

# Bible Study 101-part 4

Dealing with difficult Teachings and Texts

## Question—is the investigative judgment a Biblical teaching?

“**Examine** me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.” Psalm 26:2

- Examine— Strong’s #974
- #974 Hebrew = “to test, to investigate”
  
- #974, after the :—examine, prove, tempt, try (trial)
- Look up each of these other words
- Look for the same number— #974, Hebrew
- Cross reference verses with this same number
  
- “Thou hast **proved** my heart...” (Psalm 17:3).
- “The Lord is in His holy temple, the Lord’s throne is in heaven: His eyes behold, His eyelids **try**, the children of men. The Lord **trieth** the righteous...” (Psalm 11: 4, 5).
- “...the righteous God **trieth** the hearts and the reins” (Psalm 7:9; 139: 23; Jeremiah 17:10).

## Question—Did God harden Pharaoh’s heart?

“And the LORD said unto Moses, ‘When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will **harden** his heart, that he shall not let the people go.’”

Exodus 4:21

#2388—to fasten upon; to seize, be strong (fig. Courageous, **cure**, **help**, repair; to bind, restrain, conquer:—

“Or despisest thou the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering, not knowing that **the goodness of God leadeth thee to**

**repentance?** But after **thy hardness and impenitent heart** treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and the righteous revelation of the judgment of God.” Romans 2:4, 5

**Question—Is the book of Revelation a closed book?**

“The **Revelation** of Jesus Christ which gave unto Him to shew unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass; and He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John.” Revelation 1:1

The word “Revelation” is “apokalupsis” which means a “disclosure.”  
Strong’s #602

It comes from the word “apokalupto” which means “to take off the cover,”  
“disclose.” Strong’s #601

**Question—What does the word Pharisee mean?**

“Then drew near unto Him all the publicans and sinners for to hear Him. And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, ‘This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.’” Luke 15:1, 2

#5330—“A separatist, exclusively religious.”

**Question—Is God’s law done away with in the New Testament?**

“Do we then **make void** the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.” Romans 3:31

“Having **abolished** in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace.” Ephesians 2:15

“make void” and “abolished are from the same Greek word—#2673 “to be (render) entirely idle (useless)”

The Scripture does not contradict itself therefore God’s law is not rendered idle in the NT but rather it is established. The law spoken of in Ephesians is the Ceremonial law.

**Question—EGW indicates that the Holy City will come down to earth through Orion; is this teaching found in the Bible?**

“Dark, heavy clouds came up and clashed against each other. The atmosphere parted and rolled back; then we could look up through the open space in Orion, whence came the voice of God. The Holy City will come down through that open space.” *Early Writings*, p. 41

Job 9:9 Which maketh Arcturus, Orion <03685>, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.

Job 38:31 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion <03685>?

Amos 5:8 *Seek him* that maketh the seven stars and Orion <03685>, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning...

Orion = #3685 {kes-eel'} the same as 03684; TWOT - 1011e; n m

AV - Orion 3, constellation 1; 4

1) constellation, **Orion**

1a) Orion, the constellation

1b) constellation (general)

- Look up constellation in the Strong's
- Look for the same number— #3685, Hebrew
- Cross reference verses with this same number

“For the stars of heaven and the **constellations** (#3685) thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.” Isaiah 13:10

Look up key words in this text to gain deeper meaning:

- “**constellations**”—
- “thereof shall not give”—
- “light”—

## **Constellations—**

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- 1) constellation, Orion
  - 1a) Orion, the constellation
  - 1b) constellation (general)

Write out verse with Strong's definitions in it:

“For the stars of heaven and **Orion** thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.” Isa 13:10, Strong's

“constellations”—

“**thereof shall not give**”—

“light”—

## **Thereof shall not give—**

#1984 llh halal {haw-lal'}  
a primitive root; TWOT - 499,500; v

AV - praise 117, glory 14, boast 10, mad 8, shine 3, foolish 3, fools 2, commended 2, rage 2, celebrate 1, give 1, marriage 1, renowned 1; 165

- 1) **to shine**
  - 1a) **(Qal) to shine (fig. of God's favour)**
  - 1b) (Hiphil) to flash forth light
- 2) to praise, boast, be boastful
  - 2a) (Qal)
    - 2a1) to be boastful
    - 2a2) boastful ones, boasters (participle)

“For the stars of heaven and **Orion** thereof shall **shine, flash forth light**: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.” Isa 13:10, Strong’s

“constellations”—

“thereof shall not give”—

**“light”**—

Light

#0216 rwa 'owr {ore} from 0215; TWOT - 52a; n f

AV - light(s) 114, day 2, bright 1, clear 1, flood 1, herbs 1, lightning 1, morning 1, sun 1; 123

- 1) light
  - 1a) light of day
  - 1b) light of heavenly luminaries
- 1c) day-break, dawn, morning light
- 1d) daylight
- 1e) lightning
- 1f) light of lamp
- 1g) light of life
- 1h) light of prosperity
- 1i) light of instruction
- 1j) light of face (fig.)
- 1k) Jehovah as Israel’s light**

“For the stars of heaven and **Orion** thereof shall **shine, flash forth Jehovah as Israel’s light**: the sun shall be darkened in His going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.” Isa 13:10, Strong’s

“The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, **for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.**” Revelation 21:23, NKJV