Chapter 42

The Supposed Contradictions

In this lesson we are going to talk about some "supposed contradictions" in the Bible. When we say the Bible, we are, of course, dealing with the Authorized Version text. The modern, apostate Fundamentalist will write books running 400 to 500 pages on "the inspiration of the Scripture" and spend the whole time quoting the King James bible to prove the inspiration of some other Bible. You can do this in the classroom, but you can't do it in court. If you are quoting verses from the King James Bible in English to prove the inspiration of the Bible, you certainly can't prove the inspiration of the original manuscripts because the King James Bible is not the original manuscripts.

This very apparent type of blunder seems to be covered to the eyes of the Christian faculty at Christian schools, who are going right on, year in and year out, with this nonsense. When they talk about contradiction in the Bible, strange enough, they bat their brains out proving there is no contradiction from the Authorized text, and try to pretend that this is proof that the originals were infallible. Then they go right ahead and pick some other places in the Authorized Version they say are wrong and correct them as though the originals didn't say that. This is the madness

of the twentieth century: the modern, apostate Fundamentalist is insane. His mental processes are deeply disturbed in dealing with this particular matter. In dealing with the matter of the reliability and authority of the Scriptures, he is mad, just as mad as a hatter. He will got to great trouble to try to prove that 2 Samuel 24:24 doesn't contradict 1 Chronicles 21:25, or that 1 Timothy 6:16 doesn't contradict 1 Kings 8:12, or that John 13:27 doesn't contradict Luke 22:3-7, then he will turn right around and make 31,000 corrections from the correct text, and tell you that the corrections he made are "reliable." They have a word for this in the state hospitals. In the vernacular it is "the Cuckoo's Nest," or as Jonathan Winters said, "Back in the zoo."

Now, when we teach our young men at the Pensacola Bible Institute about the contradictions in the Bible, we always refer him to the Bible of which we have a copy, which we read, and which we teach. We are never stuck with a mythological "original" or the mythological "original autographs" or any of this depraved nonsense carried on by "Fundamental Congresses." We are dealing with a Book which we have. We teach the student how to unravel the apparent contradictions and discrepancies in THAT Book. We could care less what the "original manuscripts" said or didn't say. After all, since these rascals have changed our Bible 35,000 times in a period of less than fifty years, why should we really give a flip what they think they're copying their "bible" from or what they think about anybody's manuscripts? They have their bible-we have ours. The only difference is their

bible is what they call a "reliable translation." Our Bible is the word of God.

Now, we will take a few examples. The primary example, of course, is Ahaziah. The modern Fundamental conservative schools have had a wave of belief in the Bible sweep over them in the last twenty years, so they are having to shuffle the deck and hustle to get their feet back on the ground. The modern conservative Christian schools, such as Tennessee Temple, San Francisco, Northwestern, Midsouth, Midwestern, BIOLA, Piedmont, Pillsbury, Bob Jones, Arlington, or Springfield (take any of the fifty-four; we'll be perfectly impartial) are now teaching their students what they consider to be errors in the Authorized text. This is in order to shake the student's faith in the English text so the student will look to them as the authority because they know "the Hebrew and Greek."

That is what is going on in the Fundamental schools in America today. You ask, "How do you know this" I have a pile of letters a foot high: that is how I know it. Up and down this country these days, as a last ditch effort to overthrow the student's faith in the Authorized Version as the final authority, the Fundamental faculties of premillennial schools are teaching the student the so-called errors in the Authorized text. The first two they bring up are the age of Ahaziah (twenty-two or forty-two), and the age of Jehoiakim (eighteen or eight). There are many others, but these are the two main, obvious ones. The simpletons on the faculty have a hard time finding the more complicated ones. There are, however, about 398 more.

At the Pensacola Bible Institute, we teach the young man that the King James text is superior to any Hebrew text or Greek text known to man. We teach him alongside the King James Bible that Sinaiticus, Vaticanus, Bezae, Nestle's text, Aland's text, Metzger's text, and Westcott and Hort's text are feeble fumblings of deranged minds. We do that simply by posing a question to the student which he can't answer. We ask the student to show us a contradiction in the King James Bible. Now, we have been asking the faculty members of Christian schools to show us one for years. Do you know how many they have produced? I'll give you one guess. Do you know how many actual contradictions in the King James Bible these rascals have produced, who made 35,000 changes in the NASV? They have never produced one.

Now, you take old Jehoiakim. Don't you know his mother reigned with him ten years before he was "of age"? You say, "Where did you get that from?" The Bible, stupid. Didn't you read it? Didn't you read where he had a queen mother with him (Jer. 13:18). When he was taken into captivity they took away the queen too (Jer. 29:2) because the queen was his mother. Now, think about that for a minute. And having run those references in Kings, Chronicles, and Jeremiah, don't you go on and open your big mouth about the next problem you have until you face a horrible, terrible, glaring truth. Why is it that the man who taught you Bible held that up before your nose as a contradiction, when the dirty rascal would not search the Scriptures to see what the answer was? And you paid him tuition to learn from him? Think about that. Before you tackle the next 399 problems, you had better give that some thought.

Don't you be like a Campbellite, who leaves Matthew 28:19-20 and runs to Acts 2:38, and then runs to Mark 16:16, and then runs to Acts 20:17, and then runs to Romans 6:3 and then runs to Galatians 3:27, and then runs to 1 Peter 3:21 then runs back to Matthew 28:19-20. Don't you carry on that harebrained, scatterbrained, circular wheel-type reasoning. You just face it, buster. Any man who told you that was a contradiction was a deliberate, lazy liar who would not search the word of God; and the fact that he drew a salary from a fundamental, soul-winning, premillennial institution is only a testimony to the apostasy of that institution.

Now, you take Ahaziah. Did any of you ever actually check to see who Ahaziah's mother was? Ahaziah's mother wasn't Jehoram's wife. Ahaziah wasn't Jehoram's literal son: he was counted as a son. But, who that has read the Bible didn't know that Mary's husband, Joseph, was counted as a son (Luke 3:23) when he was actually a son-in-law? And who didn't know that Jesus Christ was called "the son of David" when actually he was a great, gr

Boy, people can sure get screwed up in that Book, can't they? And I don't mean "the originals." If you had the originals you couldn't solve the problem. Tell me something, stupid; if you can't solve it in your own language, what would you do with the Greek and Hebrew? Why, just exactly what the apostate Fundamentalists in the Alexandrian Cult did with it. They just blew it, and called it a contradiction because they were too lazy to search the thing out. You would make as big a mess as they did.

Did you know that Ahaziah's mother was Ahab's sister (2 Kings 8:26)? Did you know that God omitted three kings from the list of Christ's genealogy following Ahaziah, in Matthew 1:8–9? Did you check it? Why didn't you check it? Why do you suppose three generations are omitted at the time of Ahaziah? You say, "Well . . ." Didn't your professor talk to you about that? What were you doing going to that school and paying money to a deceiver to teach you a lie? Why, the rascal didn't even check it out. You say, "Well, one account said twenty-two and the other account said forty-two, so I just figured . . ." You figure too much.

Did it ever occur to you that a man could start to reign at twenty-two and have his reign interrupted, and not get it back again until he was forty-two? You say, "I never thought of that." Did your professor? Why didn't he? Wasn't that true of the reign of King Richard the Lionhearted when he was "in absentee"? Couldn't a man studying English history or German history or French history find a dozen cases where a king began to reign, and the reign was cut off, and he didn't get back on the throne until later? You say, "Well, I suppose . . ." You see what kind of fools some of you people are? You put your money in an institution because they profess to believe the Bible is the word of God, and they no more believe the Bible to be the word of God than they

believe Mickey Mouse has seven heads. You just saw that in the brochure advertising the school. Why, they never believed that the Bible was the word of God. Do you mean you can't find that case where David was king, but got off his throne and abdicated when Absalom went out after him, and when he came back, there was nobody saying. "Bring back the king." (2 Sam. 19:12). There wasn't any king over Israel for almost a year. In a case like this, where a man whose genealogy was doubtful (from the northern tribes), suddenly shows up as king over the southern tribes, why would you think the account was a discrepancy, when the fact of the matter is at twenty-two they could have set him up as king, but he couldn't get the throne until he was forty-two.

Now, wait a minute. Before you jump at the other 398, would you explain to me what business you have supporting a school or church that teaches that baloney, and puts that thing in front of your face and tells you that is a *contradiction*, when if they had to prove that was a contradiction in a court of law, they could no more prove it than they could prove there was green cheese on Jupiter.

For example, Exodus 24:10 says, "And they saw the God of Israel." John 1:18 says, "No man hath seen God at any time." Both statements are correct. They didn't see the soul of God, for the soul of God is invisible; but they saw a physical reflection of God like you see in a mirror. What they saw was the angel of the Lord who was seen by Monoah and his wife and was seen by Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob even wrestled with Him.

In Numbers 25:9 it says 24,000 died in the plague. In 1 Corinthians 10:8 it says 23,000 fell in one day. Easy! Twenty-three thousand fell in one day, and 24,000 was the total number that died during a few days.

For example: in 2 Samuel 24:24 David paid fifty shekels of silver for the threshing floor. In 1 Chronicles 21:25 he paid 600 shekels of gold. Easy. First he bought the threshing floor, and then he bought the whole farm.

In 1 Timothy 6:16 God dwells in *light*. In 1 Kings 8:12 God dwells in *thick darkness*. Both are true. God is ominpresent, dwelling everywhere. Therefore, He dwells in outer darkness of outer space, and He dwells in light in the third heaven in eternity. Both statements are true.

There are no contradictions in a King James AV. You say, "What about that cock crowing twice and thrice over there in Mark?" Yeah, you have sure been listening to some reprobates, haven't you? You haven't got the sense God gave a brass monkey, probably, or you wouldn't have paid that professor your money, would you, stupid? You say, "Why do you talk to people like that?" Because they talk about the Bible the say they shouldn't talk about the Bible, and we are Bible-believers. If you have a right to attack our Bible, we have equal time to attack your stupidity. You see what I mean, jelly bean?

You say, "Well, what about that thing over there where it said He arose on the third day and after the third day?" Well, you haven't got many brains, do you fellow, or you would have figured that out pretty quick, wouldn't you? I would like to see you find a contradiction in the Authorized Version. I have read it through 141 times. I haven't found one contradiction yet, and I have looked pretty close. You say, "Well, what are you going to do with a discrepancy like where it says in one place the guy is twenty-two and another place the guy is forty-two?" Well, the same thing you do in one place where it said the sixth hour and another place it said the third hour. You are obviously dealing with two different sets of time.

In Isaiah 40:28 God never gets tired and never needs rest, but in Exodus 31:17 it said God created the world in six days and "rested, and was refreshed" the seventh day. But, it doesn't say God rested because He was tired. God rested the seventh day to appreciate that which He had created. He rested in the sense that He stopped making anything more which He could have made.

In John 13:27 Satan entered into Judas during the last supper. In Luke 22:2-3 and 5, it is obvious Satan entered into Judas before the last supper. Easy. Satan could have entered him more than once. After all, he filled Ananias' heart to lie to the Holy Ghost.

In Acts 1:9, 12 Jesus ascended from Mount Olivet. In Luke 24:50-51 He ascended from Bethany. Easy. *Bethany is on Mount Olivet.*

In Acts 9:7 Paul's companions heard a voice. In Acts 22:9 Paul's companions did not hear the voice. Easy. The companions heard a voice, but didn't understand the words of the voice that spoke to Paul. Did you ever read John 12:29 where, when the Lord spake, some said "it thundered" and others said "an angel spake to him"? They heard a voice. They just didn't hear the voice of the one that spoke to Jesus Christ.

Of course, I am dealing with problems of the King James text, not the "original manuscripts." Therefore, all this effort to try to prove that the original manuscripts are inerrant and infallible, but the Authorized Version has errors in it, is nonsense. We are dealing with statements of the Authorized Version. You don't have the originals there to see whether they err or not. You say, "They couldn't have erred." What do you get for that authority? Second Timothy 3:16? That is not a reference to the original manuscripts. Round and round we go!

In 1 Kings 6:1 we have a period between Exodus and the beginning of the building of the temple as 480 years, and according to history it is 573 years. The difference is ninety-three years. It is exactly the period of the captivities mentioned in the book of Judges. You take the times the Jews went into captivity in the book of Judges, figure out those years, and subtract them from the total length of time. You will find the extra time made up between 480 and 573. Years spent away from God are lost years; like the forty years wandering in the wilderness.

In 1 Samuel 6:19 we read that God smote 50,070 for looking at the ark of the covenant. Josephus, the historian, says only seventy people were smitten. That's easy. Josephus was a liar. That is who to settle those problems. Where the Bible says one thing and Josephus and Philo say another, they can go take a flying jump at the moon. Do you think Josephus was around when the 50,070 people were smitten? Of course not. Do you think Josephus was living at the time the ark of the covenant was taken? Of course not. Do

you think Josephus believed the word of God from cover to cover? Of course not. Do you think Josephus was any authority for changing your Bible? Of course not. Don't be silly.

In Luke 18:35 and 43, Jesus healed one blind man as they came near Jericho. In Mark 10:46 Jesus healed one man as they departed from Jericho. Easy. He either healed two unnamed men some distance from Jericho, or else the city limits crossed each other. I mean, who couldn't figure that out, brother? Who doesn't live in a town where you can go out of the city limit, and then come back into it in one block? I'll guarantee you can in Pensacola, brother. You can walk across this town and go in and out of the city limits eight times going north to south and four times going east to west. When in doubt, always throw Greek and Hebrew scholarship out.

Other apparent contradictions are as easily explained or more easily. Such things as the "almug tree" and the "algum tree"; such things as Solomon's navy and the talents of gold he bought; such things as the number of armed men in Israel that David took muster of: such things as the so-called seven days, or was it three, or was it seven in Chronicles and Samuel, etc. All these socalled "problems" that were attacked by apostate Fundamentalists were not attacked in the "original manuscripts" because they were making a cowardly retreat before the liberals, and they felt they could not defend the Authorized Bible against error. They felt the Authorized Bible was indefensible because they resented it and were jealous of it and hated it and were not in subjection to it. Therefore, they picked the unknown. mystical "original manuscripts" to take their "bold and brave stand" upon. That way nobody could flush them and prove them wrong.

This is the greatest disaster that happened to the Body of Christ since the Council of Nicaea. I would say, without a doubt, that the greatest disaster that ever happened to the Body of Christ since A.D. 325 was the retreat of Fundamental and Conservative scholars away from the Authorized Version to the unheard of, unknown, unread, untaught, unavailable "originals." Nothing could be more cowardly than that. If they went into court and tried to prove their thesis, their thesis wouldn't last in court fifteen minutes. There isn't a judge in the world, that when these fellows start saying, "The original text and the original Greek says...." wouldn't ask for the text. If you couldn't show it you would be thrown out of court, son. Unsaved judges have more sense than Christian "celebrities."

How do we know the Bible is authentic? How do we know the supposed authors actually wrote the Bible? Is the Bible worthy of belief? Of course it is. It proves itself to be the word of God by actual, factual experience. Moreover, it proves itself to be the word of God by scientific arithmetic. The laws of mathematical statistical probability prove the Bible is the word of God beyond the slightest shadow of a doubt on the part of anyone; atheistic, agnostic, or otherwise. You see, the God of the Bible is the God of numbers and arithmetic and the God of law and order. So, when He wrote His book, He incorporated a mathematical formula in the book that science could not turn down, and by which, if a

scientist were to reject the word of God, he would prove himself to be a two-faced hypocrite.

The process is very simple. The Lord put in that Book forty-eight prophecies about a man before that man showed up, and then ordered history so that all forty-eight came in on the button. Now, listen! The chances of forty-eight prophecies (concerning a man who has not been born) coming to pass when that man shows up 400 years after those prophecies are made, is one out of ten to the 157th power. There are not that many electrons in the known universe.

By this, we learn that the Bible is the only scientific textbook in print: there is no textbook on science in print, anywhere on this earth, that displays the mathematical phenomena found in a King James 1611 Authorized Version. There are forty-eight prophecies made about Jesus Christ in the Old Testament, and all forty-eight of those prophecies come true (literally) on Him more than 400 years after they were made.

To add insult to injury, there are more than 200 prophecies about Jesus Christ that are yet to be fulfilled in the next thirty years. Do you now what the chances are of 300 prophecies coming to pass on one man when that man has not showed up yet? Well, son, I would not like to see you take the chances. I would like to see the United Nations and UNESCO and the CFR and the Illuminati and the Bilderbergers and the Masons and the American Association for the Advancement of Science get together and write one book, prophesying fifty details of any man's life 400 years before he is born, and see even five of them come in "on the money." You can't do it.

The Bible proves itself to be the word of God by a mathematical formula. The Bible proves itself to be the infallible truth of God because it demonstrates that the God of the Book is the God of history, and this phenomenon is found in no other religious literature in the world. There is nothing in the Koran, there is nothing in the literature of Confucius or Buddha, nothing in the literature of the Hindus or the Moslems or the Brahmans that even attempts to accomplish what I have just said.

What I have just said can be proved by opening a Bible and checking the references. By the way, the references are numbered.) The chances of 300 prophecies coming to pass on one person before that individual shows up, including his birth, his birthplace, his name, the condition of his death, the condition of his life, his age, the details of his death, the details of his arrest, the details of his ministry, chances of that happening are less than one out of ten to the 400th power. There are not that many electrons in every atom in the universe.

Now, you start figuring. Figure one hundred million electrons on the head of a pin. That will give you eight zeroes to start with. Now, put 149 zeroes after that. There are not that many electrons in the universe.

How do we know the Bible is the word of God? First of all, we know it by the scientific method of mathematical calculation. That is the first way. The next way is by its effect on our lives and in our experiences in answer to prayer and making us new creatures in Jesus Christ.

Finally, we know the Bible is the word of God absolutely, because it never has to change or adjust itself to any future truth. There has not been one truth ever discovered since the Book was written that ever overthrew one truth stated in the Book.

In the Louvre are five and one-half miles of bookshelves on so-called scientific "facts." These five and one-half miles of books are now obsolete. What was considered to be "scientific fact" at the time these books were written has been overthrown by future "scientific fact," so we have five and one-half miles of books (counting all the shelves, twenty levels on four or five stories running for a city block in both directions) that are now considered to be obsolete facts. There is not one thing stated in the King James Bible you can prove is an obsolete scientific fact. If you could find it, you could collect \$1,000.00 from the Christian Research Foundation, which has a thousand dollar reward for any man who can find a scientific error in the Bible. That research foundation was set up by the late Harry Rimmer, and he was taken to court and tried on eight counts. The plaintiff was thrown out by an unsaved judge eight times in a row.

We know the Bible is the word of God because of what it has been, what it is, and what it shall be. "Heaven and earth shall pass away" but it will not. "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven," (Ps. 119:89). There is not one of the original manuscripts still in existence, and the reason for this is obvious. These scholars—The Alexandrian Cult—if they had an original manuscript, would subscribe some supernatural power

to it that they would not subscribe to some other manuscript, and then, if they had it, they would claim you had to come to them to get the truth. If you didn't come to them, you wouldn't have the truth. Of course, this IS what is carried on by the modern faculty members of Christian schools. The deluded dopes are teaching people that the original manuscripts had some magical charm about them that nothing after them ever has had, and, therefore, ever since then you have to come to them (the scholars) to correct your King James Bible and get back to the "originals." That is what is going on in every Christian school in America.

What these fellows call the "originals" are actually the Vatican manuscript in Rome, the Sinaitic in Leningrad, Russia, and the Codex Bezae manuscript in London. These three manuscripts, Vaticanus, Sinaiticus, and Bezae, are the three most grossly corrupt manuscripts known to lexicographers in the history of manuscript evidence. They contain the Apocrypha in the Old Testament, and contain New Testament Apocrypha: Clement, the Epistle of Barnabas, and the Shepherd of Hermas. These three manuscripts differ more among themselves than the entire sixteen hundred Textus Receptus manuscripts used for your King James Bible, and that is why when people talk about the "oldest manuscripts" we simply yawn or go fishing.

We accept the Bible as credible, for it was recognized as authentic by the church in the year A.D. 180. It is quoted by all the church fathers. Even heretics and infidels have been forced to testify to its absolute credibility. Known among

these are Basilides, Celsus, Porphyry, and many others. An examination of around 4,000 ancient manuscripts in existence confirmed its credibility. We believe the Bible is completely reliable and are willing to stake our lives on what God said, as He said it, in the context in which it appears.

We do not worship the Bible. We do not think the Bible is God. We can mark our Bibles: you can't mark God. We can burn our Bibles: you can't burn God. We can lose our Bible, but you can't lose God. We know perfectly well that God is not the Bible, and the Bible is not God, but it is the closest thing materially to the Godhead on the face of this earth. This is why the Lord said in Psalm 138:2 that He had magnified the written word above the name of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. The word, the written word, is magnified above the very name of God. That is why we believe it is what it is.

When we say "the Bible," you never have to guess what Bible we are talking about. We have the Bible we are talking about on the desk in front of us. We believe it is the word of God from cover to cover, including the cover. When we say "The Holy Scripture"—the infallible, inerrant authority of God Almighty—we are referring to the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible of the Protestant Reformation; the anti-Roman, anti-agnostic, anti-atheist, anti-Socialist, anti-Communist, individualistic Bible of the missionary, evangelistic, and soul—winning efforts of every genuine, biblical movement on the face of this earth.