

of Christian teaching, but God wants us to study the Scripture and teach what is taught there and stand absolutely four-square for what is clearly taught there and not to make unnecessary divisions over matters that have not been clearly revealed in His Word.

So in this case He made an illustration of what happens when we fail to follow God's Word as we should. A lion met him by the way and slew him, and his carcass was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcass. A strange event. The lion kills the man. I don't think it's strange the lion did not eat the man, but strange thing is that the lion did not interfere with the ass. The lion would probably have been more apt to destroy the ass, but the lion stood there and the ass stood there, and the man's carcass lay there. And people came by and saw ~~it~~ it and it was such a strangething that they carried a story back to Bethlehem. And the prophet heard of it and said the man of God who was disobedient therefore the Lord has delivered him unto the lion which has torn him and slain him, according to the word of the Lord. Now here is the verse I referred to a moment ago -- v. 27: And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled him. (Him is italicized here.) These italics were a great device of the KJV to show words that are inserted in order that you can understand but not consider it in the original. How many people know that? Such devices are good if people understand it and realize it. Few realize that fact. Some people have criticized recent translations because they don't use italics as much. I don't think many people understand the use of italics. Today we have other usages. No translation can be exact; it is impossible.