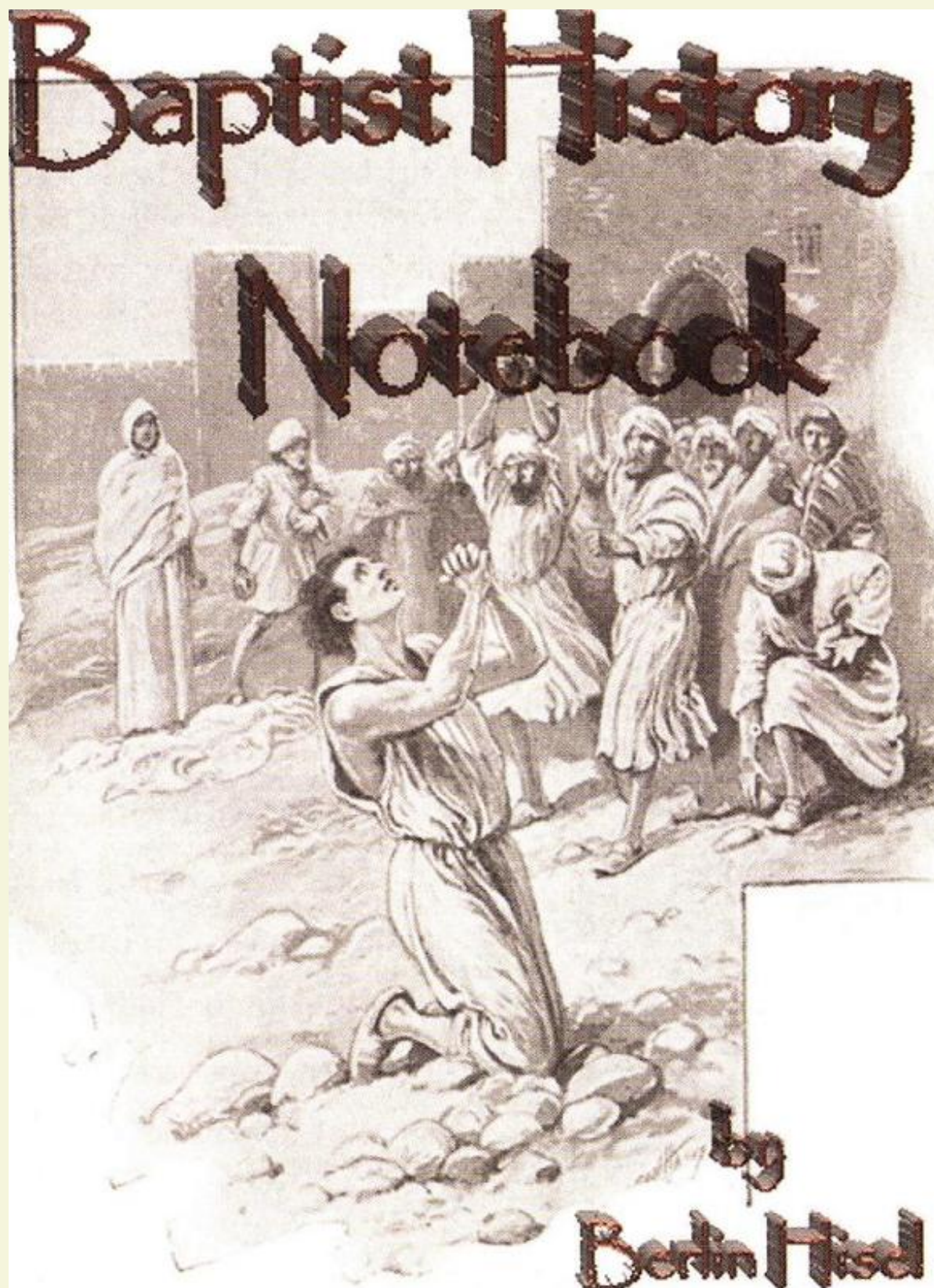


Baptist History Notebook



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Forward

Unfortunately, to many this work will only be an intellectual exercise in Biblical and historical facts. Sadly, the one thing that can not be communicated in this work is the passion of heart the author had for these truths concerning the Lord's church.

Although Bro. Hisel's insight into this most blessed of subjects had been heard for many years both in lecture and through preaching, it was not until this editor was privileged to sit under his personal instruction in the class room of Lexington Baptist College that his heart-felt conviction and love was witnessed.

It is remembered on one special occasion. It was as though in the midst of his great technical and intellectual renderings of these truths that his heart was revealed as he began to weep over the fact that, by the grace of God, he had been privileged not only to be placed in one of his Lord's churches but, wonder of wonders, had been counted worthy to be a pastor over that which Christ Himself loved and loves so dearly. Bro. Hisel's great concern, even knowing the sovereign purpose of God in the perpetuity of His kind of churches, was that many were letting these truths of the Lord's churches fall in the streets.

It is with this reality in mind, knowing that those who let the truth fall are those who once were in possession of it, and seeing many today who once professed these truths deny them either in part or in whole, that this work is set to print by the editor.

It is a shared hope of the editor, with the author, that men will see the truth, hold to the truth, and propagate the truth of that which their Lord built and purposed to continue until the end of the age; that being His ecclesia; the local, visible, called out assembly of baptized believers, each being recognized as His church. For this is the only revealed truth of God concerning His kind of ecclesia in His Holy Word.

May God bless this humble effort, and may He use it to bring glory unto Himself.
Ephesians 3:21; 5:25-27

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Introduction to the 2nd Edition

It is with great joy that we present this second printing of The Baptist History NoteBook. It is a partial fulfillment of our hope that some would take an interest in their heritage as Baptists and that others would possibly come to a new or greater understanding of the truth concerning the Lord's churches.

We thank those who have personally promoted this work, both by obtaining it themselves and recommending it to others. We have seen Christian High Schools and Colleges use it for their curriculums as well as many churches buying them for their members. This has been the only method we have used to promote this work, and by it we now of necessity put another 500 copies into print.

Since the first printing of this book, the Lord, in His providence, has brought the editor to become the Pastor of the South Irvine Baptist Church, The Home of Kentucky Mountains Missions. If that sounds familiar, it probably is, for it was one of the churches that the author, Brother Hisel, pastored and it is the church to which we determined all the proceeds of this book would go to help the mission outreach of Kentucky Mountain Missions.

We again pray that God would be pleased to use this work for His honor and Glory and that the church of the Lord Jesus Christ might not only be better understood, but loved and appreciated in a fuller sense.

Again, any and all proceeds gained from this work will wholly go to the propagating of the Gospel with the hope of seeing souls saved by Grace and seeing New Testament Baptist Churches started through the work of the South Irvine Baptist Church known as Kentucky Mountain Missions.

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1 Peter 4:7-11
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