

who is the messenger. It may be.

On the other hand, Revelation is written ~~xxx~~ after most of the other books, and it may be a recognition of the fact that the situation had developed of ~~xxxxxxxx~~ having one man as leader. We certainly know that by the time of Ignatius, it was customary everywhere to have one man as the leader in the church. Now, was this development, then, which occurred, a development which was ~~be~~ contrary to God's will, a development which was wrong. Well, if we had nothing else but the Acts and the ~~epist~~ epistles, we might think that it was. But we have the Bible as a whole, and the Bible as a whole is one, and we ~~find~~ find in the Bible as a whole that the usual method of direction of God's people has been direction by one official. We find as early as the time of the children of Israel coming up out of Egypt that Moses was the official. God gave His commands to Moses, Moses passed them on to Aaron and to the people. And when Aaron and Miriam rebelled against Moses' power, God intervened. And drove them out into the wilderness and struck Miriam with leprosy. We find that through the days, when they came into the land, Joshua was the supreme commander, and there is no evidence of anyone having the right to question Joshua's authority. We find that thereafter God appointed judges, and the judge had an authority by himself, he ruled. ~~We find~~ find that the kingship was established, and while in its establishment, God rebukes the people that they wanted kings instead of judges, yet it had been predicted in the Pentateuch that there would be kings. And it was the judge, he derived his authority directly from God, the king from God, and also from heredity, so that there was a change, and yet it was not a change from the rule of a group to the rule of one. There was a king, who while never absolute, always had a great deal of individual leadership and control.

And so we find that it has been ~~God's~~ God's way, even with Christ and the apostles, He was the ~~head~~ head of the ~~apostolic~~ apostolic band, and He directed them. And so we can say that the normal working of the direction of human institutions, as represented in the Bible, had been with one man at the head. And we find that in churches it is ordinarily very dangerous thing to have