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God Is a God of Passion

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by — Mark D. Vogt

... The ardor¹ of Yahweh will accomplish this ... (II Kings 19:31, BSV).

Key Points:

God's passion is an intense, unwavering force driven by love, ensuring that His sovereign purposes are fully accomplished in

God is a God of passion, and His passion is an intensely wonderful and beautiful thing. In order to understand the passion of God one must identify what the word means and how it relates to our Father.

The American Dictionary of the English Language, Noah Webster (1828) gives as the definition of passion (as it would relate to the Father) as zeal, ardor, vehement desire, eager desire, LOVE.

The Hebrew word קִנְאָה (qin'âh)² "describes an intense fervor, passion and emotion that is greater than a person's wrath and anger (*Complete Word Study Dictionary*).

These definitions describe the true God of Scripture. He is passionate about everything He does and about everything and everyone He created.

When God does something, He does it with un-

1. "Intensity of emotion, especially strong desire, enthusiasm, or devotion" (*American Heritage Dictionary*); "emotional warmth; passion, eagerness; enthusiasm; zeal" (*Collins Dictionary*)
2. H7068 (SEC); "ardor" (BDB); "One who is protective over someone or something" (AHL).



matched passion, driving Him to accomplish His purposes.

Why is it then hard for believers to consider that the passion of God is a real thing?

The answer is that a vast majority view God as this austere, remote, unfeeling deity who does not suffer with His creation. The misguided belief is that God created this Universe as some kind of grand experiment which has gone horribly wrong, with Him now in catch-up mode trying to do something which will "right the ship," and will lead to a conclusion that will allow some part of His creation to obtain salvation. This is seen by most as the best that God can do under the circumstance, since they have such a low opinion of God and their mostly-failure-of-a Savior. Oh, how God is maligned and disrespected!

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- the absolute sovereignty and deity of God (Romans 11:36);
- the proclamation of the riches of God's abundant, exceeding grace (Romans 5:20; 11:6; Ephesians 1:7);
- the affirmation that God will save all through the death, burial and resurrection of Christ (I Timothy 2:3-4; 4:10; Titus 2:11);
- the universality of death and resurrection (I Corinthians 15:21);
- the unique gospel of Paul – which he calls "my gospel" (Romans 2:16; 16:25; II Timothy 2:8; I Corinthians 15:1-4; Acts 13-28; Acts 20:24);
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- true freedom and liberty apart from law (Galatians 5:1);
- the organic nature of the One Body (Ephesians 4:16);
- the Secret Administration, being the operational revelation for today (Ephesians 3:9);
- the unprophesied, Celestial hope and calling of the One Body (Colossians 3:4);
- the distinct message and ministry of Paul, the apostle to the nations (Ephesians 3:1-3);
- the importance of receiving all whom Christ has received (Romans 14-15);
- the recovery of rich Biblical truth that has too long remained hidden under the veils of traditionalism, prejudice,

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- the completeness of the believer in Christ (Colossians 2:10), with:
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 - adult sonship position (Ephesians 1:5).

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A Study on Baptism

or,

From Infancy to Maturity in Christ

Part 2 of 8¹

The Teaching of the Types

by — A.E. Knoch (1874-1965)

Beginning with the laver of the tabernacle (Exodus 30:17-21), let us compare it with the sea and the ten layers of Solomon's temple (I Kings 1:23-39), and also with the river of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 47:1-12). The progress of its typical teaching during the ages will then be discovered to our view. If we then connect each type with its proper antitype, the dispensational setting of each will be clear and we shall be in a position to apprehend the truth which is present with us now.



THE TABERNACLE OF MOSES

When Yahweh tabernacled among His people He made provision for their approach; for though He did indeed dwell in their midst, it was behind thick curtains and a veil (Exodus 25:27). In the court of the tabernacle, right in the way between the gate and the door, stood two vessels: the brazen altar, and the brazen laver (Exodus 40:29-34).

The laver is not included in the description of the tabernacle and its vessels (Exodus 25:28). After all that has been described in minutest detail, after the

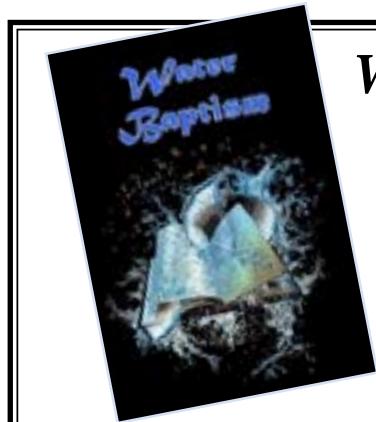
atonement money has been provided for (Exodus 30:11-16), then the laver is added and set in its prominent place, intercepting every priest who would draw nigh to Yahweh (Exodus 30:17-21). Even then, its description is most meager: no dimensions, no shape, nothing to define its proportions. This is notable indeed where all else, with painful exactitude, followed the pattern shown to Moses on the mount.

What was it for? *"To wash withal"* (Exodus 40:30). How simple and beautiful a picture of the cleansing necessary for communion with God. Moses bathed Aaron and his sons, thus fitting them for the presence of God (Exodus 29:4). Such a cleansed condition speaks of nearness and communion, which is life.

So, we see that the laver was a *"bath of renascence"* (Titus 3:5). The initiatory washing of the priest led to a new life of nearness to Yahweh. But why was the laver left out of the description of the vessels of the tabernacle? Why such seeming indifference as to its shape? Does not this proclaim, with no uncertain sound, that it forms no integral part of the completed structure, but was added for the time being because of the tabernacle's own imperfection? If it was laid on them only *"unto the*

(see BAPTISM, page 8915)

1. See [BSN 1060](#) for part 1.



Water Baptism

A Compilation

This work answers the question as to whether or not water baptism is a part of this current dispensation. Nine chapters from the following authors: Oscar M. Baker, Denis Durham, Stephen Hill, Richard Jordan, Kenneth J. Morgan, Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr., Ike T. Sidebottom.

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Editor's Desk

2024 in Review



As always it is very humbling to begin another year of publication. Thinking back, we are thankful that 2024 was an amazingly fruitful year. We certainly offer heartfelt thanks to all of those who so *faithfully* co-labored with us to make this possible.

New Titles

In 2024 we were grateful to have had 16 new titles and/or editions released by Bible Student's Press, bringing our total published works to 595.



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Growing Contacts

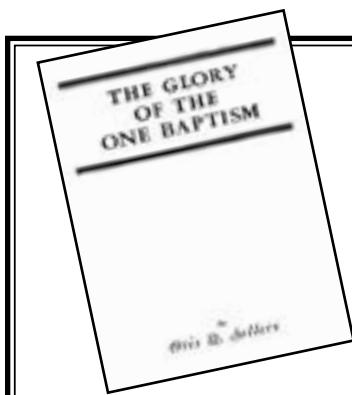
Since we began publishing, we have been keeping a database of those who have ordered our literature. In 2024 we had 780 new contacts, an average of 2 per day. This brings our list at the end of the year to 11,846. It is indeed humbling to have a slow, yet steady interest in the truths that we share.

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The Glory of the One Baptism

by — Otis Q. Sellers (1901-1992)

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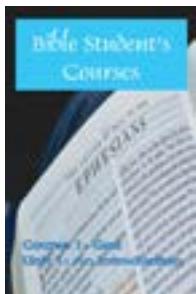
This curriculum is available without cost through eBook courses, or as optional for-purchase print material (see ad, next page). Each course is divided into units containing detailed multimedia resources, with each individual lesson providing quizzes, allowing students to test their knowledge as well as providing documentation for recognition of completion.

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- Johann Grobler: Coordinator of Curriculum Resources



Airport, Johnstown PA Gathering

2024 saw a wonderful meeting at the airport in Johnstown, PA, where sweet fellowship and rich teaching from the Scriptures were enjoyed.



Bible Student's Courses

In the “Editor’s Desk” of *Bible Student’s Notebook* 917 (April 25, 2022), we first laid forth the need of a concise, progressive curriculum. Less than a year later, in issue 964 (April 4, 2023) there was already a team in place to begin this daunting task, and the first three lessons were released. An update was provided in issue 970 (May 15, 2023).

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Audios



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Study Bible Project

2024 also saw us lay out our vision for a Study Bible issue 1044 (November 4, 2024). This will be a Study Bible that centers on the foundational truths that we have come to cherish through the years: (1) the absolute sovereignty of God, (2) the salvation of all, (3) God's true nature as Father, and (4) correctly partitioning the Word of Truth.

This Study Bible will provide a literal, accurate translation, offering alternate readings, Greek word studies, and notes that dig deep into the original meanings of key texts.

This Study Bible will be a resource that leads people into freedom and understanding, allowing them to see God and His plan for all creation in a new light.

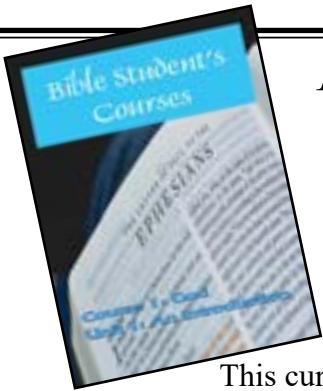
The completion of this project will require substantial continued financial support allowing me to hire the assistant I need to take this ministry to the next level, freeing me to dedicate my time to producing the Study Bible.

Through the tremendous generosity of the saints, we are ready to move forward with our

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period of reformation" (Hebrews 9:10), we can see why no importance attaches to its form or dimensions. But is there any other evidence as to its transitory nature?

THE TEMPLE OF SOLOMON

The temple of Solomon, which replaced the tabernacle, had no laver between the altar and the house. In its stead we see the brazen sea at one side of the court and the ten lavers, five on each side of the house (I Kings 7:23-39; II Chronicles 4:2-6).

The brazen sea is never called a laver. It stood upon twelve oxen (I Kings 7:25; II Chronicles 4:2-4), speaking of service. The altar before the house has grown to such proportions that it alone fills the court in front of the house, the sea being placed to the left of the porch. The significance of these radical changes will come before us again. The ten lavers were used to wash the offerings. Though permanently stationed on each side of the house, they were set on bases, each having four brazen wheels (I Kings 7:30). As the wheels have no other use we may call them footings.

THE TEMPLE OF EZEKIEL

But again, let us make sure of our conclusions, and look at Ezekiel's temple. What place has the truth of

the laver there?

We can hardly expect to find the single laver of the *tabernacle*, for that has already been taken out of the midst. If we look on each side of the house for the ten lavers of the temple, surely enough, they are gone: they have been wheeled away!

If we look on the right shoulder of the house eastward over against the south (Ezekiel 47:1), where the brazen sea stood, that too is gone. But in its place, issuing from under the threshold of the house, flows the river of living water, which removes the curse and brings abundant life and fruitfulness (Ezekiel 47:8-9). Here is water indeed! Not a small laver full; not two thousand baths, the limit of the brazen sea; but a flowing, living river, deepening as it flows (Ezekiel 47:3-5).

Thus, we have pictured for us in the courts of God the metamorphosis of the laver, or rather of the truth which it inaugurates, for the laver itself and the ten lavers disappear, and are all alike finally lost in the river of living water.

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To be continued.

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Yet, Romans 11:36 sums up everything,

... seeing that out of Him and through Him and for Him is all: to Him be the glory for the eons! Amen!" (CV).

God will take care of everything. His passion would not allow Him to do otherwise.

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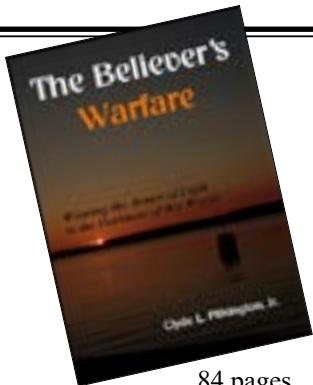
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The Believer's Warfare

by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

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