

## Was Peter Ever in Rome? III

(Church at Home)

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- What does the New Testament teach?
- What did Jesus teach?
- What did he teach his apostles?
- What did they do? And what did they teach?

and

- When did they do it?

Let's come here to Matt. 10:26<sup>[transcriber's correction]</sup>, and I want to also use this to again prove a very important point:

- of history
- of the Bible
- of the Truth of God

as it relates to: *Was Peter Ever in Rome?*

Matthew 10:26: "Therefore, do not fear them because **there is nothing covered that shall not be uncovered, and nothing hidden that shall not be known.**"

How is that Scripture going to be fulfilled?

Verse 27: "What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, proclaim upon the housetops."

- let's couple that together with history
- let's couple that together with modern technology.

With Church at Home, we have modern technology that God has revealed for the specific purpose, so that everyone in the world is going to receive a witness. God says, as we have covered in Matt. 24, that ***this Gospel shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations, and then the end shall come!***

It's going to be overwhelming what God has made available. We now have online books that have been copied by various libraries, and by Google, by Wikipedia, and now I guess on the search site: Bing.

But here is something that would be hidden if it were not for Google, and you can do a Google search on this. There is a book called *Bibliotheca Sacra* from the Biblical Repository, printed in 1858 in the University of Michigan.

Now let me tell you what has happened because of all the technology that God has blessed the world with, and men use it for good or evil. But God is going to do it for good, and to fulfill these Scriptures "**...there is nothing covered that shall not be uncovered, and nothing hidden that shall not be known.**"

Now in 1858 when this was published, so it had to be written before it was published, these men knew and understood that Peter *was never* in Rome. Now, this would not be available except for the digital world that we live in today.

Let me tell you what Google does with as many books in the world as they can. I think God is inspiring it so that these things can be available for today. These things become important in establishing:

- correct history
- correct timelines
- correct dates

***including the times of Jesus the Messiah!*** These are so important.

It can go out to everyone in the world. This is what Google has written concerning this specific book. This is a digital copy of a book that was preserved for generations on library shelves before it was carefully scanned by Google as part of a project to make the world's books discoverable online.

So, people could say, 'Oh, I don't know anything about that. How can I prove what you say?' Now, that even magnifies the Scripture that says, ***"Prove all things. Hold fast to that which is good."***

Most of these are what they call public domain, meaning they're old enough to have expired their copyrights. Google writes:

Public domain books are our gateway to the past.

We need to understand the past, because in today's modern education that we have, isn't it interesting when they're not teaching these things in the schools anymore, they're now public domain? So anyone can know! What is happening in the education of our children is that:

- they know nothing about history
- they know nothing about the Truth
- they know nothing about God
- they know everything about sex

- they know everything about destroying their minds with music
- they know everything about how to work all of these technologies

**But they don't understand the Truth!**

So, God is going to carry out what He is going to do to make it known, because in the final analysis, ***no person is ever going to say to God:***

- I didn't know, Lord
- I didn't have time to study it
- I didn't have time to search it out

Public domain books are our gateway to the past, representing a wealth of history, culture and knowledge that's often difficult to discover.

But they have been discovered, and they are there at the click of a mouse.

As we go further in this, I want you to download the Chronology of the New Testament Proves Peter Never in Rome.

{<https://www.churchathome.org/pdf/chronology-new-testament.pdf>}

That is a combination of the truth of the New Testament and the book of Acts, and the true historical documented references, which give us the linchpins for the chronology.

Now, let me tell you about another book, ***The Appointed Times of Jesus the Messiah***. This explains Daniel 9, and when Jesus' ministry began. All the chronologies are there concerning

- the kings of Persia
- the kings of Assyria
- the kings of Babylon

*in ancient times!*

They are all known and put together in this book. And historian Carl Franklin, who has done writings for Christian Biblical Church of God, searched out all of those difficult, hard to understand chronologies and the reigns of the kings to establish

- exactly when the 70-week prophecy begins
- exactly when Jerusalem began to be rebuilt
- exactly when Jesus the Messiah was to be born.
- exactly when His ministry would begin

It all comes together with the Calculated Hebrew Calendar.

Now, this becomes very important to understand and establish the timing of the book of Acts as it relates to other Scriptures within the New Testament. It tells what Peter, James, John and Paul were doing, and when they did it. There are certain

historical clues that we find in the book of Acts that we can take from true history and understand when these things took place.

So, we're going to follow along with a little of the ministry of the Apostle Peter, and then we'll find out:

- What did he do?
- Where did he go?

Now Passover Day being on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month according to the Calculated Hebrew Calendar was on a Wednesday. So you have three days and three nights in the tomb. ***That does away with every lying speculation and deception of Orthodox Christianity today***, where they say He was crucified on Friday and rose Sunday morning—***not true!***

They say it was in 33<sub>A.D.</sub> when it happened, because in 33<sub>A.D.</sub> there was a Passover on a Friday. So instead of looking at the Truth, instead of trying to find the things that are right, ***they adjust their chronologies according to their traditions***, rather than the Truth of what actually happened.

They do not pay that much attention to the Calculated Hebrew Calendar, only if it is convenient for their theory. Many people believe these things. Billions of people have been deceived by this.

We have already covered that the New Testament Church began on the Day of Pentecost 30<sub>A.D.</sub> Then we go through Acts 1-3, and we have various things that gives us the ability to have the chronology for the New Testament. This chronology that we have online and also in *The Holy Bible in Its Original Order* is the ***most accurate chronology and it is provable backward and forward*** so that we can understand the Truth of what God has given to us.

But what we want to do is focus on what Peter was doing beginning in Acts 9. We find that from 37-38<sub>A.D.</sub>... Now this is before the traditional claim that Peter went to Rome in 42<sub>A.D.</sub>

We need to understand that date is the claim from the Roman Catholic Church that Peter came to Rome and was the first pope. We are going to find some very interesting things which refute that totally ***in history and in the New Testament!***

Let's understand something: Peter was considered a Jew, though he may have been from the tribe of Benjamin; but he was considered a Jew. Here (Acts 9) is Peter preaching in the area which is west and south of Jerusalem. this becomes important because in 37-38<sub>A.D.</sub> where is Peter? He is still in the area of Judea. Let's see what he's doing.

Acts 9:32: "...he [Peter] also went down to

the saints who lived in Lydda. And he found there a certain man named Aeneas, who was paralyzed and had for eight years been lying on a couch. And Peter said to him, 'Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you. Arise and fold up your *bed*.' Then he immediately arose. And all those dwelling in Lydda and Saron saw him and turned to the Lord" (vs 32-35).

Now all of those are cities located in the area west of Jerusalem toward the Mediterranean Sea. Joppa--where he went to next--was right on the Mediterranean Sea.

Then there was a woman—Tabitha—who died. And they came to Peter. Peter came in and raised her from the dead through the rest of these verses through Acts 9.

Now let's see what happens here in Acts 10, because this becomes very important since this is the first encounter of preaching the Gospel to those who are called Gentiles, that is those of other nations rather than to the Jews.

Now at this point, even though the apostles were told by Christ to go into ***all*** the world and preach the Gospel to ***all*** nations, they were dealing from the beginning of the Church in 30<sub>A.D.</sub> through these eight and beginning into nine years, still preaching and teaching in Judea.

So let's come to this very important chapter, Acts 10, because it directly involves the Apostle Peter. So this is in 38<sub>A.D.</sub>

Acts 9:1: "Now, *there* was in Caesarea a certain man named Cornelius, a centurion of a band that is called *the Italian band*."

Here are the occupying Roman soldiers and here is a centurion. And a centurion means that he is captain over 100 Roman soldiers. Now the Jews, as we will see...

That's why you need another book: *Judaism: A Revelation of Moses or a Religion of Men* so that you understand the difference between Judaism and the ***true*** Law of Moses, ***not the law of Moses as men have overlaid their traditions over it as has Judaism!***

Judaism is not the religion of the Old Testament. Though they have the Old Testament, they do not follow it except for keeping the calendar, preserving the Holy Days, and preserving the Hebrew Old Testament. Everything else beyond that is human tradition.

Just like in the Catholics and Protestants, they reject the Old Testament so they can't understand the New Testament, yet they have the New Testament and the Old Testament and they

don't understand it. ***The Catholics brag that they can preach 'the gospel even without the Bible.'*** Now that's a true statement ***because their gospel is not what is taught in the New Testament!***

Acts the 10th chapter. So here's a Gentile, uncircumcised! A very important thing for Judaism. The New Testament teaches ***circumcision of the heart*** and that God is going to be dealing with people according to their yielding to God, because He is a *heart-knowing God!* When there is baptism and receipt of the Holy Spirit, there is *the circumcision of the heart*, which is greater than the circumcision of the flesh, ***because the circumcision of the flesh never converted the mind!***

Now notice from what he knew from the Old Testament, v 2: "A devout man who also feared God with all his house, both in giving many alms to the people and in beseeching God continually in prayer."

So then what happened? *God sent an angel and said:*

Verse 5: "And now send men to Joppa, and call for Simon who is surnamed Peter." *He will come to you and tell you all things that you need to know!*

Then Peter had this vision while he was on top of the roof at Simon the tanner, which was right along the sea. and there were let down to him all sorts of unclean animals in a big sheet,

*The angel told him in the vision:* v 13: "Then a voice came to him, *saying*, 'Arise, Peter, kill and eat.' But Peter said, 'In no way, Lord; for I have never eaten anything *that is common or unclean*'" (vs 13-14).

It was not to cleanse meat. It was to show Peter a very important lesson.

So, after the soldiers came and got Peter and were bringing him back to Cornelius in Caesarea, which was the seaport for the Romans. That's why it's called Caesarea. It is named after Caesar.

*Peter went down with them*, and v 25: "And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell at his feet, worshipping him."

Now then, ***IF*** Peter were the first pope, here's what he would have said:

Oh, how wonderful that you are worshipping me; kiss my ring and kiss my shoes

*Because that's what people have to do!* The dignitaries with the pope kiss his ring. So, what did Peter do?

Verse 26: “But Peter raised him up, saying, ‘Stand up, **for I myself am also a man.**’.... [no pope] ...And as he was talking with him, he went in and found many gathered together” (vs 26-27).

So here’s what he told all of them, all of them being uncircumcised Gentiles! Now Judaism had a law that

- you could not keep company with the Gentile
- you could not go in their house.
- you could not eat with them

That’s a law of Judaism **and not a Law of God!**

Verse 28: “And he said to them...”

I am so glad to be here to eat all these unclean meats. Bring me the ham, bring me the shrimp, bring me the lobster, bring me all the unclean meats because God has given me a vision where I can eat them.

**No!** But isn’t that what people assume? Yes!

Verse 28: “And he said to them, ‘You know that it is unlawful for a man who is a Jew to associate with or come near to anyone of another race....’—*but not according to the Law of God!* That is a law of Judaism!

“...But God has shown me *that* no man should be called common or unclean. For this reason, I also came without objection when I was sent for. I ask, therefore, for what purpose did you send for me?” (vs 28-29).

Very interesting, isn’t it? When you really read and study the Bible, the answers are different from what you’re taught in church. Why? *Because Satan has overlaid Catholicism and Protestantism with:*

- lies
- misinterpretations
- blatant rejection of Scripture

If you believe that God has done away with the Old Testament, **you believe a colossal lie!** You need to understand that. Now, that’s all tied in with:

- Was Peter the first pope?
- Did Peter ever go to Rome?

Well, we’ll continue in the next segment and see what happens.

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- ***IF*** you want to understand the Word of God

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Once again, thank you for inviting me into your home. So until next time, this is Fred Coulter saying *so long, everyone!*

Scriptural References:

- 1) Matthew 10:26-27
- 2) Acts 9:32-35
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- Daniel 9
- Acts 1-3

Also referenced:

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Books: {**truthofGod.org**}

- *The Appointed Times of Jesus the Messiah* by Fred R. Coulter
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