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—Donald S. Whitney, Associate Professor of Biblical Spirituality, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville

The 17:18 Series

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Why the 17:18 series?

In Deuteronomy 17, Moses is leaving final instructions concerning the future of Israel. As a prophet of God, Moses foretells of when Israel will place a king over the nation (v. 14). In verses 16 & 17, he lists items that the king could not do as king. In verse 18, he transitions to what he should do as king.

The king is commanded not to simply acquire a copy of the law (the entire book of Deuteronomy) from the "scroll publishing house," but to handwrite his own copy of the law. The purpose of such a copy written by his own hand was so that:

- * he would read it
- * he would learn to fear the Lord
- * he would obey the commands of God
- * his heart would not become proud
- * he would not turn to the right or the left from following the law (Prov. 4:27)
- * also, his sons would serve in the kingdom after him. (Deut. 17:19, 20)

Thirty-four hundred years later, educators are "discovering" that students who physically write out their notes by hand have a much greater retention rate than those who simply hear or visually read the information. Apparently, God knew this to be true for the kings of Israel also.

From such understanding came the conception of this series of books.

Have a great time writing and learning the Word of God,

Rob Wynalda
Romans 1:16

The Purpose of the Journible®

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Yes, we are setting aside our mass-produced Gutenberg Bibles and attempting to get back to the simple handwritten copy of the text.

Galatians

The church of Galatia and the gospel of grace is under attack. The attack is not coming from Rome, but from Jewish Christians who believed God expected all believers to continue in obedience to the law (especially circumcision) in order to participate in the Kingdom of God. Such confusion is leading the church to a works-based system that is based upon one's obedience of the law for salvation and not the grace of God through faith.

Notes

(1) Apostle

(2) Galatia

(6) Grace

(6) Gospel

(6,7) These verses explain Paul's concern and purpose of writing.