A Note on the Translations and on Authority

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The Most Reverend Garland F. Byers, Jr. does not claim fluency in the many languages in which the writings of The Kingdom Scribe are published, and he cannot accurately render the English text into each of them himself. He has no staff of translators, nor the means to employ a translator for every language on this website. The translations presented here have therefore been prepared with the aid of artificial intelligence. Artificial intelligence is capable of making mistakes, and such mistakes are unintended.

Artificial intelligence is widely used for trivial purposes: fiction, films, passing amusements and memes that entertain for a moment but add no lasting value to human life. The Bishop has chosen to use it for the opposite purpose. He employs it to add value, by carrying the words of Holy Scripture and faithful discussion of the Christian faith to Christians in the diaspora and to believers among the nations in their own tongues. To his knowledge, no other individual bishop has undertaken such a work. He has felt a particular call to do so, that the words of God and of His Christ might be available to all nations.

The Bishop offers his sincere apology for any error in translation. Every such error is unintended. He treats the words of God and of our Lord Jesus Christ with the greatest respect, and he would not under any circumstances seek to harm, diminish or reduce in value the words of our Lord. This work is

offered in reverence, and in holy fear of the power of Almighty God and of Jesus Christ, who declared, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matthew 28:18, KJV).

On Authority and Jurisdiction

The writings of The Kingdom Scribe are offered freely to all readers, of every church and communion. In offering them, the Bishop claims no jurisdiction over any church or over any of its faithful. His aim is Christian unity, and he does not seek to draw anyone away from his or her own church. The Bishop is a Christian in apostolic succession in the Church of Jesus Christ, without denominational preference, deference or prejudice. Nothing on this website is intended to take away the jurisdictional claim of any church body, or to strengthen the claim of another. The author of a book on a Christian subject does not, by writing it, acquire authority over those who read it. Each reader remains under the leadership of his or her own church. The same is true of every reader of this website.

Nonetheless, by virtue of his apostolic succession, the Bishop holds sacramental authority, and he speaks with that authority on the subjects he takes up, as he is led by the Holy Spirit to do so. It follows that his understanding of what the Scriptures require will at times differ from that of other bishops throughout the world. Where such differences arise, he does not ask any reader to set aside his or her own church. He asks only that each believer weigh what is written here in the light of Scripture, and follow his or her own conscience as to what the truth is.