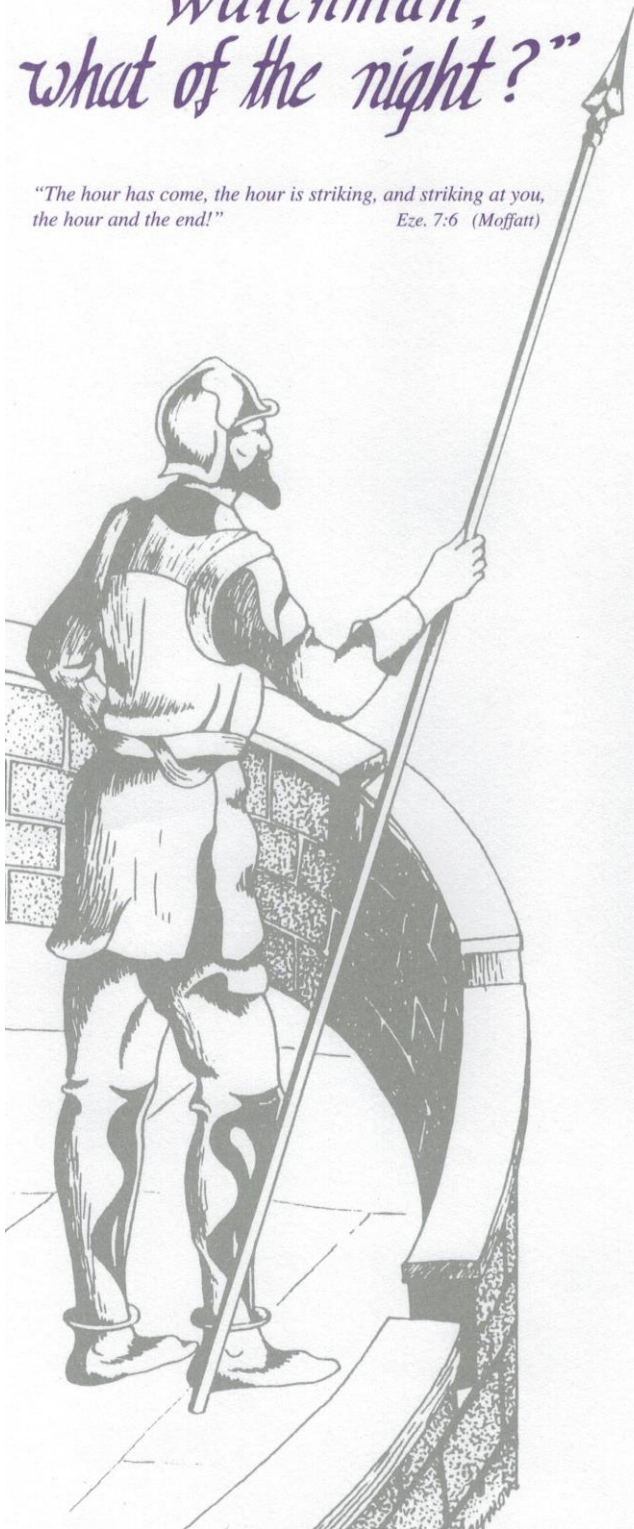


*"Watchman,
what of the night?"*

*"The hour has come, the hour is striking, and striking at you,
the hour and the end!"*

Eze. 7:6 (Moffatt)



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Editor's Preface

Seeing it may likely have been a long time since you read or referred to the literary masterpiece—*"The Pilgrims Progress"* by John Bunyan, what did Bunyan have to say about *"Metaphors"*? It was always a close relation to what we have studied regarding Christ's Parables, their relation to the Sanctuary Services; namely, the *"Everlasting Gospel"*. Which is unquestionably God's metaphor of salvation formatted in the Divine viewpoint of the Sanctuary Message. Be it known today, the Sanctuary Feasts were metaphors of the *"Everlasting Gospel"*.

John Bunyan explained:

"By Metaphors I speak; Was not God's Laws, His Gospel-Laws, in older time held forth By Types, Shadows and Metaphors? Yet loth Will any sober man be to find fault with them, lest he be found for to assault the highest Wisdom: No, he rather stoops, and seeks to find out what by pins and loops, by Calves; and Sheep; by Heifers, and by Rams, by Birds, and Herds, and by the blood of Lambs, God speaketh to him: And happy is he That finds the light, and grace that in them be. Be not too forward therefore to conclude That I want solidness; that I am rude: All things solid in shew, not solid be; All things in parables despise not we, lest things most hurtful lightly we receive; and things that good are, of our souls bereave. My dark and cloudy words they do but hold the truth, as cabinets inclose the gold. The Prophets used much by Metaphors to set forth Truth; yea, whoso considers Christ, his Apostles too, shall plainly see, that Truths to this day in such Mantles be...Sound words I know, Timothy is to use, and old Wives Fables he is to refuse; But yet grave Paul, him no where doth forbid the use of Parables; in which lay hid that Gold, those Pearls, and precious stones that were Worth digging for; and that with greatest care." [*"The Author's Apology for his Book" - The Pilgrim's Progress, p. viii-ix.*]

John Bunyan explained that Truth was hid, to be found in the Bible's Metaphors. It is thoroughly well known Christ used parables to teach present Truth.

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Heb. 11:1)

"Rout 554, the Parable of the Village" Pt. 1

(A modern-day parable)

"A Son was sent by a Father to forgive everyone in the village for a crime they had committed against him, as well as his family who lived in a far-off place.

The Son was not accepted and was killed by the villagers to whom he was sent to convey the love of his Father for these same villagers.

The whole world then heard the story of this Son who was killed and rejected by those villagers. And many outside of the village accepted the story of the Son who spoke about his Father and was later killed and then rose from the dead.

That particular village where the Son was sent had an idea that this would happen, they had books with prophecies but they didn't want to understand what was written in the books and they did not listen to the messengers which were sent by the Father. The guilty villagers never accepted their responsibility and were finally cast out of the Father's land.

Later on, the whole world became a global village. And out of that global village the Father formed a special village from different tribes, and nations and languages in order for those other people; who by hearing this story and believing it, would also join that special village which would one day travel to the Father's far-off home and live with him and the Son forever.

The problem is that there was this one lord who was cast out of the Father's house a long time ago, which was located at that far-off place where the Father lived. And he was responsible for all the problems that began in the Father's house. And he also took 1/3 of the Father's servants and they

all became evil just like their new master the Evil Lord.

After the Evil Lord was cast out of the Father's house, the Father set up the first man as a tenant of the first garden.

It was a beautiful garden outside of the Father's house. But the wife of the first man listened to the lies of this Evil Lord and convinced her husband who was in charge of the garden that he should also eat of the tree that the Father told them not to eat of.

As time went by, the Evil Lord then established other villages with similar stories about the Son who came from the Father's house. The Evil Lord confused the story so well, that many villages were formed and each had a confusing story about the Son who came and died and then rose from the dead.

The problem was that this wasn't the whole story but only a part of it. The special village knew the whole story, but the villages that were set up by the Evil Lord didn't; they were basically confused and were confusing many other people as well.

The Road Map

In order to correct the problem, the Father set up a road map which would lead directly to his far-off homeland. And anyone who would follow it would arrive safely; since the road map would reveal the whole story about the Father and the Son.

It also had 5 main stations [see the enclosed helpful outline] where the travellers would receive additional instructions regarding their long journey. In each of these stations the travellers were not allowed to work.

The Father only wanted the travellers to trust Him, and to be obedient to the laws on the highway. And by way of His Son's blueprint of the map they would safely arrive at their destination.

2300 miles

The road map had 2300 miles. It was a long journey and you had to stay on the road or else you would take a detour.

The road map had a starting route called 457. And 490 miles from this starting point the travellers would arrive at the first section on the road where the Son was killed. The map also had a detour sign.

The problem for the people of village # 1 is that they read the map, and upon arrival at their village they witnessed the specific point on the road where there was a major accident caused by the inhabitants of village # 1.

The Son was killed but they still didn't believe the story that he told about the Father and about how they could take the trip to that far-off village where the Father lived.

They disregarded the Father's instructions and didn't stop at Station # 1 as required by the road map. Since they didn't believe the story, they took the first detour off the road. The Son had warned them all, but after the accident he miraculously came back to life and then abandoned that village and ascended to the Father's home in that far-off place.

The first detour took place after 490 miles from the starting point. There remained 1,810 miles left to the Father's house for those who would remain on the road.

The next step on the road map revealed that the Father had set up 7 small towns where His special village people would live as they travelled on the highway to the Father's house. 5 of those 7 small towns where the special villagers lived were warned about their need of stopping at Station # 2.

Many of these special residents were tired and were losing their joy of arriving safely at the Father's house. They truly needed to

ask for forgiveness from the Father and only the Son could provide it since he was a very important official; he was a Priest as well as a King.

The Evil Lord sent false messengers to some of these special towns, and created problems for 5 of them. The Son loved these little towns dearly and he also knew what the Evil Lord was doing.

The Son being a priest told 5 of his little towns that they needed to repent in order to stay on the road throughout the long journey.

Well! It just so happens that the Evil Lord created a very large and evil village where there was a very beautiful woman. This woman was so beautiful and wicked that Kings and rulers from different highways and villages knelt at her feet and were seduced by her beauty.

Exit 554

1260 & 1290 miles

This took place at exit 554 on the Highway roadmap and some individuals who got off on that exit travelled for 1260 miles on this alternate route which was also on the road map.

It was a bit confusing but all wasn't lost since there was another exit just 30 miles after exit 1814.

It just so happens that for 1290 miles starting at exit 554, some travellers actually forgot that there was a road map.

The beautiful and cruel evil woman made sure that the villagers as well as other travellers on 554 would not be able to purchase copies of the roadmap that began at route 457.

She also hurt many people on the highway and enforced her own laws and spoke evil words against the Son of the Father who

was the true Priest-King and Creator of the road-map.

She exalted herself in the place of the true Priest-King and called herself the Queen of the Highway.

She even had 5 Kings as war-lords that controlled that strip of the Highway for 1260 miles from exit 554 up to exit 1814.

Some of the travellers who got off on exit 554 believed that they were going nowhere so they got tired of the woman and formed some villages and started protesting against her abuses.

Some of these people remembered certain markers and signs when they were on the Highway with the roadmap; they recalled certain markers on the Highway, one of them being "Righteousness by faith apart from the works of the law."

It was unfortunate for some of them since the windows of their cars were opened and winds came and blew the maps out of their cars.

Exit 1517

Being lost and confused, they took exit 1517; on account of the fact that they recalled that there was an alternate route that ran parallel to route 457.

They failed to realize that they were on the alternate route and had veered off again.

For a while it seemed that exit 1517 was the correct exit but in reality, it led to more confusion as well as more false exits as well as Highways which ended up in the desert.

The Ad mathay sign post

Meanwhile after a long drive, the others who remained on Route 554; which lasted 1260 miles from exit 554, saw a sign prior to exit 1814 which revealed the Hebrew word **ad mathay**.

This sign post translates as '**until when**'.

Tired drivers

The drivers on exit 554 were confused as they exited into 1814. The drivers later found out that the interesting thing about exit 1814, was the fact that they were not required to get off at this exit, but it was more like a stopover for tired drivers.

In other words, they didn't make a mistake by stopping there. It was actually a very good idea. It wasn't one of the 5 main stations. It was more like a place where you could briefly relax from your worries on the road and sit for a while and read or hear a news report.

When refreshed, they would be able to get back on the road.

Exit 1814

The interesting thing about exit 1814 was the fact that there were televised news reports as well as newspapers which revealed the fall of those 5 warlord Kings that the beautiful evil woman controlled during those 1260 miles from exit 554.

But the headlines on the newsstands at that brief stopover on exit 1814 revealed that all 5 were fallen and were no longer working with the woman.

This was great news since the road-maps were once again available on the newsstand.

This meant less worries on the Highway for the next 30 miles so they kept on driving, and the sign **ad mathay** kept popping up on the road.

One thing that those drivers knew was the fact that after 2300 miles on Highway 457 they had to get off at exit 1844 but the problem was that they were now on the alternate route of 554.

Exit 1798 - confusion

The drivers on this alternate route 554 recalled that there were other confused drivers which got off on exit 1798; which was 16 miles prior to exit 1814.

These drivers were very confused since this second group also travelled for 1260 miles and there was also a third group which travelled an extra 30 miles or 1290 in total. And for some strange reason both groups still ended up on exit 1798.

Wayward Route 538

One group started from route 538 and travelled for 1260 miles, the other group began their journey from route 508 and they travelled an extra 30 miles which was 1290 in total.

The drivers who were on alternate route 554 recalled looking over to their right side and witnessed how both of these routes ended at exit 1798.

But there was a problem.

The drivers on 554 did not recall seeing the sign which read *ad mathay* at exit 1798 and that caused them to worry a bit.

But by faith they continued driving until they could finally see up ahead what that sign truly meant.

To add to this confusion there was a fourth group of drivers which took exit 508 and they travelled an extra 1335 miles and they arrived at exit 1843 but the drivers on route 554 did not recall seeing the *ad mathay* sign as that 4th group exited on 1843.

Exit 1844

As the first group that got off on exit 554 was coming up onto exit 1844 they saw the sign **ad mathay** along with clear

instructions that they were to merge into route 457 and then enter exit 1844.

Now they understood what this mysterious sign was all about. It was the word (when), when they would see the sign for exit 1844 they were to merge back into Highway 457BC.

The Writer of the Map called the Man in linen; whom some people believed was actually the Son of the Father, had given prior instructions that were revealed on the map.

He stated on a footnote that when they would see the sign for exit 1844 they were to merge back onto the main route of 457 which went straight into exit 1844.

He had given clear instructions that if you veered off on the alternate route of 554 all wouldn't be lost but you had to know that there was to be a 30-mile differential between exit 1814 and exit 1844.

46 miles' shy

Those drivers who got off on exit 1798 failed to realize that there was a 46-mile difference between exit 1798 and exit 1844.

Which was the final exit leading to the Father's house at the end of the 2300-mile journey which commenced on starting Route 457.

Well, it just so happens that those other groups that veered off onto exit 1798 had to drive an additional 46 miles before they were able to see the sign for exit 1844.

But the fact is that their erroneous 46-mile journey caused them to arrive late as well as tired and they were lacking fuel.

They still rejoiced that they had arrived at the 1844 exit, and they also believed that they were correct and that those on alternate route 554 were wrong even though these individuals arrived before they did.

Those who were on the alternate route 554 were the first to enter the 1844 exit.

The 4th group got off on exit 1843 and they also managed to find a back road which led them into the 1844 exit.

No one except those on alternate route 554 was paying attention.

Well as it turns out all 4 groups made it into the Father's house, they were expecting to see the Father and the Son.

But there was a very Great Disappointment and a servant of the Father told all of them that they had indeed reached the Father's house but that the 1844 exit only brought them into the 3rd main station of the Father's house.

They would not see the Father and the Son until they exited the 5th station. All 4 groups were perplexed.

They would now have to learn what was taught in all of these 4 stations, since they already understood what was revealed in the 1st main station which was the death of the Son on planet earth which brought forgiveness and reconciliation to the global village of planet earth.

Prior to the commencement of their journey, many of them also recalled the stories about the 7 small villages that the Father had set up and how 5 of them needed to repent.

But for some reason, this matter did not make any sense to those who took the 1798 exit, and the other group that exited on 1843.

All 4 groups figured that more truth would unfold for them in the near future.

But for now, they were content with the fact that they had all made it safely into the Father's house, even though they would have to wait since they would now commence their new journey from the 3rd

main station of the Father's house over to the 4th and 5th.

They were all so happy and excited but little did they realize that there would be dangers and perils along the way to the 5th station.

Dolores White-stone

After arriving at the 3rd main station on exit 1844, there was a great gathering and all the groups got to meet a very kind and frail looking young lady whose name was Dolores White-stone.

She spoke to all four groups and told them that it was her belief that the 2300-mile journey had ended and that there would not be any more exits after 1844.

But later, she herself was surprised to find out that the journey would continue up to the 5th main station.

This was basically the same information given to the 4 groups after experiencing the disappointment upon entering exit 1844, and not meeting the Father and the Son.

The information was provided by the servant of the Father on the road-map whose title was Revelation 10.

The young frail looking lady also stated that upon entering exit 1844 a system of truth was unveiled which would take the traveller on the road from the very beginning up to the very end of the journey.

Well! Eventually all the groups cooperated and there was much joy and zeal as they all prepared themselves for their journey to the 5th station.

But soon strange things started happening. Many of the travellers became very legalistic and had lost sight of the fact that it was the righteousness of the Son which provided the information on the road-map, and not themselves.

There was a little hotel just off main station 3 whose address was 1888 Righteousness by Faith way.

Many of the travellers entered there and heard some of the most amazing messages ever given by two other travellers on the road in relation to the topic on how to relax and abstain from your own works during your journey, by letting the Father of the special Village and his Son the Man in Linen complete all the travel arrangements and accommodations of the journey on your behalf. And that if you tried to work your way without their help you would ultimately fail.

As it turns out, many of these travellers were disgusted with this message and rejected it and others were confused.

Dolores White-stone stated that the Father's Spirit was offended. And that He had sent a most precious message to all the travellers on the road. But unfortunately, the message was despised and ignored and rejected.

Later some of these legalistic travellers wanted to gain control of the 3rd main station. And Dolores White-stone came before a meeting of all the travellers and told them they all needed to repent and let the owner of the station handle things His way.

The owner of the station had given explicit orders that while He was away there was to be formed a committee of 25 travellers with a rotating chairman who should not be in office for more than a period of 12 months at a time.

As it turns out there was a minor meeting in which 6 of those committee members were present. So, the question is what happened to the rest? This small group of men put a gag order on the next meeting and the rest of the delegates were not allowed to speak until after the meeting was finished.

Well! As it turned out one of those travellers who spoke as the chairman was voted in as

permanent chairman, for the Road Construction Corporation and this decision ran contrary to the instructions of the owner of that special Village.

Later when this third meeting was finished others spoke in favour of the first meeting and asked the question as to why the agenda of the first meeting was not allowed to go through?

There were other warnings given about kingly power taking control of the travellers in Main Station 3; as well as warnings about the danger of Centralization.

Alternate route 554

Many of the travellers that took the alternate route of 554 recalled the televised news reports about the 5 fallen Kings upon entering exit 1814.

And these travellers were aware of what was now beginning to take place at main station 3.

It just so happens that when that decision was made, Dolores White-stone sent a letter letting those travellers know that the owner of the special village was not at all pleased with their decision, and He stated that this once faithful special village had become a harlot a house of merchandise from where His divine presence had departed.

Dolores White-stone then stated that by the time that the special village travellers would arrive at station number 4 they would have to repent or their journey would lead them into a massive detour.

This was the most serious warning that had ever been given to all the travellers. Again, the alternate route travellers took note of what had taken place and they came to the realization that there was a serious crisis among the travellers of the special village and they just kept writing and taking notes in order to prepare themselves for the entrance into station number 4.

The drivers on this alternate route 554 recalled that there were other confused drivers that believed that exit 538 was the correct alternate route exit which after 1260 miles you would have to exit at exit 1798; which was 16 miles prior to exit 1814.

He had given clear instructions that if you veered off on the alternate route of 554 all wouldn't be lost but you had to know that there was to be a 30-mile differential between exit 1814 and exit 1844; which would be a total of 1290 miles from exit 554 and its importance.

1798 travellers

This left the travellers who insisted on exit 1798 with an ongoing problem after locating exit 1844.

While they eventually located exit 1844, they were still ignoring the endorsed detail given by the Priest, the Man in Linen, concerning the sign post **ad mathay**.

The 1798 exit travellers had the air conditioning on; their windows closed, and were indifferent. Alas, they were unaware of their blindness and nakedness, while travelling to the destination. Their arrogance continued as to their insistence of exit 1798 was fine and were so adamant they had the right directions.

They ignored the travellers who knew the importance of exit 554 - "Don't bother us with detail" was what they said.

Howbeit, on the journey they never read the headlines of the newspapers concerning the five fallen warlords on the journey. We need not worry about that, they said.

Well, it was at this point the inevitable warning of the Priest had occurred. The 1798 travellers though very cheery on the grand tour, knew not their gas was running out. No gas pumps were to be found no matter how often they referred to the road map. The road had pot holes and pit falls attended by well-meaning road crews

offering advice. The map warned of detours and forks in the road, leading to dead ends and darkness.

The drunken Queen of the Highway with marks emblazoned on her forehead, was gleeful and smiled. She knew, the 1798 exit travellers had joined her daughters on the spacious boulevard called 'wide way', for the rest of the journey.

The warning came when it was declared by the Son of the Father whom many referred to as the Man in Linen that the 1798 group entered into another exit known as 1903 General Conference Session Way and it was at the exit that it was declared by the Man in linen that the 538-1798 travellers had mistakenly entered a house of ill repute which was one of the business enterprises owned by the drunken Queen of the Highway.

The Man in linen was very upset and declared that the 1798 group became drunk and intoxicated with false teachings such as the formation of business enterprises as well kingly power and centralization of route 538-1798 since they claimed that there was no other roadmap.

It was a very scandalous matter and later it was learned that the other groups followed the 1798 group and dismissed the travellers of 554 as being wrong." ©

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