(11) Scar tissue of the soul is the enemy of evangelism:

Romans 2:5 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God. (NASB)

(12) The mechanics of the unbeliever's scar tissue are described in:

2 Thessalonians 2:10 And by means of all deception of unrighteousness to those who are being <u>led</u> astray [tendential present passive participle of $\dot{\alpha}\pi \dot{\alpha}\lambda\lambda\nu\mu\iota$ (*apóllumi*): "caused to perish"²] because they have not received the love of the <u>truth</u> [$\dot{\alpha}\lambda\eta\theta\epsilon\iota\alpha$ (*alḗtheia*)] in order that they might be saved. (EXT)

8. Reverse-Process Reversionism.

- (a) This is the final stage of reversionism, a combination of the sixth and seventh stages. It is the antithesis of being an invisible hero.
- (b) Everything that is worthwhile and valuable in life is rejected; everything that is useless and nonsense is accepted. Prolonged residence in the cosmic system causes a complete reversal of all mandates, all priorities, and all norms and standards related to the protocol plan of God.
- (c) Christian degeneracy reaches its peak in reverse-process reversionism. The believer in reverse-process reversionism cannot be distinguished in any way from an unbeliever, though he cannot lose his salvation.
- In reverse-process reversionism, degeneracy is defined as decline from the normal standards of the protocol plan of God. Therefore, the believer retrogresses into below normal stages of reversionism, and totally reverts from the divine standards found in the Word of God.
 - (1) The believer in moral degeneracy declines from the normal standards of the protocol plan, and sinks into such sub-normal standards of self-fragmentation, polarized fragmentation of legalism, and continues through the stages of reversionism.

² The tendential present means the action has not taken place, but syntax says it is a future certainty. Paul is writing what he is told by God the Holy Spirit, but this syntax indicates Paul is not happy that these people have negative volition, and they will be utterly destroyed: "caused to perish."

Reverse-process means to face in the opposite direction, to reverse course to invert beliefs by a turnabout in thinking. The reversionist spurns that which he should love and loves that which he should spurn.³

- (2) "Reverse-process" means to face in the opposite direction either spiritually, mentally, or physically.
- (e) Reverse-process reversionism is an inverted position of degeneracy by the reversal of objects. Bona fide objects of love and priorities include doctrine, personal love for God the Father, occupation with Christ, having a right pastor, right spouse, and right friends are all reversed. In reverse-process reversionism, pseudo-love objects replace Biblical priorities.
- (f) The believer reverses the objects of his love, attention, concentration, and priorities. Reverse-process reversionism is characterized by the reversal of love objects. In Revelation, John describes this as, "leaving your first love":

Revelation 2:4 'I have this against you believers, that you have abandoned your <u>first love</u> [spiritual growth].

v. 5 'Therefore, recall to mind and remember from what state you have fallen. Change your mind [rebound], and execute the deeds you did at first. Otherwise, if you do not do so, I will come to you and remove your <u>lampstand</u> [the church] if you do not repent. (EXT)

Principles from Revelation 2:4–5

The first half of verse 5 is the solution to the problem of national degeneracy. The second half gives the denouement—the outcome of a complex sequence of events. The Lampstand is the church given by Jesus. If the churches are removed from the nation, then that nation will no longer be a Client Nation to God and it will be changed or destroyed. The nation may still have churches, but if there is no Light in the Lampstands then doctrine is not being taught or the congregation is negative and antagonistic to doctrinal teaching.

³ R. B. Thieme, Jr., *Reversionism*, 2d ed. (Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries, 2000), 37.

As goes the believer, so goes the client nation to God. The pivot of mature believers sustains a nation. When the Pivot is gone, God removes the Client Nation. Its corpse will not rest in peace.

- (g) The first love mentioned in Revelation 2:4 refers to the Lord Jesus Christ as both the living Word and the written Word or doctrine.
- (h) Reverse-process reversionism leaves a true object and gravitates toward a pseudo-love object. The believer in reverse-process reversionism rejects everything related to true love and God. His standards are antithetical to those of Bible doctrine.
- (i) He seeks his own personal glory instead of love of God. He seeks any false lover instead of his right woman. He seeks anyone who can help him or that he can use, instead of true friends.
- (j) He has a total reversal of all true objects of love.
- (k) Christian degeneracy blots out and reverses all of the mandates, all of the norms and standards, and all of the doctrinal understanding of three Biblical categories:
 - (1) The laws of divine establishment.
 - (2) Salvation by grace through faith.
 - (3) The protocol plan of God for the Church Age.
- (l). Seven characteristics of reverse process reversionism include:
 - (1) Prolonged residence in the cosmic system is the inevitable result of unchecked fragmentation, which is parlayed into reversionism.
 - (2) The believer in this stage is described in several ways.
 - (a) The enemy of God, James 4:4.
 - (b) The enemy of the cross, Philippians 3:18.
 - (c) A hater of God, John 15:23.
 - (d) Spiritual schizophrenia, "double-minded," James 4:8.
 - (e) Anti or against Christ, 1 John 2:18, 22; 4:3 and 2 John 7.
 - (f) Disciple of the devil, 1 John 3:8,10.

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- (3) Reverse-process reversionism is a status quo of unrestrained and perpetual sinfulness, fragmentation, reversionism, and extensive cosmic involvement. This believer is brainwashed by satanic propaganda.
- (4) The manifestations of reverse-process reversionism are many. The believer branches out into the various categories of reversionistic activity. Ten examples:
- (a) Legalistic fragmentation or polarized legalism becomes reversionism, Colossians 2:16–18.
- (b) Phallic fragmentation or polarized antinomianism (anti-law) becomes reversionism, 2 Corinthians 12:21; Ephesians 4:19, 5:5; Colossians 3:5; Revelation 2:14, 20–23.
- (c) Ascetic fragmentation becoming reversionism is characterized by self-sacrifice, 1 Timothy 4:3.
- (d) Mental attitude arrogance becomes reversionism and locked-in arrogance, 1 Timothy 6:4, 17.
- (e) Monetary fragmentation becomes reversionism, James 4:13–14, 5:1–6; Revelation 3:14–20; Ecclesiastes 5:10–16.
- (f) Drug addiction and alcoholic fragmentation becomes reversionism, Isaiah 28:1, 7-9; Galatians 5:20-21:
 "sorcery": φαρμακεία (*pharmakeía*): "drugs."
- (g) Anti-establishment fragmentation becoming reversionism is seen in those who reject such establishment principles as free enterprise, freedom through military victory, the divine institutions of family, home, and the true function of government.

Such believers do not understand that freedom without authority is anarchy, and authority without freedom is tyranny, Romans 1:18–32.

- (h) Verbal fragmentation becomes reversionism, James 5:9,12.
- (i) Psychotic fragmentation becomes reversionism, 2 Peter 2:15–19.
- (j) National reversionism is addressed in Hosea 4:1–6.

D. Biblical Nomenclature for Reversionism.

- 1. Galatians 5:4, "drifting off course from grace."
- 2. Philippians 3:18, "the enemy of the cross."
- 3. Jeremiah 9:25–26, "uncircumcised of heart."

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- 4. Hebrews 12:15, "falling from grace" means total malfunction of any grace modus operandi and total ignorance of the grace policy of God in the protocol plan.
- 5. 2 Peter 2:7–8, "the tortured soul."
- 6. 2 Peter 2:14, "the unstable soul."
- 7. Revelation 2:5, "fallen."
- 8. Revelation 2:4, "left your first love."
- 9. Revelation 3:15–16, "lukewarm."
- 10. 1 Timothy 1:19, "shipwrecked."
- 11. John 15:23, "He who hates Me [Jesus Christ], also hates My Father."
- 12. 1 Peter 5:8, "Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." "Devouring" is accomplished when you change your priorities by reverse-process reversionism.
- 13. 2 Timothy 2:26, "they have entered the devil's trap."

E. Profile of the Reversionist, Psalms 7:14-16.

Psalms 7:14 "Behold, he shall have <u>labor pains of</u> <u>vanity</u> because he has become pregnant with frustration. Therefore, he has given birth to a life of deceit."

- (a) Labor pains of vanity describe the many sins in the arrogance complex. Labor pains of vanity result in reaction and distraction, the first stage of reversionism.
- (b) To become pregnant with frustration describes the <u>next three</u> <u>stages of reverse-process reversionism</u>: numbers two through four.
- (c) The life of deceit describes the <u>last four stages of reversionism</u>:¹
 (5) permanent negative volition toward Bible doctrine, (6) blackout of the soul, (7) scar tissue of the soul, and (8) reverse-process reversionism.
- (d) The use of male pronouns in a pregnancy and birth illustration is sanctified sarcasm in the Hebrew. (Psalm 7:14)

Psalm 7:15 He has <u>dug a grave</u> and he has <u>explored it</u>; therefore, he has <u>fallen into the pit</u> which he made.

- (a) Digging a grave refers to self-fragmentation by pulling the pin of the grenade. First you frag yourself, and then you polarize in your fragmentation according to the trend of your old sin nature.
- (b) Digging a grave refers to implosion, wherein you answer the call of temptation from your old sin nature. Then you explode or fragment. Digging the grave refers to the first four stages of reversionism.

¹ See JAS4-49.Rev, page 490, subpoint (2), for the seven characteristics of reverse-process reversionism.

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- (c) "Exploring the grave he dug" refers to the last four stages of reversionism.
- (d) Falling into the pit or hole refers to believer degeneracy. He has made it himself by his own self-determination. This believer will eventually die the sin unto death.

Psalm 7:16 "His frustration will return on his own head; and his violence will descend on the crown of his own head." This describes the three categories of divine discipline suffered by the reversionist.

F. Reversionism leads to the destruction of the client nation, Hosea 4:1-6.

Hosea 4:1 Hear the word of the Lord, you citizens of Israel [Northern Kingdom of Israel as a priest nation to God], because the Lord has a [legal] case against the inhabitants of the priest nation; because nothing of doctrine is being taught, and nothing of grace is being applied. There is no knowledge of God.

v. 2 Instead, there is <u>lying</u> [dishonesty, lack of integrity and virtue], deception, murder, rape; therefore, <u>violence</u> [insurrection and terrorism].

v.3 Consequently, the land mourns and all who live in it <u>languish</u> [loss of strength; feeble, dispirited], along with domestic animals, the birds of the sky, and the fish in the sea.

v. 4 Yet let no one find fault; let no one offer criticism. For your citizens are like those who are contending with doctrinal communicators [Levitical priesthood].

v.5 Therefore, <u>you have stumbled in the daylight</u> [rejection of truth taught by the priesthood], and even the false prophet will stumble with you in night darkness, and I will <u>destroy your mother</u> [priest-nation Israel]. (EXT)

(a) The daylight refers to clear doctrinal teaching, to great warnings from both prophets and priests alike. The people had heard the truth and had been warned, yet they stumbled in that daylight. They stumble even as they see the problem.