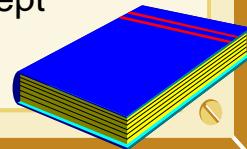


*Rightly Dividing
the Word of Truth
With help from our early brethren*

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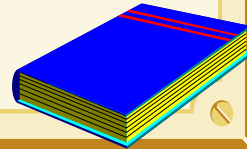
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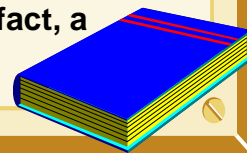
Search the Scriptures with the teachableness of a little child, and thy labour will not be in vain. The word, the word of the living God alone, can meet the necessities of the times.

John Thomas **Elpis Israel**



To the Bible, then, all must come at last if they would be truly wise in spiritual things. This is a great truth which few of the sons of men have learned to appreciate according to its importance.

A man may be a theologian profoundly skilled in all questions of “divinity”; be able to speak all languages of the nations; compute the distance from orb to orb, and weigh the in the scales of rigid calculation; he may know all science and be able to solve all mysteries; but if, with all this, he be ignorant of the “things of the spirit”; if he know not the true meaning of the Bible; he seemeth only to be wise, while he is, in fact, a fool.

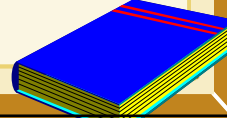


Being the echo of no living sect, but the advocate only of what is written in the oracles of God, he has shown no favour to the Heresies which destroy it, and therefore expects none.

The author is free to admit his weakness and inferiority in every respect that can be imagined. In one thing, however, he feels strong, and armed at all points for a conflict with the giants – he knows what is written in “the law and the testimony”, and he understands the meaning of it.

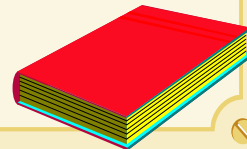
If they undertake to review this work, they must put it through the evolutions of the spirit; and if they enter into combat with it, he would advise them to throw away their wooden swords, and encounter it with the “two edged sword of the spirit, which is the Word of God”; for no other weapon can do more than raise the authors mirth.

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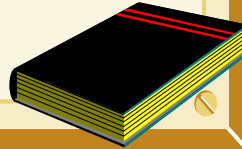
Ye who denounce us for heresy, and before God accuse us day and night, show us if you can what the truth is; and if ye be able, prove it from the book of the blood sprinkled covenant, and we will joyfully receive it, and cooperate with you to the full extent of our ability in making it known to the ends of the earth. But so long as ye assert everything and prove nothing, but ... contravene what we not only believe, but prove to be the truth, we will give you no rest, but like Samuel of old time, do our best to hew Agag in pieces.

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My mother, who was grieved and angered beyond measure at the change that had come over me, said I would not get up so soon to read my Bible: but in this she was mistaken, for the effect of Dr. Thomas' writings, while causing me to lose all taste for the religious literature which had for six months been my sustenance, was to impart a keen interest in the Bible, which before had been uninteresting to me, and to lead me to its daily and early, and persevering perusal.

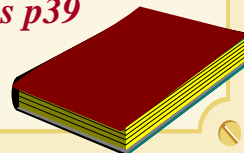
Robert Roberts *My days and my Ways*



The most important proof may be found in the fact that a careful reader who checks Dr Thomas's exposition by an examination of the Scriptures themselves, finds he has the key that opens up the Bible.

Experience shows that such an one will continue through life reading the Scriptures only to be more and more confirmed that he has rightly understood them.

John Carter *Faith in the Last Days p39*



Dr Thomas's writings make his readers into Bible students, who while retaining a lively sense of indebtedness to him find confirmation in their own independent study.

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Benefits to be gained from Pioneer books

- **Gain valuable scriptural knowledge**
- **Learn how to compare scripture with scripture**
- **Learn how to be a careful reader**
- **Learn how to read the context**
- **Learn how the mind of the Spirit works in the Word of Life, in themes.**

To rightly divide the word of Truth is, first to study it without bias, or subjection to uninspired authority, or antiquity. Attend to what is written, as a child listens to a story. Study history, and ask questions, and be thankful for all the information you can get, even if you have to pay for it. While you are engaged in this pursuit, do not imagine that you are a workman No; it is the result of much time and labour to become adequately proficient for a right division of the word.

Faith in the Last Days



If there was one book more than any other that shows the Christadelphian understanding of the gospel revealed in the scriptures, then that book is Elpis Israel.... It predated the coming of the name "Christadelphian" by a decade and a half, but sets out in a logical manner the distinctive and fundamental beliefs that the Brotherhood, all these years afterwards, still upholds.

Book Review, Christadelphian magazine



loose ^m the seven seals thereof.

10 6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood ^o a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and ^q seven eyes, which

Horns. Symbol of power, but also sacrif which brings Salvation & Mercy. Also - elevation. ① Power of ox 33 Horn to push Ex 21 v 29 ② Elevation of wick light Ps 75 v 4, 5, 10 ③ Elevated in God's salvation 2 Sam 22 v 3 Ps 89 v 20-27 ④ of Christ, Horn of David, pushing people Deut 33 v 17, 1 Sam 2 v 10, 1 v 9 Ps 132 v 17, ⑤ Sacrifice - Atonement Ex 27 v 2, 29 v 12, 30 v 19, Lev 4 v 7, 18, 25, 30, 34. Bind Sacr to Horns. Ps 118 v 27, Future. Ezek 43 v 20 ⑥ Nations/Kings Lam 2 v 3, 17, Dan 7, 8 Revelation. Mic 4 v 3 ⑦ Same word - light beams - out of Hand. Hab 3 v 4.

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1 Chr.
1 Cor.
2 Cor.
Neh.
m ver.
ch. 6.
n ch. 4.
o Jer. 1.
p ch. 5.
q Zech.

14. 19 I know thy works, and
1. 2. charity, and service, and faith,
I. and thy patience, and thy

Sword. 2 Used in NT in Rev. ① Rhomphaia. Used by Thracians. Long sword. Used only in Luke 2 v 35, Rev 1 v 16, 2 v 12, 16, 6 v 8, 19 v 15, 21. Used mostly of sword proceeding from Chr. mouth. ② Machaira. Roman short sword/dagger. - used for close combat. Used all other times, Esp Rev 6 v 4, 13 v 10, 14. Is normal word sword used in Gospels. Is also word used sword of Spirit Eph 6 v 17 & word of God. Heb 4. **KEY D: H?** Proximity of action Long sword - Christ's Judg. thru earth. of Dan 7 v 10 fiery stream. Whereas short sword - personal close combat. Sword used of Christ's words. Is 11 v 4, 49 v 2, Hos 6 v 5, Rev 19 v 15.

and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with ^d white robes, and palms in their hands;

10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, ^e Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

11 And all the angels stood

Palm in Scripture.

- First occur - Gen. 12 wellb, 70 Palm. Symbol of Kingdom. **Ex 15:27.**
- Major feature Sole Temple, carved on walls, doors, ledges with Cherubim (cf. living creature) of 70 11. **cf 1 Kings 6:29,32;**
- Major feature of Ezekiel's Temple. **Ezek 41:18-26** on walls, linked with Cherubim. **40:16,22,26,31,24,37,** on posts. Hence - Symbolic - fundamental part of temple itself - Ye are temple of living God. **2Cor 6:16, Eph 2:20-22**
- Post - as Pillar. Him will I make a pillar. **Rev 3:12.**
- Righteous. **Rc 9:2-12 -14.** Flourish as a palm, planted in house of Yah.
- Naturally upright habit, fruit/leaves reach to heaven.
- Palms in hands. Based on feast of Tab. **Lev 23:40.** Symbol God's redemption of Israel as strangers And the ingathering at end of harvest.
- Tabernacle (Tiqvah) of Israel **Hos 12:9.** OF NATIONS **Zach 14** where of Shiloh. (Also at end of Kingdom).
- Also Strewed before King - Hosanna. **John 12:13, Ps 118:26.**

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The Holy One in Isaiah ...

Isa 10:20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon Yahweh, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

Isa 41:14 Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith Yahweh, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

Isa 43:3 For I am Yahweh thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.



The Holy One in Isaiah...

Isa 47:4 As for our redeemer, Yahweh of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel.



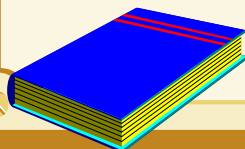
Isa 48:17 Thus saith Yahweh, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am Yahweh thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

Isa 54:5 For thy Maker is thine husband; Yahweh of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

There was one eminent man of whom it was testified that he “pleased God”. He “walked with God” in the Way of the Tree of Life for three hundred years after the birth of Methuselah. His name is Enoch. The spirit of prophecy was in him; and the gigantic wickedness of the Antediluvians aroused him to reprove their iniquity.



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Benefit of Grouping with others to Study

- **Incentive/Motivation**
- **Fellowship, sharing together**
- **Assistance to understand the message**
- **Different minds pick up different things**
- **Binds together a group of Bible students, help each other**

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