

## Preface

*The Golden Sceptre* is a companion-sequel to my first book called, *At His Feet: The Bible Story of The Book of Ruth*. This second book (the book before you) probes one written eight hundred years later: The Book of *Esther*. These two volumes are studies in Old Testament types, written especially for Bible *Believing* Christians.

“What *is* a Bible BELIEVER,” you ask? A Bible *Believer* is anyone who loves and fears God's word *to the point of trembling*. Still unsure? Why not read it for yourself?...

**“...To THIS man will I look, even to him that...TREMBLETH at my word.”** Isaiah 66:2.  
(See, Ezra 9:4a and 10:3b)

The blessing of God is on all who *tremble at His word!* What *good news* to Bible Believers everywhere!

To those who plead “no contest” to final authority; this verse takes on a different meaning. God's blessing actually becomes a curse. What *bad news* to every modern day *saved* agnostic who professes a fallible Bible, full of error. Unbelief (is the roadblock that) keeps them far removed from the favour [spelled like the King James Bible spells it. See, Esther 2:17] of God. If you don't believe *me*, READ THE VERSE AGAIN! While they brag (to us) about their love for Jesus, these apostates tout the idea that no one knows, nor can know, exactly what or where The word of God is. With that kind of thinking, no wonder they can't obey this verse? How could someone tremble at a book they've never even seen? If you think like that, don't wait another day. *LOCATE* The word of God. *ADOPT IT* as your own. *HOLD IT* dear to your heart!

I hear someone asking... “How can I obey Isaiah 66:2; if no one today has THE *original* Bible?” *I'm glad to see you're thinking!* Permit me to answer that, by asking some questions of my own. Would The Lord ask us to do something, and then suddenly pull the rug out from under our feet, *by losing the original plans?* Of course not! That's *not* His way. Let's go further. Doesn't God know “...all things...”? (Colossians 1:17) He's omniscient-right?! Then He certainly knows the law of entropy! The Architect of The Universe knows, things *wear out*; things *burn up*; and from time to time, even his most trusted servants unintentionally *lose things* (like a well known preacher I know who recently lost his Bible chocked-full of sermon notes). Why then are so many Christians perplexed about God's ability to preserve a few pieces of paper, written over the course of *a few thousand years?* Does it *really* surprise you to hear that God made provision for the law of thermodynamics; in a Universe He created?! If we today had to depend solely on the *originals* to obey God's word, we'd all be in a heap of trouble. Don't forget; the *only* Bible you and I have, are copies of copies; and even those copies wear/wore out! (See, Proverbs 25:1; Jeremiah chapter 36)

God *preserved* His ORIGINAL *inspired* words in a Book we call, *THE Holy Bible*. Therefore, anyone in pursuit of an *infallible* Bible in the form of a *complete* book MUST first find a *copied translation!* [By the way, that holds true even for the ORIGINALS. See, Genesis 42:23 and Exodus chapters 4 to 14. In the ORIGINAL Old Testament Pentateuch, Egyptian was first spoken and TRANSLATED into Hebrew. And in the ORIGINAL New Testament, Paul's “...Hebrew tongue...” was TRANSLATED into Greek! (Acts 21:40 to 22:2)]

NO ONE today would even have a Bible, without the intervention and preservation of the Holy Ghost. Like the three Hebrew Children who went through the fire, *the original*

*words of The Bible* were kept safe from injury, harm, and destruction. That being said, four centuries of criticism and “...cruel mockings...” (Hebrews 11:36) hasn't diminished the strength nor posture of The Old *English Lion* (Genesis 49:9b) we call *The Authorized Version*. Though hated for its power and authority, this Majestic Creature has risen to every challenge and conquered every foe. For that reason, it should be read, loved, and feared *to the point of trembling*.

## The Key

The key that unlocks the Book of Ruth *also* opens the Book of Esther.

**“As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord...”** [*Ruth and Boaz*] **“...so walk ye in him...”** [*Esther and Mordecai*] Colossians 2:6

When we compare these Books; God's purpose becomes crystal clear. Ruth, in her Book, represents someone who gets redeemed and rewarded; illustrating a new Believer who submits to authority. Esther, on the other hand, completes the picture Ruth started. In her Book, she portrays a fully yielded Christian to Christ. Esther the Queen embodies the Believer who dies to self, and lives for Christ.

*The Queen has but one request dear Friend, “Closely tag along” your tour with her of the kingdom. By so doing, she will teach us how to get victory along the way. As we watch this Queen live her life through Mordecai, we soon understand what God has called us to do in Christ.*