WHY ARE THERE
SO MANY THEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES WITHIN
THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCHES?

(Every SDA MUST KNOW This Information In Order Not to Be Deceived)

*****This is not about a doctrinal issue, but about a false method of studying that has crept in among us in just about Every SDA Church.**

It's in the Sabbath School classes and many of the Sermons***

*****It has even crept in the Present Truth Churches*****

Old Website: Healthy Christian Living - Living by the Blueprint

New Website: *Remnant Hope*

This evening I am going to be talking about a very dangerous style of studying that our people have been being taught for years, and regarding coming to an incorrect understanding of the Bible that crept into our churches in Sister White's day.

According to A.T. Jones, this style of teaching was being taught in 90% of the Theological Schools of their day. Then, within a few years, it was being taught in every theological school. Today it is still being taught in every theological school and seminary.

In today's day, you almost cannot be a pastor without being trained in this style of teaching. And according to the prophet and our pioneers, this style of teaching is causing a large # to lose their faith in the scriptures and the doctrines we teach.

This style of learning the scriptures has caused most of the SDA church to go away from our early Advent Foundations and enter into a new form of theology that distorts the prophecies and teachings of the Bible.NOTE: See → 1SM 204.2

What is this style of teaching you ask? We will be covering that in just a bit, but before we do, I want to read a couple of quotes and then ask you some questions.

What are we counseled as God's people to do when we study the Bible?

"MANY THINK THAT THEY MUST CONSULT COMMENTARIES ON THE SCRIPTURES IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF THE WORD OF GOD, and we would not take the position that commentaries should not be studied; but IT WILL TAKE MUCH DISCERNMENT TO DISCOVER THE TRUTH OF GOD UNDER THE MASS OF THE WORDS OF MEN. HOW LITTLE HAS BEEN DONE BY THE CHURCH AS A BODY PROFESSING TO BELIEVE THE BIBLE, to GATHER UP THE SCATTERED JEWELS OF GOD'S WORD INTO ONE PERFECT CHAIN OF TRUTH…"**{FE 187.3}**

"…THE JEWELS OF TRUTH DO NOT LIE UPON THE SURFACE, AS MANY SUPPOSE. THE MASTER MIND IN THE CONFEDERACY OF EVIL IS EVER AT WORK TO KEEP THE TRUTH OUT OF SIGHT, AND TO BRING INTO FULL VIEW THE OPINIONS OF GREAT MEN. THE ENEMY IS DOING ALL IN HIS POWER TO OBSCURE HEAVEN'S LIGHT THROUGH EDUCATIONAL PROCESSES**…"{FE 187.3}**

NOTE: We will be dealing with ONE of the main "educational processes" that have crept in

According to the above Quote, What is Satan Ever At Work Doing?

HE IS: "…EVER AT WORK TO KEEP THE TRUTH OUT OF SIGHT, AND TO BRING INTO FULL VIEW THE OPINIONS OF GREAT MEN**…"(FE 187.3)**

How is he doing this?

"…THE ENEMY IS DOING ALL IN HIS POWER TO OBSCURE HEAVEN'S LIGHT THROUGH EDUCATIONAL PROCESSES**…"*
(FE 187.3)

NOTE: We will be dealing with 1 of the main "educational processes" that have crept in ******continue******

"THE BIBLE IS ITS OWN EXPOSITOR. SCRIPTURE IS TO BE COMPARED WITH SCRIPTURE…" (Ed 190.2)

WHAT DOES "Expositor" MEAN?

http://webstersdictionary1828.com/Dictionary/expositor

EXPOS'ITOR, *noun* [Latin] One who expounds or explains; **an interpreter**.
1. A dictionary or vocabulary **which explains words.**

SHE GOT THAT FROM MILLER'S 5TH RULE FROM HIS '14 RULES OF INTERPRETATION'

…5. SCRIPTURE MUST BE ITS OWN EXPOSITOR…" {RH, November 25, 1884 par. 25}

Questions:

- ***How did we get away from this style of searching and teaching the scriptures?***
- ***What crept in?***
- ***What are 1 of the Educational Processes that Crept in among us?***

What is this style of teaching you ask?

Before I give you the definition of this style of learning, I will give you the 3 most common and known names that are used for it. I will read quotes from the Spirit of Prophecy as to how dangerous it is and then I will read quotes from the Pioneers as to what it exactly is. It will be given and explained in very simple English.

For the sake of time, I'm not going to read every quote from the pioneers, but several are included in this document and I recommend you read them all. To read all of them, type in **"higher criticism"** in the pioneer section of the EGW CD Rom. You may also type it in in the Ellen G. White section of the CD Rom.

Wow!!!
What am I talking about?

- **HISTORICAL CRITICAL, AKA**
- **"Historical Critical Method" and**
- **"Higher Criticism",**
  the last being the terminology used by the prophet and the pioneers.
  https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Historical_criticism

WHAT DOES THE SOP say re: "Higher Criticism":

"THE WARNINGS OF THE WORD OF GOD REGARDING THE PERILS SURROUNDING THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH BELONG TO US TODAY. AS IN THE DAYS OF THE APOSTLES MEN TRIED BY TRADITION AND PHILOSOPHY TO DESTROY FAITH IN THE SCRIPTURES, SO TODAY, BY THE PLEASING SENTIMENTS OF HIGHER CRITICISM, evolution, spiritualism, theosophy, and pantheism, **THE ENEMY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS SEEKING TO LEAD SOULS INTO FORBIDDEN PATHS…THE WORK OF HIGHER CRITICISM, IN DISSECTING, CONJECTURING, RECONSTRUCTING, IS DESTROYING FAITH IN THE BIBLE AS A DIVINE REVELATION…"{AA 474.1}**

"…THE WORD OF GOD IS WRESTED, DIVIDED, AND DISTORTED BY HIGHER CRITICISM…"{BEcho, February 1, 1897 par. 6}

"…GOD WILL PUNISH ALL THOSE WHO, AS HIGHER CRITICS, EXALT THEMSELVES, AND CRITICISE GOD'S HOLY WORD." {BEcho, February 1, 1897 par. 9}

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Q: What percentage of the Theology Schools Was this being taught in Sister White's Day?

"In this statement, THE STUDENTS IN NINE TENTHS(90%) OF THE PROFESSED CHRISTIAN, AND EVEN THEOLOGICAL, INSTITUTIONS IN OUR LAND…THE RESULT OF SUCH TRAINING CANNOT POSSIBLY BE ANYTHING OTHER THAN INFIDELITY…IT MAY BE THE INFIDELITY OF THE "HIGHER CRITICISM… IT WILL BE PAGANISM AS REALLY AS WAS THAT OF THE AUTHORS, IN WHOSE "LEARNING" THEY HAVE BEEN TRAINED." {July 29, 1897 ATJ, AMS 466.8} Hit #20

By 1899, it Was in Every Theological School:

"THERE IS NOTHING MORE DISAPPOINTING TO EVANGELICAL RELIGION THAN ITS GREAT SCHOOLS…THE VERY FOUNDATIONS OF RELIGIOUS TEACHING ARE BEING UNDERMINED BY TEACHERS IN OUR GREAT SCHOOLS, JUST AS THEY HAVE BEEN IN A LARGE SENSE IN THE GERMAN UNIVERSITIES. WHAT IS KNOWN AS "HIGHER CRITICISM" IS SIMPLY WORKING HAVOC WITH THE RISING MINORITY IN THE THREE-NAMED DENOMINATIONS."{October 3, 1899 ATJ, ARSH 631.6}

Now, listen to this:

THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON THE AMERICAN CONTINENT WHERE A YOUNG MAN CAN GO AND LEARN THE BIBLE AS A WHOLE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DEEPLY PIOUS AND THOROUGHLY LEARNED TEACHERS. THERE ARE SCHOOLS WHERE A YOUNG MAN FITTING FOR THE MINISTRY CAN GO AND SPEND THREE YEARS, AND HAVE HIMSELF STUFFED WITH SPECULATIVE PHILOSOPHY UNDER THE NAME OF THEOLOGY, AND WITH INFIDELITY UNDER THE NAME OF "HIGHER CRITICISM." THIS IS A POSITIVE AND A BURNING SHAME…"{October 3, 1899 ATJ, ARSH 631.7/.8} **Hits #9 and NOTE:** This was one of the main reasons why Seventh-day Adventist Colleges were started

"AND NOW THE CHURCH LIKEWISE IS REAPING HER SURE REWARD IN THE FACT THAT IN HER OWN SCHOOLS, THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES, OR WHAT NOT, THE EDUCATION THERE INCULCATED DOES NOT TRULY EDUCATE, BUT EDUCATES ONLY IN THE DOUBTING, THE QUESTIONING, AND THE REJECTION OF THE BOOK OF CHRISTIAN TRUTH, "IN THE WANDERING MAZES LOST "OF THE "HIGHER CRITICISM…" {March 14, 1900 ATJ, SITI 162.10}

WHAT IS THE RESULT OF THIS IN THE CHURCHES?

"…WITH THE "HIGHER CRITICISM" OF THE UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS, WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO BE EXPOSITORS OF THE SCRIPTURES, AND THE FORMALITIES OF OFFICIAL RELIGION IS NOT TO BE WONDERED AT THAT REAL RELIGIOUS LIFE DOES NOT THRIVE." {October 17, 1895 EJW, PTUK 660.11}

Q: WHO DID "HIGHER CRITICISM" START WITH?

***A:* "Some might properly ask how ROMANISTS DARED TO START HIGHER CRITICISM…"{1943 CE, FAFA 33.2}**

"THE SECOND, AND MORE EFFECTIVE, WEAPON ROME USED AGAINST THE REFORMATION WAS "HIGHER CRITICISM," IN AN EFFORT TO UNDERMINE THE VERY FOUNDATION OF PROTESTANTISM." {1943 CE, FAFA 26.1}

Q: What counteracts the workings of this "Higher Criticism"?

A: "Certain basic principles characterize ALL OF ELLEN G. WHITE'S WRITINGS. Specifically: THEY EVER EXALT THE BIBLE AS THE WORD OF GOD IN A DAY OF EMASCULATING HIGHER CRITICISM…"{1965 LEF, CFF2 709.1}

WHO WARNED AGAINST THIS INFIDEL TEACHING?

- **Ellen White**
- **Haskell** (hit 1)
- **A. T. Jones** (hits 7-31)
- **Uriah Smith** (hits 36-38)
- **E.J. Waggoner** (hits 39-86)
- **James White**

- **AND OTHERS**

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NOW, WHAT IS "Higher Criticism"?

"IT IS A RECOGNIZED FACT THAT "FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE MOST LASTING." IT IS A LAW OF THE MIND THAT FIRST IMPRESSIONS SHALL BE THE MOST LASTING. IN THE STUDY OF A STRANGE LANGUAGE, THE STUDENT ENTERS A WORLD AS ENTIRELY NEW AS WAS THE REAL WORLD WHEN HE FIRST BECAME CONSCIOUS THAT HE WAS IN IT. THE FIRST THOUGHTS AND IMPRESSIONS THAT HE GETS IN THAT LANGUAGE WILL BE THE MOST LASTING AND WILL INEVITABLY COLOR ALL THAT EVER COME AFTER. LET THE FIRST THOUGHTS THAT A STUDENT EVER OBTAINS IN GREEK, BE PAGAN THOUGHTS, THEN LET HIM BEING THE STUDY OF THE BIBLE IN GREEK, AND THE PURE AND EXALTED THOUGHTS OF THE WORDS OF THE LORD WILL BE OVER-SHADOWED AND DARKENED BY THE PAGAN NOTIONS THAT HAVE ALREADY PRE-OCCUPIED THE MIND. THIS IS THE WHOLE SECRET OF THE "HIGHER CRITICISM," THE SO-CALLED SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF THE BIBLE(see 8T 296.2).

THE FIRST STUDIES OF THESE MEN IN GREEK, FOR INSTANCE, WERE IN PAGAN GREEK. ALL THEIR THOUGHTS IN GREEK WERE PAGAN THOUGHTS. THE WHOLE MOLD AND IMPRESS OF THEIR MIND, IN GREEK, WAS PAGAN. THEN WHEN THEY COME TO READ THE BIBLE IN GREEK, INSTEAD OF READING IT WITH GOD'S THOUGHTS IN IT THEY READ IT WITH PAGAN THOUGHTS ONLY. THUS GOD'S GREEK WAS IN THEIR MINDS, DRAGGED DOWN AND CONFUSED WITH THE PAGAN GREEK…SO WHEN GOD'S GREEK IS CONFUSED WITH PAGAN GREEK IT IS EQUALLY PROPER AND "SCIENTIFIC" TO TEST THE STATEMENTS OF THE LORD IN THE SAME WAY." {July 29, 1897 ATJ, AMS 466.9}

WHAT IS ITS FOUNDATIONAL TEACHING?

"…THE HIGHER CRITICISM…WHICH HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY SO-CALLED PROTESTANTS TO SUPPORT UNBIBLICAL DOCTRINES, HAVE SO DISCREDITED THE BIBLE AND SO INSTILLED INTO THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE THE PAPAL IDEA THAT THE BIBLE MUST BE INTERPRETED…" {August 29, 1895 ATJ, AMS 266.10}

LISTEN TO THIS SHORT CLIP:

Only listen to the first 3 minutes and 10 seconds of this video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zyQBJriBOXk

NOW LISTEN TO THIS:

BY READING THE HEBREW AND GREEK GIVEN TO US TODAY, IT CAUSES MINISTERS TO DECLARE THAT CERTAIN PORTIONS OF SCRIPTURE ARE ERROR AS WE JUST HEARD DESMOND FORD SAY OUT OF HIS OWN MOUTH:

"THE "HIGHER CRITICISM" IS ONLY ANOTHER FORM OF THIS HUMAN INTERPRETATION WHICH HAS DESTROYED THE BIBLE…THE "HIGHER CRITICISM" PUTS ERROR IN THE PLACE OF TRUTH BY SIMPLY DECLARING THAT CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE SCRIPTURES THEMSELVES ARE ERROR…"{April 19, 1900 ATJ, AMS 246.1}

HOW HIGHER CRITICISM WAS CAUSING PEOPLE NOT TO BELIEVE THAT THE 2300 DAYS PROPHECY WAS LITERALLY 2300 YEARS:

"IN SPEAKING OF THE 8TH CHAPTER OF DANIEL, AND THE QUESTION, "HOW LONG SHALL BE THE VISION?" HE SAYS, "THE ANSWER IS, 'UNTO 2300 DAYS." {1853 SB, MWM 207.1}

'BUT,' SAYS THE CRITIC, 'IT IS "EVENINGS-MORNINGS." {1853 SB, MWM 207.2}

"No matter: **ALL MEN SEEM TO UNDERSTAND IT DAYS;** for it is so translated in every language with which we are acquainted at the present day. **Therefore, this can never be made plainer, IF THIS COMPOUND HEBREW WORD SHOULD BE CRITICIZED UPON UNTIL THE JUDGMENT SHALL SET. I AM SICK OF THIS CONTINUAL HARPING UPON**

WORDS. OUR LEARNED CRITICS ARE WORSE ON THE WATERS OF TRUTH THAN A SCHOOL OF SHARKS ON THE FISHING-BANKS OF THE NORTH, AND THEY HAVE MADE MORE INFIDELS IN OUR WORLD THAN ALL THE HEATHEN MYTHOLOGY IN EXISTENCE. WHAT WORD IN REVELATION HAS NOT BEEN TURNED, TWISTED, RACKED, WRESTED, DISTORTED, DEMOLISHED, AND ANNIHILATED BY THESE VORACIOUS HARPIES IN HUMAN SHAPE, UNTIL THE PUBLIC HAVE BECOME SO BEWILDERED THEY KNOW NOT WHAT TO BELIEVE? 'THEY HAVE FOULED THE WATERS WITH THEIR FEET.' I HAVE ALWAYS NOTICED WHERE THEY TREAD THE RELIGIOUS SPIRIT IS AT A LOW EBB; it becomes cold, formal,

and doubtful, at least. It is the mind of the Spirit we want, and God's word then becomes spirit and life unto us." **{1853 SB, MWM 207.3}** ***continue on next page***

'THE WORDS "EVENINGS-MORNINGS" CONVEY TO OUR MIND THE IDEA OF DAYS; THUS THIS VISION IS 2300 DAYS LONG,' SAYS THE READER. **{1853 SB, MWM 207.4}**

"YES. BUT HOW CAN ALL THIS BE?' SAYS THE INQUIRING MIND. 'CAN THREE KINGDOMS RISE UP AND BECOME GREAT; FROM A SMALL PEOPLE BECOME A STRONG NATION; CONQUER ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH, AND THEN, IN ITS TURN, BE SUBDUED AND CONQUERED BY A KINGDOM STILL MORE FORTUNATE; AND SO ON THROUGH THREE SUCCESSIVE KINGDOMS, AND DO THIS IN LITTLE OVER SIX YEARS? IMPOSSIBLE.' **{1853 SB, MWM 207.5}**

"'BUT GOD HAS SAID IT, AND I MUST BELIEVE. NOW THE ONLY DIFFICULTY IS IN TIME.' **{1853 SB, MWM 207.6}** "HOW CAN THIS BE?' **{1853 SB, MWM 207.7}**

"'VERY WELL,' SAYS THE DEAR CHILD OF GOD;…GOD SAYS I MUST "DIG FOR THE TRUTH AS FOR HID TREASURE." I WILL GO TO WORK, AND, WHILE I AM DIGGING, I WILL LIVE BY BEGGING. FATHER IN HEAVEN, I BELIEVE IT IS THY WORD; BUT I DO NOT UNDERSTAND IT; SHOW ME THY TRUTH.' **{1853 SB, MWM 208.1}**

"I HAD RATHER HAVE ONE HUMBLE PRAYER OF THIS KIND, WITH AN ENGLISH BIBLE IN MY HAND, THAN ALL THE HEBREW, GREEK, AND LATIN BRO. S. EVER KNEW. **{1853 SB, MWM 208.2}**

"THE CHILD THEN TAKES THE WORD DAY, AND COMPARES SPIRITUAL THINGS WITH SPIRITUAL, TO FIND WHAT HIS HEAVENLY FATHER MEANS BY DAYS IN A FIGURATIVE SENSE. THE FIRST TEXT HE LIGHTS UPON IS IN NUM.14:34, 'EACH DAY FOR A YEAR.' **{1853 SB, MWM 208.3}**

WHAT ARE THE HEBREW & GREEK DOING TO THE REAL MEANING AND LANGUAGE OF THE BIBLE?

"WE ARE NOW HAVING "HIGHER CRITICISM" OF THE AMERICAN CONSTITUTION AND THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE; AND LIKE THE "HIGHER CRITICISM" OF SCRIPTURE ITS EFFECT IS TO TAKE AWAY THE REAL MEANING AND LIFE OF THE LANGUAGE TO WHICH IT IS APPLIED."**{February 23, 1899 ATJ, AMS 128.2} Hit #25**

LAST BUT NOT LEAST QUESTION:

- ***How Has This Crept into our Conservative and Present Truth Churches of Today?***

LET'S TALK ABOUT WESTCOTT & HORT http://www.jesus-is-savior.com/False%20Religions/Jehovah%20Witnesses/jw.htm

- **WESTCOTT & HORT WERE SUPPORTERS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THEIR CORRUPT TEXT IS BASED UPON THE VATICANUS BIBLE, NOT THE TEXTUS RECEPTUS** http://www.chick.com/reading/books/157/157_08a.asp
- **THEY BOTH STUDIED AND TAUGHT AT THE 'University of Cambridge' WHICH IS A CATHOLIC COLLEGE** http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/03211a.htm
- **HORT WAS AN ORDAINED PRIEST, AND WESTCOTT WAS A CATHOLIC, POSSIBLY A JESUIT**
- **THE HISTORY OF WESTCOTT & HORT AND WHAT THEY REALLY THINK ABOUT THE BIBLE:**
  1. http://www.1611kingjamesbible.com/westcott_hort.html/
  2. http://www.herbertarmstrong.org/Miscellaneous/Westcott%20and%20Hort%27s%20Greek%20Text%20and%20Theory%20Refuted.pdf

Q: WHAT DO WESTCOTT AND HORT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH 'Higher Criticism" BEING CREPT INTO OUR CHURCHES?
Q: EVER HEARD OF A MAN NAMED 'James Strong'?
Q: EVER HEARD OF THE "Strong's Concordance"?

A: JAMES STRONG'S CONCORDANCE CONTAINS THE SAME CORRUPT TEXT OF WESTCOTT AND HORT:

- http://www.avpublications.com/avnew/downloads/PDF/HazMat/H-pp_157-202_Chapter_7_Strong_Delusion-James_Strongs_Dang.pdf

A: He was a member on Westcott and Hort's committee

A: His concordance was used to bring in Catholic Doctrines into the Protestant Churches ******continue******

- **LET ME GIVE YOU JUST 2 EXAMPLES OF HOW CORRUPT HIS TEXT/CONCORDANCE IS:**

  I will use the word "Wine" for my 2 Examples:

  #1: If you go to your Bibles with me to Numbers 15:3,10

  As SDA's you and I both know that "fermented wine" was not used in the Sanctuary services, but According to Strong's CORRUPT TEXT, it was fermented wine.

  If you go to the word wine in the concordance and then look for Numbers 15:10

  You will see #H3196.

  This = yay-yin = "fermented" and "intoxication"

  Now we know fermented wine was not drunk by God's people nor offered in the Sanctuary Services

  Another Example can be found in Numbers 6:20

SO WHAT SHOULD WE USE INSTEAD OF STRONG'S CONCORDANCE?

The word "concordance" is only mentioned 3 X in the SOP and 155 times in the Pioneer section of the EGW CD Rom

CONCORDANCE QUOTES:

- "**Endeavoring to lay aside all preconceived opinions, and dispensing with commentaries, he**(William Miller) **compared scripture with scripture by the aid of the marginal references and the CONCORDANCE…"{GC 320.1}**

Which Concordance?

- "**We were interested in seeing HIS OLD FAMILY BIBLE, which cost $18.50, and his quarto copy of CRUDEN'S CONCORDANCE, which was originally purchased, in 1798, for $8. THESE TWO BOOKS WERE ALMOST THE ONLY ONES HE LOOKED AT WHILE PREPARING HIS LECTURES…" {1853 SB, MWM 246.2}**

What does Miller say about this Cruden's Concordance?

- **"…THIS MODE OF STUDYING THE BIBLE THEN CAME TO MY MIND.--"I WILL TAKE THE WORDS OF SUCH PASSAGES AND TRACE THEM THROUGH THE BIBLE, AND FIND OUT THEIR MEANING IN THIS WAY. I HAD CRUDEN'S CONCORDANCE, WHICH I THINK IS THE BEST IN THE WORLD, SO I TOOK THAT AND MY BIBLE, AND SET DOWN TO MY DESK, AND READ NOTHING ELSE EXCEPT THE NEWSPAPERS A LITTLE, FOR I WAS DETERMINED TO KNOW WHAT MY BIBLE MEANT..." {November 16, 1842 JVHe, HST 66.10}**

With Which Concordance are we Counseled to Study with?

- **"WITH "CRUDEN'S" CONCORDANCE, SEARCH OUT EVERY VERSE IN THE BIBLE, CONTAINING THE WORD, OR SUBJECT UPON WHICH YOU WISH LIGHT…"{October 1, 1840 JVHe, HST 98.10}**

THE BIBLE AND THE BIBLE ONLY!!!

NOT MAN'S WORD THROUGH HIGHER CRITICISM WITH HEBREW & GREEK

"THE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE BIBLE LEAGUE, HELD IN LOWER EXETER HAIL, FRIDAY, MAY 18, WERE WELL WORTH ATTENDING. MANY GOOD POINTS WERE BROUGHT OUT IN THE AFTERNOON CONFERENCE UPON "THE HIGHER CRITICISM AND HOW TO MEET IT." THE EFFORTS OF THE LEAGUE IN HOLDING UP THE WORD OF GOD IN ITS PURITY AND ENTIRETY ARE MOST PRAISEWORTHY …THE WATCHWORD OF PROTESTANTISM, THE BIBLE AND THE BIBLE ONLY AS A SOURCE OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE, NEEDS TO BE SOUNDED TO-DAY WITH RENEWED VIGOUR THROUGHOUT THE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF THE LAND." {May 31, 1900 EJW, PTUK 352.2}

"AND WHEN WE SAY THE BIBLE, LET IT BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE BIBLE JUST AS IT READS, AND JUST AS IT STANDS, IS INTENDED, NOT THE BIBLE AS EMASCULATED BY THE MODERN "HIGHER CRITICISM…"{1897 UrS, HHMLD 14.3} **See Also →** {GC 521.2}

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NOW: What about the Hebrew and Greek that our Pioneers had to sometimes refer to when they couldn't find a definition in the Bible

Q: WHICH PERSON'S Hebrew & Greek were they using?

A: Wilhelm Gesenius

- He lived from 1786-1842
  https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wilhelm_Gesenius
- He was a lexicographer

lex·i·cog·ra·pher

/ˌleksəˈkägrəfər/

noun

- **1.** a person who compiles dictionaries.

- His name is mentioned 143 times in the Pioneer writings on the EG White CD Rom
- His study focused on HEBREW GRAMMAR and tried to get the best definition to the best of his ability
- **Now his definitions were not perfect, but the pioneers would take the definition that made the most sense**

EXAMPLE OF THIS IS CAN BE FOUND in Daniel 9:24 FOR THE WORD "DETERMINED"

They could not find the definition anywhere in the Bible so they looked to see what Gesenius said and his definition made perfect sense, which was "CUT OFF"

READ ABOUT THIS FROM JAMES WHITE:

"* The word here rendered determined, is chathak, and **occurs nowhere else in the Bible.** Gesenius, in his Lexicon, defines it thus: "Properly**, to cut off**; tropically, to divide, and so to determine, to decree."even until the consummation, and that determined, shall be poured upon the desolate." {ND JW, BIAD 138.2}

WHO REFERRED TO HIS DEFINITIONS?

- **J.N. Andrews - says --> "**Gesenius, the great Hebrew Lexicographer**…"** (hit #5)
- **Sylvester Bliss**
- **Apollos Hale** (an associate of William Miller's)(**see** → GSAM 125.4)
- **J.V. Himes** (Miller's right hand man) **(see** → GSAM 123.3-124.1**)**
- **A.T. Jones** (biggest historian the SDA church had)
- **Uriah Smith**
- **E.J. Waggoner**
- **James White**
- **Nathaniel N. Whiting** (see → GSAM 125.4)

"There were other men of prominence that for lack of space we will merely mention, such as N. N. Whiting, who made a translation of the New Testament into English, known as Whiting's Translation; S. S. Snow, F. G. Brown, Appollos Hale, L. D. Mansfield, Geo. Needham, O. R. Fassett; George, Wesley, and Edwin Burnham (three brothers), all efficient workers in the message. {1905 JNL, GSAM 125.4}