

The fellowship of the Mystery

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part 2

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Bible Inspiration and Preservation – Part 10

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The lesson on September 26, 2021 was part 10 of the “Bible Inspiration and Preservation” study. This week we reviewed the Godly factor in the preservation of the scriptures and considered those that were selected to revise the Greek text behind the King James Version of the Bible and were asked if they would be [...]

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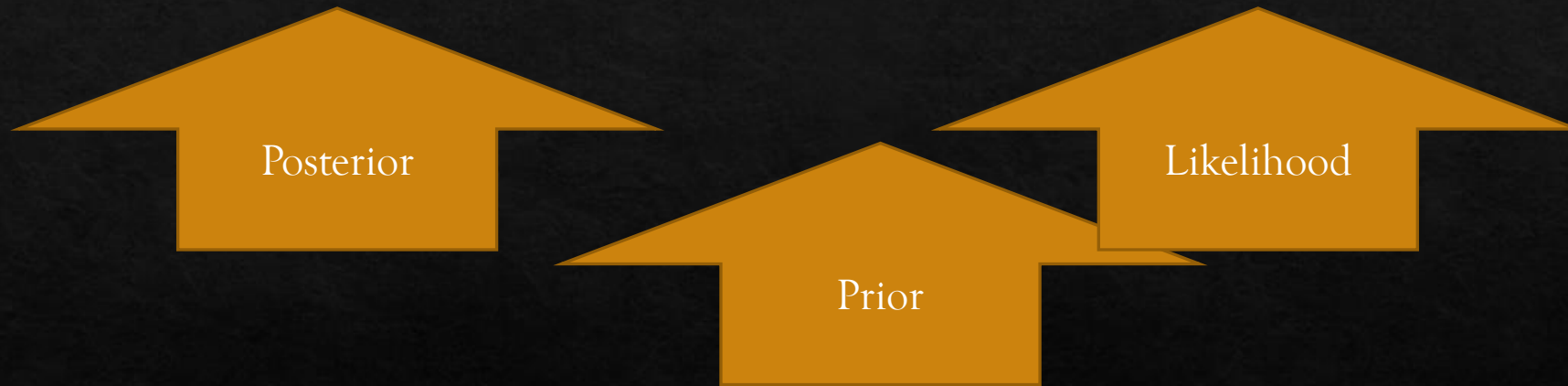
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Bayesian

$$p(\theta|x) \propto p(\theta)f(x|\theta)$$



Bayesian (Acts 18:24-28; 19:1ff)

$$p(\theta | Bible) \propto p(\theta) f(Bible | \theta)$$



ὁ Θεός (Heb. 11:5 TBT)

Points of interest

- ◇ Details are important – if not perceived now due to lack of vision/insight – later when the scripture contradicts our paradigm
- ◇ When was the Mystery revealed?
- ◇ How does this compare with the pre and post Babylon captivity?
- ◇ How does Peter and his epistles fit into the outworking of God's purposes?

Preliminaries



Paul
PAul

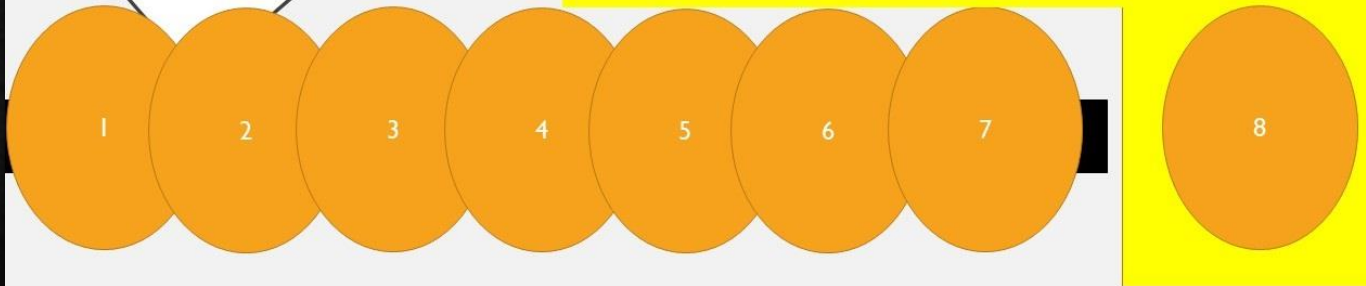


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The Kingdom
of God

^{KJV} **Colossians 4:11** And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only *are my* fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me.

^{TBT} **Colossians 4:11** καὶ Ἰησοῦς ὁ λεγόμενος Ἰουῆτος, οἱ ὄντες ἐκ περιτομῆς· οὗτοι μόνοι συνεργοὶ εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ, οἵτινες ἐγενήθησάν μοι παρηγορία.



ACTS 28 – LOOK AGAIN!

- vs23 They appointed him a day
- vs23 Law of Moses and prophets
- vs24 some believed some believed NOT
- vs25 “dismissed” ἀπελύοντο
 - vs25 One word ῥῆμα ἓν
- vs25 Well spoke
- vs26-27 Isa 6:9-10
- vs28 Salvation of God sent – they will hear it!
- vs29 These words ταῦτα
 - vs29 the Jews departed ἀπέρχομαι

Compare:
Matt. 13:12-14

KJV Acts 28:28 Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that **they will hear it.**

TBT Acts 28:28 γνωστὸν οὖν ἔστω ὑμῖν, ὅτι τοῖς ἔθνεσιν ἀπεστάλη τὸ σωτήριον τοῦ Θεοῦ, αὐτοὶ καὶ **ἀκούσονται.**

Are they hearing “the Mystery”?
How about the Jewish Kingdom message?

KJV Phil. 2:17 Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.

KJV 2 Tim. 4:6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

2 Tim. 2:7-9

Luk. 23:32

κακοῦργος

Acts 28:31 ♦

ACTS

Post Acts Prison



GALATIANS.

1 THESSALONIANS.

2 THESSALONIANS.

HEBREWS.

1 CORINTHIANS.

2 CORINTHIANS.

ROMANS.

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EPHESIANS. The revelation of the Mystery.

PHILIPPIANS.

PHILEMON.

COLOSSIANS. The revelation of the Mystery.

1 TIMOTHY.

TITUS.

2 TIMOTHY. Time of departure

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Baptism, Gifts

- ◇ 2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.
- ◇ 3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.
- ◇ 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.
- ◇ 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- ◇ 6 And when **Paul had laid his hands upon them**, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.
- ◇ 7 And all the men were about twelve.
- ◇ (Acts 19:2-7 KJV)



By chance?

- ◇ KJV 2 Timothy 1:6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou **stir up** the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.
- ◇ TBT 2 Timothy 1:6 δι' ἣν αἰτίαν ἀναμιμνήσκω σε **ἀναζωπυρεῖν** τὸ χάρισμα τοῦ Θεοῦ, ὃ ἐστὶν ἐν σοὶ διὰ τῆς ἐπιθέσεως τῶν χειρῶν μου.

The Body of Christ

- ◇ ¹¹ And he gave **some, apostles; and some, prophets**; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- ◇ ¹² For **the perfecting of the saints**, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
- ◇ ¹³ Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:¹
- ◇ (Eph. 4:11-13 KJV)

1 Cor 12:28

καταρτισμός, οὐ, ὁ



He gave some:

- ◇ Apostles
- ◇ Prophets
- ◇ Evangelists
- ◇ Pastors and teachers

ποιμένας και διδασκάλους
(Eph. 4:11 TBT)



For the perfecting of the
SAINTS

Are we a part of one of the 4 groups (“some”)?

Acts

Baptism

Prison

- ◇ 16 And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.
- ◇ 17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.1 (1 Cor. 1:16-17 KJV)

- ◇ KJV Ephesians 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
- ◇ TBT Ephesians 4:5 εἷς Κύριος, μία πίστις, ἐν βάπτισμα,
- ◇ KJV Colossians 2:12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.
- ◇ TBT Colossians 2:12 συνταφέντες αὐτῷ ἐν τῷ βαπτίσματι, ἐν ᾧ καὶ συνηγέρθητε διὰ τῆς πίστεως τῆς ἐνεργείας τοῦ Θεοῦ, τοῦ ἐγείραντος αὐτὸν ἐκ τῶν νεκρῶν.

The things that differ

- ◇ KJV Philippians 1:10 That ye may approve **things that are excellent**; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;
- ◇ TBT Philippians 1:10 εἰς τὸ δοκιμάζειν ὑμᾶς **τὰ διαφέροντα**, ἵνα ᾦτε εἰλικρινεῖς καὶ ἀπρόσκοποι εἰς ἡμέραν Χριστοῦ,

Hebrews: “Go on unto perfection”

- ◆ KJV Hebrews 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,
- ◆ TBT Hebrews 6:1 Διό, ἀφέντες τὸν τῆς ἀρχῆς τοῦ Χριστοῦ λόγον, ἐπὶ τὴν τελειότητα φερώμεθα, μὴ πάλιν θεμέλιον καταβαλλόμενοι μετανοίας ἀπὸ νεκρῶν ἔργων, καὶ πίστεως ἐπὶ Θεόν,

“If God permit”

- ◇ KJV Hebrews 6:3 And this will we do, if God permit.
- ◇ TBT Hebrews 6:3 καὶ τοῦτο ποιήσομεν, ἔάνπερ ἐπιτρέπη ὁ Θεός.

Numbers 14:19-23

The Lord's word

- ◇ KJV Luke 9:62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.
- ◇ TBT Luke 9:62 εἶπε δὲ πρὸς αὐτὸν ὁ Ἰησοῦς, Οὐδεὶς, ἐπιβαλὼν τὴν χεῖρα αὐτοῦ ἐπ' ἄροτρον, καὶ βλέπων εἰς τὰ ὀπίσω, εὐθετός ἐστιν εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ.

Paul the prisoner (Running a race)

- ◇ KJV Philippians 3:13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
- ◇ TBT Philippians 3:13 ἀδελφοί, ἐγὼ ἐμαυτὸν οὐ λογίζομαι κατειληφέναι· ἐν δέ, τὰ μὲν ὀπίσω ἐπιλανθανόμενος, τοῖς δὲ ἔμπροσθεν ἐπεκτεινόμενος,

In a great house

- ◇ KJV 2 Timothy 2:20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.
- ◇ TBT 2 Timothy 2:20 ἐν μεγάλῃ δὲ οἰκίᾳ οὐκ ἔστι μόνον σκεύη χρυσοῦ καὶ ἀργυροῦ, ἀλλὰ καὶ ξύλινα καὶ ὀστράκινα, καὶ ἃ μὲν εἰς τιμὴν, ἃ δὲ εἰς ἀτιμίαν.

3:8 Unto me, ...

- ◇ KJV Ephesians 3:9 **And** to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:
- ◇ TBT Ephesians 3:9 **καὶ** φωτίσαι πάντας τίς ἡ κοινωνία τοῦ μυστηρίου τοῦ ἀποκεκρυμμένου ἀπὸ τῶν αἰώνων ἐν τῷ Θεῷ τῷ τὰ πάντα κτίσαντι διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ,

Lk. 11:36; Jn. 1:9; 1 Cor.
4:5; Eph. 1:18; 3:9; 2 Tim.
1:10; Heb. 6:4; 10:32; Rev.
18:1; 21:23; 22:5

Eph. 1:9; 3:3-4, 9; 5:32; 6:19

The mind needs “enlightenment”



διάνοια, ας, ἡ

- ◇ KJV Eph. 1:18 The eyes of your **understanding** being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,
- ◇ KJV Eph. 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and **of the mind**; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.
- ◇ KJV Eph. 4:18 Having the **understanding** darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

Concordance of “fellowship” (κοινωνία, ας, η)

◇ Acts 2:42; Rom. 15:26; 1 Cor. 1:9; 10:16; 2 Cor. 6:14; 8:4; 9:13; 13:14; Gal. 2:9; Eph. 3:9; Phil. 1:5; 2:1; 3:10; Phlm. 1:6; Heb. 13:16; 1 Jn. 1:3, 6-7

Contribution

- ◇ KJV Romans 15:26 For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain **contribution** for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.
- ◇ TBT Romans 15:26 εὐδόκησαν γὰρ Μακεδονία καὶ Ἀχαΐα **κοινωνίαν** τινὰ ποιήσασθαι εἰς τοὺς πτωχοὺς τῶν ἁγίων τῶν ἐν Ἱερουσαλήμ.

16320 κοινωνία, ας, ἡ (1) as a relationship characterized by sharing in common fellowship, participation (1J 1.3), opposite κακία (dislike, hatefulness); (2) as giving so that others can share generosity, fellow feeling (2C 9.13; PH 2.1); more concretely willing contribution, gift (RO 15.26)

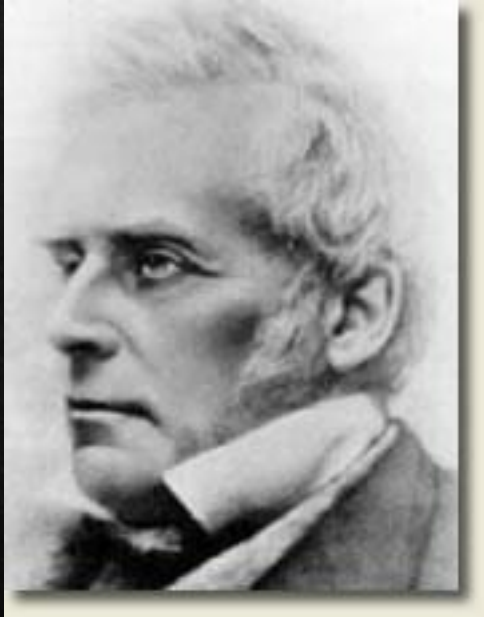
Communion

- ◇ KJV 1 Corinthians 10:16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the **communion** of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the **communion** of the body of Christ?
- ◇ TBT 1 Corinthians 10:16 τὸ ποτήριον τῆς εὐλογίας ὃ εὐλογοῦμεν, οὐχὶ **κοινωνία** τοῦ αἵματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ ἐστί; τὸν ἄρτον ὃν κλῶμεν, οὐχὶ **κοινωνία** τοῦ σώματος τοῦ Χριστοῦ ἐστίν;

Communion

- ◇ KJV 2 Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what **communion hath light with darkness?**
- ◇ TBT 2 Corinthians 6:14 Μὴ γίνεσθε ἑτεροζυγοῦντες ἀπίστοις· τίς γὰρ μετοχὴ δικαιοσύνη καὶ ἀνομία; τίς δὲ **κοινωνία φωτὶ πρὸς σκότος;**

How can you have “communion” without the Lord’s supper?



John Nelson
Darby

(as I wrote afore in few words, 1
4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand
my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) (Eph.
3:3-4 KJV)

The
Mystery

The mystery of Christ



In order that he would give to you

- ◇ KJV Ephesians 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;
- ◇ TBT Ephesians 3:16 ἵνα δώῃ ὑμῖν, κατὰ τὸν πλοῦτον τῆς δόξης αὐτοῦ, δυνάμει κραταιωθῆναι διὰ τοῦ Πνεύματος αὐτοῦ εἰς τὸν ἔσω ἄνθρωπον,

There are things we must
do and things which God
must do 3:16,17

Jeremiah a Prophet

- ◇ KJV Jeremiah 38:1 Then Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashur the son of Malchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken unto all the people, saying, 2 Thus saith the LORD, He that remaineth in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth forth to the Chaldeans shall live; for he shall have his life for a prey, and shall live. 3 Thus saith the LORD, This city shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which shall take it. 4 Therefore the princes said unto the king, We beseech thee, let this man be put to death: for thus he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeketh not the welfare of this people, but the hurt.1 (Jer. 38:1 KJV)

Jehoahaz (2 Chr. 36:1 KJV)

- ◇ KJV 2 Chronicles 36:12 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God, and humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of the LORD.
- ◇ KJV 2 Chr. 35:25 And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah: and all the singing men and the singing women spake of Josiah in their lamentations to this day, and made them an ordinance in Israel: and, behold, they *are* written in the lamentations.
- ◇ KJV 2 Chr. 36:12 And he did *that which* was evil in the sight of the LORD his God, *and* humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet *speaking* from the mouth of the LORD.
- ◇ KJV 2 Chr. 36:21 To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: *for* as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.
- ◇ KJV 2 Chr. 36:22 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD *spoken* by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying,

The Spirits in Prison



1 Peter 3:17-4:6

E W Bullinger

Now it must be affirmed, and it will be conceded by all Bible students, that an interpretation of this passage which is to be accepted as satisfactory—

1. Must take all the words in their natural meaning and Scriptural usage.
2. Must be uniform and consistent in its translation.
3. Must give due weight to the inexorable laws of grammatical construction.
4. Must give the passage its logical place in the context.
5. Must harmonize it with the general teaching of the whole

Epistle, and not merely cleverly explain it as though it were an isolated passage; but must show that it is absolutely necessary to the argument.

Peter, Paul and “no man forbidding”

- ◇ KJV 1 Peter 1:6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: 7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:
- ◇ KJV 1 Peter 2:12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

The fiery trial then present

- ◇ 2:12
- ◇ 2:19-21
- ◇ 3:14-17
- ◇ 4:4
- ◇ 4:12-19

**False accusations and
persecutions**

Sufferings and glory after

- ◇ KJV 1 Peter 1:11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. (1 Pet. 1:11 KJV)
- ◇ 4:13
- ◇ 5:1

The Spirits in Prison by EW Bullinger, pg. 20

1 PETER III. 18, 19, ILLUSTRATED BY A COMPARISON WITH OTHER SCRIPTURES.

1 TIM. iii. 16.	1 PETER iii. 18, 19.	2 PETER ii. 4-9.	JUDE 6, 7.
Christ was— Manifested in flesh. Justified in spirit. Appeared to angels (ὡφθη ἀγγέλοις).	Christ was— Put to death as to the flesh. Quickened as to the spirit. Went and preached to the in-prison spirits (angels), which (in the days of Noah) were disobedient.	Angels (in the days of Noah) Sinned.	Angels (before Sodom) Kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation Reserved in everlasting chains under darkness. Unto the judgment of the great day.
	(Therefore “in prison”; see above.)	Cast down to Tartarus. Delivered unto chains of darkness. Reserved unto judgment.	
	All but “few” perished.	Spared not the old world. Noah and seven others saved. Sodom and Gomorrha destroyed. Lot delivered. The godly delivered now.	Sodom and Gomorrha not spared.
Preached among nations. Believed on in <i>the</i> world. Taken up in glory.	Men saved now.		
	Christ went into heaven, “angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.” Compare Col. ii. 15, “having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”		

TBT Acts 28:31 κηρύσσων τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ Θεοῦ, καὶ διδάσκων τὰ περὶ τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, μετὰ πάσης παρρησίας, ἀκωλύτως.

ἀκωλύτως [ἀ- priv., κωλύω] adv. without being stopped Ac 28:31.

KJV Acts 28:31 Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

Acts 28

The Mystery



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