

Sunday Evening Story-Time (8-8-10) With the Teaching Elder

It was the old, familiar path understanding the plot getting "the story-line of the Bible" tracking some chart-spun trails but, for the most part, being careful to stay on the same Cunning tracks with the Royal Jester. Story-telling is the conveying of events in words, images, and sounds often by improvisation or embellishment. It includes plot, characters, and the narrative point of view.

Just read an introduction passage like 1 Thes 4:15-17, and take off! "We're told to rightly divide. That begins in the first verse in the Bible, with heaven and earth. Now that we have two places, we need two entities. Gen 1:2 through Acts 9 is identified as prophecy about Christ coming back to earth invested in Israel. In Acts 9, through Paul's ministry another agency is invented a different group of people, with a different destiny, a heavenly hope. The dispensation of grace began with an appearing of Christ, and the event that concludes the dispensation of grace will be the rapture. When the rapture takes place, there will be a re-ordering." On and on and on tip-toe through the verses, picking out phrases along the way. The Brother Jokers and the naive will follow each leap of the Cunning Royal Jester through the garden with unquestioning loyalty, as they scramble in the maze of false pre-tribulation rapture-hope. At the end of their course, for the unsuspecting and unprepared, awaits bewilderment and shame.

2 Tim 2:15-18 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that **needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.**

16 But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;

18 Who **concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.**

Traditionally, oral story-telling was committed to memory and then passed from generation to generation. KJV scripture verses convinced me to back-track out of the 'mid-Acts' position and earnestly try to prevent the transfer of their divisional myths.

2 Peter 1:16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

We will follow four rabbit trails from the Sunday Evening Story-Time with the Teaching Elder. We will search for The Lost Trump, The Lost Brethren, The Conquering Hero, and The Earth in the Heavens.

This is David Dowell, saying, "Think about it!"