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Born from Above (not-“again”)-In The Resurrection

The importance of CONTEXT by EW Bullinger in the year 1916:

The order of the words is as perfect as the truth revealed by them, and contained in them.

*This order is Divine: and it is nothing less than a crime for any human hand to subvert that order, either by **ignoring** it or **changing** it.*

Beware of any teacher to whom the context is not manifestly essential. Beware of any teaching that is not based upon it.

*Some passages of Scripture derive their chief importance from some remarkable words employed; others derive their chief importance from some wonderful truth revealed; while others derive their chief importance from the place where we find them. **Every passage has its own importance in this last respect. When we find a passage in its own particular place, there is a Divine reason why it is there, and also why it is not in any other place.***

***It is essential to our understanding of the "words" to find out why they are where we find them.** It is essential to our enjoyment of the words that we should discover not only what they mean, but why they are not in any other passage. If we would find the words and the Word of God to be a delight to us, instead of a perplexing jumble, we must have special regard to the Context.*

*If this be disregarded, then a word, a sentence, or a verse, **may be taken out from its context and interpreted of something quite foreign to its original intent.***

*How great must be the presumption if we **disregard** or **disturb** that context.*

Yet this is constantly done in order to prop up some tradition.

John 2:¹³ The Passover of **the Jews** was at hand, and Jesus went up **to Jerusalem**.¹⁴ **In the temple**.....

¹⁸So **the Jews** said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy **this temple**, and **in three days I will raise it up**." ²⁰**The Jews** then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build **this temple**, and will you **raise it up in three days**?" ²¹But he was speaking **about the temple of his body**.

²²When therefore **he was raised from the dead**, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed **the Scripture** (*referring to the Hebrew SCRIPTURES*) and the word that Jesus had spoken.²³Now when he was **in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast**, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing.²⁴But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people²⁵and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

Context includes here the following Jewish references, including resurrection:

13: the Jews

13: to Jerusalem

14: In the temple.....

18: the Jews

19: this temple

19: in three days I will raise it up

20: The Jews

20: this temple

20: raise it up in three days

21: the temple

22: he was raised from the dead

23: in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast

3:1 the Jews

John 3: ¹**Now** there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of **the Jews**.

(**John 2:** ²³Now when he was **in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast**, **many believed** in his name **when they saw the signs that he was doing**.)

³Jesus answered him, "**Truly, truly, I say to you, unless** one is born again (*anōthen-adverb of place NOT time*) **he cannot see the kingdom of God**."

This term "born from above" is *an then* it's being used in this context:

1. It's being addressed to Nicodemus and the redeemed of Israel-Jews
2. It's mandatory NOT optional
3. Context states the definite-"cannot"-expressing no possibility of exception
4. It is an adverb of PLACE (not time) –in the coming kingdom
5. It is required in order to "see the kingdom"
6. V:6 will show water (cleansing) and spirit (life) is required- when? In the resurrection

John 3: ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is **OLD**? Can he enter a second **TIME** into his mother's womb and be born?"

Nicodemus is focused on **time** and NOT **place**, just look at what he said in **RED**.

⁵Jesus answered, "**Truly, truly, I say to you, unless** one is born **of water** and the **Spirit**, **he cannot enter the kingdom of God.**

("of"-prepositional phrase this is a water/spirit event)

⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, **and that which is born** of the **Spirit** is **spirit**.

⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, **'You must be born again.'** ⁸ The **wind blows** where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone **who is born of the Spirit.**" ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "**How can these things be?"** ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "**Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?**

¹¹**Truly, truly,** I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²**If I have told you earthly things** and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

¹³ **No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.** ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Ezekiel 36: ²²"Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³ And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land.

²⁵ **I will sprinkle clean water on you**, and you shall be **clean from all your uncleannesses**, and from all your idols **I will cleanse you**. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a **new spirit** I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ **And I will put my Spirit within you**, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸ **You shall dwell in the land** that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. ²⁹And **I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses**. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you. ³⁰ I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations. ³¹Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominations. ³² It is not for your sake that I will act, declares the Lord GOD; let that be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel. ³³"Thus says the Lord GOD: On the day that **I cleanse you from all your iniquities**, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be rebuilt. ³⁴And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that it was in the sight of all who passed by. ³⁵And they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become **like the garden of Eden**, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.'

³⁶Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I am the LORD; I have rebuilt the ruined places and replanted that which was desolate. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it. ³⁷"Thus says the Lord GOD: This also I will let the house of Israel ask me to do for them: to increase their people like a flock. ³⁸Like the flock for sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts, so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of people. Then they will know that I am the LORD."

Ezekiel 37: ¹ The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause **breath to enter you**, and you shall live. ⁶ And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put **breath in you, and you shall live**, and you shall know that I am the LORD."⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no **breath** in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the **breath**; prophecy, son of man, and say to the **breath**, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and **breathe** on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and **the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet**, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, **I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel.** ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, **when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves**, O my people.

¹⁴And **I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live**, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD." ¹⁵The word of the LORD came to me: ¹⁶"Son of man, take a stick and write on it, 'For Judah, and the people of Israel associated with him'; then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph (the stick of Ephraim) and all the house of Israel associated with him.'
¹⁷And join them one to another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand. ¹⁸And when your people say to you, 'Will you not tell us what you mean by these?' ¹⁹say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am about to take the stick of Joseph (that is in the hand of Ephraim) and the tribes of Israel associated with him. And I will join with it the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, that they may be one in my hand. ²⁰When the sticks on which you write are in your hand before their eyes, ²¹then say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from all around, and bring them to their own land. ²²**And I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. And one king shall be king over them all, and they shall be no longer two nations, and no longer divided into two kingdoms.** ²³ They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. But I will save them from all the backslidings in which they have sinned, **and will cleanse them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.** ²⁴"My servant David shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall walk in my rules and be careful to obey my statutes. ²⁵ They shall dwell in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children's children shall dwell there forever, and David my servant shall be their prince forever. ²⁶ I will make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will set them in their land and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in their midst forevermore. ²⁷ My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ²⁸Then the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst forevermore."

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