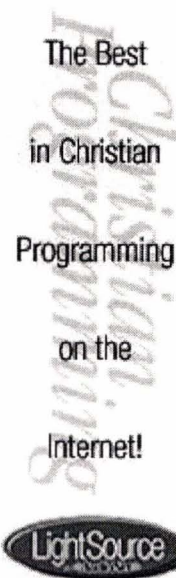


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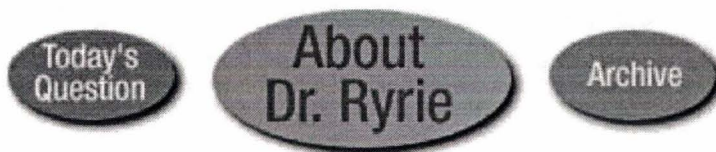


Wednesday, December 31, 1997

Subject: Are there hidden codes in the Bible?

Dear Dr. Ryrie: What is your view of hidden Bible codes? Are they really there, and if so, how should we interpret them? --Pete J.

Dear Pete: Personally, I do not put any credence in these so-called hidden codes in the Bible. Even Rips, the Israeli mathematician whom Drosnin (the author of The Bible Code) credits as the code's discoverer, says he does not support the work. Given enough time and enough attempts and enough computer programs, you can "discover" almost anything in any data set. There are plenty of prophecies in the Bible that have come true to give us confidence that the yet unfulfilled ones will also happen. Why do people get so excited about alleged hidden messages in the Bible and pay so little attention to its clear teachings?



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