would be chastised, fined, and prevented from ever divorcing her.)

- **Deuteronomy 22:18-19:** "And the elders of that city shall take that man and chastise him; And they shall amerce him in an hundred shekels of silver, and give them unto the father of the damsel, because he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel: and she shall be his wife;

he may not put her away all his days."

When people sacrifice to idols, they're **actually** sacrificing to devils.

- **Deuteronomy 32:17:** "They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up, whom your fathers feared not."

It seems that the **actual** first king of the Israelites was Moses. The text specifically calls him out as a king.

- **Deuteronomy 33:5:** "And he was king in Jeshurun, when the heads of the people and the tribes of Israel were gathered together."

When Moses blessed the Israelites before he died, he told the tribe of Naphtali to possess the west and the south. (The land given to that tribe was **actually** located to the east and the north, so it's not clear what this means.)

- **Deuteronomy 33:23:** "And of Naphtali he said, O Naphtali, satisfied with favour, and full with the blessing of the LORD: possess thou the west and the south."

God didn't tell Joshua how the Israelites were going to cross the Jordan river until the **actual** day they were supposed to cross it

- **Joshua 3:7-8:** "And the Lord said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee. And thou shalt command the priests that bear the

ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan."

The waters of the Jordan river weren't going to part for the Israelites until the priests who were carrying the Ark of the Covenant **actually** set foot in the river. They had to do what God said, and then He would part the river for them.

- **Joshua 3:13:** "And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the LORD of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap."

When a group of Gibeonites reached Joshua, the Israelites were suspicious. They weren't convinced they were **actually** from a distant country.

- **Joshua 9:7:** "And the men of Israel said unto the Hivites, Peradventure ye dwell among us; and how shall we make a league with you?"

There was a time when giants **actually** existed.

- **Joshua 12:4:** "And the coast of Og king of Bashan, which was of the remnant of the giants, that dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei,"

God promised to fight for Israel (provided Israel **actually** fought their enemies instead of making peace with them).

- **Joshua 23:10:** "One man of you shall chase a thousand:

for the LORD your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you."

The angel of the Lord said that he was the one who made a covenant with the Israelites. (This means the angel was **actually** God, and was most likely a preincarnate appearance of Jesus.)

- **Judges 2:1:** "And an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you."

When the king of the Ammonites claimed the Israelites had stolen his land back in the days of their departure from Egypt, Jephthah corrected him and told him what **actually** happened.

- **Judges 11:15:** "And said unto him, Thus saith Jephthah, Israel took not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon:"

Jephthah told the king of the Ammonites that by trying to take Israel's land, he was **actually** fighting against the God of Israel. This is because God was the one who took it from the Amorites and gave it to Israel.

- **Judges 11:23:** "So now the LORD God of Israel hath dispossessed the Amorites from before his people Israel, and shouldest thou possess it?"

Samson's plan to marry a Philistine woman was **actually** of

the Lord. (Samson was trying to find an excuse to wage war against the Philistines.)

- **Judges 14:4:** "But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the LORD, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel."

It seems that in the days of the judges, there actually was some danger that people might be attacked by lions while they were outside.

- Judges 14:5: "Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared against him."

The verse clearly says that Samson's wife was given to someone else. When she went home with another man, she did that even though she was actually married to Samson and was his wife.

- Judges 14:20: "But Samson's wife was given to his companion, whom he had used as his friend."

The verse says that the "Timnite" took Samson's wife and gave her to someone else, indicating that Samson was actually married to her.

- Judges 15:6: "Then the Philistines said, Who hath done this? And they answered, Samson, the son in law of the Timnite, because he had taken his wife, and given her to his companion. And the Philistines came up, and burnt her and her father with fire."

When Delilah weaved Samson's hair and fastened it with a pin, she told him that the Philistines were upon him. (This **actually** wasn't true. No one was lying in wait to attack him).

- **Judges 16:14:** "And she fastened it with the pin, and said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awaked out of his sleep, and went away with the pin of the beam, and with the web."

The Benjamites **actually** defended the men of Gibeah who raped the Levite's concubine to death.

- **Judges 20:13:** "Now therefore deliver us the men, the children of Belial, which are in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel. But the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel."

When the Israelites punished the Benjamites of Gibeah for the rape and murder of the Levite's concubine, they committed far worse crimes on a much larger scale, and killed far more innocent people. Their reaction to that crime was worse than the **actual** crime they were punishing.

- **Judges 21:10:** "And the congregation sent thither twelve thousand men of the valiantest, and commanded them, saying, Go and smite the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the children."

The process that was used to determine who would be the king of Israel didn't require Saul to **actually** be present. Once

he was chosen he couldn't be found.

- **1 Samuel 10:21:** "When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found."

When Saul saw that the Philistine army was breaking apart, it seems he wanted to use the high priest and the Ark of the Covenant to inquire of God. (However, it doesn't appear that he **actually** did that.)

- **1 Samuel 14:18-19:** "And Saul said unto Ahiah, Bring hither the ark of God. For the ark of God was at that time with the children of Israel. And it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the priest, that the noise that was in the host of the Philistines went on and increased: and Saul said unto the priest, Withdraw thine hand."

Saul didn't show any **actual** remorse when he was confronted with his sin. Instead of repenting, he demanded to be honored (even though he had just been told that he was no longer the rightful king of Israel).

- **1 Samuel 15:30:** "Then he said, I have sinned: yet honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God."

God was going to tell Samuel who would be the next king of Israel. However, He wasn't going to do that until Samuel **actually** went to Jesse and met him and his sons.

- **1 Samuel 16:3:** "And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will

shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee."

When an evil spirit came upon Saul, it caused him to prophesy in his house. (It seems this means the evil spirit caused him to speak. It's unlikely Saul was **actually** prophesying the future.)

- **1 Samuel 18:10:** "And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand."

Saul commanded his servants to tell David that he delighted in him. (That was a lie. Saul was **actually** trying to kill him.)

- **1 Samuel 18:21-22:** "And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son in law in the one of the twain. And Saul commanded his servants, saying, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son in law."

Since Saul was hiding from Jonathan the fact that he was trying to kill David, David created a simple test. If Saul was unnaturally angry that David was missing, that would prove that Saul **actually** was trying to kill him.

- **1 Samuel 20:7:** "If he say thus, It is well; thy servant shall have peace: but if he be very wroth, then be sure that evil is determined by him."

Jonathan didn't tell the lad the arrow had been shot past him until the lad **actually** reached the arrow.

- **1 Samuel 20:37:** "And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, Is not the arrow beyond thee?"

David said that Saul was God's anointed. (However, that was a lie. David knew that *he* was the **actual** anointed king of Israel, and that God had rejected Saul from being king.)

- **1 Samuel 24:6:** "And he said unto his men, The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the LORD's anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD."

David asked Saul why he listened to people who told him that David sought to hurt him. (However, Saul was **actually** the person who was telling people that. Saul was the source of that rumor.)

- **1 Samuel 24:9:** "And David said to Saul, Wherefore hearest thou men's words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt?"

David seemed to think it was a noble and righteous thing to let a murderer go free. (However, he was wrong. It was **actually** a violation of the Mosaic Law.)

- **1 Samuel 24:12:** "The LORD judge between me and thee, and the LORD avenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not

be upon thee."

- **1 Samuel 24:13:** "As saith the proverb of the ancients, Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked: but mine hand shall not be upon thee."

David wanted to verify that Saul was **actually** present before he took any action.

- **1 Samuel 26:4:** "David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul was come in very deed."

David didn't want Achish to know who he had **actually** been waging war against.

- **1 Samuel 27:11:** "And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring tidings to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on us, saying, So did David, and so will be his manner all the while he dwelleth in the country of the Philistines."

When Achish told David that he wanted him to join the Philistines and fight against Israel, David said he would know what David could do. (It seems David was being deliberately deceptive, as he didn't **actually** agree to fight against Israel.)

- **1 Samuel 28:2:** "And David said to Achish, Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever."

The witch at Endor was able to bring up the spirit of Samuel (who had died) so that Saul could talk to him. The spirit that

she brought up was **actually** the real Samuel.

- **1 Samuel 28:15:** "And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do."

When Achish told David to go home so that he didn't displease the lords of the Philistines, David told Achish that he had been with him a long time. (It was **actually** just 16 months.)

- **1 Samuel 29:8:** "And David said unto Achish, But what have I done? and what hast thou found in thy servant so long as I have been with thee unto this day, that I may not go fight against the enemies of my lord the king?"

Achish compared David to an angel of God. (This is because David had deceived him about what he had **actually** been doing.)

- **1 Samuel 29:9:** "And Achish answered and said to David, I know that thou art good in my sight, as an angel of God: notwithstanding the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle."

David had the Amalekite who claimed to have killed Saul put to death. (However, his story about having killed Saul was **actually** a lie.)

- **2 Samuel 1:10, 15:** "So I stood upon him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he

was fallen: and I took the crown that was upon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord. ... And David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, and fall upon him. And he smote him that he died."

When the twelve servants of Abner fought the twelve servants of Joab, they didn't **actually** fight each other. Instead they committed mass suicide. They all grabbed one another in unison and then stabbed one another. Those men died in a horrific and senseless loss of life.

- **2 Samuel 2:16:** "And they caught every one his fellow by the head, and thrust his sword in his fellow's side; so they fell down together: wherefore that place was called Helkathhazzurim, which is in Gibeon."

Even though David told Abner that he wouldn't meet with him unless he brought Michal to him, Ishbosheth was **actually** the person who returned Michal.

- **2 Samuel 3:15:** "And Ishbosheth sent, and took her from her husband, even from Phaltiel the son of Laish."

When David asked Ishbosheth to give Michal back to him, he was **actually** demanding that Ishbosheth take another man's wife away from him so that David could have her. (See 1 Samuel 25:44.)

- **2 Samuel 3:15:** "And Ishbosheth sent, and took her from her husband, even from Phaltiel the son of Laish."

Abner **actually** did try to persuade the elders of Israel to make David their king.

- **2 Samuel 3:17-18:** "And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, Ye sought for David in times past to be king over you: Now then do it: for the LORD hath spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies."

Even though the Syrians and the Ammonites fled, Joab didn't try to **actually** defeat the Ammonites. When they fled into their city, he left and returned home.

- **2 Samuel 10:14:** "And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, then fled they also before Abishai, and entered into the city. So Joab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem."

Joab wanted David to take the credit for conquering the city of Rabbah (even though Joab was the one who **actually** conquered it, not David).

- **2 Samuel 12:28:** "Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city, and take it: lest I take the city, and it be called after my name."

The woman from Tekoah told David that he was at fault for being against Absalom after Absalom killed Amnon. (However, there's no evidence that was **actually** true.)

- **2 Samuel 14:13:** "And the woman said, Wherefore then hast thou thought such a thing against the people of God? for the king doth speak this thing as one which is

faulty, in that the king doth not fetch home again his banished."

When a person went to the gate of Jerusalem to bring their problem to David, Absalom told that person that he was right. (It's not clear if each person was **actually** right or not.)

- **2 Samuel 15:3:** "And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee."

Absalom undermined David's reign before he launched his **actual** rebellion.

- **2 Samuel 15:6:** "And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel."

David referred to Mephibosheth as the son of Ziba's master (in other words, the son of Saul). However, Mephibosheth was **actually** the grandson of Saul.

- **2 Samuel 16:3:** "And the king said, And where is thy master's son? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem: for he said, To day shall the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of my father."

David didn't allow Abishai to kill Shimei. (However, David later commanded Solomon to kill him, so David didn't **actually** spare him.)

- **2 Samuel 16:9-10:** "Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord

the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head. And the king said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? so let him curse, because the LORD hath said unto him, Curse David. Who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so?"

Not only did David refuse to protect his servants from Shimei, who was cursing *and assaulting them*, but he actually justified Shimei's wicked behavior.

- **2 Samuel 16:5-6, 11:** "And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came forth, and cursed still as he came. And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. ... And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now may this Benjamite do it? let him alone, and let him curse; for the LORD hath bidden him."

Not only was Joab unwilling to obey the king's command (to not kill Absalom), but he **actually** told his soldiers that he would *reward* them for disobeying the king.

- **2 Samuel 18:11:** "And Joab said unto the man that told him, And, behold, thou sawest him, and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ten shekels of silver, and a girdle."

Joab wasn't the person who killed Absalom. Even though Joab thrust three darts into Absalom's heart, the people who

actually killed Absalom were the ten young men who bore Joab's armor.

- **2 Samuel 18:15:** "And ten young men that bare Joab's armour compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him."

The reason Absalom set up a pillar for himself was because he said he had no sons to carry on his name. (He **actually** had *three* sons according to 2 Samuel 14:27, but it's possible he set up his pillar before they were born, or that they had all died by the time he set it up.)

- **2 Samuel 18:18:** "Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself a pillar, which is in the king's dale: for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance: and he called the pillar after his own name: and it is called unto this day, Absalom's place."

When Joab told David he needed to speak to his servants or else they would all leave him, he arose and sat in the gate. (However, there's no evidence David **actually** spoke to his people the way Joab told him to. Instead it seems he only went to the gate and sat there.)

- **2 Samuel 19:7-8:** "Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak comfortably unto thy servants: for I swear by the Lord, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry one with thee this night: and that will be worse unto thee than all the evil that befell thee from thy youth until now. Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. And they told unto all the people, saying, Behold, the king doth sit in the gate. And all the people came before the king: for Israel had fled every man to his tent."

At some point the Israelites **actually** anointed Absalom as their king.

- **2 Samuel 19:10:** "And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why speak ye not a word of bringing the king back?"

David was unwilling to put Joab to death for all of the **actual** murders he committed. Instead he wanted Solomon to find a different excuse to kill him.

- **1 Kings 2:6:** "Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to the grave in peace."

When Shimei asked David to forgive him, David told him that he had. However, David lied. David was **actually** still angry with him, and told Solomon to find an excuse to put him to death.

- **1 Kings 2:8-9:** "And, behold, thou hast with thee Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, which cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I sware to him by the LORD, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword. Now therefore hold him not guiltless: for thou art a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him; but his hoar head bring thou down to the grave with blood."

When Adonijah went to see Bathsheba, he told her that Solomon wouldn't refuse her. (However, he **actually** did. This is because Solomon realized Adonijah was trying to

overthrow him.)

- **1 Kings 2:17:** "And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, (for he will not say thee nay,) that he give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife."

Solomon realized that when Adonijah asked for Abishag as his wife, he was **actually** trying to take the throne. (Adonijah was trying to make himself king by marrying one of David's wives.)

- **1 Kings 2:22:** "And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; for he is mine elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah."

The prostitute whose child died **actually** wanted to have a child. After her child died she took someone else's child.

- **1 Kings 3:20:** "And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom."

When the prostitutes brought their case to Solomon, Solomon devised a quick and simple test to determine who the living child **actually** belonged to.

- **1 Kings 3:25:** "And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other."

It seems the reason Rehoboam consulted the young men who grew up with him was because he wanted someone to tell him

to be cruel to the people (because that's what he **actually** wanted to do). He forsook the counsel of the men who told him to not be evil (which reveals his heart).

- **1 Kings 12:8:** "But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him:"

It seems Ahab didn't **actually** want to give Benhadad anything. When Ahab told Benhadad he could have all of his possessions, and Benhadad said he would send his people to fetch them, Ahab got mad.

- **1 Kings 20:5-8:** "And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaketh Benhadad, saying, Although I have sent unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children; Yet I will send my servants unto thee to morrow about this time, and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, that whatsoever is pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put it in their hand, and take it away. Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this man seeketh mischief: for he sent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I denied him not. And all the elders and all the people said unto him, Harken not unto him, nor consent."

Several years before Ahab **actually** died in battle, God warned him that He was going to kill him. (This gave Ahab time to repent but he never did.)

- **1 Kings 20:42:** "And he said unto him, Thus saith the

LORD, Because thou hast let go out of thy hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people."

God warned Israel that He was going to destroy the nation several generations before He **actually** did. (This gave them time to repent but they never did.)

- **1 Kings 20:42:** "And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Because thou hast let go out of thy hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his people."

Unlike many kings who ignored the words of the prophets, when Ahab heard the words of Elijah (after Naboth was murdered) he **actually** got upset.

- **1 Kings 21:27:** "And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly."

The story Micaiah told about God sending a lying spirit to deceive Ahab into going to battle and dying was **actually** the word of the Lord. It wasn't something Micaiah made up. It truly happened.

- **1 Kings 22:19-22:** "And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. And the Lord said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another

said on that manner. And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the Lord, and said, I will persuade him. And the Lord said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so."

When the king of Moab offered his oldest son upon the city wall of Kirharaseth as a burnt offering, there was great indignation against Israel. (It seems the Moabites placed the blame for the death of the oldest son on the *Israelites*, and not on the person who **actually** murdered him.)

- **2 Kings 3:27:** "Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to their own land."

The woman didn't **actually** tell Elisha that her son had died. All she would tell him was that she never asked him for a son in the first place.

- **2 Kings 4:28:** "Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me?"

When the axe head that one of the sons of the prophets was using fell into the water, he cried out. However, he didn't **actually** ask Elisha to anything about it (but Elisha intervened anyway).

- **2 Kings 6:5:** "But as one was felling a beam, the axe head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master!

for it was borrowed."

God can cause people to hear things that aren't **actually** there.

- **2 Kings 7:6:** "For the LORD had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us."

The son of the woman **actually** died. He wasn't just sick. Elisha raised him from the dead.

- **2 Kings 8:1:** "Then spake Elisha unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for the LORD hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years."

The people who **actually** put the sons of Ahab to death were the same people who raised them. (Although Jehu commanded them to do it, he wasn't the one who carried out that sentence.)

- **2 Kings 10:5, 7:** "And he that was over the house, and he that was over the city, the elders also, and the bringers up of the children, sent to Jehu, saying, We are thy servants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any king: do thou that which is good in thine eyes. ... And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him them to Jezreel."

King Jehoash took away from the priests the job of repairing the temple, and gave it to someone else (who would **actually** do the work).

- **2 Kings 12:7-8:** "Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and the other priests, and said unto them, Why repair ye not the breaches of the house? now therefore receive no more money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house. And the priests consented to receive no more money of the people, neither to repair the breaches of the house."

The money that was collected from the chest in the temple was first given to those who had oversight of the repair efforts. Those people then gave it to the ones who **actually** did the work.

- **2 Kings 12:10-11:** "And it was so, when they saw that there was much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they put up in bags, and told the money that was found in the house of the Lord. And they gave the money, being told, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of the LORD: and they laid it out to the carpenters and builders, that wrought upon the house of the LORD,"

When Sennacherib conquered nations and destroyed cities, he was **actually** carrying out a plan that God had established a long time ago.

- **2 Kings 19:25:** "Hast thou not heard long ago how I have done it, and of ancient times that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay

waste fenced cities into ruinous heaps."

- **Isaiah 37:26:** "Hast thou not heard long ago, how I have done it; and of ancient times, that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste defenced cities into ruinous heaps."

Even though David joined the Philistines when they met to wage war against Saul, David didn't **actually** fight with the Philistines against Saul.

- **1 Chronicles 12:19:** "And there fell some of Manasseh to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle: but they helped them not: for the lords of the Philistines upon advisement sent him away, saying, He will fall to his master Saul to the jeopardy of our heads."

Rehoboam wanted to maintain the appearance of wealth, even though all of his wealth was **actually** gone. (When Solomon's shields of gold were taken, he replaced them with fairly worthless brass shields.)

- **2 Chronicles 12:10:** "Instead of which king Rehoboam made shields of brass, and committed them to the hands of the chief of the guard, that kept the entrance of the king's house."

The verse which says that Joash was anointed as king doesn't **actually** mention Joash by name. Instead it refers to him as the king's son. (In fact, the name of Joash isn't mentioned in the entire chapter, even though that chapter is about making him king.)

- **2 Chronicles 23:11:** "Then they brought out the king's

son, and put upon him the crown, and gave him the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, God save the king."

Although Ahaz asked the kings of Assyria to help him, they didn't **actually** strengthen him. Instead they came to him and distressed him.

- **2 Chronicles 28:20:** "And Tilgathpilneser king of Assyria came unto him, and distressed him, but strengthened him not."

Although Hezekiah told his people that God was with them, it doesn't seem he **actually** inquired of God before telling them that.

- **2 Chronicles 32:8:** "With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah."

When Sanballat and Tobiah mocked the Jews for rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem, they were **actually** mocking God (because it was His will for the walls around Jerusalem to be rebuilt).

- **Nehemiah 4:3-5:** "Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall. Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity: And cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked

thee to anger before the builders."

The people who worked in the temple at Jerusalem (the priests and the Levites) didn't **actually** live in Jerusalem.

- **Nehemiah 11:3:** "Now these are the chief of the province that dwelt in Jerusalem: but in the cities of Judah dwelt every one in his possession in their cities, to wit, Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants."

Mordecai raised Esther as his own daughter (even though they were **actually** cousins).

- **Esther 2:7:** "And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid was fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter."

Mordecai still wore sackcloth and ashes even though he didn't believe the Jews would **actually** be killed.

- **Esther 4:1, 14:** "When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry; ... For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

When King Ahasuerus asked Haman the best way to honor someone, Haman told the king to have a noble prince **actually** dress the man in royal robes.

- **Esther 6:9:** "And let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man withal whom the king delighteth to honour, and bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour."

When Satan accuses people before God and claims that they'll do something evil if God removes His blessing from them, he doesn't **actually** know if that is the case or not. (Job didn't curse God the first time the Lord removed His protection from him, even though the devil insisted that he would.)

- **Job 1:11:** "But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face."

When Job's three friends came to see him, they spent an entire week not saying anything. The first person to speak up and say something was **actually** Job.

- **Job 2:13:** "So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that his grief was very great."
- **Job 3:1:** "After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day."

Bildad seemed to believe that if someone who lived long ago agreed with him, then that meant his argument was correct. (That's a foolish position to take. Whether people agree or

disagree with something has no bearing on whether that teaching is **actually** true.)

- **Job 8:8-10:** "For enquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare thyself to the search of their fathers: (For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because our days upon earth are a shadow:) Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee, and utter words out of their heart?"

Even if you're the most upright person in the entire world, that doesn't mean people are **actually** going to believe that you're a good person. They may hurl false accusations against you anyway. (Even though Job was exceptionally righteous, his friends refused to believe it and hurled one false accusation after another against him.)

- **Job 8:13:** "So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish:"

Zophar told Job that God should have punished him twice as much as he **actually** did. He told Job that he was such a wicked person that he got off easy. (Zophar was very wrong, and in the end God rebuked him.)

- **Job 11:6:** "And that he would shew thee the secrets of wisdom, that they are double to that which is! Know therefore that God exacteth of thee less than thine iniquity deserveth."

Eliphaz mocked Job for claiming there are times when the righteous suffered even though they're innocent. Yet Eliphaz refers to the first person who was ever born. That person was **actually** Cain, who was famous for *killing the first righteous*

person who ever lived. Abel was proof that sometimes the righteous do indeed suffer, and yet that fact was completely lost on Eliphaz!

- **Job 15:7:** "Art thou the first man that was born? or wast thou made before the hills?"

Job thought the terrible things that happened to him were an attack from God. It seems he didn't consider the possibility they were **actually** an attack from Satan.

- **Job 19:6:** "Know now that God hath overthrown me, and hath compassed me with his net."
- **Job 31:35:** "Oh that one would hear me! behold, my desire is, that the Almighty would answer me, and that mine adversary had written a book."

In ancient times, adultery was **actually** a crime that was punished by judges.

- **Job 31:9, 11:** "If mine heart have been deceived by a woman, or if I have laid wait at my neighbour's door; ... For this is an heinous crime; yea, it is an iniquity to be punished by the judges."

The behemoth (which appears to have been some type of dinosaur) was a real creature that **actually** existed.

- **Job 40:15:** "Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox."

The leviathan (a powerful creature that breathed fire) was a

real creature that **actually** existed, and which Job knew about.

- **Job 41:1:** "Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down?"

The eyes of the leviathan didn't just reflect light. They were **actually** a source of light.

- **Job 41:18:** "By his neesings a light doth shine, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning."

Dragons were real creatures that **actually** existed. They really did breathe fire.

- **Job 41:19-21:** "Out of his mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire leap out. Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as out of a seething pot or caldron. His breath kindleth coals, and a flame goeth out of his mouth."

The scales on the belly of the leviathan were **actually** jagged stones that were dangerous.

- **Job 41:30:** "Sharp stones are under him: he spreadeth sharp pointed things upon the mire."

The psalmist said that although he mourned for others when they were sick, they didn't return the favor. Instead they rejoiced when he was hurting, and **actually** gathered to fight against him.

- **Psalms 35:13-15:** "But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom. I behaved

myself as though he had been my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother. But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: yea, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not; they did tear me, and ceased not:"

We need to remain humble about what life is **actually** like. Instead of getting caught up in the cares of this world, we need to step back and see how empty and futile things are so that we'll remain humble before God and focused on the things that really matter.

- **Psalm 39:6:** "Surely every man walketh in a vain shew: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them."

Although David confessed that he sinned, he didn't go into any detail about what his sin **actually** was. He didn't mention the fact that he was guilty of both adultery and murder.

- **Psalm 51:3:** "For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me."

There are times when the wicked are afraid even though there's nothing to **actually** be afraid of.

- **Psalm 53:5:** "There were they in great fear, where no fear was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee: thou hast put them to shame, because God hath despised them."

There are times when the words of the wicked seem to be soft, but are **actually** very dangerous.

- **Psalm 55:21:** "The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords."

Some of the psalms are **actually** prayers.

- **Psalm 72:20:** "The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended."

The leviathan was a real animal that **actually** existed.

- **Psalm 104:26:** "There go the ships: there is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein."

The psalmist admitted that although he said all men are liars, that wasn't **actually** the case. He was speaking out of affliction and went too far.

- **Psalm 116:11:** "I said in my haste, All men are liars."

There are times when failing to rebuke someone is **actually** harmful. (This is because if there's sin in their life, it needs to be revealed and removed.)

- **Psalm 141:5:** "Let the righteous smite me; it shall be a kindness: and let him reprove me; it shall be an excellent oil, which shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also shall be in their calamities."

People may think they're great, but in reality our lives are short and then we pass away. We're **actually** very small.

- **Psalm 144:4:** "Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away."

Those who murder others for gain are **actually** sacrificing their own lives to do so. In the end they'll die and face God's judgment.

- **Proverbs 1:18:** "And they lay wait for their own blood; they lurk privily for their own lives."

People who boast about their greatness when they're **actually** destitute are fools. Their boasting is worthless.

- **Proverbs 12:9:** "He that is despised, and hath a servant, is better than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread."

Just because you think you're being merciful doesn't mean you're **actually** being merciful.

- **Proverbs 12:10:** "A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast: but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel."

Just because the things you're doing seem right doesn't mean they're **actually** right.

- **Proverbs 12:15:** "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise."

There are some people who pretend to be poor but are **actually** rich.

- **Proverbs 13:7:** "There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches."

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Just because a choice seems right doesn't mean it's **actually** right.

- **Proverbs 14:12:** "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

Casting lots is **actually** a good way to end disputes and settle matters.

- **Proverbs 18:18:** "The lot causeth contentions to cease, and parteth between the mighty."

Many "friendships" are **actually** a financial transaction, where one person is trying to obtain a material benefit from someone else.

- **Proverbs 19:6:** "Many will intreat the favour of the prince: and every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts."

Those who have pity on the poor and give them what they need are **actually** giving to the Lord.

- **Proverbs 19:17:** "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again."

Being a liar is **actually** worse than being poor.

- **Proverbs 19:22:** "The desire of a man is his kindness: and a poor man is better than a liar."

It's not cynical to suspect that most people who claim to be good aren't **actually** good at all.

- **Proverbs 20:6:** "Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find?"

Those who obtain wealth through lies are **actually** seeking death.

- **Proverbs 21:6:** "The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death."

Foolish thoughts are **actually** sinful.

- **Proverbs 24:9:** "The thought of foolishness is sin: and the scorner is an abomination to men."

God **actually** receives glory when He conceals things and we then hunt for them and find them.

- **Proverbs 25:2:** "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing:

but the honour of kings is to search out a matter."

Those who do deceive someone and then claim they were "only joking" are **actually** extremely wicked. Solomon compares them to mass murderers.

- **Proverbs 26:18-19:** "As a mad man who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death, So is the man that deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in sport?"

Just because a person's words are good doesn't mean they have a good heart. There are times when good words are **actually** lies.

- **Proverbs 26:23:** "Burning lips and a wicked heart are like a potsherd covered with silver dross."

Those who don't forsake their sins haven't **actually** repented. There must be a change of heart and a turning away from sin.

- **Proverbs 28:13:** "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

Those who are hasty to get rich are **actually** going to fall into poverty. They won't obtain the wealth they seek.

- **Proverbs 28:22:** "He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye, and considereth not that poverty shall come upon him."

Just because a person thinks they're pure doesn't mean

they're **actually** pure.

- **Proverbs 30:12:** "There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness."

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- **Ecclesiastes 7:25:** "I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness:"

There are times when having authority over another person **actually** makes your life worse.

- **Ecclesiastes 8:9:** "All this have I seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun: there is a time wherein one man ruleth over another to his own hurt."

We must not claim that sweet things are **actually** bitter, or that bitter things are sweet.

- **Isaiah 5:20:** "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

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When Isaiah preached the truth to the Jews and warned them of God's coming judgment, he was **actually** making their heart fat, their ears heavy, and their eyes closed. God used his preaching to destroy the Jews instead of save them.

- **Isaiah 6:9-10:** "And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed."

In ancient times there were fiery flying serpents (dragons). Those were real creatures that **actually** existed.

- **Isaiah 14:29:** "Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina, because the rod of him that smote thee is broken: for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent."

All of the things that we've done were **actually** done by God. The Lord is the one who did them through us.

- **Isaiah 26:12:** "LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us."

Since the people didn't **actually** fear God, He was going to destroy the wisdom of their wise men, and the understanding of their prudent men.

- **Isaiah 29:14:** "Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid."

Rabshakeh didn't understand that God **actually** wanted the high places to be taken away, and for people to go to Jerusalem to worship Him. Instead Rabshakeh thought that God wouldn't help Hezekiah because the king had taken away those high places.

- **Isaiah 36:7:** "But if thou say to me, We trust in the LORD our God: is it not he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar?"

Idols aren't **actually** gods.

- **Jeremiah 5:7:** "How shall I pardon thee for this? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods: when I had fed them to the full, they then

committed adultery, and assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses."

There are times when God treats a threat to kill someone just as if that person had **actually** committed the murder.

- **Jeremiah 11:21-22:** "Therefore thus saith the Lord of the men of Anathoth, that seek thy life, saying, Prophecy not in the name of the Lord, that thou die not by our hand: Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will punish them: the young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine:"

Dragons were real creatures that **actually** existed.

- **Psalms 44:19:** "Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death."
- **Psalms 148:7:** "Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps:"
- **Isaiah 13:22:** "And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in their pleasant palaces: and her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged."
- **Jeremiah 9:11:** "And I will make Jerusalem heaps, and a den of dragons; and I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant."
- **Jeremiah 10:22:** "Behold, the noise of the bruit is come, and a great commotion out of the north country, to make the cities of Judah desolate, and a den of dragons."
- **Jeremiah 14:6:** "And the wild asses did stand in the high

places, they snuffed up the wind like dragons; their eyes did fail, because there was no grass."

- **Jeremiah 49:33:** "And Hazor shall be a dwelling for dragons, and a desolation for ever: there shall no man abide there, nor any son of man dwell in it."
- **Jeremiah 51:34:** "Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed me up like a dragon, he hath filled his belly with my delicates, he hath cast me out."
- **Jeremiah 51:37:** "And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwellingplace for dragons, an astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant."
- **Malachi 1:3:** "And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness."

Jehoiakim **actually** sent people into other countries so he could arrest and execute the prophets of God.

- **Jeremiah 26:22-23:** "And Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, namely, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and certain men with him into Egypt. And they fetched forth Urijah out of Egypt, and brought him unto Jehoiakim the king; who slew him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the common people."

The people who were with Johanan wanted to appear as righteous and holy. (However, they were **actually** wicked and disobedient. Despite their promise in this verse, they refused to do what God commanded them to do.)

- **Jeremiah 42:5:** "Then they said to Jeremiah, The LORD be

a true and faithful witness between us, if we do not even according to all things for the which the LORD thy God shall send thee to us."

Some people who claim to be prophets are **actually** false prophets.

- **Ezekiel 13:2:** "Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the LORD;"

God said that the nation of Israel was worse than a prostitute, because prostitutes **actually** got paid for what they did. Israel was acting like a harlot (because she was seeking after idols instead of God) but wasn't getting paid.

- **Ezekiel 16:31-32:** "In that thou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thine high place in every street; and hast not been as an harlot, in that thou scornest hire; But as a wife that committeth adultery, which taketh strangers instead of her husband!"

The sins of Sodom weren't as bad as the sins of the Jews. What the Jews were doing was **actually** worse.

- **Ezekiel 16:48:** "As I live, saith the Lord GOD, Sodom thy sister hath not done, she nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters."

When the king of Jerusalem broke the covenant he made with the king of Babylon, he was **actually** sinning against God.

(This is because God requires us to keep our promises and not violate them.)

- **Ezekiel 17:19:** "Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; As I live, surely mine oath that he hath despised, and my covenant that he hath broken, even it will I recompense upon his own head."

God commanded Ezekiel to deliver a message that was **actually** a lamentation.

- **Ezekiel 19:1:** "Moreover take thou up a lamentation for the princes of Israel,"

It's **actually** sinful for a wicked person to give gifts to God. God doesn't want them. (We must be clean in God's sight before we can give Him gifts.)

- **Ezekiel 20:39:** "As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord GOD; Go ye, serve ye every one his idols, and hereafter also, if ye will not hearken unto me: but pollute ye my holy name no more with your gifts, and with your idols."

After ten days, Daniel and his three friends had a better countenance than the rest of the trainees who were eating the meat provided by the Babylonians. The new diet was **actually** beneficial.

- **Daniel 1:15-16:** "And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat. Thus Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink; and gave them pulse."

Daniel said that what God showed Nebuchadnezzar would come to pass. It wasn't a possible future, but was the future that would **actually** happen.

- **Daniel 2:29:** "As for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets maketh known to thee what shall come to pass."

The people who reigned over the Jews during their time in captivity in Babylon (Daniel and his three friends) were **actually** more righteous than most of the kings who reigned over them while they were still in Judah.

- **Daniel 2:48-49:** "Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all the wise men of Babylon. Then Daniel requested of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel sat in the gate of the king."

The phrase "let the weak say, I am strong" is **actually** mocking the Gentile nations that will one day go to go to war against God Himself. It's something God is saying to mock His enemies.

- **Joel 3:9-12:** "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about:

thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O Lord. Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about."

When Amaziah fought against the prophet Amos and tried to get him killed, he was **actually** fighting against God. (Those who try to silence God's prophets are trying to silence the God who is speaking through them.)

- **Amos 7:15-17:** "And the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel. Now therefore hear thou the word of the Lord: Thou sayest, Prophecy not against Israel, and drop not thy word against the house of Isaac. Therefore thus saith the Lord; Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land."

Some prophets tell people what they want to hear, instead of what God has **actually** said. God is against those prophets because they lead people into sin.

- **Micah 3:5:** "Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him."

When the people obeyed the words of Haggai they were **actually** obeying the Lord, because God was the one who was speaking through Haggai.

- **Haggai 1:12:** "Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him, and the people did fear before the LORD."

After this prophecy comes to pass, the false prophets will admit that instead of being a prophet they **actually** raise livestock, and had done so from their childhood.

- **Zechariah 13:5:** "But he shall say, I am no prophet, I am an husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth."

God **actually** does expect married people to have children. One of the key purposes of marriage is to raise up a godly generation.

- **Malachi 2:15:** "And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth."

The temple **actually** belonged to the Messiah. It was His temple.

- **Malachi 3:1:** "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts."

God said the Messiah whom Israel sought was **actually** going to be God Himself. The Messiah was going to be divine.

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Men who marry a woman who has been divorced are guilty of adultery. (This is because God considers the woman to still be married to her original spouse, so the new marriage is **actually** an act of adultery.)

- **Matthew 5:32:** "But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery."

We can think about the events of tomorrow once tomorrow comes, and those things **actually** happen. There's no need to worry about the future in advance.

- **Matthew 6:34:** "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Some people who **appear** to be sheep are actually dangerous predators.

- **Matthew 7:15:** "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."

The fruit that a person's life bears matters. It tells us who that person **actually** is.

- **Matthew 7:16:** "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?"

Those who reject the words of the disciples are **actually** rejecting both Jesus and God the Father.

- **Matthew 10:40:** "He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me."

Just because a person hears the gospel and receives it with joy doesn't mean they're **actually** saved. That same person may quickly abandon the faith.

- **Matthew 13:20-21:** "But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended."

Sin will artificially inflate the size of the kingdom of Heaven, and make it appear far larger than it **actually** is (just like yeast causes bread to rise). (In the Bible, yeast always represents sin.)

- **Matthew 13:33:** "Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened."

The reason Christians must pay taxes is to avoid offending the government, not because they **actually** owe the taxes.

- **Matthew 17:27:** "Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee."

It's **actually** wrong for us to forgive those who haven't repented. Instead God wants us to treat them as unbelievers and pagans.

- **Matthew 18:17:** "And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican."

When Jesus asked James and John if they could suffer as He suffered, they said yes. (It seems they said this because they didn't **actually** believe He would suffer or die.)

- **Matthew 20:22:** "But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able."

God cares about who we **actually** are, not who we appear to be. It's not enough to appear righteous on the outside if we're not righteous on the inside.

- **Matthew 23:28:** "Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy

and iniquity."

The disciples of Jesus thought that the destruction of the second temple coincided with the end of the world. It seems they didn't realize they were **actually** asking several different questions, which addressed different events which were separated by thousands of years.

- **Matthew 24:1-3:** "And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"

The first communion was celebrated with **actual** pieces of broken bread.

- **Matthew 26:26:** "And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body."

When the two false witnesses testified that Jesus had said He could destroy the temple and build it in three days (which was a reference to Christ's death and resurrection), Jesus was **actually** in the process of fulfilling those words. The false witnesses unknowingly quoted what was happening at that very moment.

- **Matthew 26:61:** "And said, This fellow said, I am able to

destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days."

The chief priests and Pharisees were concerned that Jesus was **actually** going to rise again on the third day. (This meant they were paying more attention to His words than His own disciples did, because none of His disciples expected Him to rise on the third day.)

- **Matthew 27:63:** "Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again."

Although the lie that the soldiers told was commonly reported among the Jews, it's not clear if anyone **actually** believed it. No one tried to prosecute the disciples of Jesus for stealing the body, and no one ever accused them of doing it. It seems the reason the lie was commonly reported was because people didn't want to acknowledge the truth.

- **Matthew 28:15:** "So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day."

The disciples of Jesus **actually** did go into Galilee after Jesus rose from the dead to look for Him. (It's possible this didn't happen until later, based on the accounts in the other gospels.)

- **Matthew 28:16-17:** "Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted."

Jesus **actually** visited Jerusalem as an infant and was in the temple, but He attracted no widespread attention. Even though He was the Messiah and His birth had been announced by a multitude of angels *just days earlier*, the religious leaders didn't care and had no interest in Him.

- **Luke 2:22:** "And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord;"

Those who don't bring forth the fruits of repentance haven't **actually** repented at all and aren't saved.

- **Luke 3:8:** "Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham."

Joseph was the son of Heli. This seems to mean he was adopted into the line of Heli through his marriage to Mary. That means the rest of the people in this genealogy are **actually** the biological ancestors of *Mary*.

- **Luke 3:23:** "And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli,"

People thought that Jesus was the son of Joseph. However, since He was born of a virgin He was **actually** the *adopted* son of Joseph, and not his biological son.

- **Luke 3:23:** "And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph,

which was the son of Heli,"

Those who seek to follow Christ must **actually** follow Christ. They must both hear His words *and obey them*.

- **Luke 9:23:** "And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

Not everyone who Jesus called **actually** followed Him.

- **Luke 9:59:** "And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father."

During the earthly ministry of Christ, thieves **actually** stole people's clothing.

- **Luke 10:30:** "And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead."

When people asked Jesus for a sign from Heaven, they were **actually** tempting Him.

- **Luke 11:16:** "And others, tempting him, sought of him a sign from heaven."

If the light which is within us is **actually** darkness then we will be full of darkness and corruption.

- **Luke 11:35:** "Take heed therefore that the light which is in

thee be not darkness."

Hell is a real place that **actually** exists.

- **Luke 12:5:** "But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him."

The story that Jesus told of the rich man and Lazarus isn't called a parable. Instead Jesus presents it as a historical event that **actually** happened.

- **Luke 16:19, 22-23:** "There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: ... And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom."

In the parable of the Pharisee and the publican, even though the Pharisee was full of pride and believed that he wasn't a sinner like other people, he **actually** was a sinner and wasn't justified before God.

- **Luke 18:14:** "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

The religious leaders of Israel wanted to hide what they **actually** believed so that people would think well of them.

- **Luke 20:6:** "But and if we say, Of men; all the people will stone us: for they be persuaded that John was a prophet."

When the religious leaders realized that Jesus was able to answer their most difficult questions, they stopped asking Him questions. It seems they didn't **actually** care what the answer was, but instead just wanted to destroy Him.

- **Luke 20:40:** "And after that they durst not ask him any question at all."

All of the terrible events that Jesus foretold, which must happen before He returns at the end of the tribulation, were **actually** hopeful signs. This is because they meant His return was near – and when He returns He will deliver His people from the antichrist.

- **Luke 21:28:** "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

It's not always possible for the saints to tell that someone is **actually** a very wicked person. The wicked can sometimes hide and appear to be good. (None of the disciples realized that Judas was wicked.)

- **Luke 22:22-23:** "And truly the Son of man goeth, as it was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed! And they began to enquire among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing."

Peter believed his faith was much stronger than it **actually** was.

- **Luke 22:33-34:** "And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me."

After Peter denied Jesus for the third time, and Jesus turned and looked at him, Peter didn't admit to the people that he **actually** was a follower of Jesus. Instead he left the palace and wept.

- **Luke 22:62:** "And Peter went out, and wept bitterly."

The Jews told John the Baptist that Jesus was baptizing people (although it was **actually** His disciples who were doing the baptizing).

- **John 3:26:** "And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him."
- **John 4:2:** "(Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,)"

The testimony of Jesus **actually** comes from God the Father, not from Him. Those who reject the testimony of Jesus are rejecting the words of God the Father.

- **John 5:31-32:** "If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. There is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is

true."

Those who reject the doctrines of Jesus are **actually** rejecting God the Father. This is because Jesus taught the Father's doctrine, not His own.

- **John 7:16:** "Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me."

The people believed that when the Messiah came, no one would know where He came from. (This is in spite of the fact the Old Testament **actually** prophesied exactly where the Messiah would be born.)

- **John 7:27:** "Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when Christ cometh, no man knoweth whence he is."

When Caiaphas said that Jesus should die for the people, he was **actually** speaking a prophecy of the gospel (even though he didn't realize it).

- **John 11:49-51:** "And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation;"

There are times when wicked people claim to care about the poor, but are **actually** lying to hide their true intentions.

- **John 12:6:** "This he said, not that he cared for the poor;

but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein."

Even though Jesus had just told His disciples that Judas was going to betray Him, none of them **actually** expected Judas to betray Him.

- **John 13:21, 26-28:** "When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. ... Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly. Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him."

When Judas came and betrayed Jesus, it was **actually** the devil who was coming. (The devil had entered into Judas.)

- **John 14:30:** "Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me."

There are times when people think that their faith is stronger than it **actually** is.

- **John 16:30-32:** "Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me."

The title that Pilate wrote, which he put on the cross, read "Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews". (This was **actually** acrostic for YHWH, the holy name of God.)

- **John 19:19:** "And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS."

The religious leaders recognized that the healing of the lame man by Peter was a genuine miracle. It was something that **actually** happened.

- **Acts 4:14:** "And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it."

The disciples believed that when they healed people, it was **actually** the hand of God who was doing the healing. They gave all the credit to God.

- **Acts 4:30:** "By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus."

The **actual** name of Barnabas was Joses.

- **Acts 4:36:** "And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus,"

Ananias wanted to receive credit for giving generously to the church, but he didn't **actually** want to give generously.

- **Acts 5:2:** "And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet."

One of the ways false witnesses deceive people is by distorting what the word of God **actually** teaches.

- **Acts 6:14:** "For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us."

The Holy Spirit didn't tell Peter that three men were looking for him until they were **actually** at the gate calling out his name.

- **Acts 10:19:** "While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee."

Peter didn't realize he was **actually** being led out of the prison by an angel. Instead he thought he was having a vision.

- **Acts 12:9:** "And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision."

Mark was a surname. His name **was** actually John.

- **Acts 12:12:** "And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying."

The people who were praying that God would save Peter didn't **actually** believe that God was going to save him. When Rhoda told them that Peter had come, they didn't believe it.

- **Acts 12:14-15:** "And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate. And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel."

It seems that the people of Lystra may have **actually** killed Paul (and God then raised him up again so he could continue his ministry).

- **Acts 14:19:** "And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead."

When Paul raised up after being stoned by the people of Lystra, he **actually** went back into the city instead of leaving immediately.

- **Acts 14:20:** "Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city; and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe."

Paul believed God was calling him to go to Macedonia so he could preach the gospel there. (However, when he **actually** went, only a few people were saved. Unlike other trips where entire cities were saved, nothing of any great significance was accomplished during his visit.)

- **Acts 16:10:** "And after he had seen the vision,

immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them."

Paul told the people of Athens that he was there to tell them who the "unknown God" that they worshiped **actually** was.

- **Acts 17:23:** "For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you."

There was a time when Paul **actually** executed people for their faith in Jesus.

- **Acts 22:4:** "And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women."

When people persecute Christians, they're **actually** persecuting Jesus.

- **Acts 22:7:** "And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?"

Jews who argued the case against Paul weren't the ones who **actually** found him in the temple, or the ones who witnessed what happened.

- **Acts 24:18-19:** "Whereupon certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with multitude, nor with tumult. Who ought to have been here before thee, and object, if they had ought against me."

Festus was more concerned about pleasing the Jews than whether Paul was **actually** guilty of anything.

- **Acts 25:9:** "But Festus, willing to do the Jews a pleasure, answered Paul, and said, Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these things before me?"

There are some people who claim to be wise, but are **actually** fools.

- Romans 1:22: "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,"

In order for salvation to be possible, the first three chapters of Genesis must be literally true. Adam had to be a real person who **actually** existed, there had to be no death before sin, Adam had to sin, and we all must be Adam's descendants. If any of those things are false then salvation isn't possible.

- **Romans 5:15:** "But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many."

The only reason we know about sin is because of the law. The law tells us what sin **actually** is.

- **Romans 7:7:** "What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet."

If we believe something is a sin and we do it anyway, we're committing a sin. This is true even if the action isn't **actually** a sin at all. (The reason is because we're not acting on faith.)

- **Romans 14:23:** "And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin."

Our fruit is sealed when our offerings **actually** make it to their intended recipient. (Although the Macedonians raised money for the Jews in Jerusalem, that fruit wasn't sealed until the money actually reached those Jews.)

- **Romans 15:25-26, 28:** "But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem. ... When therefore I have performed this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will come by you into Spain."

Although Paul wrote this letter, he **actually** dictated it to Tertius, who physically wrote it down.

- **Romans 16:22:** "I Tertius, who wrote this epistle, salute you in the Lord."

The weakness of God is stronger than men. What men think is foolishness (the preaching of the cross of Christ) is **actually** the power of God.

- **1 Corinthians 1:23-25:** "But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of

God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

The church isn't doing people favors by allowing them to remain in the church while they're living lives of unrepentant sin. It would **actually** be better if the church removed them from the congregation, because that might motivate them to repent and be saved.

- **1 Corinthians 5:5:** "To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus."

The members of the Corinthian church weren't very careful about keeping God's commandments. They were **actually** defrauding one another.

- **1 Corinthians 6:8:** "Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren."

Although Jesus will come and get us at the rapture, it seems that God the Father is the one who will **actually** resurrect us (just as the Father is the one who resurrected Jesus).

- **1 Corinthians 6:14:** "And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power."

Paul **actually** said that couples should limit the time they spend in fasting and prayer so that it doesn't interfere too much with having sex. (Sexual sin is so serious that couples must not put themselves into a place where they will be tempted to sin.)

- **1 Corinthians 7:5:** "Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency."

It's wrong to do something that we believe is a sin. Even if it's not **actually** a sin, if we think it is and do it anyway then we're doing something wrong (because we're not acting on faith).

- **1 Corinthians 8:7:** "Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled."

Preaching the gospel at our own expense is **actually** a reward.

- **1 Corinthians 9:18:** "What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel."

When the generation of Israelites who God delivered from Egypt tempted God (by complaining that God brought them into the wilderness to kill them), they were **actually** tempting Christ.

- **1 Corinthians 10:9:** "Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents."

We may not have our lives as well ordered as we think. It's easy for us to misjudge how well things are going, and believe that we're in better shape than we **actually** are.

- **1 Corinthians 10:12:** "Wherefore let him that thinketh he

standeth take heed lest he fall."

It's possible for a church to be so bad that their services are **actually** sinful and make things worse.

- **1 Corinthians 11:17:** "Now in this that I declare unto you I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse."

The Corinthians were treating communion as a regular meal, not as a remembrance of Christ. Some people were leaving the church still hungry while others **actually** got drunk.

- **1 Corinthians 11:21:** "For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken."

Even if we have the greatest possible example of the gift of faith (the ability to **actually** move a mountain), if we lack love then we're nothing. That's how important love is.

- **1 Corinthians 13:2:** "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing."

If the words that we speak can't be understood then we're not **actually** speaking to anyone. No one is being edified.

- **1 Corinthians 14:9:** "So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air."

Christianity isn't a reward in and of itself, and it doesn't **actually** improve our lives in this world. Instead it makes it a great deal worse, because the world hates us and persecutes us. What makes Christianity worthwhile is the resurrection to come.

- **1 Corinthians 15:19:** "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."

It's not enough to have a desire to be generous. We must **actually** be generous, and give.

- **2 Corinthians 8:11:** "Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have."

Just as the devil can disguise himself, so his servants can disguise themselves as well. Some people seem to be of God, but are **actually** of the devil.

- **2 Corinthians 11:14-15:** "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."

In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, he didn't **actually** tell them everything he had done. He had also performed miracles (including raising the dead), but he didn't mention that. He also didn't list the many churches he had founded. His purpose was to defend his apostleship, not make sure the Corinthians knew the full extent of his greatness.

- **2 Corinthians 12:1:** "It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord."

Paul repeated that he didn't know if he **actually** visited Heaven in person or if it was an out-of-body experience.

- **2 Corinthians 12:3:** "And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)"

It's wrong to trick people into thinking we're better than we **actually** are.

- **2 Corinthians 12:6:** "For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me."

Paul didn't pretend that things in the Corinthians church were better than they **actually** were. He didn't ignore their problems.

- **2 Corinthians 12:15:** "And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved."

God's commandments **actually** define love. They tell us which things are good and which are bad.

- **Galatians 5:14:** "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

Those who aren't saved are **actually** dead in their sins.

- **Ephesians 2:1:** "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;"

There may be people who claim to hate their body, but that's not **actually** true. Those who make that claim are being dishonest.

- **Ephesians 5:29:** "For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:"

When we serve one another we must carry out our tasks as if we're **actually** serving God.

- **Ephesians 6:7:** "With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:"

The sword of the Spirit is the word of God (the Scriptures). The Bible can be used to make the devil flee from us. (This isn't done by physically waving around an **actual** Bible, but by obeying and proclaiming the teachings that it contains.)

- **Ephesians 6:17:** "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:"

Paul wanted the Philippian church to understand that his imprisonment had **actually** furthered the gospel. It hadn't hindered it.

- **Philippians 1:12-14:** "But I would ye should understand,

brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places; And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear."

The illness of Epaphroditus, and his close brush with death, was **actually** the fault of the Philippian church. The reason Epaphroditus got sick was because he was doing the work they had neglected to do.

- **Philippians 2:30:** "Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me."

Christ died. He didn't just appear to die, but He **actually** died.

- **Philippians 3:10:** "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;"
- **1 Thessalonians 4:14:** "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."
- **1 John 3:16:** "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."
- **Revelation 2:8:** "And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;"

Paul taught that there were people within the church who were **actually** enemies of the gospel.

- **Philippians 3:18:** "(For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:"

Those who are the enemies of the gospel take glory in things that are **actually** shameful.

- **Philippians 3:19:** "Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)"

When the church gave to Paul, that church was **actually** bearing fruit.

- **Philippians 4:17:** "Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account."

God is the one who made Paul an apostle. Those who attack Paul are **actually** attacking God, who made him an apostle.

- **Colossians 1:1:** "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus our brother,"

The persecution of the church is **actually** the persecution of Christ. The world is still persecuting Him (by attacking Christians).

- **Colossians 1:24:** "Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the

church:"

All of our sins were forgiven at the cross. That means they were forgiven *when Jesus died*, not when we were saved. That means our sins were **actually** paid for before we were born. This points to predestination, since our salvation was accomplished before our birth. (No one who Jesus died for will ever be lost.)

- **Colossians 2:14:** "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;"

Those who despise God's commandments are **actually** despising God Himself.

- **1 Thessalonians 4:8:** "He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit."

It's wrong for Christians to do things that appear to be evil (even if they're not **actually** evil).

- **1 Thessalonians 5:22:** "Abstain from all appearance of evil."

Paul didn't try to hide his past, or cover up how bad his past **actually** was.

- **1 Timothy 1:15:** "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."

The rulers and authorities of this world are **actually** under the authority of God, who is the true King. One day God will hold them accountable for what they've done.

- **1 Timothy 1:17:** "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen."

It's not wrong for church leaders to be married. In fact, it's **actually required**.

- **1 Timothy 3:2:** "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;"

It **actually** matters if people have a good reputation outside of the church.

- **1 Timothy 3:7:** "Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil."

Those who live in the pleasures of this world are the living dead. They may seem to be alive, but they're **actually** dead.

- **1 Timothy 5:6:** "But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth."

It may take a long time to tell if a person is truly saved. A person may seem to be saved, but then cast off their faith (which proves they were never **actually** saved at all).

- **1 Timothy 5:12:** "Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith."

Those who teach contrary to the words of Paul are **actually** attacking Jesus.

- **1 Timothy 6:2b-3:** "... These things teach and exhort. If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;"

The gain that comes from pragmatism and compromise is **actually** worthless. True gain comes from godliness with contentment.

- **1 Timothy 6:6:** "But godliness with contentment is great gain."

The desire for riches **actually** hurts people and makes their life worse. It's far better to be content.

- **1 Timothy 6:9:** "But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition."

The error that Hymenaeus and Philetus taught was that the resurrection had already happened. (That's **actually** exactly what Preterism teaches. Paul strongly condemned it and said it was a dangerous false teaching.)

- **2 Timothy 2:17-18:** "And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the

resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some."

Those who are in sin are **actually** opposing themselves. We should look for opportunities to instruct them in the Bible, because God may use that to save them.

- **2 Timothy 2:25:** "In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;"

In the end times, people would have an outward appearance of godliness but would **actually** be depraved.

- **2 Timothy 3:1-5:** "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

Those who are reprobate and have corrupt minds are **actually** resisting the truth. They're actively fighting against it.

- **2 Timothy 3:8:** "Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith."

There are some people who have shown hospitality to

strangers who were **actually** angels.

- **Hebrews 13:2:** "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares."

Those who hear the word of God but don't obey it are deceiving themselves. They're not **actually** saved at all.

- **James 1:22:** "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."
- **James 1:26:** "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridled his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain."

There's no profit in just claiming to have faith. There's only profit in **actually** having faith – and genuine faith *always* produces works. (If someone's faith doesn't produce any works then that supposed faith is a fraud.)

- **James 2:14:** "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?"

The reason the gospel was preached to the dead was for the purpose of judgment. The dead have been judged according to the flesh but live according to God in the spirit. That means these dead people are **actually** alive.

- **1 Peter 4:6:** "For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit."

People who abuse the text of the Scripture are **actually** leading themselves to destruction.

- **2 Peter 3:16:** "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."

Not everyone who claims to know Jesus **actually** does. Those who don't keep His commandments don't know Him.

- **1 John 2:4:** "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

There may be churches in existence today that **actually** aren't churches at all, because Jesus has cast them from His presence due to their unrepentant sin.

- **Revelation 2:5:** "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

The tree of life is an **actual** tree that bears real fruit.

- **Revelation 2:7:** "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."

Those who are only wealthy in material things are **actually** poor in the sight of God. They lack the things that matter most

(such as the salvation of their soul).

- **Revelation 3:17-18:** "Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see."

Since the angel who opened the bottomless pit is the king of the locusts, and since the locusts are locked away in a bottomless pit full of smoke (and appear to be demons), it seems this angel is **actually** a fallen angel (a demon).

- **Revelation 9:11:** "And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon."

The soldiers and horses who will invade the world during the tribulation era seem to be demons. They don't look like **actual** people or horses at all. That would make this an army of demons, not an army of human soldiers.

- **Revelation 9:17:** "And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone."

The dead bodies of the two witnesses who will minister

during the first half of the tribulation era won't be buried. (This will **actually** allow the whole world to witness their resurrection.)

- **Revelation 11:8:** "And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified."

The ten kings who will rule over the world in the end times are **actually** brought to this world by the devil, and will arrive right before the rapture takes place. That means those ten kings are *demons* and aren't human beings at all.

- **Revelation 12:3:** "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads."
- **Revelation 17:12:** "And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast."

The Book of Life is **actually** the Book of Life of the Lamb.

- **Revelation 13:8:** "And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

Although the devil is the one who will gather the kings of the world to this battle (which will take place at the end of the tribulation era), the battle itself is **actually** of the Lord. It is His will for it to take place.

- **Revelation 16:14:** "For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the

earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty."

At the every end of the tribulation era, the kings of the world will **actually** try to wage war against the very person of Jesus Himself.

- **Revelation 19:19:** "And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army."

In the new Jerusalem there will be an **actual** river that will contain the literal water of life. (This is like the river of life wgucg will proceed out of the millennial temple, whose water will bring healing to the world.)

- **Revelation 22:1:** "And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb."