

THE FAMINE OF HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

It has been said by various fundamentalist King James Bible supporters that there is now a famine of the Word, that is, a widespread loss of the King James Bible.

“Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD”. (Amos 8:11). The famine spoken of here is sent by the Lord.

The question must then be asked, Is the Lord sending a famine of the King James Bible? The answer is no. The Bible is not speaking of a famine of the Word or the King James Bible itself, but a famine of hearing it.

In Revelation 6:6, Christ (represented as a Divine Lamb) opens up a seal on a book, which looses a particular judgment on His enemies: “And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.” (Revelation 6:5). This black horse and its rider represent a famine. “And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and *see* thou hurt not the oil and the wine.” (Revelation 6:6). Not only was this a literal historical famine against the pagan Roman Empire, but it is also a spiritual famine, especially as regarding the Romanist-backed attack upon the King James Bible and the Word of God in general since the French Revolution. The famine is against all those who have compromised with the historical Roman beast against the Word of God. This includes the modernists who have adopted Romanist-influenced modern versions.

If the famine is supposed to be a judgment on Rome, Papalism and Roman–Secularist alliance, it would not be consistent if this manifested in a famine among genuine seekers and adherents of the King James Bible. In fact, the Bible says, “The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good *thing*.” (Psalm 34:10). Some have said that the United States and British Commonwealth countries are spoken of in prophecy as “young lions”. The judgment is made manifest on Christ’s enemies, and Roman–Secularist Europe is a greater enemy of Christ than the United States. As Protestants themselves are going against their own tradition and are rejecting the King James Bible, to the same measure there may be a famine of knowledge among them. But the famine is of hearing, and whereas there is some hearing in the United States, and much hope for the Australasian nations, the famine is more magnified and enlarged with predominantly anti-Christian places: “The black horses which *are* therein go forth into the north country” (Zechariah 6:6). At the present time, for instance, Russia is growing as the vessel of the Roman-Secularist alliance, and Russia’s own progression toward leading a confederacy of Islamic nations as spoken of in Ezekiel chapters thirty-eight and thirty-nine shows what evil children are born of the Whore of Babylon, which is allied (perhaps secretly) with the Roman beast.

Now the black horse spirit was instructed “*see* thou hurt not the oil and the wine.” (Revelation 6:6b). This can be taken to mean that in a time when the King James Bible is attacked in many places, it is still possible to find witness to the Word, because of the qualities of oil and wine are that of being untouched. In Christ’s judgment of causing a famine of hearing the Word, He is still keeping the Word present, but ensuring that His enemies, and those who will compromise (e.g. many Protestants) have gross hearts and turn their hearts from the King James Bible.

The oil is untainted. “Command the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamps to burn continually.” (Leviticus 24:2). The pure King James Bible continues to flow and glow.

The wine is untainted. “But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved.” (Luke 5:38). The pure King James Bible is preserved and utilised: “thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape.” (Deuteronomy 32:14b).

“Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find *it*.” (Amos 8:11, 12). The fact is that people are looking to all the wrong things to try to find the Word of God. They want the true Word, but errors stand in their way, and they pursue the truth on the foundation of their errors. This is like the modern versionists, who are “Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (2 Timothy 3:7). The Roman-Secularist view puts “truth” in the hands of unbelieving Romanists and in the hands of faithless rationalists. Most Protestants now view the King James Bible in this way, and are therefore in the midst of the famine. The pure Word is surely available and revealed to be the Pure Cambridge Edition of the King James Bible, but many hearts have been covered with darkness and minds clouded.

If there were a famine of the Word itself, or if the King James Bible had failed, then God Himself would have failed, and His Word would be weak. He could not be called God Almighty. But God is very strong. He said, “So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.” (Isaiah 55:11).

In fact, the Scripture promises that the Word itself must not be languishing in famine. The King James Bible is fulfilling the prophetic promises in this regard:

1. “Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.” (Jeremiah 15:16).
2. “Thy word *is* very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.” (Psalm 119:140).
3. “But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.” (1 Peter 1:25).
4. “So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.” (Acts 19:20).

And so on.

“And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find *it*.” (Amos 8:12). It is apparent that this phenomena of wandering, running and seeking is to especially manifest in the north, especially in Rome, but can also prophetically be applied to Russia, “Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.” (Zechariah 6:8). Looking to the east is looking to Islam as the authority on the real Word of “God”.

It is interesting that even though Russia became open to the Gospel after the fall of Communist rule, that very little proper evangelism has taken place there, because Protestantism is so compromised. Also, the circumstances have not been entirely conducive to establishing the King James Bible there in any meaningful way. This does not mean that the King James Bible is not available for Russia, but that despite all efforts to promote the truth there, Russia’s destiny is to generally reject and withstand the Gospel.

Furthermore, since the traditional publishers of the King James Bible have forsaken purity, this would have resulted in the ending of the witness for the pure Word. But this has not caused a famine, because God, in His providence, has raised up other witnesses to the world of the pure Word. God is able to raise up a Christian witness in the Church for the pure Word, and has done so even now. Despite the famine, God is able to manifest great witness for His chosen Word, “For he

shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.” (Jeremiah 17:8).