

The Great Controversy Series
Blind Guides Or The Pool of Siloam
Chapter 15 - The Bible and the French Revolution
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Who and what is our only detector of truth?

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Joh 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Jesus and the word of God is truth that gives true freedom from the bondage of sin! It is the only standard of truth and detector of error!

What is the condition of the Laodicean church in Revelation?

Revelation 3:17

17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

Is this your condition? If you are blind you cannot see your condition (repeat). Sight reveals your true condition. The only why to see your true condition you MUST be healed from blindness. If you are blind how can you see that you are wretched, miserable, poor and naked!

If you neglect, reject, or ignore God's Word individually or collectively as a corporate church, you are blind (period) and will never see the way of truth.

What is the ONLY solution to spiritual blindness and the spiritual disease of Laodicea?

Revelation 3:18-19

18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and **anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.**

19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Eyesalve is the only spiritual remedy for spiritual blindness. In order to see you must be anointed by the Spirit of truth that will lead you to all truth through God's Word of TRUTH! The eyesalve is the WORD of God.

Eyesalve (Greek): kollourion [kol-loo'-ree-on]

Neuter of a presumed derivative of *κόλλυρα* kollura (a *cake*; probably akin to the base of [G2853](#)); properly a **poultice** (as made of or in the form of *crackers*), that is, (by analogy) a *plaster*: - eyesalve.

A poultice a "mud" mixture of clay and water. Clay poultices are known to absorb poisons and toxins. The Bible's spiritual poultice (eyesalve) will do that for you spiritually, it will take away the poison and toxicity of sin if we repent and turn to Jesus!

What did Jesus put on the eyes of a blind man who was blind since his birth and instruct him to do?

John 9:6-7

6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay,

7 And said unto him, **Go, wash in the pool of Siloam**, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

Jesus made an eyesalve of clay and put it on the eyes of the blind man since birth. Then the blind man had to exercise faith by obeying the command of Jesus and go to the pool of Siloam to wash off the clay. Because of the blind man's faith of obedience he was able to see. Don't miss this. Jesus provided the means of healing, but the blind man had act on it by faith!

The Pool of Siloam was the city of Jerusalem's main water supply that was feed from Gihon Spring from the Kidron Valley. The pool of Siloam was built by king Hezekiah in response to the threat of the Assyrians. When an ancient city was being attack one of the things the enemy would try to cut off is the main water supply. So to help protect the city's water supply that was coming from the spring, Hezekiah built a main tunnel to protect the water from the spring that as collected in large pool of water within the city known as the pool of Siloam.

The pool of Siloam was a pool that was at one time a solid piece of large rock in the ground. The pool of Siloam was dug into a pool from that solid piece of ROCK that was filled from the spring of fresh water as the city's reservoir!

The Gihon Spring that feed the pool of Siloam is “one of the world's major [intermittent springs](#)—and a reliable water source that made human settlement possible in ancient Jerusalem—the spring was not only used for drinking water, but also initially for irrigation of gardens in the adjacent [Kidron Valley](#) which provided a food source for the ancient settlement.” Wikipedia – Gihon Spring

Jerusalem was totally dependent on the spring of water and the rock, the pool Siloam. The location of the ancient pool of Siloam was found in 2004 and partially dug out. It was covered under a farmers field in which part of it is still privately owned.

Siloam in the Greek means “Sent”. This story of the healed blind man since birth has a powerful spiritual lesson that we must learn from in these last days.

Spiritually who was “Sent” as the Rock and spring of water for our spiritual needs?

Galatians 4:3-4

3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:

4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

Romans 8:3

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

The Pool of Siloam (“Sent”) spiritually symbolizes Jesus who was sent to the world to give sight to the blind and set those free who are in bondage to sin.

At the time of the ministry of Jesus, one of His main objectives was to open the blind eyes of the spiritual leadership of Israel. They like their rebellious forefathers of Israel refused to go to fresh water from the pool Siloam but went to the rough waters of the world and hewed out cisterns that cannot hold water..

Isaiah 8:6

6 Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah (GK:Siloam) that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son (rough waters);

Jeremiah 2:13

13 For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

What was Jesus' final diagnosis of the Jewish leaders which was revealed the public and those who were following them?

Mat 23:16 *Woe unto you, ye blind guides...*

Mat 23:17 *Ye fools and blind...*

Mat 23:19 *Ye fools and blind...*

Mat 23:24 *Ye blind guides...*

Mat 23:26 *Thou blind Pharisee...*

As a result of Israel's leaderships refusal be anointed with the eyesalve and go to the spiritual pool of Siloam, what did Jesus say about the house of Israel?

Matthew 23:38

38 *Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.*

When pastors, local or conference churches refuse victory over sin, total transformation through the power of Jesus Christ, true health reform, dress reform, the three angels message, Bible prophecy, the urgency of soon coming of Jesus Christ, but accepts worldly standards and practices, they are blind and the REAL TRUE Jesus of the Bible IS NOT THERE. They are blindly worshiping and promote a false Christ, that is the imagination of the corrupt heart of men! **If you have to continually convince the pastor to preach the whole truth, but you believe that you need to continue to learn from him, you are blind.**

Does Jesus tell the people to follow the “blind guides” anyway even though they refuse and reject truth from the WORD, Jesus himself? If you know your pastor, conference church, etc is blind, what does Jesus say?

Matthew 15:14

14 **Let them alone:** they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

Let them alone! (period)

It's getting darker and darker... you need to flee to Siloam... examples...

- 1) Transgender SDA elder and sabbath school teacher in Hollywood
- 2) Multiple SDA and SDA conferences support and affirm LGBT movement
- 3) SDA bisexual pastor quits and advocates for LBGT movement
- 4) Another SDA pastor quits because of transgender son and becomes an advocate for the LGBT movement
- 5) Seventh – Gay Adventist films and others shown in many SDA churches

“Our Bible’ app aims to support LGBTQ Christians who feel excluded” BY Corinne Segal June 4, 2017 at 2:00
PBS NewsHour <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/updates/bible-app-aims-support-lgbtq-christians-feel-excluded/>

“Crystal Cheatham was 23 years old when she was told she couldn’t be gay and Christian.

“Cheatham, who had grown up attending and singing at a Seventh-day Adventist church, was about to graduate from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Hearing that her identities as a lesbian and a Christian could be in conflict, she said, was heartbreaking”

“Now an activist and writer, Cheatham has set out to create a digital space for LGBTQ people to explore their own spiritual practice without having to surrender any part of their identity. She is leading the effort to create [Our Bible](#), an app set to release this fall that plans to offer at least 20 Bibles and more than 300 devotional readings, meditation exercises, articles and podcasts for LGBTQ Christians and others who feel marginalized by mainstream Christianity.”

Feast of Tabernacles and the Pool of Siloam

The seventh feast day and final feast of the Jewish year that the Jews kept was known as the feast of tabernacles, an eight day feast. It was traditionally well known in Jerusalem at the time of Jesus that a priest of the would go to pool of Siloam with a golden cup to use the water from the drink offering ceremony during each day of the feast.

What did Jesus say on the last day of a feast of tabernacles that directly relates to the pool of Siloam?

John 7:2, 37-38

2 Now the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand.

37 In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, **If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.**

38 **He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.**

Here Jesus reveals to the Jewish leaders and people who the pool of Siloam represents spiritually, HIMSELF. Not only is Jesus the ROCK but he is the living water! He is the same ROCK in which Moses spoke to provide water for the children of Israel in the desert.

If you are thirsty and blind and you want TRUTH, stop following blind guides with broken cisterns and serving a cesspool of toxic false doctrine and worldliness! Some still don't get it. **If you know the fountain is broke why are you still trying to drink from it?**

Do you have the eyesalve on? You MUST go the pool of Siloam (Jesus) by faith to see!

Are you blind spiritually and you want to see? Cry aloud to the only one that can give you eyesight.

What will the majority of professed remnant who are spiritually blind say to those who recognize their blindness and cry out to Jesus for eyesight?

What did the multitude say to two blind men who cried aloud to Jesus healing?

Matthew 20:30-34

30 And, behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David.

31 And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David.

32 And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you?

33 They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened.

34 So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him.

Did the two blind men listen to the multitude who tried to get them to be quiet? NO. The multitude was spiritually blind.

It is the spiritually blind multitude that try quiet those who are exposing the apostasy and hypocrisy among the leadership in the church. The spiritually blind multitude keep their head in sand and tell others who want to see to "shut up and be quiet! You are embarrassing us. Spreading dirty laundry."

If you recognize your blindness and you want healing you must cry ALOUD in the midst of rebukes of others who are comfortable living in spiritual darkness!

Go unto Jesus and say, “Lord I want to clearly see you TRUTH, open my eyes. I am tired of being in spiritual darkness.” Jesus will open your spiritual eyes. As He opens your eyes to see you MUST keep your eyes on Him to keep your eyesight and don't be distracted by the entertainment and amusements of this world!

Spiritual blindness is our inherited spiritual condition, but only the eyesalve of Christ can heal us if we go to the one who is “sent” Jesus Christ. We are to wash the clay that removes the toxicity of sin with the living water of Jesus Christ. Not only are to wash with the living water, but we are to also bathe and drink it!

Protestant Reformation and the Pool of Siloam

The Protestant Reformation healed those who were spiritually blind with sight. Reformers went to the pool of Siloam to receive sight.

Papal Rome wanted to continue to keep the people in darkness, blind from the TRUTH but there were some who cried to Jesus for healing such as reformers like **Wycliffe, John Huss, Martin Luther, Zwingli, Lefevre, Tyndale, Knox, Wesley brothers and many others.**

Show the map of the spread of the protestant reformation from the 1400's to 1700's

“In the sixteenth century the Reformation, presenting an open Bible to the people, had sought admission to all the countries of Europe. Some nations welcomed it with gladness, as a messenger of Heaven. In other lands the papacy succeeded to a great extent in preventing its entrance; and the light of Bible knowledge, with its elevating influences, was almost wholly excluded. In one country, though the light found entrance, it was not comprehended by the darkness. For centuries, truth and error struggled for the mastery. At last the evil triumphed, and the truth of Heaven was thrust out. "This is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light." John 3:19. The nation was left to reap the results of the course which she had chosen. The restraint of God's Spirit was removed from a people that had despised the gift of His grace. Evil was permitted to come to maturity. And all the world saw the fruit of willful rejection of the light.” {GC 265.1}

France's Blindness and War Against the TRUTH

In Revelation 11 the Bible predicted that Papal Rome would try to suppress the light of truth. It was fulfilled once by Papal Rome in the past for 1260 years and it is being fulfilled today by the Papal Rome whose wounded head is healed.

Rev 11:3 And I will give *power* unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

Who are the two witnesses?

Psa 119:105 Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psa 119:130 The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

John 5:39, ³⁹Search [or examine] the **scriptures**; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which **testify** [bear witness] of me.

The two witnesses are the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. The Old testament reveals Jesus Christ as the Messiah and the New Testaments is Jesus Christ fulfilled.

What is the significance of the two witnesses prophesying in sackcloth?

In Bible times, sackcloth was usually woven with **black** goat's hair to make sack or bag. Also sackcloth was worn by mourners to symbolize their deep sorrow and mourning. This ancient custom is very similar to our modern today mourners wearing black at funerals. Sackcloth is a symbol of deep sorrow and mourning.

So it is clear here that the two witnesses in sackcloth in John's vision were in deep sorrow and mourning while they were prophesying during the 1260 day time period.

Now, why were these two witnesses in deep sorrow and mourning?

The answer is found in the previous verse, verse 2 of Revelation 11, in which the Gentiles, the rejecters of God and His truth, trampled and persecuted God's holy people for 42 months which equals to 1260 days.

Revelation 11:2 "...the holy city shall they tread under foot forty *and* two months."

Verses 2 and 3 connect together, it is the same time period in which the people of God are being persecuted and the two witnesses prophesy while mourning for those who are being persecuted.

"The suppression of the Scriptures during the period of papal supremacy was foretold by the prophets; and the Revelator points also to the terrible results that were to accrue especially to France from the domination of the "man of sin." - GC 266

During the 1260 years of Papal Rome, they tried to suppress God's two great witnesses, the Old Testament and the New Testament. They could not be easily found. They were in the dark shadows of the papacy giving sight to the blind who earnestly and sincerely looked for spiritual eye sight from Jesus.

Remember, what fuels the light for on these two great lights, the OT and NT?

Rev 11:4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

The olive tree produce the olive oil to fuel the light for the candlesticks that continually light the world with truth. The olive oil represents the Holy Spirit who keeps the light of truth illuminated!

What confirms the authority and power of the two witnesses, OT and NT?

Revelation 11:5-6

- 5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.
- 6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

This is the ultimate result of rejecting the TRUTH. The seeds of rejection of TRUTH is death. All those who wanted to rebel against God's truth are blind and will receive the judgment of God because they choose to hold on to sin and blindness. They have become dangerously comfortable with SIN!

What does the Bible predict would happen to the two witnesses near the end of the 1260 year Bible prophecy?

Revelation 11:7-8

- 7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.
- 8 And their dead bodies *shall lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

As the protestant reformation grew stronger and stronger through the WORD of God healing thousand of their spiritual blindness, Satan increased his attacks from another angle.

Remember beast in Bible prophecy represents kingdoms or nation.

In verse 7 the beast is a nation used by Satan, the one in the bottomless pit to make all out war against the WORD of God! It also appears that Satan as won the mastery over the Bible.

What nation did Satan use as prophesied to try totally get rid of the Bible near the end of the 1260 years of the Papal Roman Empire?

In 1500's the light of truth found entrance in the land of France by the French reformers such as Jacque Lefevre, William Farel, Louis de Berquin, and John Calvin. **Even though the true healer from blindness was introduced to many in France, many were comfortable with their blindness. They would rather stay blind and hold on to the superstitions and lies of the papacy.**

Overtime what happened to France which cause civil war and a lot of bloodshed and death?

History tells us that before the Roman Papal Empire lost its power, the monarch of France was one of Papal Rome's greatest financial contributors to their church system. The common and middle class people of France were tired of this because the monarch of France would heavily tax them in order stay in good standing with Papal Rome. The common and the middle class people of France were highly upset. They could not take it anymore.

Over taxed and Deprived!

Over taxed and economically deprived the French people eventually revolted and overthrew the monarchy of France. And around 1793 they established a new government in France weakening the power of Papal Roman Empire. This was known as the French Revolution which led to the raising of the famous General **Napoleon Bonaparte** to become France Monarch in 1804.

Matter fact in 1798 they captured the pope of Rome taking away Papal Rome's world dominance.

But in 1793 when it appeared that the people of God living in France would be totally free from Papal Rome's persecution and oppression for living and teaching according to the Holy Bible, the new France government shocked the people of God. The new government in France did not want anything to do with God or His Bible because of how the Papal Roman Empire so grossly misrepresented God and His Bible.

New French Government Outlaws Bible

The new French government's hearts were hard toward God and His Bible. They were atheist in all their views. They publicly denounced God's existence and accepted the goddess of Reason as their new god. They did not tolerate any one talking about God and the Bible. They had public burnings of the Bible.

In 1793 the new government of France passed laws to try to totally wipe out the Bible and God for the consciousness of the people. They made it illegal to own a Bible. This newly formed government of France fits the prophecy of the beast that killed the two witnesses, the Holy Bible, and symbolically left them for dead on the streets of Sodom and Egypt.

Who does Sodom and Egypt symbolically represent?

Sodom represents the character of Sodom. Sodom was known for its sexual sins, LGBT movement, and idleness

Eze 16:49 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

France at the time was also known for its sexual sins and the LGBT movement.

Egypt represents Pharaoh's attitude and full rejection of the God in heaven, atheism.

Goddess of Reason

The French government in 1793 rejected the Bible and in its place lifted up human reason and corrupt sexual sins. In celebration of their official position of atheism and human reasoning, they had a grand parade throughout Paris in which a known prostitute was lifted up on a chair. She was lifted up like a goddess and hailed as the goddess of reason. This represented France's total rejection of God which sowed seed of France's decline, but grew fruit that strengthened atheism throughout Europe.

“Crucified” People for Christ in France

This newly formed government of France fits the prophecy of the beast that killed the two witnesses, the Holy Bible, and symbolically left them for dead on the streets of Sodom and Egypt. During this time the two witnesses lied dead on their streets. In verse 8 it says that they laid dead were Christ was crucified. So, what does this mean? No, Christ was not crucified on the land of France but hundreds of year before, France was the ground where over 100,000 French Protestants (faithful uncompromising Christians) [men, women and children] were massacred by the command of the king over a seven day period known as the St. Bartholomew Massacre which started on August 24, 1572. They were in a sense crucified for the faith in Christ.

How long did this last in which the “two witnesses” were dead on the streets? In other words how long was the Bible outlawed and denounced in France.

Revelation 11:9-10 ⁹And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies **three days and an half**, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. ¹⁰And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

Now according to this passage of Scriptures the two witnesses would lay in the streets of France, outlawed publicly, for three and one half years. During time many in France celebrated on the streets claiming that they were free from the laws of the Bible. They step on and ridiculed the Bible for three and a half years (remember a prophetic day equals a year).

Now let’s see what happens next. **Was prophecy fulfilled? Does France truly fit this prophecy? Well the next verses will answer these questions for us beautifully.**

When did the two witness [The Holy Bible] raise again and continued to stand until the end of the world?

Revelation 11:11-12 ¹¹And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. ¹²And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

This prophecy is amazing but so very true because it is recorded in history that after the French government passed a law to outlaw the Bible and rejected the living God in Heaven, three and a half years later they unanimously reversed their decision. Can you believe it? They accepted Protestantism and the Bible was freely open to all people. This happened in June of 1797. It was around the turn of the century [early 1800’s] in which the British Bible Society and American Bible Society was created. For the first time in history the Bible (Old and New Testament) totally emerged out of darkness. Millions of copies of the Bible have been distributed since then. The two witnesses, God’s Holy Bible, as prophesied in verses 11 and 12, totally ascended to the heavens as light to the world. The light of God’s truth is totally exposed and illuminating the world. The prophecies of the two witnesses have been fulfilled. The Bible is available all over the world. It is still the number one best seller. Amen

Dual Prophecy Application

Even though we went through a lot of history that fulfills the prophecy of Revelation 11:2-13 we must be aware that these prophecies could also apply to future end times events. For example the same Roman Papal Empire that ruled for 1260 years actually come to view again according to the prophecy found in Revelation 13:1-7. In Revelation 13:7 says that “it deadly wound was healed” – meaning that it is brought back to world dominance at the end of time. It will reject Bible truth and persecute those who follow Bible Truth. We will study this in more detail in another study.

Even though these future events will not take 1260 years, it is very possible that the end time application of 1260 days prophecy in Revelation 11:2&3 will be literal days. Also like the France in 1793, at the end of time they will be a great rejection of Bible truth and the law of God. Friends, only those who are rooted in the Word of God will be able to stand. When it appears that Satan has engulfed this world in darkness and total destruction, God's word, His Law will stand again according to Revelation 11:12-13