

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ANANIAS.

Chap. I.

1. And it came to pass in those days that there was war between the Hoodlumites and the Zites.
2. And the Hoodlumites, each and everyone, arose and said, "Behold as the Zites have oppressed the children of Gilcol in the former times and have usurped the power of the majority,
3. Let us show up the guile wherewith they have beguiled us and likewise the deep damnation of the deed.
4. Go to, let us get the bulge on them. And great was the bulge wherewith they bulged the Zites withal.
5. And lo! it came to pass that on a certain day, a ruler was appointed for the feast that is called Phooting.
6. But the ruler was of the children of Baal, yea, even a Zite, namely Elder, surnamed B. A., a cunning player on the football, and the children of Gilcol chose him before all to be ruler of the feast.
7. Howbeit, the Hoodlumites, holy and humble men of heart, stirred up the multitude and said,
8. As the Lord liveth, the hand of the oppressor that waxed strong shall be laid low.
9. And his horn shall be broken, and the pride of his heart be for a derision and scorn among men.
10. And with sackcloth and with lamentation shall they be compassed. Selah.
11. Now there was a certain little man of the mountain that is called Vanleek, and his name was Har, surnamed Kin,
12. Theson of Aguk, the son of Gotoh, the son of Nua.
13. And he had vowed a vow, saying, there shall no razor come upon my head till I am made a ruler of the feast among the children of Gilcol.
14. And have honoured my tribe with the chieftest of all the offerings of the sons of Gilcol.
15. And when Har, surnamed Kin, heard of all these things his wrath was hot within him.
16. And as he sat at meat he spake unto his manservant, Mak, the son of Gunnion, chief cook and bottlewasher of the tribe of the Hoodlumites, saying,
17. Go forth unto this man Elder, who hath been ordained ruler of the feast.
18. And when thou hast got thyself well out of his reach, thou and thus shalt thou say unto him,
19. Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as one that putteth it off.
20. And he yet further spake unto him, saying, Hast thou not seen the multitude of the tribes that cry aloud for this man Elder?
21. Behold I, even I, will deliver him into the hands of the Hoodlumites this day.
22. And thou and all the men of Gilcol shall know that I am the boss. Selah.
23. Behold, thou and thy brother, and thy tribe, even the Hoodlumites my brethren, shall go forth this day,
24. And ye shall speak privily with the young men, who are the children of Gilcol.
25. But chiefly unto them that dwell the other side the Primary, even unto the young men of the first tribe and the young men of the second tribe.
26. And through them shall I make myself ruler of the feast and smite the ungodly, the oppressor.

27. And Mak, the son of Gunnion, arose and said. Is thy servant a dog that he should do this thing?
28. But he answered, Yea, even a yaller dog.
29. And the manservant held his peace, for he was afraid, and he went on his way rejoicing.
30. And it came to pass that when all the tribes had gathered together for the second time
31. They were amazed, and said every man unto his neighbour.
32. Behold it is even as seventy of the one and three score and ten of the other.
33. Forasmuch as the Hoodlumites desire that from them shall the ruler of the feast be chosen, and the ungodly, yea even the Zites have vowed a vow that the ruler of the feast shall be a Zite.
34. Now while they took counsel among themselves, and communed one with another.
35. There arose in their midst one, even he who sat upon the seat of judgment, namely Har that is surnamed Kin, and they gave ear unto him.
36. And he spake from the rising up of the sun unto the sitting down of the same.
37. Both of their pride wherewith they are puffed up spake he unto them, and of the evilness of their ways.
38. And these and many other of their abominations spake he unto the children of Gilcol.
39. And it came to pass that when he had made an end of speaking, there was the sound as of a rushing mighty wind from among the Hoodlumites, and from among the Zites, weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth.
40. And behold the Hoodlumites mocked the Zites one to another, saying Let them call upon their High Priest. Peradventure he sleepeth and must be awakened.
41. Or peradventure he taketh a drink at the Oxford, or he is at the Windsor and playeth pool.
42. Howbeit the Zites were as silent as the Bump on the Log spoken of by O'Daniel the Prophet.
43. So it was when Elder heard these things he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entering in of the chamber.
44. And behold there came a voice unto him and said what dost thou here, Elder surnamed B. A.
45. And he said, I am very jealous because of the children of Gilcol, who are about to forsake their covenant and slay my people with the sword.
46. And I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life to destroy it.
47. Howbeit the Hoodlumites girded up their loins and they cried out together with a mighty shout.
48. And called unto Mak, the son of Gunnion, that made Gilcol to sin saying, up find us a ruler that he may sit at the feast and rule over us.
49. And he straightway asked of his master, Har surnamed Kin, that he should be ruler of the feast. For all things had been ordained of them before.
50. And Har, surnamed Kin, gave thanks unto the children of Gilcol.
51. And the rest of the acts of Har, surnamed Kin, and all that he did, and how he ruled at the feast, are they not written in the second chapter of the the Gospel according to Ananias.