

# Avoiding Private Interpretations

2Pe 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private <2398> interpretation <1955>.

## Meaning of Private Interpretations

### 2398 ἴδιος *idios id'-ee-os*

of uncertain affinity; adj;

AV-his own 48, their own 13, privately 8, apart 7, your own 6, his 5, own 5, not tr 1, misc 20; 113

1) pertaining to one's self, one's own, belonging to one's self

### 1955 ἐπίλυσις *epilysis ep-il'-oo-sis*

from **1956**; n f; TDNT-4:337,543; {See TDNT 456 }

AV-interpretation 1; 1

1) a loosening, unloosing

2) metaph. interpretation

So a *private interpretation* is one's own interpretation or anyone else's own interpretation. A private interpretation is any interpretation other than the meaning intended by the author, who is God. How can we know His interpretation? By comparing Scripture with Scripture, we will discern the interpretation that God intended for us to have. It does not matter if a large number of people, the churches, or the whole world hold a certain interpretation of a passage, if it is not that which is intended by God, and clearly portrayed elsewhere in His word, it is a private interpretation.

2Pe 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake [as they were] moved by the Holy Ghost.

Thus the reason given why there can not be any private interpretation is because Scripture did not originate with man, but with God, thus any human interpretation would be wrong.

The correct interpretation would be accessible to anyone who studies the Bible. Everyone with the proper study tools and reason, could, if willing, come to the same conclusions. Whereas a private interpretation is something which is not evident in Scripture and the context, but a meaning given from the mind of the interpreter.

## Examples of some real private interpretations I have heard:

### There will be 153 years from 1844 until Jesus comes.

Joh 21:11 Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.

There are no Scriptures which state that a fish represents a year. There is no Scripture stating that if this passage is a prophecy, when it should begin. There is no Scripture indicating that it is even a prophecy instead of a literal event that we are to accept as just that.

**Independent ministries are prophesied to exist and will have pure doctrines and the outpouring of the holy spirit. SDA church and SDARM are apostate and condemned.**

Lu 10:31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. :32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked [on him], and passed by on the other side. :33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion [on him], :34 And went to [him], and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

Where is there any Scriptural evidence that a priest represents the SDA Church, or that a Levite represents the SDARM? Where is there evidence that this parable is to be considered a prophecy? Shall we make every parable a prophecy? What rules exist to differentiate which stories should be taken as prophecies and which ones are just to teach a simple lesson?

**A certain individual claims to be the interpreter of the Scriptures and that we must go to him to receive our messages to give to the people, not directly to the Scriptures themselves.**

Zec 4:2 And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all [of] gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which [are] upon the top thereof: :3 And two olive trees by it, one upon the right [side] of the bowl, and the other upon the left [side] thereof. :12 And I answered again, and said unto him, What [be these] two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the golden [oil] out of themselves?

**We should not mingle or confuse the doctrines of the SDA church with daughter organization that came out of it in 1914 in Russia**

Ex 34:25 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven; neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be left unto the morning. :26 The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of the LORD thy God. *Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.*

Nowhere in Scripture do we find evidence to interpret a kid and its mother as a church and its mother church. The animals allowed to be eaten were to be sacrificial animals and represented Christ. For example:

*Ge 9:4 But flesh with the life thereof, [which is] the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.*

*Le 17:11 For the life of the flesh [is] in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it [is] the blood [that] maketh an atonement for the soul.*

Here we see that they were not to eat blood because the blood of sacrificial animals was used to make atonement. This symbolism connected with animals allowed to be eaten was the same reason a kid was

not to be boiled in its mother's milk. A kid represented the substitute, Christ upon whom was laid our sins. Sin should not be mingled with the nurturing word and knowledge of God which is represented by the milk.

1Pe 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

### **How do we avoid private interpretations?**

When you search the Scriptures with an *earnest desire to learn the truth*, God will breathe *His Spirit* into your heart and impress your mind with the light of His word. The *Bible is its own interpreter*, one passage explaining another. By *comparing scriptures referring to the same subjects*, you will see beauty and harmony of which you have never dreamed. There is no other book whose perusal strengthens and enlarges, elevates and ennobles the mind, as does the perusal of this Book of books. Its study imparts new vigor to the mind, which is thus brought in contact with subjects requiring earnest thought, and is drawn out in prayer to God for power to comprehend the truths revealed. If the mind is left to deal with commonplace subjects, instead of deep and difficult problems, it will become narrowed down to the standard of the matter which it contemplates and will finally lose its power of expansion. {4T 499.1}

Joh 7:17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or [whether] I speak of myself.

Isa 28:10 For precept [must be] upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, [and] there a little:

Ps 111:10 The fear of the LORD [is] the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do [his commandments]: his praise endureth for ever.

2Ti 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.