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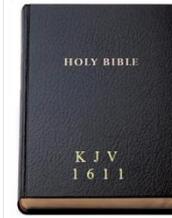
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*Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)*

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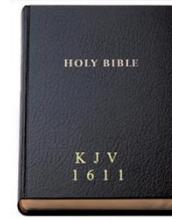


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# Bible Prophecy

*The United States In Scripture*

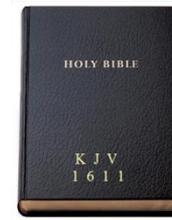
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- A picture of the Laodicean church, how and why it FAILED in it's calling, is SAMSON
- As a Nazarite, Samson was called to live a life dedicated to the Lord (Num 6:8; Jud 13:3-5) that included a degree of separation
- Samson was particularly gifted with supernatural strength, that was manifested when the Spirit of the Lord came upon him
- Samson was carnal and selfish, and violated his separation at least six times (Jud 14:6,9,19; 15:8,15; 16:1)
- When he defiled himself there is no record that he repented and obeyed the word of God by following the prescribed cleansing ritual, which included shaving his head (Num 6:9-12) cf. (1 John 1:9)
- The length of the Nazarite's hair was a visible representation of how long they had been faithful to their calling
- By not shaving his head, Samson was giving a false appearance of the truth of his spirituality
- The Lord mercifully continued to give Samson strength to overcome the enemy, in spite of his repeated failures, until he compromised with THE WOMAN cf. (Matt 13:33; Rev 17:5)

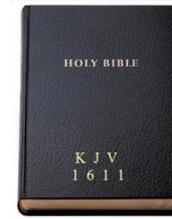
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- The Philistines knew about Samson's weakness for beautiful women, so they paid Delilah to seduce him into revealing the source of his strength so they could strip him of it and defeat him (Jud 16:4-5)
- Delilah wilily asked Samson to reveal the source of his strength on three occasions but he thought she was playing around with him so he lied about it (Jud 16:6-14)
- He honestly thought she loved him- he was completely oblivious to the truth of what was happening, that she was using him to gain wealth and power
- After the third occasion, Delilah pulled out all the stops and used the "You don't love me" tactic- she pressured him into believing that if he truly loved her, he would not keep any secrets from her (what amazing HYPOCRISY considering the secret she kept from him all along!) (Jud 16:15)
- Eventually, Samson gave in and revealed to Delilah that the source of his strength was his unshaven head, and that if he were shaven his strength would depart from him (Jud 16:16-18)
- He trusted her so much that he fell asleep on her knees, but while he SLEPT (Cont: 1 The 5:6) she had a man shave his head (Jud 16:19)

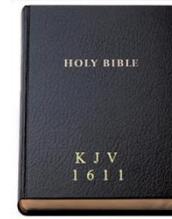
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- She pinched and pricked him to make sure his strength was gone, and then betrayed him to the enemy (Jud 16:19)
- Samson had no idea that the Lord departed from him, he thought everything would continue as it had been, that he could just do what he did before and all would be well- he was wrong (Jud 16:20)
- The enemy **BLINDED** him and **BOUND** him (Jud 16:21)
- The Laodicean church, like Samson, has compromised it's calling and separation and is wholly given to fleshly appetites
- The majority of Christians do not maintain fellowship with the Lord by confessing their sins and asking for forgiveness when they sin (1 John 1:9)
- The Laodicean church gives a false appearance to the world of it's true spiritual condition (Rev 3:17)
- The Laodicean church wanted the acceptance and affection of the **WOMAN** (Rev 17:5,18) so much that it blindly trusted her, never realizing that her ecumenical overtures were a ruse to gain confidence and exert influence
- In time, starting with 1900, the Laodicean church gave in to the pressure applied by the **WOMAN** to surrender the source of it's strength
- What is the source of our strength? **THE WORD OF GOD**

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## Isa 26:4

Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for **in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:**

## Neh 8:10

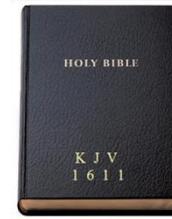
...for **the joy of the LORD is your strength.**

## Jer 15:16

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and **thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart:** for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

- The Laodicean church surrendered the divinely preserved Biblical text (the Masoretic Hebrew text; the Greek Textus Receptus; the KJV) and replaced it with a perversion (Vaticanus; Sinaiticus; the Septuagint; Stuttgart Biblia Hebraica; Wescott-Hort text; Nestle-Aland text; RV, ASV, RSV, NASB, NIV, NKJV, ESV, etc.)
- The Laodicean church then went to sleep (1 The 5:6), and when it awoke, it thought it could manifest the same power and strength the Philadelphia church did, even without the KJV

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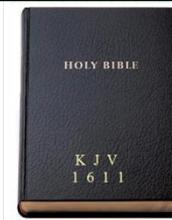
- Some will argue that the church has never been more active than it is today and, through the media of the internet, television, and radio, is reaching more people today with the word of God than ever before
- The problem isn't a lack of activity or love for the Lord, but a lack of **POWER** and proper **PRIORITIES**

## 2 Tim 3:4-5

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.

- The Laodicean church is **LUKEWARM** (Rev 3:15-16), which is the result of **MINGLING** hot and cold; a **DILUTION**; a **COMPROMISE** between the two
- Using the analogy that sin is the sickness and the word of God is the cure, the Lord tells us his word is **PURE** (Psa 12:6; Pro 30:5) and **PLAIN** (Pro 8:9), so that is the **EXACT** manner in which it must be administered in order to achieve positive results against sin
- We are commanded four times not to tamper with the word of God in any way (Deu 4:2; 12:32; Pro 30:6; Rev 22:18-19); we are not to add to it, take from it, or change it



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