

graceWORKS ! GOING DEEPER¹ The Papou Study Bible is a daily study provided by me to



help folks explore the depth and joy of the “conneXion” life of God. It’s my personal study, and is not intended as a doctrinal statement or statement of any church or denomination or congregation. It’s also my belief that “grace” works, and the servant of God should always want to go deeper. Multi-tasking as usual, I’m also calling this the “Papou Study Bible.” I’m writing it as if I were speaking to my girls who love me and any descendant they have that love their Papou too. And to anyone who wants to consider me a spiritual Dad or “Papou.” I want them to be able to study the Bible with Papou (grandpa in Greek) after I’m gone---and if they don’t, I’ll haunt them. The Scriptures say it’s noble to “search the Scriptures daily” to verify truth like the ancient Bereans did (Acts 17:11). My folks came from Berea. My incredible Dad (and your grandfather and great grandfather, guys), Vasil Charles Valekis taught me to do this like he did---every day until I die. He taught me and everyone I know to go to church no matter what and to put God first. While Mama (Maria Pagona Stratakis Valekis) never really did this, she made sure we listened to Daddy on this one. She would have hit us with a spatula or frying pan or worse if we didn’t. This is a simple sharing my “daily search.” And I’d like to think it is a continuation of God’s life through my Dad through me. Both my “Dads” by the way. And a way to honor him, mama and our loving “Dad”---God. And for all of us to be together, in Spirit, even when we I join them in heaven. I like to use the Blue Letter literal, very “visual,” Greek translation a lot to help “visualize” these truths the beautiful way Greek enables you to view. And I like to share this with folks serving in an elder capacity, or any capacity, to grow them, challenge them, and stretch them. But especially share it with anyone I’ve ever brought to Christ and family members who truly love me. And when you study these, I’ll make sure to connect with you from heaven. *Ever an orthodox Greek, Jim Valekis*

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Christ IN You Series

Colossians 1:27 (King James Version)

²⁷To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is *Christ in you*, the hope of glory

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Daniel 10 Part 4²

While being in the presence of this spiritual dimension weakens us, they also can strengthen us. What power God has given these ministering spirits, “sent to serve those who will inherit salvation.” (Hebrews 1:14). Daniel was in such a presence. A man of “topaz” and fine linen and a gold belt---a fine gold belt, with gold from Uphaz. That’s cool to me, because it would be like an angel boasting of a suit he bought at Sax Fifth Avenue. Our “world” is amazing, and even angels wear things from its wealth! He is overwhelmed for a bit, but now strengthened by the angel. And the angel is going to give him new insights. Us too! Enjoy!

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Daniel's Vision of a Man

10 When he spoke to me, I was strengthened and said, "Speak, my lord, since you have given me strength."

Sometimes we have to be strengthened by the LORD to simply just "hear" Him.

²⁰So he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? Soon I will return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I go, the prince of Greece will come;

The kingdoms (and leaders) of this world are shown to be empowered by Satan. There is a behind the scenes "cosmic battle" that is going on that gets manifested in the history of the nations. Just imagine what was going on during World War 2!

Jesus gave us a glimpse of this "straddling of the two dimensions" in this scene in the Gospel of Luke. It was when Jesus was being tempted by Satan.

⁵The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.

Imagine seeing all the kingdoms of the world in an instant. It must be like the "glass" we look through darkly in 1 Corinthians is more like a prism, that can "side" straddle multiple dimensions.

⁶And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷If you worship me, it will all be yours." Luke 4

So this glimpse into the cosmic world behind "this" first heaven world what we're getting here---angels wrestling with the "prince of Persia" (a demon?) and the "prince of Greece" to see that God's will is achieved. But now he's going to respond to Daniel by informing him of something written in something called "The Book of Truth."

²¹ but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth.

Daniel 12:1 speaks of people whose names are written in the “book,” presumably the “Book of Life,” where perhaps the destinies of all living are recorded---perhaps even in advance. The NIV says this about this reference to the “Book of Truth”---“it is perhaps a reference to God’s book of the destinies of all human beings.”

Exodus 32:32		Psalm 69:28
³² But now, please forgive their sin—but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written.”		May they be blotted out of the book of life and not be listed with the righteous.
The NIV Study Bible says to “see notes on Ps 9:5, 51:1, 69:28.		In the New Testament the book of life refers to those destined for eternal life. Php 4:3 ³ Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rev 3:5 ⁵ The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book
Psalm 9:5	Ps 51:1	
You have rebuked the nations and destroyed the wicked; you have blotted out their name for ever and ever.	¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.	
As if from a register of all living persons written on a papyrus scroll ³	The image is of a papyrus scroll on which God records David’s deeds. Psalm 56:8 “Record my misery; list my tears on your scroll---are they not in your	

³ Deuteronomy 9:14 Let me alone, so that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven. And I will make you into a nation stronger and more numerous than they.”(Similar comments are found in pagan inscriptions: “if a man blots out the name of Azitawadda from this gate . . .may the gods wipe out . . . that man) he Deuteronomy 25:19 When the Lord your God gives you rest from all the enemies around you in the land he is giving you to possess as an inheritance, **you shall blot out the name of Amalek from under heaven.** Do not forget!

	<p>record? Psalm 87:6 – The LORD will write in the register of the peoples: This one was born in Zion Psalm 130:3 – If you, LORD kept a record of sins, LORD, who could stand? Psalm 139:16 – Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.” Nehemiah 13:14 – Remember me for this, my God, and do not blot out what I have so faithfully done for the house of my God and its services. Daniel 7:10 - . . .the court was seated, and the books were opened.</p>	<p>of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels.</p>
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So there is a book and all kind of records being kept in heaven. And there is something called “The Book of Truth. The angel is going to tell him what’s in it.

²⁰So he said, “Do you know why I have come to you? Soon I will return to fight against the prince of Persia, and when I go, the prince of Greece will come; ²¹but first I will tell you what is written in the Book of Truth. (No one supports me against them except Michael, your prince.

Apparently, angels sometimes have limited support. OR maybe I’m reading something into it. Interesting.

Footnotes:

- a. **Daniel 10:1** *Or true and burdensome*
- b. **Daniel 10:16** Most manuscripts of the Masoretic Text; one manuscript of the Masoretic Text, Dead Sea Scrolls and Septuagint *Then something that looked like a human hand*

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Deuteronomy 29:20 The Lord will never be willing to forgive them; his wrath and zeal will burn against them. All the curses written in this book will fall on them, and the Lord will blot out their names from under heaven. 2 Kings 14:27 - 27 And since the Lord had not said he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven, he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam son of Jehoash.

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