

# Gospel of Mark

11-5-23

chapter

1a Who Calls You?

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2-5 Is There a Poem Here?

6 Who Calms YOUR Storms?

7 Who Loves Like That?

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9 Do YOU Believe?

10 Can You SEE Now?

11 Who Cleans YOUR Temple?

12-13 Are YOU Watching?

14 Willing

15 Sacrificed

16 ALIVE

Widow's Mite

by James Tissot  
(1836-1902)

St. Mark, 1804, by Vladimir Borovikovsky  
Kazan Cathedral, Saint Petersburg

13:37 What I say to you, I say to everyone:

Are YOU Watching?

WATCH!



Mark 12 opens w a Parable on Bad Renters  
Priests of God's Temple who after 500 years ...  
Became Bad Murderous Husbandmen Renters  
Who came to believe FAKE NEWS ...  
So fake they sought to KILL the SON

Today, we are so very DIVIDED ...

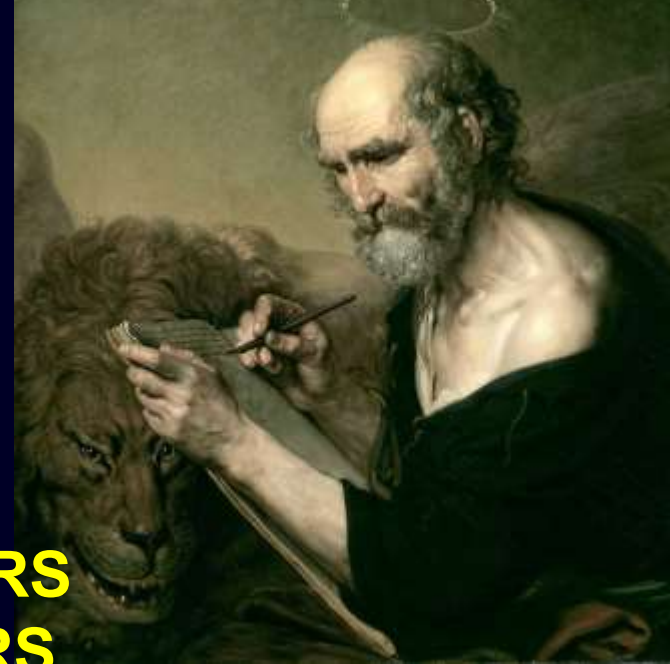
Democrats & CNN think many on the RIGHT are LIARS  
Republicans & Fox think many on the LEFT are LIARS

Fortunately—Most U.S. Democrats & all Republicans support Israel

Yet there is a mass INTERNATIONAL hysteria where

- ✓ Many young men & women support Terrorist Hamas
- ✓ Many American university students are  
AGAINST Israel defending itself
- ✓ Too o o o many around the world HATE JEWS

Too Many in Jesus' & Our Day – Believed Fake News





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i.e.: Priests who were Aliens to God *INSIDE* God's Temple

One of the **FIRST** pieces of Mass Fake News ...

Oct 30, 1938 - Orson Welles' Mercury Theatre – 85 yrs ago

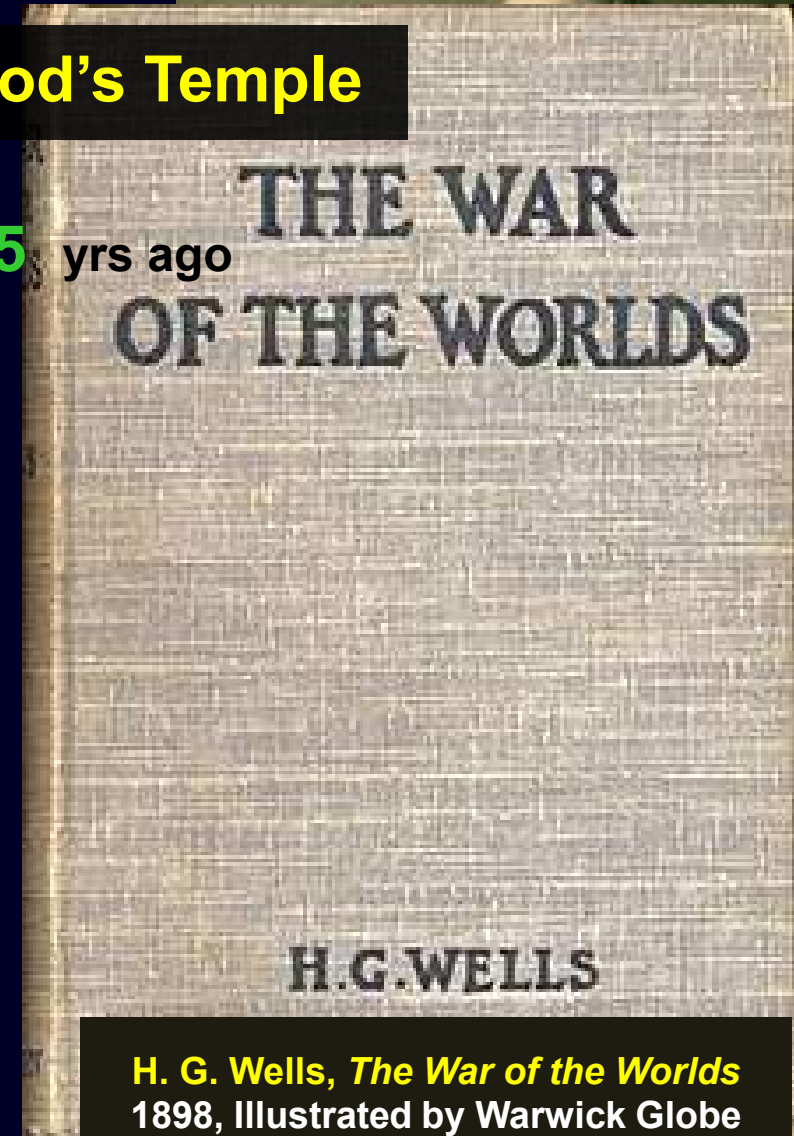
Ladies & gentlemen: the director of the Mercury Theatre & star of these broadcasts, Orson Welles:

We know now that in the early years of the 20th century this world was being **WATCHED** closely by **INTELLIGENCES** greater than man's and yet as mortal as his own.

We know now that as human beings busied themselves about their various concerns....

**Mass Fake News ... NO ONE *Intended* to Deceive**  
**Midway & at close, broadcast said it was FAKE**

Seems so very much **LIKE** today—we are in a ***War of the Worlds***



H. G. Wells, *The War of the Worlds*  
1898, Illustrated by Warwick Globe  
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# Orson Welles's Mercury Theatre on the Air

- ✓ low-budget without a sponsor
- ✓ small but loyal following - 17 weeks
- ✓ fresh adaptations of literary classics

1<sup>st</sup> 7 Episodes *Les Misérables*

2<sup>nd</sup> 3 Episodes "The Shadow"

Episode 11 - Bram Stoker's *Dracula*

Episode 12 - Stevenson's *Treasure Island*

Episode 13 - Dumas' *Count of Monte Christo*

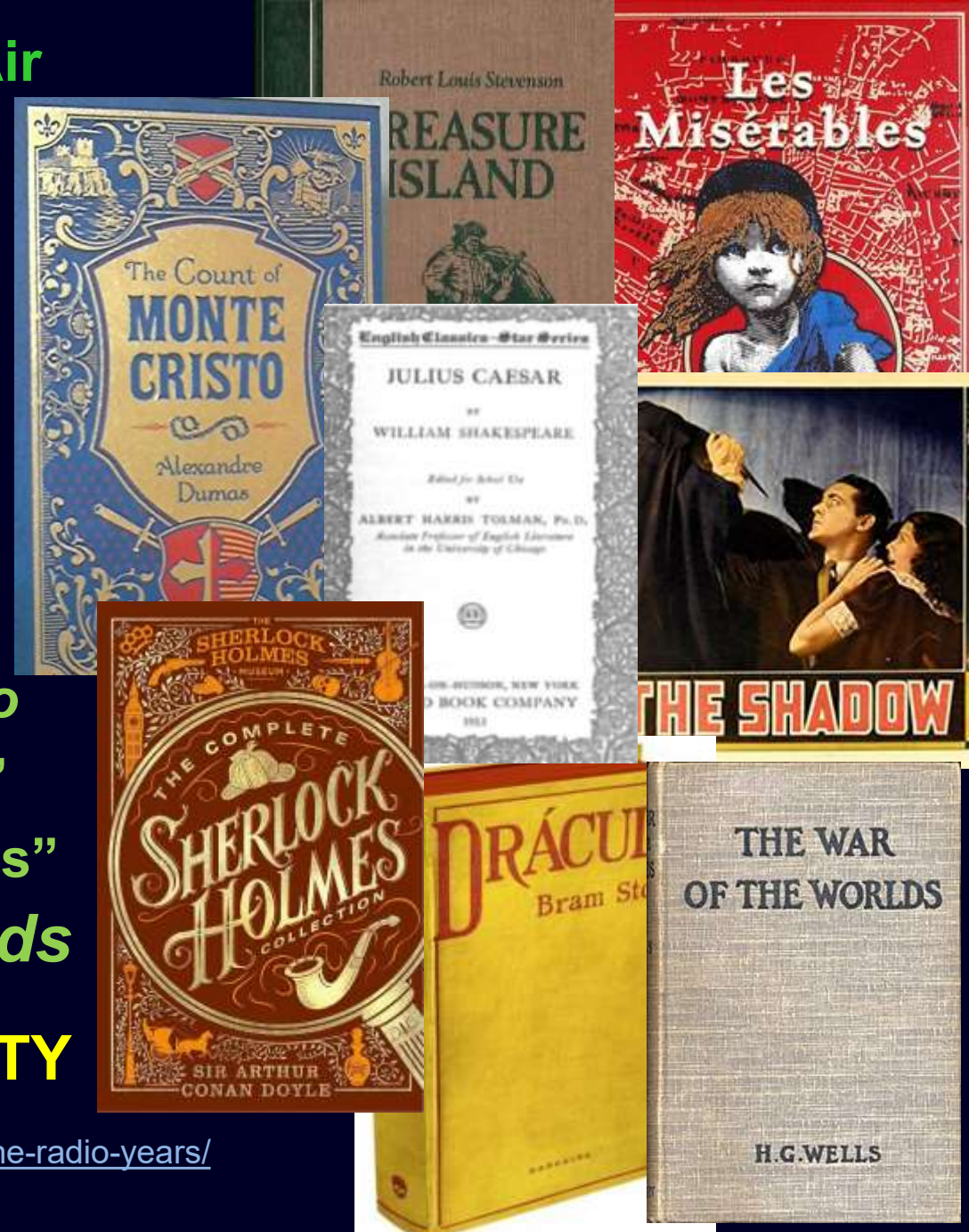
Episode 14 - Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar"

Episode 15 - "The Immortal Sherlock Holmes"

Episode 16 - H. G. Wells' *War of the Worlds*

**POINT:** clear FICTION became REALITY

To hear all, go here: <https://www.wellesnet.com/audio-orson-welles-the-radio-years/>



# Mark 12-13's Thirteen Episodes

Prof. G. Lacoste Munn, [\*Southwestern Journal of Theology\* Vol. 21 - FALL 1978](#)

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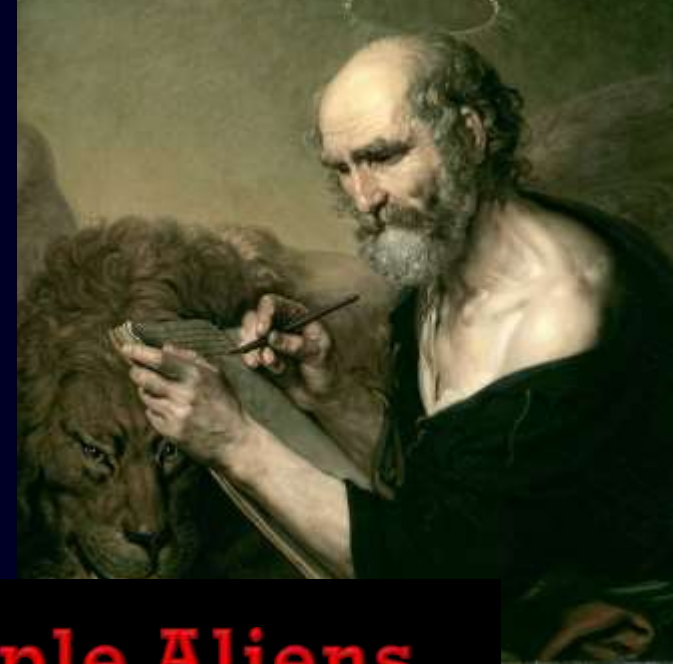
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**Temple Aliens**

**VS**

**New World  
Coming**

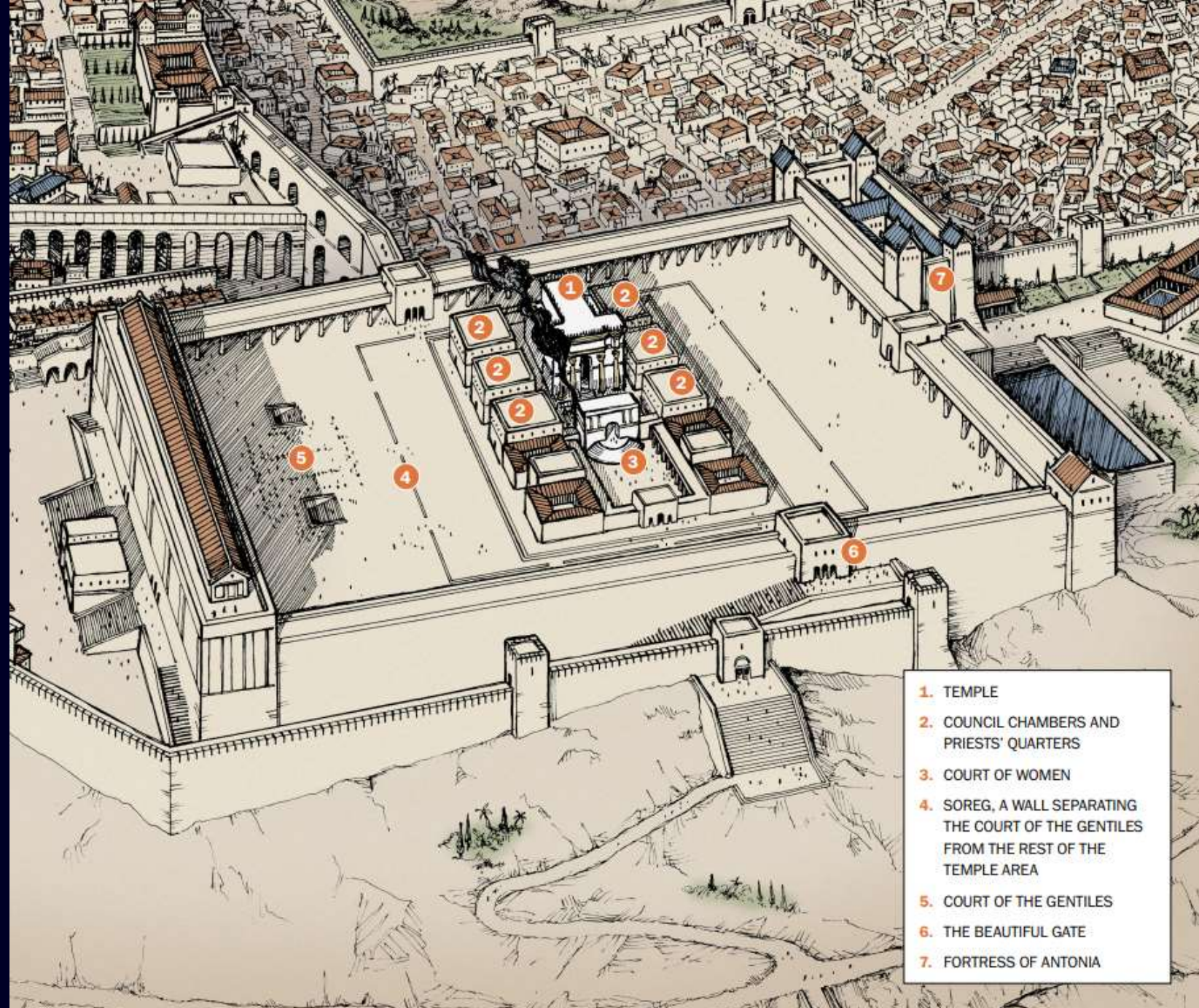
**Many Priests of God's Temple Missed GOD! – some with Fake Faith**





# Mark 11-13 – Jesus still in the Temple Courts

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3. COURT OF WOMEN
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# *I Have Believed*

Words by  
DANIEL W. WHITTLE, 1883



...

Tap on

**“I Know Whom I Have Believed”**  
Words by Daniel Whittle, 1883, a great  
associate of Evangelist D. L. Moody

**Sung by Antrim Mennonite Choir, 2013**



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“Man planted a vineyard.... Wall ... pit for the winepress ... watchtower.  
... rented the vineyard ... sent a servant to ... **COLLECT**....

3-5 ... beat him ... **KILLED** 3rd ... Beat & **KILLED** “**MANY**” others....

6 “He had one left to send, a **SON**, whom he **LOVED**..... respect MY son.”

7-8 Renters, “This is the heir. Come, let's **KILL** him” ....

9 “What then will the owner of the vineyard do?

He will come & **KILL** those tenants & give the vineyard to **OTHERS**.

**EVERYONE** go it! ... Priests **BAD** Tenants – Aliens to God's Work



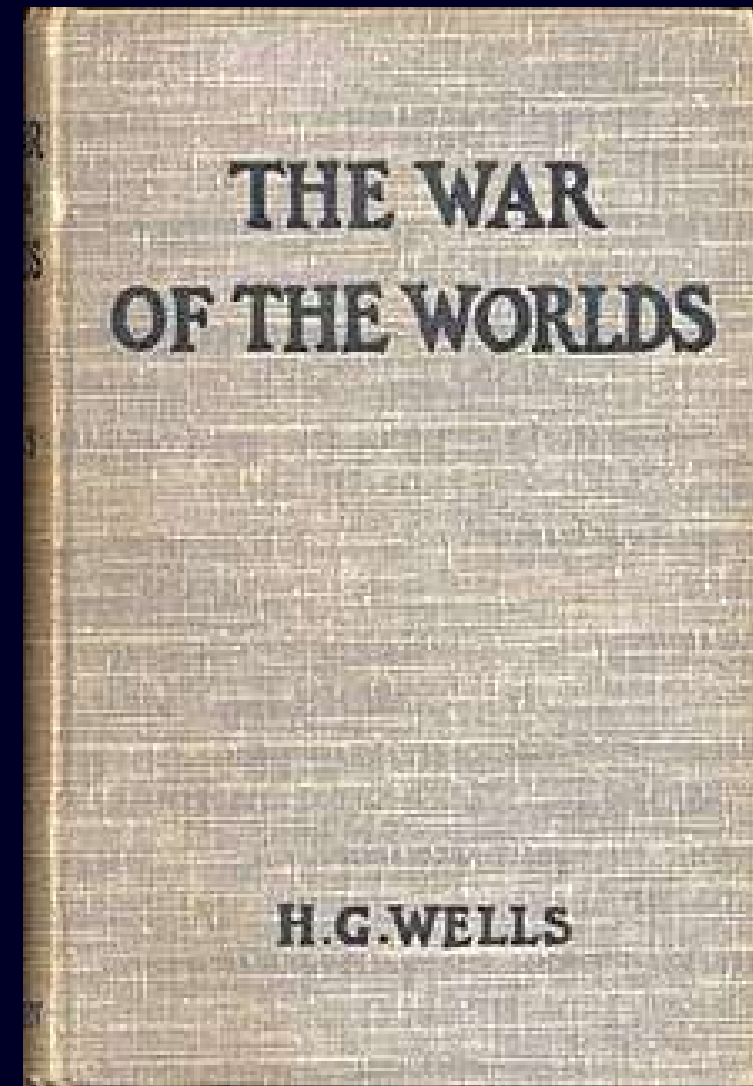
October 30, 1938 ... Orson Welles's Mercury Theatre

this world was being watched closely  
by intelligences greater than man's  
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We know now that as human beings busied  
themselves about their various concerns  
they were scrutinized and studied,  
perhaps almost as narrowly as a man with  
a microscope might scrutinize the  
transient creatures that swarm and  
multiply in a drop of water.

This adaption by Orson Welles was nearly  
Word for eloquent Word from H.G. Wells *first page*



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**Orson Welles's Mercury Theatre on the Air**

**October 30, 1938 – 23-year-old Welles**

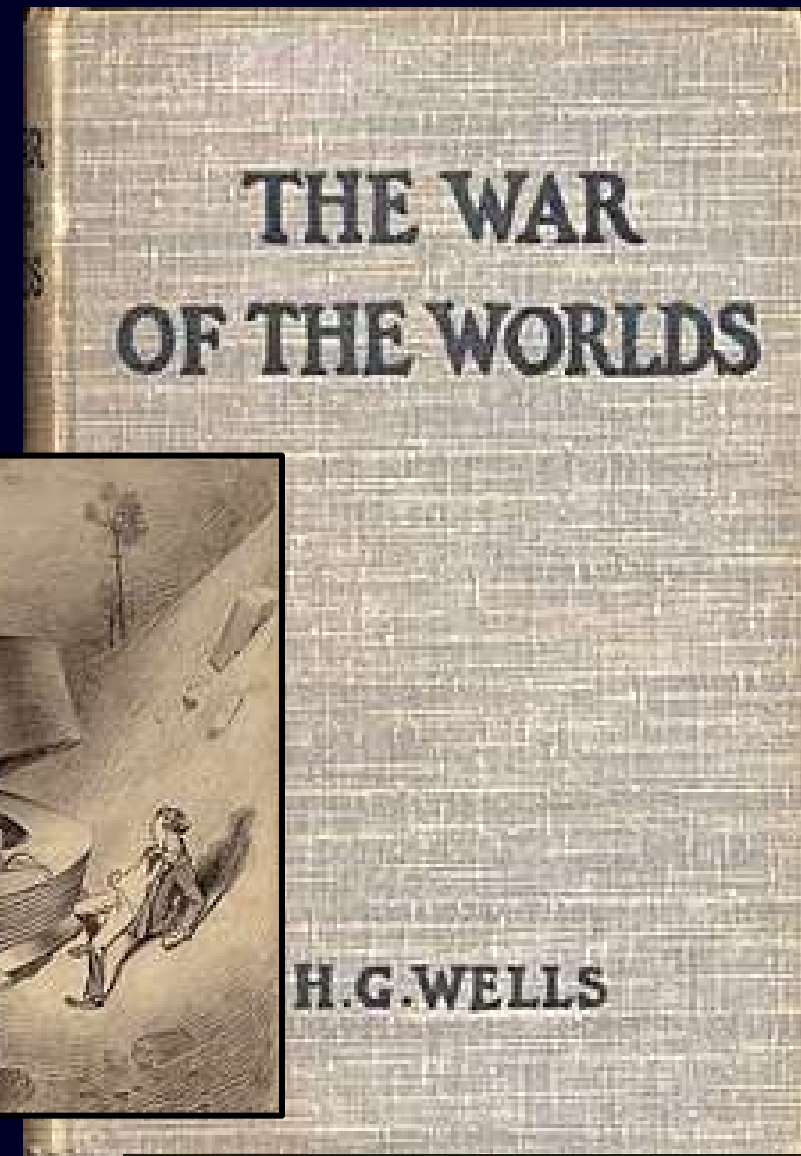
**Broadcast presented itself as a PORTRAYAL of H.G. Wells' then 40-year-old classic**

**Even the broadcast team never thought to *purposely* deceive ...**

**ORIGINAL 1898 *War of the Worlds* was set at 1900 in Britain ...**

**Orson Welles set his hour-long recap in 1938 on a New Jersey FARM**

**11 Miles from Princeton University**



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2015, A. Brad Schwartz wrote the book:  
**Broadcast Hysteria: Orson Welles's  
War of the Worlds & the  
Art of Fake News** (2015)



Front page of *The New York Times*  
10-31-38 - 85 yrs ago - Halloween ...  
PANIC ... so gullible

Last month's FAKE NEWS  
Explosion at Gaza Hospital ...  
FALSLEY accused Israel!

Week of protests over the WORLD  
then TRUTH slowly unfolded



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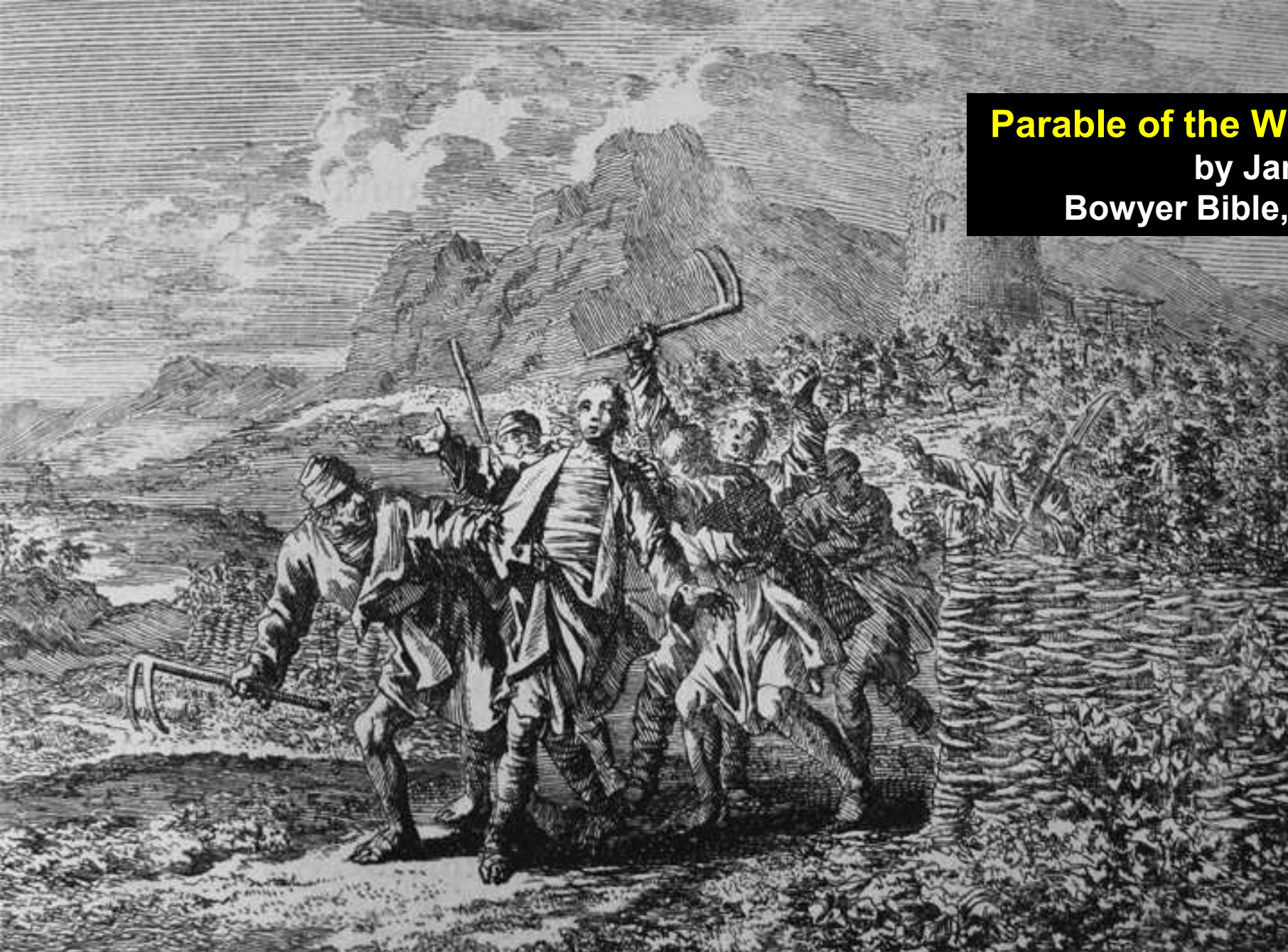


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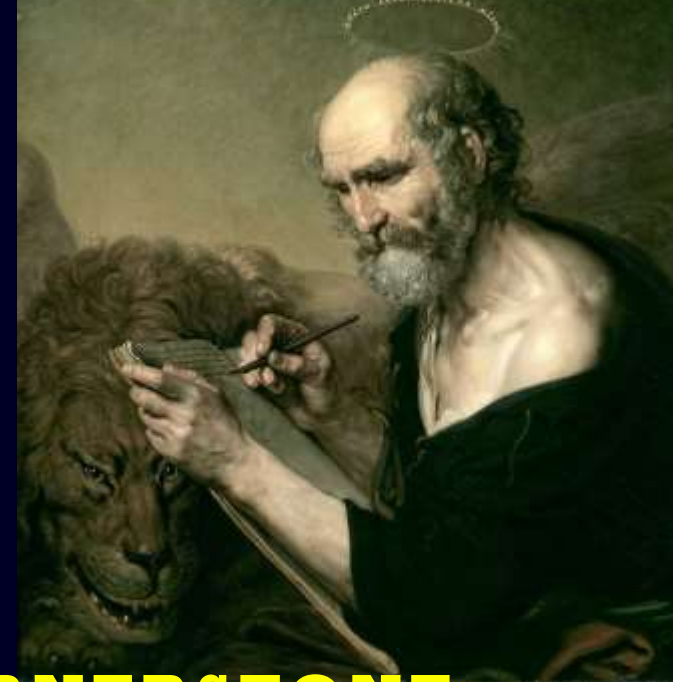




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9 “What will the owner ... He will come & **KILL** ....

10-11 Haven't you read this passage of Scripture:

“The stone the builders rejected has become the **CORNERSTONE**;  
the Lord has done this, & it is marvelous in our eyes’?” Psalms 118:22-23

12 Chief Priests, LAW Teachers, Elders looked for a way to arrest him  
they **KNEW** he had spoken the parable against them.

But they were afraid of the crowd; so they left him....

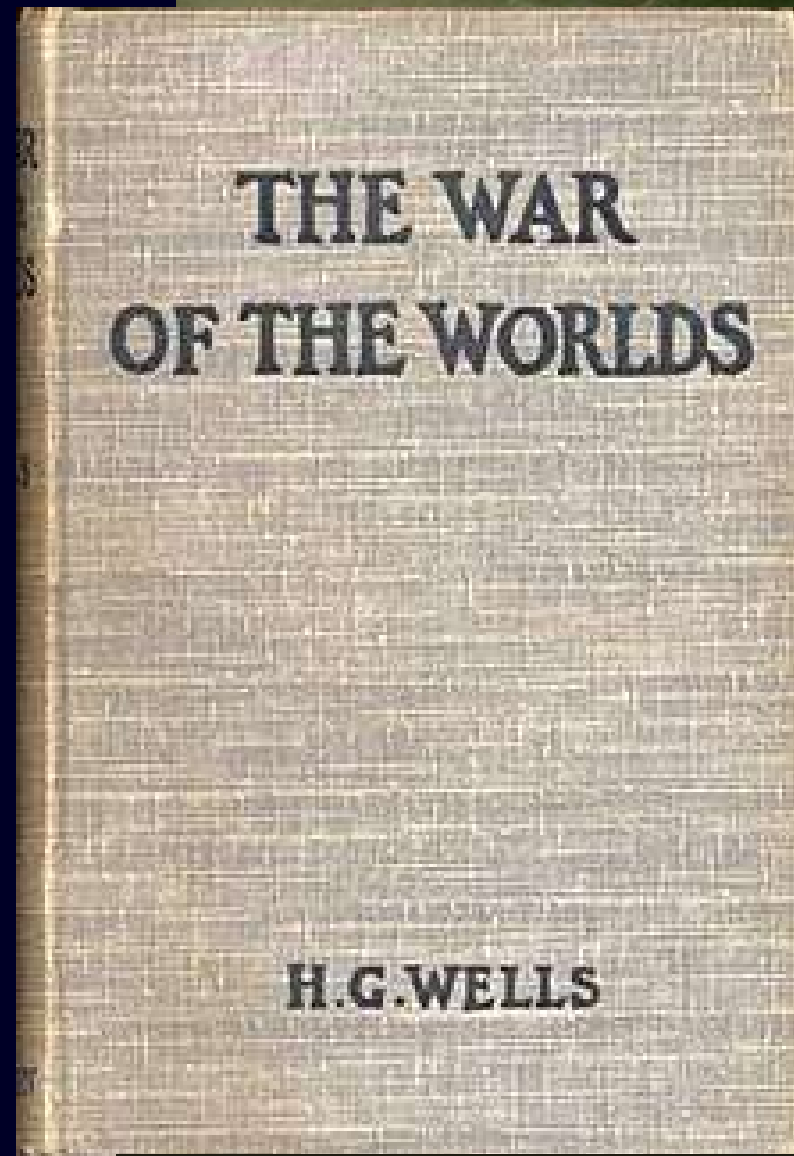
**ALL Understand Immediately: Pharisees Loved the LAW over Lawgiver**  
**Pharisees & Priests Love Temple LAW more than God of the Temple**  
**Religious Elite were ALIEN to God inside God's Temple!**

October 30, 1938 ... Orson Welles's Mercury Theatre

With infinite complacence people went to & fro  
over the earth about their little affairs,  
serene in the assurance of their dominion  
over this small spinning  
fragment of solar driftwood which by chance  
or design man has inherited out of the  
dark mystery of Time and Space. Yet across an  
immense ethereal gulf, minds that to our minds  
as ours are to the beasts in the jungle,  
**intellects vast, cool & unsympathetic,**  
regarded this earth with envious eyes & slowly  
and surely drew their plans against us.



**You see—500 years of Judaism had turned MOST  
of the Priests into ALIENS to God Himself**



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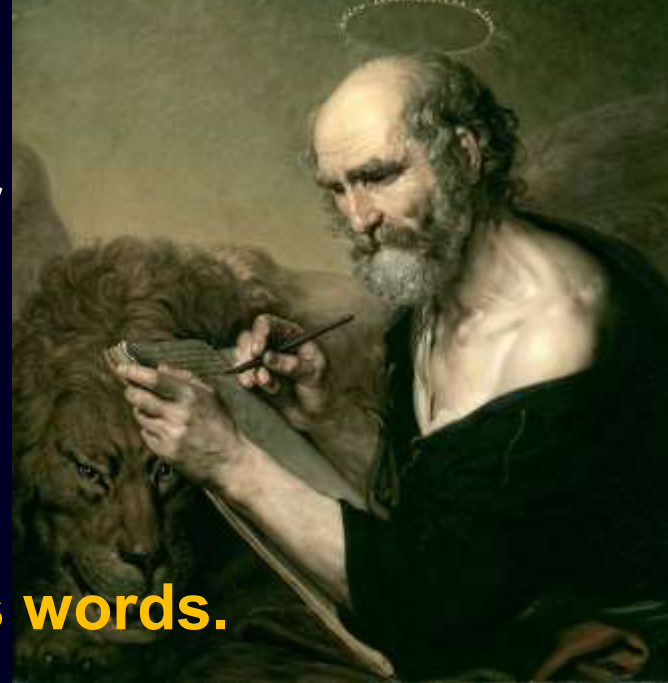
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**13 Later THEY** [Top Nacho High Priests] **sent some of the Pharisees & Herodians to Jesus to CATCH him in his words.**

**14-15 They said, “Teacher ... man of integrity. *BLAH Corn Flakes ....* Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not? ...**

**But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. “Why are you trying to TRAP ME?”...**

**16 Bring a coin, ... “Whose image is this? ... inscription?”  
“Caesar’s,” they replied.**

**17 Jesus replied, “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s & to God what’s God’s.”  
And they were amazed at him.**

**AMAZED – who was AMAZED? – Pharisees, Experts on Temple Law**



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18 Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came....

19 “Teacher,” they said, “Moses wrote ...

7 brothers marry a widow – WHO's Wife in Resurrection?

24 Jesus replied, “Are you not in error because

you do **NOT KNOW** the Scriptures or the **POWER** of God?

25 When the dead rise, they will neither marry **NOR BE GIVEN** in marriage;  
they will be like the angels in heaven.

26-27 ... read in the Book of Moses ... Burning Bush.... God of the Living.”

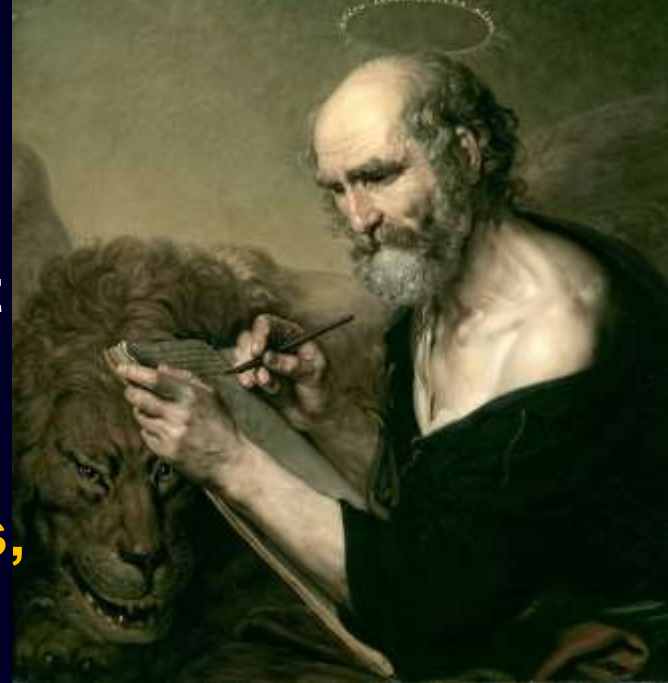
See these Temple Curators – Aliens to the God of the Temple – **STRUGGLE**

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**28 TEACHERS of the Law ... “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”**

**29-30 “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this:  
‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.**

**30 Love the Lord your God with ALL your HEART & with ALL your SOUL  
& with ALL your MIND & with ALL your STRENGTH.’**

**31 The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ... none greater.”**

**32 “Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right.... [Repeats Jesus]**

**34 Jesus saw ... his wisdom, “You are not far from the Kingdom of God.”  
And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.**



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**35 While teaching in the temple courts, Jesus asked,  
“Why do the Teachers of the Law say that the  
Messiah is the Son of David?**

**36 David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared:  
“The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand  
until I put your enemies under your feet.”**

Psal

**37 David himself calls him ‘Lord.’ HOW THEN can HE BE HIS SON?”  
The large crowd listened to Jesus with DELIGHT.**

**HOW? – Gospel of John: “In beginning was the Word ... Word was God.”**



To Priest Aliens  
an **IMPOSSIBLE**  
Question?

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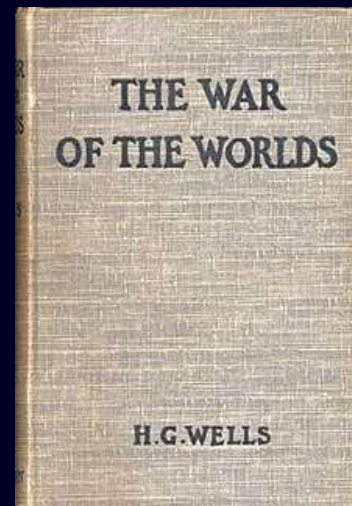
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**38-39** As he taught, Jesus said, “**WATCH** out for the Teachers of the Law. They like to ... be greeted with respect in the marketplaces ... take the most important seats....

**40** They **DEVOUR** widows' houses & for a **SHOW** make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.”

The more you see of “Teachers of the Law” the more you **SEE**  
**ALIENS** at War with the **TRUTH**

“Teachers of the Law” missed the God of the Law





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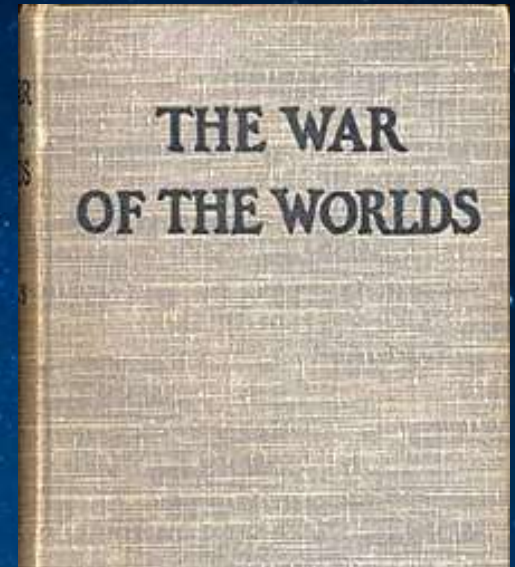
Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.

This is Carl Phillips, speaking to you from  
the observatory at Princeton.

I am standing in a large semi-circular room,  
pitch black except for an oblong split in the ceiling.

Through this opening I can see a sprinkling of  
stars that cast a kind of frosty glow over  
the intricate mechanism of the huge telescope.

The ticking sound you hear is the  
vibration of the clockwork.



Soon, Mark 13, we see Jesus **MARKING TIME**

Time when Judgement will begin ... appears to be a **SINGULAR Time**

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**41 Jesus sat down opposite the place where offerings were put & watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury.**

**Many rich people threw in large amounts.**

**42 But a poor widow came & put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.**

**WHO notices the Widow? Jesus ... God ...**

**NOT the Priestly Aliens who see the MONEY & not see God**



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**43** Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said,  
“Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put  
more into the treasury than all the others.

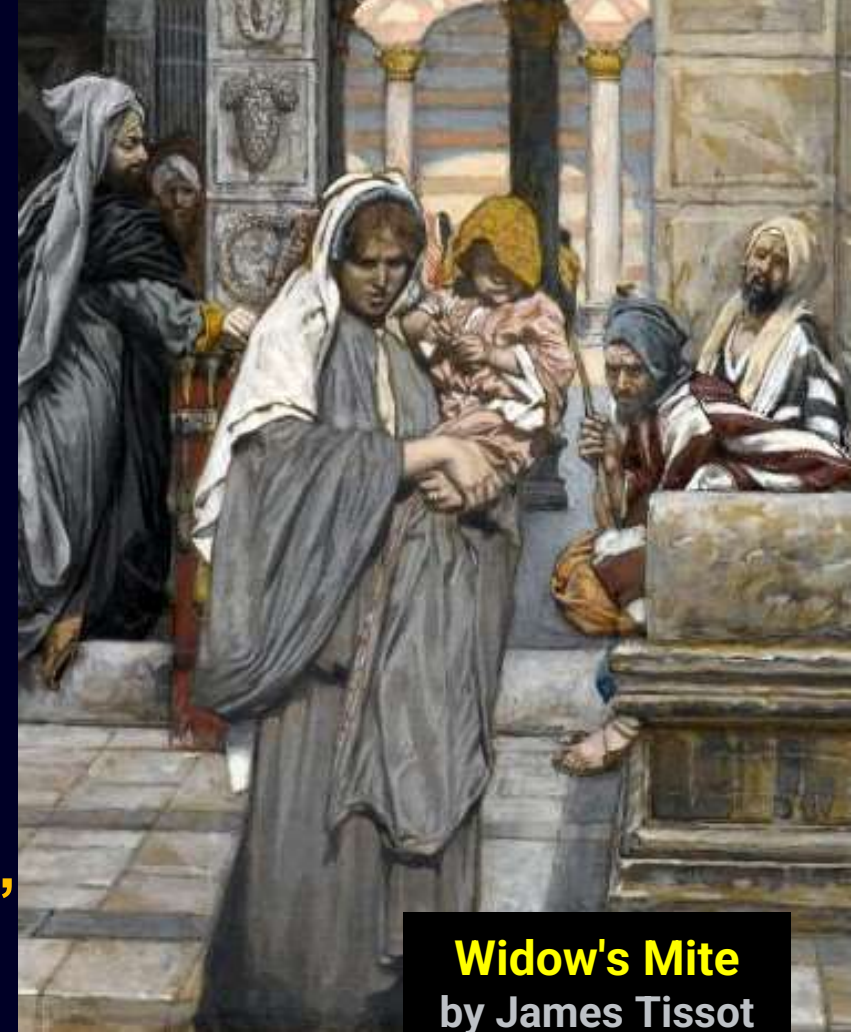
**44** They all gave out of their wealth;  
but she, out of her poverty, put in  
**EVERYTHING**—all she had to live on.”

Lesson here is so obvious it **ALMOST** escapes us

Judas & ALL Financial Advisors would advise **AGAINST** her

Lesson is **NOT** that any of the Rich were **INSINCERE**—*no sir, no ma'am*

Lesson is **NOT** about economics or sacrifice—but about **FAITH**



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Ladies and gentlemen, this is Carl Phillips again,  
Wilmuth farm, Grovers Mill, New Jersey.

Professor Pierson and myself made the  
11 miles from Princeton in ten minutes.

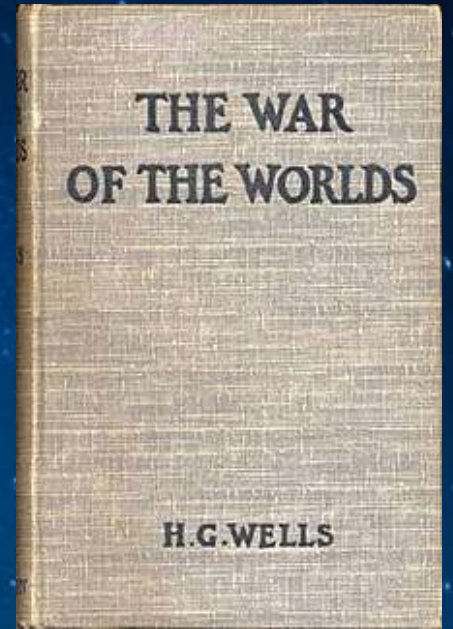
Well, I . . . I hardly know where to begin,  
to paint for you a word picture of the  
**strange scene before my eyes**, like  
something out of a modern "Arabian Nights"

Well, I just got here. I haven't had a chance to  
look around yet. I guess that's it.

Yes, I guess that's the . . . thing,  
directly in front of me, half buried in a vast pit.

**Must have struck with terrific force.**

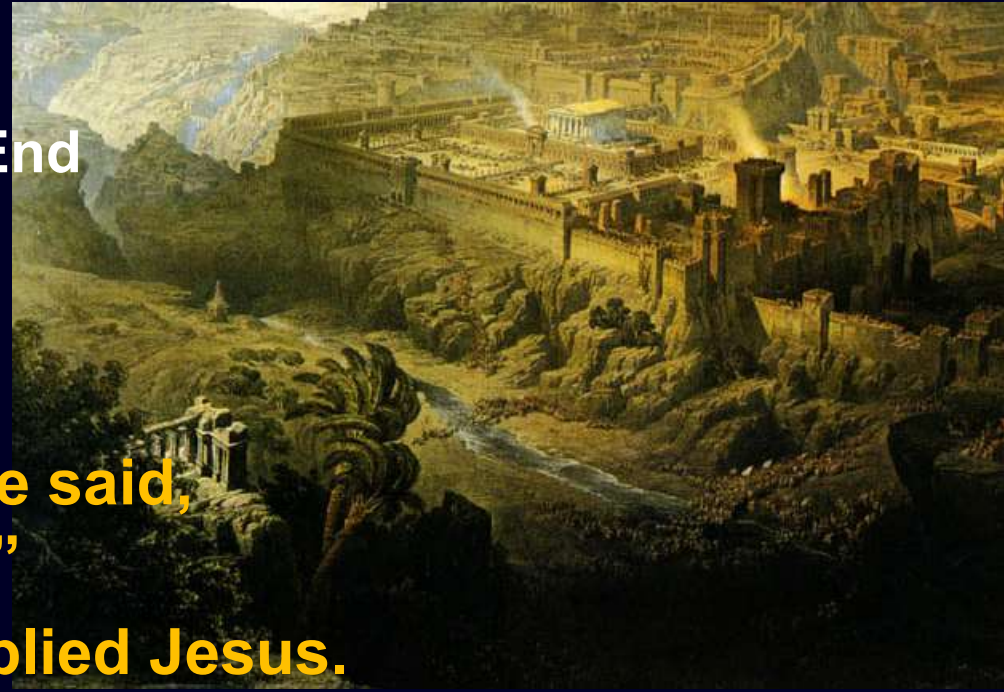
**Masses of Normal People began to BELIEVE this ... Fiction to be REAL  
WORSE—they BELIEVED even without LISTENING to whole THEATER**



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- 1 As Jesus was leaving the temple, a disciple said,  
“Look, Teacher! What massive stones! ...”
- 2 “Do you see all these great buildings?” replied Jesus.  
“Not one stone here will be left on another....”
- 3 As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple,  
Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately,
- 4 “Tell us, when will these things happen? ... sign ... to be fulfilled?”
- 5 Jesus said to them: “WATCH OUT THAT NO ONE deceives you.
- 6 MANY will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ & will deceive MANY.

Jesus said this as *curators* of God’s Temple PLANNED to **KILL Him**



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**7** When you hear of wars & rumors of wars,  
do not be alarmed. Such things must happen,  
but the **END IS STILL TO COME.**

**8** Nation x nation ... earthquakes ... famines.... beginning of birth pains.

### 13:9-13 **Tribulation Foretold**

**9** “You must be on your **GUARD**.... you will be flogged in the synagogues.

**10-11** Gospel ... to **ALL** nations. ... do not worry about what to say....

**12-13** Brother will betray brother.... Hate you because of me,  
but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

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14 “When you SEE ‘the abomination that causes desolation’ standing where it does NOT belong .... flee to the mountains.

15-19 ... take nothing.... dreadful ... pregnant women.... DISTRESS UNEQUALED FROM THE BEGINNING, when God created the world, until now—and NEVER TO BE EQUALED AGAIN.

20 “If the Lord had not cut short those days, NO ONE would survive....

21-22 False prophets ... signs ... wonders to deceive ... even the ELECT.

23 So be on your GUARD; I have told you everything ahead of time.

Watch the NEWS today ... perhaps Orson Welles’ radio War of the Worlds was NOT the worst spreading of Fiction, Fears, & Fraudulent Fantasies



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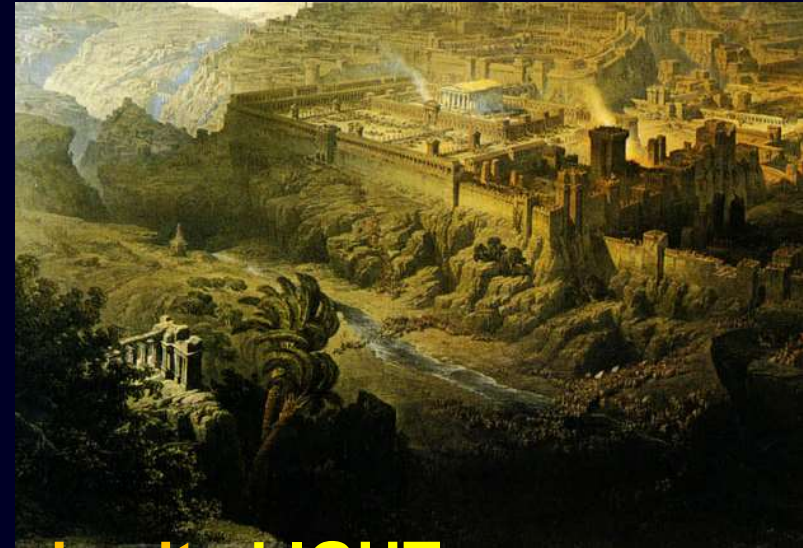
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**24-25** “But in those days, following that distress,  
‘the **SUN** will be darkened, & the moon will **NOT** give its **LIGHT**;  
the stars will **FALL** from the sky,  
the heavenly bodies will be **SHAKEN**.’

**26** “**AT THAT TIME** people will see the  
**Son of Man *coming in clouds*** with great power & glory.

**27** And he will send his angels and  
gather **HIS ELECT** from the four winds,  
from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.

There is coming a **TIME ... to me, a minority, a Singular TIME COMING**

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28 “Now learn this lesson from the FIG TREE:

As soon as its twigs get tender ... its leaves come out,  
you know that summer is near.

29 When you see these things ... it is NEAR, right at the door.

30 Truly I tell you, THIS GENERATION will certainly NOT PASS AWAY

UNTIL ALL these things have happened.

31 Heaven & earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

If it was Jesus’ own “Generation,” what is His “Coming in Glory”?

Perhaps this is a SEPARATE Episode ... *Mark is not always chronological*

We will NOT SOLVE this today or EVER know for certain—Jesus tells us so



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32 “But about that day or hour no one knows,  
not even the angels in heaven,  
nor the Son,

but only the Father

33 Be on Guard! Be Alert!

You do NOT know when that **TIME WILL COME.**

In the midst of all the confusion today ... Fake News ... False Prophets

Even Aliens trying to Cancel our Culture & cancel our Morals



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#### 34 It's like a man going away:

He leaves his house & puts his servants in charge,  
each with their assigned task, and  
tells the one at the door to keep WATCH.

35 “Therefore keep WATCH because you do not know  
when the owner of the house will come back—  
whether in the Evening, or at Midnight,  
or when the Rooster Crows, or at Dawn.

36 If he comes suddenly, do NOT let him find you SLEEPING.

37 What I say to you, I say to everyone: **WATCH!**



**HOW**  
**Are YOU**  
**Watching?**

# *I Have Believed* **Watch**

Words by  
DANIEL W. WHITTLE, 1883



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**“I Know Whom I Have Believed”**  
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associate of Evangelist D. L. Moody

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