

## THE FOUR LEVELS OF BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

### IV. SOWD -- the Deep Sea Diver: "I Once Was Blind, But Now I See!"

4) The fourth and final level of Biblical Interpretation is called "Sowd" (Strong's H5475), Hebrew for "a place in which familiar friends gather together, sit down on a couch, and share their secrets." This level is like "deep-sea diving." The deep-sea diver can plumb the heights, breadths, and depths of massive areas of the ocean from the safety and security of a submersible vessel. The submersible has a limitless oxygen supply, because it is connected to the supply of the ship, above on the surface. The submersible can withstand deep-sea pressure, cold, darkness, heat, and other hazards. It even has mechanical arms, which can dig, extend, twist, and pry, augmenting human strength. Thus, the deep sea diver can breathe underwater, remain submersed indefinitely, go where no human has gone before, and bring back treasures to the surface that no human eye has ever seen!

At this level, it is as if a person has entered into a deep, dark sea cave, spotted a huge, giant clam, pried it open, removed a giant, perfect pearl, and carried it back to the surface, all while seated comfortably on the couch. He or she has, efficaciously, entered into the "Secret" of The Lord, and found a pearl of great price in The Word that no one else has found. Instead of telling everyone about it, maybe the person tells just a few intimate friends. Then he or she sells everything they have and buys that field (Mat 13:46)! Thus, this level can actually provide a person with provision or support. "Sowd" is "The Secret of The Lord," poured forth from the Holy Spirit into all those who seek the deepest level of Biblical Interpretation. It is, indeed, "the Support of the Secret Revelation" -- "Saw'æd' 'Æl Sowd." And since "The Pourer Out" WILL hold the person responsible for the Revelation and expect a return on what He has poured into them, then this level is also "the Record of the Secret Revelation" -- "Sawhaid' 'Æl Sowd." (These are actual astronomical Hebrew names of the same star in the constellation "Deleey, Jesus Christ The Man Pouring Forth Blood, Water, Oil, and Fire from His Bucket into the Mouth of His Fishes," one of the 12 major constellations through which the sun passes). The Holy Spirit is watching what we do with the Talent He has given us, and recording the outcome.

In order to get to this fourth level, it IS NOT absolutely necessary to first pass through each of the three previous levels in their order. The Holy Spirit IS like the wind (John 3:8). He blows wherever He pleases. He shares His Revelation with whoever He wants, from the dull donkey to the wise king. However, to share a revelation from The Holy Spirit with someone else, without having first read the entire Bible horizontally, word for word; without having sought for deeper meanings vertically and weaving together a tapestry; without having conferred with other reputable sources, and without quoting the book, chapter, line, and verse where the revelation can be found; relegates the revelation to the same low level as mysticism. Such a person has disobeyed The Word of God, because he or she has not studied to show themselves approved, rightly dividing The Word of Truth (2Ti 2:15).

One may often hear the "Sowd" Level revelator who has NOT passed through the previous levels say, "The Holy Spirit told me this..." as he or she expects the hearer to take their word for it. Such a prophecy is just as likely to be false as it is true. Personally, even when I receive a Word, a Sowd Level revelation, directly from The Holy Spirit, I go back and study out the message on the Dawræsh, Midrawsh, and Rawmæs Levels in the Scriptures before I ever deliver it. God provides us with "A Record" of the Pouring Forth. Every Revelation, no matter how "secret," is recorded in His Word.

The Apostle John is a "Sowd" Level revelator. He sees things in a way the other Apostles do not. With an Eagle-eye, or God's-Eye view, he shows Christ as "The Son of God." Luke is a "Rawmæs" level revelator, who clearly cites verse, reference, and credible witnesses to prove Christ IS "The Son of

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Man." Mark writes on the "Midrawsh" level, and gets right to the point, using the precept "immediately" more times than any other Gospel, to tell the specific account of Christ as The Obedient Servant and The Domesticated Bull. And Matthew surfs line by line and chapter by chapter across the Dawræsh (or Pawshæt) Level to show Christ as King. (Whosoever has ears, let them hear.)

If you understand the level of Biblical Interpretation at which you dwell, you may also understand the relative ease or difficulty you have relating your revelations to others, or understanding theirs. But don't worry, the Holy Spirit will make all those who diligently seek Him of One Mind.

[Hebrews 11:6] *But without faith [it is] impossible to please [Him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that He Is, and [that] He Is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.*

[Romans 15:6] *That ye may with **one mind** [and] one mouth glorify God, even The Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

[2 Corinthians 13:11] *Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of **one mind**, live in peace; and The God of love and peace shall be with you.*

[Philippians 1:27] *Only let your conversation be as it becometh The Gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with **one mind** striving together for the faith of The Gospel;*

[Philippians 2:2] *Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, [being] of one accord, of **one mind**.*

[1 Peter 3:8] *Finally, [be ye] all of **one mind**, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, [be] pitiful, [be] courteous:*

[Romans 12:16] *[Be] of the **same mind** one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.*

[1 Corinthians 1:10] *Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and [that] there be no divisions among you; but [that] ye be perfectly joined together in the **same mind** and in the same judgment.*

[1 Corinthians 2:16] *For who hath known The Mind of The Lord, that he may instruct Him? But we have The **Mind of Christ**.*

[Philippians 2:5] *Let this **Mind** be in you, which was also in **Christ** Jesus:*

[1 Peter 1:13] *Wherefore gird up the loins of your **mind**, be sober, and hope to the end for The Grace that IS to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus **Christ**;*

[1 Peter 4:1] *Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with The **Same Mind**: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;*

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The Apostle John, imprisoned away on the Isle of Patmos, certainly dwelt at the "Sowd" Level. The Apostle Peter also reached the "Sowd" Level. However, the Apostle Paul, quite obviously knows and understands all four levels of Biblical interpretation. He is like a surfing, snorkeling, scuba-diving, deep-sea diving oceanographer. As Peter says, some wrestle with understanding Paul's revelations. Peter calls them "unlearned" and "unstable."

*[2 Peter 3:15-17] [15] And account [that] the longsuffering of our Lord [IS] Salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; [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. [17] Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know [these things] before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness.*

But we are not unlearned, for we have been taught the Four Levels of Biblical Interpretation; and we are not unstable, because we know how to study and can rightly divide The Word of Truth (2Ti 2:15). Thus, unlike the fig tree before Jerusalem (Mat 21:19), we are able to bear fruit for our King, at any season, and will continuously put our revelations to work in His marketplace, in order to give Him a profitable return on His investment in us, when He returns. As such, Sowd level revelations are not free.

What pearl of great price, what Sowd Level revelation did we find studying the Word "contend?" The Holy Spirit brought it to us early. At the Dawræsh Level, we could already see that "contend" means "to fight." On the Rawmæs Level, we learned that "contend" in the Greek includes physical battle in Olympic-Games-like competition, at the highest level of skill and expertise. However, Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal:

*[2 Corinthians 10:3-4] [3] For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: [4] (For the weapons of our warfare [are] not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)*

No, indeed, we do not contend with the wicked physically, but spiritually! He shows us that that our only offensive weapon against our adversary is The Sword of The Spirit, The Word of God, alongside prayer with our understanding and in The Spirit:

*[Ephesians 6:17-18] [17] And take The Helmet of Salvation, and The Sword of The Spirit, which IS The Word of God: [18] Praying always with all prayer and supplication in The Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all Saints;*

But specifically, with what Spiritual Weapon in The Word of God do we **CONTEND** with the wicked? We found that pearl floating up, just beneath the surface, as we snorkled at the Midrawsh Level. The answer is by **DOING** The Ten Commandments:

*[Proverbs 28:4] They that forsake The Law praise the wicked: but such as keep The Law **CONTEND** with them. [My emphasis]*

Before this, we did not know that by **NOT** engaging our enemies at all, not physically, not verbally, not

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emotionally, not with weapons, not with words, not even with gazes; but by PASSIVELY DOING THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, we contend with the wicked.

More precisely, our Midrawsh study yielded this fruit, summarized by Tang Lei Ren, one of my Messianic Hebrew students:

*The Saints, the prophets and all the remnant of Israel are supposed to contend against the Sihon, king of the Amorites, the Amorites, and all wickedness; sparing the Moabites; for the land and the Faith which was once delivered unto the Saints. We are to contend using all prayer and supplication and by keeping The Law of Moses. We are to contend before the mountains.*

DOING The Ten Commandments is how we SPIRITUALLY overcome the adversaries of Jesus Christ. Thus, if these Commandments are on our hearts, memorized (for who can continuously do a thing he or she does not know?), then we carry them with us wherever we go and we can continuously, habitually DO them. This, specifically, is what our Commander Jesus Christ commands. Read the following carefully, know, understand, memorize, and do, The Word, Word for Word:

- I [Exodus 20:2-3] [2] *I [AM] The LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. [3] Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.*
- II [Exodus 20:4-6] [4] *Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness [of any thing] that [is] in heaven above, or that [is] in the earth beneath, or that [is] in the water under the earth: [5] Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I The LORD thy God [AM] a Jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate Me; [6] And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep My Commandments.*
- III [Exodus 20:7] *Thou shalt not take the name of The LORD thy God in vain; for The LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.*
- IV [Exodus 20:8-11] [8] *Remember The Sabbath Day, to keep it holy. [9] Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: [10] But the seventh day [is] The Sabbath of The LORD thy God: [in it] thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that [is] within thy gates; [that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou. (Deu 5:14): [11] For [in] six days The LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them [is], and rested the seventh day: wherefore The LORD blessed The Sabbath Day, and hallowed it.*

[Deuteronomy 5:15] *And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and [that] The LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore The LORD thy God commanded thee to keep The Sabbath Day.*

[Matthew 12:12] *How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is Lawful to do well on The Sabbath Days.*

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V [Deuteronomy 5:16] *Honour thy father and thy mother, as The LORD thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which The LORD thy God giveth thee.*

VI [Exodus 20:13] *Thou shalt not kill.*

[Matthew 5:22] *But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.*

VII [Exodus 20:14] *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*

[Matthew 5:28] *But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.*

VIII [Exodus 20:15] *Thou shalt not steal.*

IX [Exodus 20:16] *Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.*

X [Deuteronomy 5:21] *Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or any [thing] that [is] thy neighbour's.*

And by simply continuously, habitually DOING The Ten Commandments, we CONTEND with the wicked, and bear the Fruit of Righteousness for our King!

I bless you who read this, that you might know the height, and depth, and breadth of your calling in Christ Jesus, Yehoshua HaMashiach:

[Ephesians 3:16-19] [16] *That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; [17] That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, [18] May be able to comprehend with all Saints what [is] the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; [19] And to know The Love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.*

The Love of Christ surpasses ordinary understanding. It is a "Sowd" Level revelation. Who can see, hear, understand, and do this? With God, nothing shall be impossible (Luke 1:37), and I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13), including all the Words of this Law.