

*"[The Bereans] . . . searched the scriptures daily,*

*[to see] whether those things were so." —Acts 17:11*

## "Thy Kingdom Come"

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THIS PHRASE IS contained in the so-called "Lord's prayer," which, in fact, is not the Lord's prayer (as found in John 17) but the disciples' prayer. It would hardly have been appropriate for our Lord to pray, "Forgive us our sins...and lead us not into temptation" (Luke 11:4). Nor is it a prayer to be repeated over and over but rather a *pattern* for prayer for the *disciples*: "After *this manner* therefore pray ye" (Matthew 6:9). When Jesus gave this pattern for prayer, He told his disciples, "use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking" (v. 7). Yet the "Lord's prayer" is generally used exactly that way—repeated by rote with little thought to its deep meaning.

Contrary to some who preach the "prosperity gospel," we are not to request earthly blessings for ourselves, much less riches, but only sufficient provision for each day ("Give us this day our daily bread..."); and to be kept from sin in order to live to God's glory ("deliver us from evil...for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory"). Yet how seldom we think of His glory while we bombard Him continually with endless requests to satisfy our own desires!

"Thy kingdom come" is the heart of this pattern for prayer, and it should be the passion of our lives. Yet for how many of us is this true? Have we not largely forgotten God's eternal kingdom in pursuit of our own temporal ambitions?

Remember the Y2K hysteria and how many Christians were caught up in it at the turn of the century, spending needless time, money, and effort to assure themselves of food, warmth, and protection? Sadly, the lives of many were all but ruined, their Christian testimony spoiled, and our Lord and His Word ridiculed as a result of their irrational fears of a mysterious "bug," which they believed had the power to shut down the world!

More recently, word faith ministers such as Jim Bakker continue to profit from fearmongering, selling survivalist food packs that are often more expensive than the same items that could be purchased elsewhere for less. How much better to have heeded our Lord's admonition not to be anxious, going about saying, "What shall we eat?" or, "What shall we drink?" or, "Where-withal shall we be clothed? ...for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:25-34).

*Seek ye first the kingdom!* Here we have the pattern of life to go with the prayer pattern. But what is this kingdom we are to seek, consumed by the passion, "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10)? What did Christ mean by His frequent references to "the kingdom"?

Christ referred both to the "kingdom of heaven" (found only in Matthew) and to the "kingdom of God." Significantly, the same things are said about the kingdom of *God* in the other Gospels that

Matthew declared concerning the kingdom of *heaven*. Therefore, we can only conclude they are the same.

For example, in Matthew 4:17, Jesus preaches, "Repent: for the kingdom of *heaven* is at hand," while in Mark 1:15 He says, "the kingdom of *God* is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." In Matthew's presentation of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus begins with "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of *heaven*" (5:3). But in Luke, Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount with "Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of *God*" (6:20). For further study, compare Matthew 8:11 with Luke 13:28-29; Matthew 13 with Mark 4 and Luke 8; Matthew 18:1-4 with Mark 10:14-15 and Luke 18:16-17, etc.

It is generally assumed that the "kingdom" refers to Christ's millennial reign. He promised His twelve disciples, "when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel [ten tribes were not lost after all!]" (Matthew 19:28). Surely this is not a *spiritual* but a *literal* reign that will be established at Christ's second coming when His feet touch the Mount of Olives (Zechariah 14:4, Acts 1:11) as He comes to rescue Israel in the midst of Armageddon (Zechariah 12-14). Then "every eye shall see him" (Revelation 1:7) coming to earth "with power and glory" and the angels will "gather together his elect [i.e., the Jews, Isaiah 45:4, etc.] from the four winds" (Matthew 24:29-31) to bring them from all over the world to Israel to share in the millennial kingdom. Having destroyed Antichrist and his kingdom at His second coming (2 Thessalonians 2:8), Christ rescues Israel in the midst of Armageddon (Zechariah 12, 14) and ascends David's throne (2 Samuel 7:13; Ezekiel 37:24-26, Luke 1:32), from which He will rule the world for 1,000 years (Revelation 20:2-6).

In previous articles and books we have discussed many of the signs Christ gave to indicate the nearness of His return to earth: Israel back in her land (Ezekiel 38:11-23; Zechariah 12, 14, etc.), weapons capable of destroying all life (Matthew 24:22), the technology for a world dictator to control the world militarily (Revelation 13:4, 7), and to control all banking and commerce (vv. 16-17), etc. The fact that these signs confront us already can only mean that the Rapture, which precedes the Second Coming, cannot be delayed much longer.

There are no signs for the Rapture, which could therefore occur at any moment! This is why Jesus repeatedly warned His disciples to be ready for His sudden return which otherwise would catch them by surprise: *Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.... Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh* (Matthew 24:42, 44).

*Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord.... Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not* (Luke 12:35-40).

Because it is not intended to catch anyone by surprise, the Second Coming must be a separate event from the Rapture. Therefore, it is preceded by many signs. Referring to His second coming, Jesus declares in the Olivet discourse, "...when ye shall see all these things [i.e., the signs He has given in the preceding verses], know that it [the Second Coming] is near, even at the

doors” (Matthew 24:33). When *all* signs have been fulfilled, it will be crystal clear that Christ is about to return to earth. Even Antichrist will know and will go out with his armies to repel Christ’s invasion from heaven:

*And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.... And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS....*

*And I saw the beast [Antichrist], and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet.... These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone* (Revelation 19:11-20).

Another major sign preceding the Second Coming is a revival of the Roman Empire worldwide. This is clear from Daniel’s interpretation of the image of the giant in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream (Daniel 2). It represented four world empires: the Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Grecian, and Roman. Each of the first three had a successor, but the Roman Empire did not; it never died, and is in the process of being revived.

Rome was divided in two as the giant’s two legs foretold: politically in AD 330 when Constantine moved his capital to Byzantium, which he had captured in 328 and renamed Constantinople; and religiously in AD 1054 between Roman Catholicism in the West and Orthodoxy in the East when Pope Leo IX imperiously excommunicated Michael Cerularius, Patriarch of Constantinople.

The ten toes on the feet attached to the two legs correspond to the ten horns on the fourth beast, which Daniel 7:24 says are ten kings. Missing from history, however, is any record of ten kings reigning simultaneously over Rome. Therefore, Rome, the fourth kingdom, must be revived with ten sub-rulers under Antichrist. That is the worldwide kingdom that Christ destroys to establish His millennial reign. Once again this is clear from Nebuchadnezzar’s image. Directly after its description of the feet and ten toes (Daniel 2:40-43) verse 44 declares, “In the days of these kings [represented by the ten toes] shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed....” A “stone cut out without hands” smashes the image, becomes a great mountain and fills the whole earth (vv. 34-35). These events must be future: i.e., *in the days of these kings*.

This stone can only be Christ, and the great mountain His eternal kingdom. The smashing of the image by the stone clearly means that Christ’s kingdom will be established by His sudden personal intervention from heaven to destroy Antichrist’s kingdom—not by the church gradually taking over the world as so many teach. What folly to imagine that the church is supposed to establish the Kingdom—or to claim, as many do, that the Kingdom has already been established on earth and Christ is ruling it from heaven!

We have often warned of the solemn fact that those who expend themselves in the attempt to clean up society and to *establish* God’s kingdom on earth are playing into Antichrist’s hands, for *his* kingdom will be established prior to Christ’s millennial reign. In fact, a major purpose of Christ’s second coming (in contrast to the Rapture in which He takes His bride to heaven) is to destroy Antichrist and his kingdom: “And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord...shall destroy with the brightness of his coming...” (2 Thessalonians 2:4-9).

Far from the obviously evil ogre he is generally thought to be, Antichrist will be so appealing and popular that “all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him” (Revelation 13:8). His kingdom will begin in peace and prosperity. Tragically, multitudes are being led astray by leaders in the “signs and wonders” movement who claim to use “miracles” to establish the Kingdom; and they believe that only when they have done so will Christ then return to rule over the kingdom they have established in His name. Those who

reject the Rapture and look for a “Christ” who comes to this earth to reign without first taking the church to heaven are setting themselves up to embrace Antichrist and his kingdom.

Those who believe in the Rapture cannot be enticed to look for a “Christ” who comes to rule the “kingdom” they’ve established. They expect “to meet the Lord in the air” (1 Thessalonians 4:17) above earth to be taken to heaven. Critics deride this belief as a “secret rapture theory,” but Scripture says, “the dead in Christ shall be raised...we which are alive...shall be caught up together with them...” (1 Corinthians 15:51-57; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) to be taken to His Father’s house (John 14:1-3).

The great hopes being placed in the new Millennium now being celebrated (which actually begins January 1, 2001) will only increase the satanic delusions that blind the eyes of unbelievers. With Y2K conquered, and with the new software and high-tech equipment developed, there will be an explosion of technology to bolster mankind’s belief that it no longer needs God. Ecumenism will take giant strides and fewer believers will expect the Rapture. The Pope (Catholicism denies the Rapture) has great plans for what he calls “The third millennium of Christianity.” Sadly, many evangelicals are adopting the same terminology. Ambitious plans for the new Millennium will push Christ’s kingdom even further back in the minds of many believers. [Dave’s year 2000 perspective, which has come to pass!]

Surprisingly, Christ’s millennial reign is not the ultimate Kingdom for which we are to pray. Christ told Nicodemus unequivocally, “Except a man be born again, he cannot [even] see... [much less] enter into the kingdom of God” (John 3:3-5). We are also told that “flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God” (1 Corinthians 15:50). Yet there will be many flesh-and-blood people living during the Millennium, and among them multitudes who have not been born again of the Holy Spirit. Furthermore, the Bible declares repeatedly that God’s kingdom is “an everlasting kingdom” (Psalm 145:13; Daniel 4:3, 7:27); that Christ shall reign on “the throne of his father David...over the house of Jacob [Israel] for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end...” (Luke 1:32-33). “Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end...” (Isaiah 9:7). But the Millennium lasts only 1,000 years, and its peace ends with earth’s final war.

The Millennium, in fact, is the final proof of the incorrigible self-centered evil of the human heart. No longer can anyone complain that Adam and Eve alone had the unique opportunity of living in Paradise and that if only *they* (the complainers) had been there, *they* wouldn’t have sinned. Billions will live in an even better Paradise because Christ will rule it and Satan will be locked up for 1,000 years. Yet when he is at last released, Satan will “deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth,” and they will attack Jesus Christ at Jerusalem (Revelation 20:7-9).

The true kingdom of God, with endless peace, will only arrive in the new heavens and new earth. Paul writes, “Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to... the Father” (1 Corinthians 15:24-28). Here we see that Christ did *not* refer to the Rapture when He said, “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come” (Matthew 24:14). Obviously, the Rapture is not “the end” to which Christ referred, but that which Paul explains.

May what has been for many a “vain repetition” become a passion for prayer without ceasing: “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” May our hearts turn from earth to *seek first* the ultimate Kingdom in which heaven and earth are one in the new creation, rebellion is a thing of the past and God’s will alone is truly done because it has become the will of all creatures. And as that passion grows within us, we will find that our wills are more and more in harmony with His because “every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure” (1 Jn 3:3).

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# A RESPONSE ABOUT "THE CHOSEN"

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We received this response from the organization that produced The Chosen (TC) television series and what follows is our response (TBC) to the organization's complaints.

**TC:** We don't mind criticism, but we do expect it to be accurate, particularly when it comes from organizations dedicated to the truth. And this video [the audio of TBC's article posted on YouTube] starts right off with a blatant deception when it says we "profess to be true to the Bible's teachings, as well as a faithful representation of the Bible and its characters," and "it claims to visually represent the Bible."

**TBC:** The opening statement of season 1 episode 1 of The Chosen declares: "The Chosen is based on the true stories of the gospels of Jesus Christ. Some locations and timelines have been combined or condensed. Backstories and some characters or dialogue have been added."

That statement seems to indicate that the intention of The Chosen programs is "to be true to the Bible's teachings, as well as a faithful representation of the Bible and its characters."

When a movie company films biblical stories of "the gospels of Jesus Christ," isn't it "visually represent[ing] the Bible"?

**TC:** That is simply false. We have said EXPLICITLY from day one that we are not a re-enactment of the Bible...

**TBC:** Evidently, those who wrote this TC response haven't watched their series. Most of the scenes are attempts to "re-enact" stories from the Bible. The exceptions are the numerous "backstories" which feature biblical characters in scenes not found in the Bible but are from the minds of the creative movie production people, and that would include the "dialogue" of the many actors that "have been added."

**TC:** ...that the show is INSPIRED by the Bible, not based on it verse by verse, and from the first frame of the show, we encourage people to read the Scriptures.

**TBC:** The use of the phrase "INSPIRED by" (upper case emphasis is TC's) is used in theatrical movie productions to imply to the audience that historical accuracy is involved. *Accuracy* is rarely if ever a concern in theatrical dramas. "Inspired by" is simply a religious cover for The Chosen's artistic license which constitutes blasphemy.

The encouragement to people who watch The Chosen to read the Scriptures sounds good, but is fraught with confusion and delusion. The backstories as well as the numerous scene additions and character details of the actors are nowhere found in Scripture. What then of the person who takes The Chosen's advice to "read the Scriptures" and can't find what was presented in the TV series? Which is he to believe: The Bible, or the fiction created by the screenwriter and his production associates?

**TC:** We're not God's Word, the Bible is God's Word, and it is perfect. And as to the silly mention of the Bible verse about "adding to scripture," fear not, we're not adding to Scripture because we're not Scripture.

**TBC:** Let's consider how silly is the "silly mention of the Bible verse about 'adding to scripture'." *"Every word of God*

*is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar" (Proverbs 30:5-6). "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book. If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book" (Revelation 22:18). Silly?*

**TC:** Your Bible hasn't changed since the show was created. Just like any movie or show about any historical period of time or characters, we're a show about the people of 1st Century Galilee, with the Bible as our primary source of truth and inspiration.

**TBC:** The primary historic person presented throughout The Chosen is a fictitious Jesus Christ. The characterization of him whom the Bible declares is God manifested in the flesh is as far removed from "the primary source of truth" as heaven is from hell.

**TC:** This video [TBC's article] also adds other shockingly false assertions, such as the ridiculous notion that we're introducing the "Jesus of different faiths." Never said.

**TBC:** We suggest that you review the many interviews with Dallas Jenkins, especially those with Mormon apologist David Snell. They both agree that they believe in the same Jesus—that would be the LDS Jesus and the evangelical Jesus that Mr. Jenkins professes to believe in.

**TC:** Or the laughable assertions about the beliefs some of the producers supposedly have about Jesus having multiple wives. Patently false.

**TBC:** I rather doubt that the committed Mormon producers consider the polygamy of "Jesus" a "laughable assertion." That would be to reject the teachings of Mormon Apostles Orson Pratt and Orson Hyde ("Jesus Christ was married at Cana of Galilee, that Mary, Martha, and others were his wives, and that he begat children" *Journal of Discourses* 2:210) as well as polygamists 4th Mormon President/Prophet Wilford Woodruff and 10th President/Prophet Joseph Fielding Smith. Furthermore, an unmarried and childless Jesus would disqualify him from working his way to become a god.

**TC:** Not to mention that the creator of the show, the one who has total control of the content, is an evangelical, and the show has zero "Mormon" influence. At least try to be accurate.

**TBC:** Your reference to professing evangelical Dallas Jenkins as "one who has total control of [The Chosen's] content" tells us that you are ignorant of Mr. Jenkins's contract which is a "Work for Hire Agreement." That means that The Chosen Mormon Production Company is ultimately in control.

In consideration of the many biblically compromising interviews given by ecumenist Dallas Jenkins, no one should look with confidence regarding his alleged "control of [The Chosen's] content."

What was stated in our article was that the introduction of the multitude of unbiblical scenes added to The Chosen series opens the door for the acceptance of any beliefs about the Bible, including the bizarre doctrines of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.



# LETTERS

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**Good evening Mr. McMahon,**

To answer your question [“How’s it going?”], my habits of reading the Word daily are stronger than ever, ever since I was introduced to God’s Plan for humanity 6-and-a-half years ago. I was born and raised in a Catholic family, baptised as an infant, received all required sacraments, and married in a Catholic Church.

My wife and I raised two children in the Catholic faith.

The Catholic faith we grew up in certainly did not help us find answers to these questions. The Holy Spirit was at work convicting our heart, and God was certainly calling us. Not very long after, when we were asking ourselves these questions, my wife’s sister told us she wanted to meet with us to share some very important information.

We agreed to meet with her on May 15, 2015. We were very curious to know what she wanted to share with us.

I asked her what was so urgent and what she wanted to talk to us about. She mentioned that the world is prime to suffer great tribulations. The Bible was very explicit and clear about God’s plan for this world.

For the next three-and-a-half years, I actively read the Bible each day, numerous books by various scholars, theologians, and pastors, listened to hundreds of sermons, debates, Christian conferences, etc. Unfortunately, I discovered that I was being misled and started to feel lost when I realized what I was reading was supporting false doctrines. The Bible and what I was reading did not agree. I started to feel lost and confused. Through God’s grace, I met a pastor on a cruise who listened to my story and suggested a couple of authors.

Well, fast forward seven months—I decided to attend a Bible study evening on September 18, 2019, at Crosspoint Baptist Church led by the pastor.

When I shared my concerns with our pastor about being able to defend the doctrines taught at Crosspoint with other Christians, Pastor Michael shared with me an excerpt from the book

*What Love Is This?* by Dave Hunt. This was my first introduction to The Berean Call and the various books by Dave Hunt.

TBC and Dave Hunt’s books, blogs, and interviews have certainly influenced my Christian faith and encouraged me, as my Pastor does repeatedly, to rely first and foremost on the Word. ML (email)

**Dear one,**

Every morning when I sit down for breakfast—it may seem a bit unusual, but I read, repeatedly, from front to back, no matter what month, day, or year. (Trying to say that I read a part of the Word every morning—starting where I left off the previous morning.) It’s amazing how many things stand out that have not before. In times like this, comforting verses jump out at me and I write them on a small piece of paper and try to always make them available. Kind of decorative ’cause they are different colors.... Sitting here in front of the computer, I have just picked up a bright blue one that has Is. 26:3 and Is. 41:10 on it—wonderfully reassuring verses. With things in the “world” so unsettling, I must have stability, and my Father’s Word provides that.

Y’all stay well! CP (email)

**Dear TBC,**

I just wanted to say that I have been so encouraged by the content your ministry has posted on the app. The interviews on *Search the Scriptures* really help me find answers that I can verify in my study of the Scriptures! I am able to share them with others. Thank you for your work. KS (email)

**Dear TBC,**

Thank you for your work in the Lord. You have been and still are a blessing to us who look for the soon return of our Lord Jesus. Continue to be encouraged. Thanks to all who make this ministry important by faithful continuance in hearing and doing the Lord’s work (Philippians 2:13). PH (CA)

**Dear TBC,**

[The Chosen] article was very well written. I, too, dismiss Christian movies as someone else’s interpretation and not of God. Thank you so much for taking the time to analyze and write this article. I will share it widely with my friends who encouraged me to watch the series, which I didn’t. Very grateful. MA (email)

## TBC NOTES

### Taking a Lesson from Jesus

If you’re looking for something to begin focusing on this upcoming year, how about taking a lesson from Jesus? In John 8:29, regarding His relationship with His Father, Jesus declared, “...I do always those things that please him.” Given the perfect holiness of God, it’s hard to believe that we could please Him. We are told, however, that we can be confident that our obedience to God’s Word results in doing those things that are “pleasing in His sight” (1 John 3:21-22).

Our prayer for all who follow Jesus is that throughout the year ahead we might live out the testimony of Enoch: “He pleased God” (Hebrews 11:5).

T. A. McMAHON  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## QUOTABLE.....

Paul admonishes us to be diligent in our study and handling of the Scriptures so that we might understand and communicate that which is “approved unto God” (2 Timothy 2:15). Again, this is serious business. When amusement, fun, and entertainment enter into handling the Word of God, no matter how sincere the attempt, the trivialization of the Word takes place. Moreover, an old-fashioned meaning of the word “amuse” applies: “to deceive.” Paul was concerned about such issues in the fulfillment of ministry when he wrote: “But [we] have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God” (2 Corinthians 4:2).

—T. A. McMAHON

# NEWSWATCH

News stories are selected for reader awareness and as an exercise  
in discerning the times from a biblical perspective.

## ICE CORE EXPECTED TO CONTAIN CREATION EVIDENCE

**ICR.ORG, 11/18/21, "NEW ICE CORE EXPECTED TO CONTAIN CREATION EVIDENCE":** Three long ice cores have been drilled and extracted from the East Antarctic ice sheet: the EPICA Dome C, Vostok, and Dome Fuji cores. Secular scientists have assigned ages to the bottoms of these cores: 800 thousand, 400 thousand, and 720 thousand years, respectively. Now, six international teams hope to drill a fourth deep ice core in East Antarctica, one with bottom ice labeled as 1.5 million years old. Because of concerns over global warming, they hope that gas bubbles within the ice will yield information about past amounts of atmospheric carbon dioxide in the supposed prehistoric past.

So is there a way to tell whether this deep Antarctic ice is just a few thousand years old, or many hundreds of thousands (or even millions) of years old?

Yes, there is. Physical markers, such as volcanic ash and debris (tephra) from short, explosive volcanic eruptions make it possible to see whether the creation or the secular model is more reasonable. If uniformitarian age models assign way too much time to the ice cores, as creationists argue, then those models can imply that tephra layers deep within the ice were deposited over ridiculously long amounts of time. For example, a simple age model for the Dome Fuji core implies that one tephra layer (thought to have originated from a volcano nearly three thousand miles away) was deposited on the ice over a period of about five years. That is an awfully long time for ash fallout from a single volcanic eruption!

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## DEATH THREATS AFTER ADDRESS POSTED

**BREITBART.COM, 11/22/21, "J.K. ROWLING SAYS SHE'S 'RECEIVED SO MANY DEATH THREATS' AFTER FAMILY'S ADDRESS POSTED ON TWITTER" [EXCERPTS]:** J.K. Rowling revealed that she has received "so many death threats" after a group of "activist actors" posted a photo revealing the address of her home in Scotland. The Harry Potter author, despite being openly left-wing in her political views, has increasingly become a target for her views on transgenderism and women's rights.

On Monday, Rowling took to social media, writing: "Last Friday, my family's

address was posted on Twitter by three activist actors who took pictures of themselves in front of our house, carefully positioning themselves to ensure that our address was visible."

Rowling said that she believes the activists who took the picture—all of whom have since deleted their Twitter accounts—did so in order to "intimidate me out of speaking up for women's sex-based rights." The author said that as a result of her address being shared online, she has received "so many death threats I could paper the house with them."

While an ardent liberal and a self-professed feminist, Rowling has been forthright in criticising the woke language codes surrounding womanhood and transgender people.

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## DISTORTED LENS ON ISRAEL/PALESTINE CONFLICT

**JIHADWATCH.ORG, 11/22/21, "DUKE PROFESSOR'S DISTORTED LENS INTO ISRAEL/PALESTINIAN CONFLICT" [EXCERPTS]:** Israel exhibits a "colonial systematology about nativeness" in the treatment of online smartphone pictures of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, stated Duke University associate professor of anthropology Rebecca Stein during a Nov. 4 webinar.

That bias is evident in her Duke classroom, where last spring she announced to her class on social media in the Middle East that "she doesn't care what prior knowledge or experience [class members] have on the topic," as the only documents to be discussed were those she introduced.

She has also praised the "Israel Studies" program at Birzeit University near Ramallah, a historic breeder of anti-Israel violence dubbed "Terrorist University" by some.

In [human right's organization] B'Tselem's Jerusalem offices, Stein herself saw her fantasies collide with hard facts. B'Tselem staff often discerned in Palestinian videos an "inevitable failure to persuade legal systems or Israeli public of the realities of Israeli occupation" or "of continued human rights abuses," she said.

No matter how much technology advances, anti-Israel academic activists such as Stein view reality through a distorted lens. Their conclusion of Palestinians resisting Israeli colonial crimes is pre-scripted and not based on any body of evidence.

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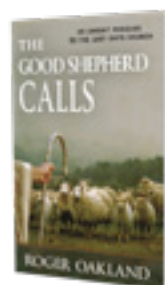
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