## The April 12, 1991

# "Locust Letter"

## Why Was This "Locust Letter" So Important???

The **year 1991** and the **"Locust Letter"** are <u>foundational</u> to the TWMC [YORWW] Congregation's prophetic identity—marking the moment **they publicly declared the spiritual downfall of the Watchtower Society** and positioned themselves as <u>a divinely appointed voice of judgment</u>.

The year 1991 is pivotal because it gave birth to the **TWMC [YORWW] Movement**. In spring 1991, sixteen former Jehovah's Witnesses *formally* (wrote their letters) broke away and founded the TWMC Congregation, which *eventually* became the YORWW Congregation. They believed the Watchtower Society had become spiritually corrupt and was no longer fit to bear God's Great Name.

<sup>3</sup> And out of the smoke <u>locusts came forth</u> upon the earth; and <u>authority was given them</u>, the same authority as the scorpions of the earth have. <sup>4</sup> And they were told to harm no vegetation of the earth nor any green thing nor any tree, **but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.**"

-- Revelation 9:2-4

They saw themselves as a modern-day fulfillment of <u>Revelation 9—the "locusts"</u> released from the abyss to torment those <u>without God's seal</u>. This imagery was used to describe their mission to <u>expose</u> the Watchtower's errors and call Jehovah's Witnesses to <u>repentance</u>.

The letter <u>predicted</u> the fall of the <u>Watchtower Society's Governing Body</u> and writing staff. It claimed that Jehovah's Witnesses were being spiritually <u>tormented by false teachings</u> and that **divine judgment was** <u>imminent</u>.

The "locusts" were not literal insects but symbolic of the TWMC's [YORWW] prophetic message—meant to **sting the conscience** of Jehovah's Witnesses and <u>awaken them</u> to what the TWMC [YORWW] saw as <u>doctrinal apostasy</u>.

The year 1991, marks the beginning of a <u>divinely inspired mission</u> by Donald C. Burney and TWMC to restore true worship to Jehovah's Witnesses. The Locust Letter is seen as a bold, *prophetic declaration*—like Elijah confronting the prophets of Baal. But like the prophet Jeremiah, <u>no one</u> <u>would listened to it</u>.

"<sup>7</sup> And the likenesses of the locusts resembled horses prepared for battle; and upon their heads [were] what seemed to be crowns like gold, and their faces [were] as men's faces, <sup>8</sup> but they had hair as women's hair. And their teeth were as those of lions; <sup>9</sup> and they had breastplates like iron breastplates. And the sound of their wings [was] as the sound of chariots of many horses running into battle." — Revelation 9:7-9

Below is part of the letter that is posted on **Jehovah's Truth Discussion Board**:

· In part the letter stated:

April 12, 1991

Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses

c/o Watchtower Society Inc. New York Watchtower Society Inc. Pennsylvania International Bible Students Association

Dear Sirs:

This is to officially notify you that what has been spoken of in <u>Isaiah 22:15-21</u> has taken place upon you 12 members of the Governing Body of Jehovah's Witnesses. Yes upon you. Jehovah God through his Faithful Son, who cannot deny himself (<u>2 Tim. 2:12</u>, <u>13</u>) has REPLACED YOU as his official representative and spokesman for the Anointed Remnant EARTH-WIDE.

The Locust Plague spoken of at <u>Revelation 9:1-11</u> has began upon you. Verse 4 shows that the men under attack claim to have the "seal" in their foreheads, or they are expected to have the "seal of God" but in actuality do not. They are the focal point of the attack of the locust. Christendom along with it's clergy have often been explained to be ones deserving "hurting" or as the footnote in the large print Reference Bible says "to treat unrighteously" (verse 10) in many of the publications of the Watchtower Society. However, from a much closer examination of the facts, we find that YOU are the ones deserving of this attack.

Case in point, let's examine this new RAMADA INN you starting, or better known as Patterson ... How dare you use monies contributed for sacred service, monies contributed to further the Great Name of our God Jehovah being advertised worldwide -- you took that money and are using it to set up a

LAKE TAHOE for yourselves and for all of your illustrious leaders -- better known as Bethel elders, somehow separate from the rest of us. It has been reported in newspapers that this facility is "FOR THE LEADERS" of this organization. There is no denying that you are most reprehensible in this regard. And for this there is indignation from the face of Jehovah. See <a href="Numbers 16:46">Numbers 16:46</a>.

...And your madness will become plain to all in the near future. 2 Tim. 3:9. Some will scoff and will say, 'it can't be possible. Jehovah wouldn't turn on his own people. Not the Governing Body, not the Watchtower Society!' Listen to what <u>Isaiah 28:20-22</u> says about you people. Yes you have been prophesied about!

"...For Jehovah will rise up just as at Mount Perazim, He will be agitated just as in the low plain near Gibeon, that he may do HIS DEED -- HIS DEED IS STRANGE -- and that he may work his work -- HIS WORK IS UNUSUAL."

...You men in Service Department, Writing Department: listen carefully ... Bethel Elders: "And I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the leveling instrument; and the hail must sweep away the refuge of a lie, and the waters themselves will flood out the very place of concealment. And your covenant with Death will certainly be dissolved, and that vision of yours with Sheol will not stand. The overflowing flash flood, when it passes through -- you must also become for it a TRAMPLING PLACE. As often as it passes through, it will take you men away, because morning by morning it will pass through, during the day and during the night; and it must become nothing but a REASON FOR QUAKING to make OTHERS UNDERSTAND what has been heard." Isaiah 28:17-19

**THE LIE:** Notice <u>Isaiah 28:15</u> -- "... the overflowing flash flood, in case it should pass through, will not come to us."

Again, <u>Isaiah 29:14</u>:

"Therefore here I am the one that will act wonderfully again with this people, in a wonderful manner and with something wonderful; and the wisdom of their wise men must perish, and the VERY UNDERSTANDING of their discreet men will conceal itself."

This is what you will be publishing in days to come:

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"And I also, for my part, gave you people cleanness of teeth in all your cities and want of bread in all your places ... And two or three cities staggered to one city in order to drink water, and they would not get satisfied."

No satisfaction will come from your writing staff. See <a href="Amos 4:6-8">Amos 4:6-8</a>

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"...Jehovah of armies, is removing from Jerusalem and from Judah support and stay, the whole support of bread and the whole support of water..." <u>Isaiah 3:1</u>

End of excerpt from letter (Letter written by Donald C. Burney)

Also, the original Locust Letter is posted on that thread on Jehovah's Truth Board directly under the excerpt posted above, <u>click here</u>.

#### **TODAY**

Yes today, since 2004, TWMC is known as the YORWW Congregation and is a domestic registered non-profit corporation. The YORWW Congregation—is short for **"Yah Our Righteousness World Wide."** The religious group was founded in the Spring of 1991 by sixteen former Jehovah's Witnesses.

They still assert that their core belief is that Jehovah's Witnesses, like ancient Israel, have <u>lost their</u> <u>privilege of bearing God's Great Name</u> due to spiritual corruption—paralleling how 1<sup>st</sup> century Christians who <u>replaced</u> (fired) the Jewish religious leadership in Jesus' time. As the scripture Matthew 21:43 states:

"43 This is why I say to YOU, The kingdom of God will be <u>taken</u> from YOU and be given to a nation producing its fruits."

— *Matthew 21:43* 

According to the YORWW Bible Institute & Religious Studies, they emphasize doctrinal unity

and require members to <u>accept the **40 Basic Truths**</u> before participating on any of their <u>many</u> <u>online discussion boards</u>. Note, **40 means JUDGMENT!** 

For a larger understanding of this, see their <u>Mission Statement</u>, as it maps out exactly what is required of one who would like to join one of the <u>YORWW Discussion Boards</u>. And if one would like to take the 90 day course on <u>LivingWatersForum.com</u>, you would want to see the <u>YORWW Rules</u> page also.

The YORWW Congregation has always had an **online presence** for well <u>over 30 years</u>, therefore the question, "what took you so long?" could come up. Not to mention the fact that Jehovah God, Himself exposed the <u>NGO situation</u> in the Guardian in 2001. We suggest the "spirit of humility" in all things so things will *may* go well for you. See Ezekiel 16:62, 63:

"62 "And I, I myself, will establish my covenant with you; and you will have to know that I am Jehovah, 63 in order that <u>you may remember and actually be ashamed</u> and <u>you may no more come to have any reason to open [your] mouth because of your humiliation</u>, when I make an atonement for you for all that you have done,' is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Jehovah."" — Ezekiel 16:62-63

Think about it!