

INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDIES OF “THE WORD OF TRUTH” MAGAZINE

Otis Q. Sellers began writing down his studies in the year 1936 (Vol. I). At that time, he created a Bible-study magazine series called “**The Word of Truth.**” These consisted of in-depth Bible studies and commentaries; the format continued until the year 1967 (Vol. XVII). Therefore, the materials included herein represent the Bible studies of this man over a period of 31 years. He then later wrote almost 200 4-page issues of **Seed and Bread**, to continue with his latest understandings, for almost another 20 years.

A personal commitment was made, late in the year 2001, to convert all of Sellers’ writings, including these bound **Word of Truth** volumes, onto digital format. With the invaluable help of my nephew, Mark Hammond, I soon learned the procedures necessary to accomplish this task. We now have permanent records of Sellers’ written studies in compact disk form for use by future generations of believers in their studies.

Sellers considered himself to be a student of “progressive revelation” and declared that he wrote down his present knowledge at the time. Even he, however, couldn’t forecast what a significant change he (and us) would undergo in the course from his early studies. The early writings (especially through Vol. V) contained many studies which he later varied from drastically. These earlier volumes show how his initial thoughts questioned certain subjects taught by the Baptist church, where he started as a minister. Also, the studies in the first five volumes that he still considered valid are repeated with greater, inquisitive insights within these latter volumes. You will notice that, even in Volume VIII and later, Sellers had not yet understood the significance of the **future premillennial Kingdom of God**, which, when he did understand it, came to reveal an **ASTOUNDING revelation** throughout the Bible, including the Old Testament! **And, his studies then show how THIS, the revelation of the future Kingdom of God, is the real subject of the entire Bible!**

Sellers later confided in one of his beloved “students” of the Word of God, John Ribbens, that it wasn’t until the year 1947 that the clarity of this future Premillennial Kingdom of God became clear to him. We don’t find it in these Magazines until Volume X. So, it was a long time in development.

A related cautionary note is believed in order (particularly regarding the early volumes). Since these Volumes were written over a 31 year period, it was a gradual revelation to him and his readership. To us, who now have this all on a single CD, it is just a matter of clicking the “return” button. To us, the changes may appear SUDDEN, when they really weren’t at the time.

For the Record

The month/year of each issue of these volumes has been retained for historical purposes only. The studies themselves remain timeless. Also, I have retained the sections in most issues, entitled “**The Editor to His Friends.**” These provide a chronology of things occurring in Sellers’ personal and “ministry” life over the years and were thought to be interesting to readers in terms of what was happening with/to him at the time of his studies.

Use of These Materials

The Word of Truth Ministry continues to prosper and add daily to its mailing/e-mailing lists. These are never given out or sold. We are especially desirous of continuing usage of Sellers’ study materials. He recognized the necessity for monetary contributions to help keep this ministry going. This is still true, today. But, he also said, many times, that he would not withhold spreading his studies because of people’s lack of funds. If you desire to use these materials in further publications, he (Sellers) had asked only two things: 1) please quote me accurately, and 2) let your readers know the source of the material you are using is from **The Word of Truth Ministry.**

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Dedication

This “labor of love” has taken almost 3 years to accomplish. It is dedicated to the memory of my father, Milton B. Hammond, Sr., who was one of the original group in Grand Rapids, Michigan who asked Otis Sellers to come there and teach the Word of God, with “no holds barred”. My

brother and I owe him a tremendous “thank you” for bringing us into these unique and illuminating studies of The Word of God.

Robert Hammond
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