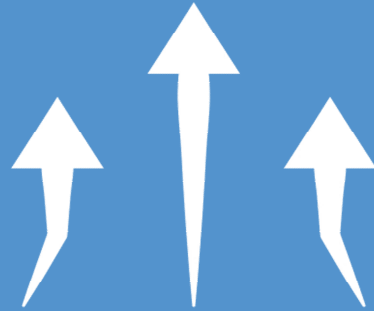


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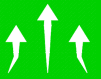
# **The Rapture Survival Guide**

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**The Rapture Survival Guide is a comprehensive collection of information focused on the events leading up to and succeeding the rapture of the church. The guide is designed to help you survive the perilous times ahead, avoid deception, prove that the bible is from God and save your eternal life.**





The Rapture, otherwise known as "the Harpazo" is a Christian religious event in which the believers saved in Jesus Christ and those younger than the accountable age vanish from earth in the "twinkling of an eye" (instantly) meeting Jesus in the air. Those who rejected Jesus and were left behind on earth will be subject to 7 years of the wrath of God, known as the Tribulation. Immediately following this will be Jesus' second triumphant return with those who were raptured previously, where He will claim His throne in Jerusalem and rule for 1000 years.

Following the disappearance people from earth and the standing aside by the 'restrainer' (the Holy Spirit) there will be utter chaos in the world as people seek to understand what happened. If you're one of these people - you have found the answers to all the questions you may have on the subject alongside the Bible. Be warned that there will be a "lie" (2 Thessalonians 2:11) that is so powerful it will deceive even the most intelligent people. Some Christians believe that this lie will be an alien deception of some sort because it's the only plausible scenario that could explain the disappearance of millions of people from earth in a single moment. However since the Bible isn't explicit on what it is, the interpretation is left open.

Immediately after the rapture, the antichrist (someone who puts himself in place of God) can begin his rise to power, gaining notoriety and influence all over the world and solving its problems. Once he has gained enough attention on the world stage he will make an existing covenant with Israel - even more spectacular, allowing the Jews to build the third temple. This covenant initiates the 7 year tribulation which is the period God pours out plagues on the planet in an attempt to bring His nation - Israel and those who dwell on the earth back to Him. 3.5 years into the covenant the antichrist sits on the throne in the temple in Jerusalem and declares himself to be god, kicking off the second half of the tribulation.

He will then proceed to slaughter all Jews and newly converted Christians throughout the entire globe and all those who refuse to take his 'mark' - The Mark of the Beast on either their right hand or forehead. The bible says his mark "666" will need to be 'calculated' and won't be easily identifiable, but it will be his number and not your own personal identification number. (Revelation 13:18) During this rise and reign of the antichrist, God will be pouring out His just judgements on this increasingly sinful world which will cause utter devastation on the planet and ultimately cause the nations of the world to come together to battle God at Armageddon.

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All of the terms discussed above are discussed in detail below to help you understand God's plan for the gentiles (non Jews) and the plan for His nation of Israel in the final chapter of earth. So keep reading and feel free to print, copy, email and disseminate this guide to anyone and everyone seeking truth in these 'biblical' times as there are no copyrights on it.

If some of these prophecies such as the rapture have already been fulfilled and you're seeking answers, please keep reading! If anything, the events in the book of Revelation in the guide below can be used to verify that the bible is 100% truth and given from a loving God *outside* of space and time. It's absolutely critical that you understand this before continuing on or you'll tend to disregard the essential points. For additional reasons on why the bible is truth, see the "RELIGION > Christianity > Evidence for God" section which can either be found below if you're reading the digital version or can be downloaded from [www.fluidicice.com/TRSG](http://www.fluidicice.com/TRSG) if you have a printed version.

#### 1 Corinthians 15:51-53

*Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.*

This is one of the verses in the bible referencing the rapture of the church.

There are plenty of other events which have to be fulfilled in the near future such as the global government and the one world religion, but these three are very distinct events which will be hard to miss, as they will get global media coverage when they occur. Read on below to find out more about these events.



### Millions Vanish From Earth!

(1 Corinthians 15:52)

Jesus calls the believing Christians home, before His wrath

(Jumps down to 'Left Behind?')



### The Destruction of Damascus

(Isaiah 17)

Damascus will be destroyed and never inhabited again

(Jumps down to Damascus' destruction)



### The Russian Invasion of Israel

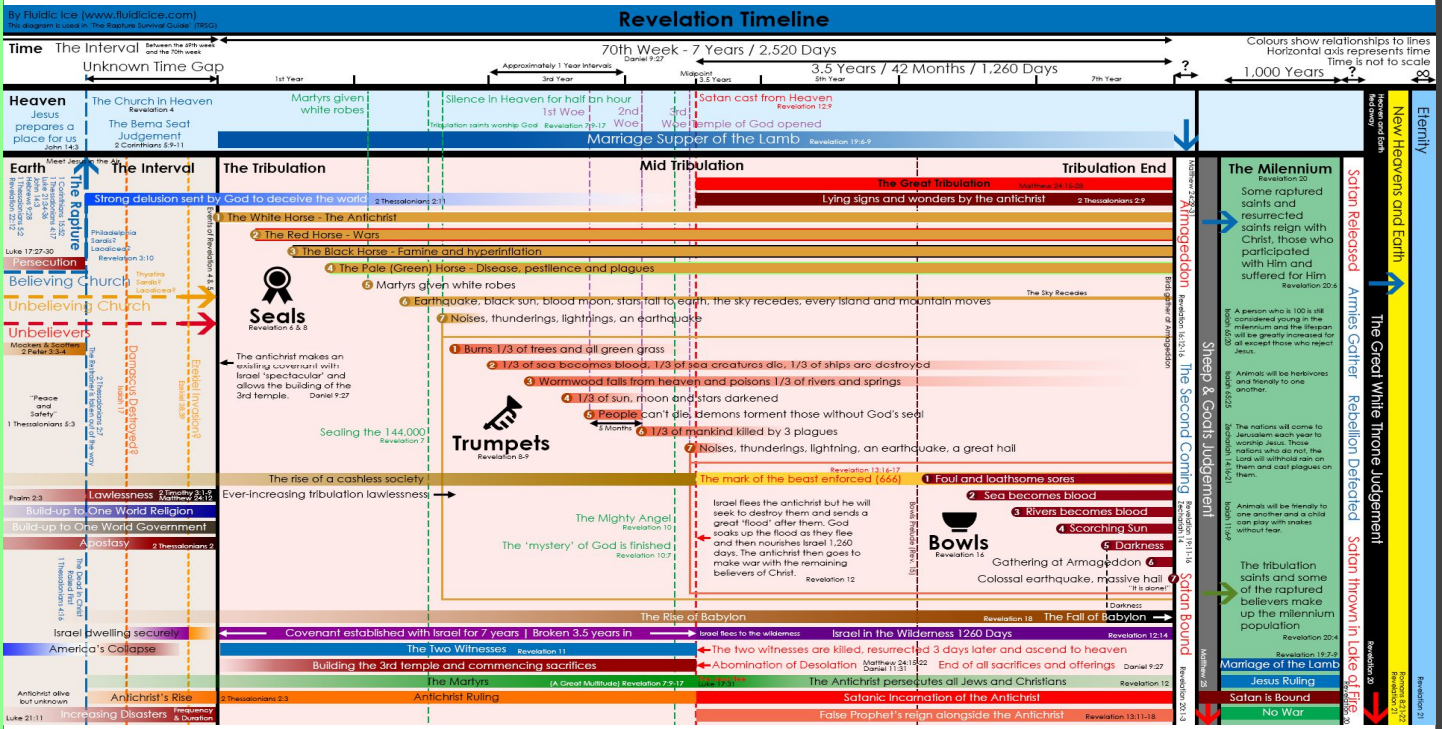
(Ezekiel 38)

Russia, Iran, Turkey, Libya and Syria will surprise attack Israel simultaneously but utterly fail

(Jumps down to the Israel invasion)

# End Times Timeline

This is a diagram of the likeliest scenario of how end time events could unfold, based on a premillennial dispensational view of Christianity. It can be used to refer back to when reading through the rest of this section as you won't understand each event without further study. The diagram may be a bit daunting on first look, but after reading the scriptures (mostly Revelation) you should slowly be able to work out what each event signifies and where you sit in God's end times timeline.



For an easier reading experience I recommend downloading the 4K version from my website 'fluidicice.com'. Just do a web search for "fluidic ice revelation timeline" to find it, or search through my 'Christianity' blog posts.

**TLDR Below:** The horizontal axis is time and the vertical axis splits up the events in heaven and on earth. If you draw a vertical line anywhere on the diagram, any horizontal lines that intersect with it may be occurring at that time. Colours have a relationship with anything else that colour.

## Reading the Diagram

To start reading this rather complicated diagram take a look at the white 'Time' bar near the top. This shows approximate timings for the events below such as the tribulation and the millennium. A little further down in the light blue section are the events that take place in heaven. Vertical lines spanning heaven and earth just show you these events occur in both places. Any coloured text adjacent to coloured lines shows a relationship. Coloured text is used to link common themes throughout the document, such as satanic influences and events appearing red, events involving raptured believers in baby blue and the events involving Israel being purple.

The events on earth are found under the heaven section and have a light brown and light red background. This is the section you will likely be focusing on the most if you've missed the rapture as it contains the seals, trumpets and bowls. I recommend drawing a vertical line on the diagram every so often to keep track of where you are in God's grand scheme. The gradient lines on the diagram are themed to particular events, people or groups of people and generally cover most of the timeline. The weaker the gradient - the less it applies.

The events after the tribulation such as the millennium and eternity are more for your general information due to not needing this diagram after the second coming of Jesus. That's about it, if you still have questions on it try giving the referenced scriptures a read.

## Diagram Events

The diagram starts before the rapture of the church where lawlessness, natural disasters and the persecution of the church will grow ever stronger in an attempt to wake people up from their spiritual slumber and to turn them back to God. Then the rapture happens (the blue line with an upwards arrow on the left) and the restrainer steps aside allowing all hell to break loose on earth. People will loot, steal, murder, riot and cry out in agony as the entire world breaks down. The deception sent by God will fool many into believing 'the lie' and people will be fixed to their TV's in disbelief at what's happening.

Out of the shadows the one who will be called the 'antichrist' will rise to power having solutions to the world's problems. (the orange gradient at the bottom) He will then establish a covenant with Israel allowing the third temple to be built (maroon line at the bottom), kicking off the tribulation period (the entire light red area in the middle). The tribulation is a time of God's wrath on the world - but particularly Israel, and consists of 21 scroll related events in the form of seals, trumpets and bowls including a few others mentioned throughout the bible. The seals are the orange gradients near the top and the trumpets are the red/orange gradients in the middle of the diagram)

3.5 years into the covenant with Israel (the red dotted line in exactly the middle), the antichrist will sit on the throne in the third temple and desecrate it with abominations to God. This is known as the Abomination of Desolation which starts the horrific second half of the tribulation known as the "Great Tribulation" where the Jews and Christians are hunted down for their faith. (The green gradient near the bottom) It is this point where the antichrist will mandate a 'mark' that everyone must take to be able to buy and trade with, and whoever doesn't take this mark will be beheaded. The bowls of God's wrath will be poured out on the world somewhere throughout this second half. (The maroon gradients with number in the middle-right) Near the end of the 7 years the Euphrates river will dry up (Bowl 5) allowing the nations of the world to gather in Armageddon, Israel to fight God. (Bowl 6) Jesus will then come gloriously from heaven with those who were raptured and kill all those who took the mark of the beast and those who do not believe in Him. (The white vertical bar before the millennium)

Satan will be bound and those Christians who survived the tribulation and those who returned from heaven will live harmoniously in the millennium with Jesus reigning. (The green section to the right) After the 1,000 years have finished, Satan will be released once more to deceive the nations for a time and then Jesus will destroy the uprising. (The white section to the right after the millennium) The great white throne judgement then occurs, where all the old testament saints and unbelievers throughout history are raised to life and judged for what they did in life. (The black bar) Once the judgement has passed and everyone has been grouped to either His left hand or right hand, he will send them to either everlasting life in heaven or everlasting judgement in hell. Finally, a new heaven and a new earth will be created for us to live in eternally. (The yellow and light blue bars)



**1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

This verse assures the church that those who have died will not miss out on His coming in the clouds. The dead will rise first and then the living will be raptured to meet him in the clouds.

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

"**1** But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. **2** For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. **3** For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. **4** But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. **5** You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. **6** Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. **7** For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. **8** But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. **9** For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. **11** Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing."

"The Lord will come as a thief in the night at a time nobody will expect Him. Be watchful and sober so that when the rapture happens you aren't found in sin. God did not appoint us to His wrath (the tribulation), so comfort each other with these words.

**Revelation 3:10**

"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth."

Because you, the followers of Christ have kept His word, He will keep you from the hour of temptation known as the tribulation. The tribulation is to test those who remain on earth who weren't taken, to separate the sheep (the followers and believers in Christ) from the goats - those who choose to go their own way and worship false idols. You get a second (and final) chance to turn to Him if you missed the rapture. However if it hasn't occurred yet you should commit your life to Him now because you aren't guaranteed tomorrow and there will be chaos and destruction worldwide when it happens. (What if you're in a plane piloted by two raptured Christians?)

**Luke 17:34-37**

"I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left."

Another verse about how the rapture will take place. Born again believers will be snatched away instantly from whatever they are doing at the time. The rapture will occur instantly all over the globe, hence the people asleep in bed and those out working. Note that all humanity is called the "Son of Man" by God, including females, so the verse is not referring to homosexuals in the bed.

**John 14:3**

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Jesus is preparing a place for us in heaven and soon will come again and take us back to the place He prepared. We aren't preparing the earth for His return as Postmillennialism or Kingdom Now theologians espouse and this is the verse that counters that argument.

**Daniel 12:1-2**

"And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

Michael the angel will relinquish his guardianship position over Israel and the events of the tribulation, the wrath of God and the antichrist will befall it, affecting it and every other nation on earth. The people of Israel, in particular the sealed 144,000 of Jesus will be delivered through this tribulation.

**Rapture Timing**

Among Christians there can often be some heated debates about the tribulation timing of the rapture, whether it's pre-tribulation, mid-tribulation, post-tribulation, that it's already happened (Postmillennialism) or that it's all allegorical (Amillennialism). This document uses the Pre-Tribulation viewpoint because it's the only biblically accurate position, but to sum it up simply - we are to expect Him at any time.

**This section doesn't need to be read if the Rapture has already happened, because you would know it was pre-tribulation.**

**Pre-Tributional**

**Pre-Tributional**  
(Biblically Accurate)

The pre-tribulation position advocates that the rapture will occur before the beginning of the seven-year tribulation period, while the second coming will occur at the end of it. Pre-tribulationists often describe the rapture as Jesus coming for the church and the second coming as Jesus coming with the church.  
**This is the view used throughout this document as explained below.**

1. The Doctrine of Imminency - We are to expect Him at any time, there are no longer any preconditions to His return.
2. It mirrors a Jewish Wedding (Betrothal, Payment, Sanctification, Bridegroom Departs, Prepares Room, Bride Prepares for his Return, Surprise Gathering, Wedding)
3. Enoch's rapture is a 'type' of the church before the great flood of Noah. (Type - a doctrine or theory concerning the relationship of events in the OT to the NT)
4. The church is mentioned repeatedly in the first 3 chapters but never again from the fourth chapter on - because it's now in heaven before the tribulation.
5. John was taken to heaven in the spirit in Revelation chapter 4 which mirrors a type of the rapture in the correct position relative to Revelation.
6. Parable of the 10 virgins. Matthew 25:1-13. This is an example of a Pre-Tribulation rapture as they do not know the day or the hour.
7. The seven lamps of fire in Revelation represent the church and relate back to the parable of the 10 virgins.
8. The 24 elders in heaven are symbolic of the raptured church. Point of interest - there are also 24 references to raptures in the bible.
9. "Comfort another with these words". 1 Thessalonians 4:18. How can you comfort others knowing you will go through even part of the tribulation?
10. The rapture of the church occurs before the tribulation so that God can focus His attention on Israel to bring them back to Him during this time.
11. Revelation 3:10 "Because you have persevered, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world".
12. If the rapture occurs pre-tribulation - wouldn't satan do his best to try and convince people otherwise so they feel they have more time?
13. 2 Thessalonians 1 tells us that God will put those who trouble believers through the tribulation and to give those who are troubled rest when Jesus returns.
14. Daniel's absence during the events of the golden idol worship in Daniel 3 is a type of the rapture. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego symbolise Israel.  
...and many other reasons and biblical 'types' too numerous to list.

**Mid-Tributional**

**Mid-Tributional**  
(Biblically Inaccurate)

The mid-tribulation position espouses that the rapture will occur at some point in the middle of the tribulation period, or 'Daniel's 70th Week'. The tribulation is divided into two periods of 3.5 years each. Mid-tribulationists hold that the saints will go through the first period (Beginning of Travail), but will be raptured into Heaven before the severe outpouring of God's wrath in the second half of what is popularly called the great tribulation.

Why the view is biblically inaccurate:

1. The entire tribulation is God's wrath on the unbelievers and we are to be spared the wrath of God. 1 Thessalonians 5:9
2. How can we expect Him at any time when the tribulation has obvious fixed events described in the bible? The disciples even expected Him.
3. The church is not mentioned in any of the events from chapter 4 onwards.
4. It is "The Time of Jacob's Trouble", Jacob's name was changed to Israel, therefore the tribulation is for the salvation of Israel and not the church.
5. The antichrist can only be revealed after the church is raptured.

**Prewrath Premillennialism**

**Prewrath Premillennialism**  
(Biblically Inaccurate)

The prewrath rapture view also places the rapture at some point during the tribulation period before the second coming. This view holds that the tribulation of the church begins toward the latter part of a seven-year period, being Daniel's 70th week, when the Antichrist is revealed in the temple. This latter half of a seven-year period (3.5 years) is defined as the great tribulation, although the exact duration is not known.

Why the view is biblically inaccurate:

1. The entire tribulation is God's wrath on the unbelievers and we are to be spared the wrath of God. (1 Thessalonians 5:9)
2. How can we expect Him at any time when the tribulation has obvious fixed events described in the bible? The disciples even expected Him.
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5. The antichrist can only be revealed after the church is raptured. (2 Thessalonians 2:3-4)

**Post-Tributional**

**Post-Tributional**  
(Biblically Inaccurate)

In the post-tribulation premillennial position, the rapture would be identical to the second coming of Jesus or as a meeting in the air with Jesus that immediately precedes his return to the Earth before a literal millennium. The post-tribulation position places the rapture at the end of the tribulation period.

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6. There won't be time for the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb" if we go to heaven and then instantly come back with Jesus.

**Postmillennialism**

**Postmillennialism (Kingdom Now)**  
(Very Biblically Inaccurate)

Postmillennials believe: The Church has replaced Israel, and God has no purpose left for the Jews. Accordingly, many of the proponents are aggressively anti-Semitic, even to the point of arguing that the Jewish people are the Antichrist. They say that the Church is destined to take over the world by itself and reign over all the nations for at least one thousand years and that Jesus cannot return for the Church until the Church has completed its reign and is ready to present the kingdom to Him. They also claim that the Second Coming of Christ occurred in the First Century.

In the postmillennialist view the millennium is seen as an indefinitely long time thus precluding literal interpretation of a thousand-year period. According to Loraine Boettner "the world will be Christianised, and the return of Christ will occur at the close of a long period of righteousness and peace, commonly called the millennium." Postmillennialists commonly view the rapture of the Church as one and the same event as the second coming of Christ. According to them the great tribulation was already fulfilled in the Jewish-Roman War of 66-73 AD that involved the destruction of Jerusalem.

Why the view is biblically inaccurate:

1. The world is obviously getting worse and not better, therefore Jesus will never be able to come according to this view. They will never be able to "Christianise" the world to prepare it for His return due to the fact that the vast majority of people will reject the bible. (Matthew 7:14)
2. Acts 3:21 does NOT mean that Jesus will wait in heaven until the earth is perfect, but that He will only come back when it's time to set things straight.
3. Matthew 24:14 does NOT mean that the world will have to be Christianised before His return, but says the gospel must be preached to the world.
4. God has and never will abandon Israel as per Romans 9-11 and the tribulation is "The time of Israel's Trouble", to bring them back to Jesus.
5. The tribulation can't have occurred in the past because the church is still on earth, the third temple hasn't been built, we would have heard of huge plagues wiping out most of the earth, we would know who the antichrist was and Jesus would be back by now.
6. If the rapture and the second coming are at the same time, how is there time for the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb"?
7. The reason for the church is to preach the gospel to any and all who will hear it and NOT to try and convert the world in preparation for Jesus.
8. Imminency - Jesus' return will not be imminent if the church will have to reign 1,000 years first.
9. "If we're in the millennium, satan's chain is too long"
10. Unfulfilled prophecies such as the destruction of Damascus (Isaiah 17), and the attempted invasion of Israel (Ezekiel 38).
11. John 14:3: "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself;"  
...and many more reasons too numerous to list.

**Amillennialism**

**Amillennialism (Preterism)**  
(Very Biblically Inaccurate)

Amillennialism is the spiritualizing or an allegorical interpretation of the end times bible passages. Amillennialists view the millennial rule of Christ as the current (in our hearts), but indefinite period that began with the foundation of the church and that will end with the Second Coming—a period where Christ already reigns with his saints through the Eucharist and his church. They believe that most Bible prophecy was fulfilled in AD 70 at the destruction of the Temple and they view the life of the church as Christ's kingdom already established, but not to be made complete until his second coming.

Bishop Earl Paulk taught that we are "little gods" and that Jesus Christ cannot return until we rise to the full stature of our godhood, take over this world, and establish His kingdom for Him - this is dominionism. Amillennialists generally do not use "rapture" as a theological term, but they do view a similar event coinciding with the second coming—primarily as a mystical gathering with Christ. To amillennialists the final days already began on the day of the Pentecost, but that the great tribulation will occur during the final phase or conclusion of the millennium, with Christ then returning as the alpha and omega at the end of time.

Why the view is biblically inaccurate:

1. We can't be living in the time of Jesus' reign because of so much evil in the world and it's continually getting worse.
2. The term rapture is used throughout the bible and can't be ignored by this theory.
3. Jesus said his feet will touch the mount of olives on His second coming thus being a physical return.
4. When did Jesus begin to reign over the world from Jerusalem?
5. Satan is bound throughout the millennium and he obviously is out today deceiving people.
6. The millennium couldn't have taken place in A.D. 70 because of all the unfulfilled prophecies and the knowledge that God's word is perfect.
7. When was Jerusalem surrounded by the armies of all nations?
8. Was Israel established in AD 70 in her land, never to be removed again?  
...and many more reasons too numerous to list.

**Date Setters**

These are any individuals or religious groups that have attempted to predict the day of the rapture, a practise referred to as "date setting". They have been thoroughly embarrassed and discredited, as the predicted date of fulfilment has invariably come and gone without event. Some of these individuals and groups have offered "correct" target dates, while others have offered excuses and have tried to "correct" their target dates, while simply releasing a reinterpretation of the meaning of the scripture to fit their current predicament, and then explain that although the prediction appeared to have not come true, in reality it had been completely accurate and fulfilled, albeit in a different way than many had expected.

**Mark 13:32**  
*"But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father."*

Christians should never try and set a date and time for the Rapture. Despite many attempts throughout the years to ascertain the date, the truth is we cannot calculate the day Christ will return because God specifically chose not to reveal this to us. Only God the father knows the day, the time and the hour, and He knows when time will run out. When Jesus was asked about the apocalyptic time by the apostles, He replied:  
*"It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority."* **Acts 1:7**

Year(s) Predicted	Individual
1260	Joachim of Flores
1365	Militz of Kromeriz
1660	Joseph Mede
1688	John Napier
1689	Pierre Jurieu of France
1715, 1734, 1866	William Whitson
1836	J.A. Bengal
1843, 1844	William Miller predicted that Christ would return between March 21, 1843 and March 21, 1844, then revised his prediction, claiming to have miscalculated the Bible, to October 22, 1844. The realization that the predictions were incorrect resulted in the Great Disappointment.
1874	C.T. Russell
1914, 1918, 1925	Various dates predicted for the Second Coming of Jesus by the Jehovah's Witnesses.
1978-1981	Chuck Smith predicted that Jesus would probably return by 1981.
1988	Edgar C. Whisenant published a book called "88 Reasons Why the Rapture Will Be in 1988".
1994	Radio evangelist Harold Camping predicted September 6, 1994.
2011	Harold Camping's revised prediction put May 21, 2011 as the date of the rapture. After this date passed without apparent incident, Camping made a radio broadcast stating that a non-visible "spiritual judgement" had indeed taken place, and that the physical rapture would occur on October 21, 2011. On that date, according to Camping, the "whole world will be destroyed."
2012	Many Christians thought that the end of the Mayan calendar would coincide with the rapture and the end of the world.
2017	Christian numerologist David Meade motivated this date with astrological theories.

So in summary, we are to not try and predict the timing of the rapture as God has not revealed this to us and His timing is perfect. Although we can see the times and the seasons falling into place like the progression towards a 'mark of the beast' and the push for a one world government.

**Rapture Prerequisites**

There were a few biblical prerequisites for the rapture to occur, however they have all come to pass leaving it open to happen at any time.

<b>Israel must be a Nation</b>	How can the tribulation be the time of Jacob's troubles if Jacob (Israel) isn't in it? This was fulfilled on 14 May 1948. David Ben-Gurion, the head of the Jewish Agency, proclaimed the establishment of the State of Israel. U.S. President Harry S. Truman recognized the new nation on the same day.
<b>The Destruction of the Temple (Mark 13:1-2)</b>	Jesus predicted the destruction of the temple which came to pass in 70 A.D., for this to pass the rapture couldn't have happened before then because the antichrist will build the third temple when he comes to power - and he won't if there's already a temple.
<b>The Falling Away (2 Thessalonians 2:1-4)</b>	Jesus said that there would be a great falling away (rapture or apostasy?), before the antichrist is revealed. We also know from this verse that the antichrist cannot be revealed until the church has been removed from the earth which makes sense if it refers to the rapture of the Church. If it refers to apostasy then that requirement has already been ticked off. Taking a look at the world today, we can see the utter confusion with regard to religion and the multiple splits that have occurred to form different denominations. Church has become more of a social event rather than a place of worship and fewer and fewer are attending. Mega church pastors and televangelists are spreading doctrines of demons daily.
<b>The Jews will have been scattered throughout the world</b>	Fulfilled. The Jewish Diaspora is the term for the dispersion of the Jews from their ancestral homeland which occurred during the siege of Jerusalem in 69-70 CE when the Romans invaded, destroying the temple.
<b>The Jews will return to their homeland of Israel</b>	Fulfilled. Many thousands of Jews have been returning to Israel since the end of World War II and the influx continues today.
<b>The land which the Jews return to would be desolate</b>	Fulfilled. Mark Twain back in 1867 said; The Sea of Galilee was, "a solemn, sailless, tintless lake, as unpoetical as any bath-tub on earth." and "It is a hopeless, dreary, heart-broken land." Throughout Innocents Abroad, Twain explicitly states that the area was desolate and devoid of inhabitants.
<b>Once the Jews are back in the land they will create great wealth</b>	Fulfilled. The country of Israel is very rich in both money, oil, gas and technology to name a few. Israel's GDP is growing by 3.3% per year as of 2020. Whereas Russia is only growing by 1.5%, The UK by 1.8% and even the U.S. is only growing by 2.3% p/y.
<b>The Jews will return in unbelief that Jesus is their messiah</b>	Currently Fulfilled. Jesus is still just a 'Good Man' according to the Jews.
<b>The world will be going through "birth pains" in the lead-up to the rapture</b>	Fulfilled and currently being fulfilled. The world will grow more and more restless by the day with increasing wars, famines, pestilences, and earthquakes. Matthew 24:4-8, Mark 13:5-8. COVID-19 and the decline of America are huge fulfillments of this scripture. As the devil gains more ground, the world will continue to fall into chaos until they beg for a world leader.

**Biblical Raptures**

These are 7 raptures or 'types' of raptures in the bible. Most of these are used as types or examples of how the worldwide rapture will occur at the end times. In particular Enoch was raptured before the flood as an example of the church being raptured before the tribulation. A type or typology in Christian theology and Biblical exegesis is a doctrine or theory concerning the relationship of the Old Testament to the New Testament such as when Moses had the brass serpent on a stake set up, he didn't know it at the time but this represents the cross in the New Testament.

<b>Enoch</b>	<b>Hebrews 11:5</b> <i>"By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God."</i>
<b>Elijah</b>	<b>2 Kings 2:11</b> <i>"Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven."</i>

<b>Jesus</b>	<b>Mark 16:19</b> "So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God." <b>Acts 1:9-11</b> "9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."" <b>Revelation 12:5</b> "She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne."
<b>Philip</b>	<b>Acts 8:39</b> "Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing."
<b>Paul</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 12:2-4</b> "2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. 3 And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— 4 how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter."
<b>Body of Christ</b>	<b>1 Thessalonians 4:17</b> "Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord."
<b>John</b>	<b>Revelation 4:1</b> "After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.""

**Event Distinction**

Throughout the bible there are different passages relating to both the rapture and second coming of Jesus which are very similar but may be confused. These are definitely two separate events due to seemingly opposing each other if looked at together. The below table should help with any confusion between them.

Rapture Verses	Second Coming Verses	Description
A translation of believers.	No translation involved.	At the rapture, those who are snatched away will be given new, glorified bodies.
Translated saints go to heaven.	Translated saints return to earth.	The believers are raptured first, then return behind Jesus at the second coming.
Earth is not judged.	Earth is judged.	Earth is not judged by Jesus, but only when He returns.
Imminent, it can happen at any moment.	Follows definite predicted signs.	The rapture can happen at any moment and the second coming has a lot of signs and prophecies related to it.
Not in the Old Testament.	Predicted in the Old Testament.	There are 'types' of raptures in the old testament, but there are actual predictions of the rapture in the new.
Believers only.	Affects everyone on earth.	The rapture affects believers only whereas all men will see Him return.
The rapture occurs before the day of wrath.	The second coming concludes the day of wrath.	The rapture happens before the tribulation and the second coming ends it.
No reference to Satan.	Satan is bound.	Satan isn't mentioned in relation to the rapture - possibly to catch him off guard. At the second coming Satan is bound.
He comes for His own.	He comes with His own.	Jesus comes for His own, vs. coming with His own at the second coming.
He comes in the air.	He comes to the earth.	Jesus only comes into the sky during the rapture and His foot touches earth in the second coming.
He claims His bride.	He comes with His bride.	Jesus comes, and claims His bride, and He comes back with his bride later.
Only His own will see Him.	Every eye shall see Him.	Only those born again will see him, just as when He returned after He was crucified.
Great tribulation begins.	Millennium begins.	The great tribulation begins soon after the rapture vs. the millennium beginning soon after He returns to set up His kingdom.
Church believers only.	Old Testament saints raised later.	Only the church believers are raised at the rapture and the old testament saints are raised later.

**4 Accepting Jesus**

**What is Salvation?**

Salvation is the deliverance from sin. To save means to deliver or protect. Jesus equated being saved with entering the kingdom of God (Matthew 19:24-25).

What are we saved from? We are saved from God's wrath, that is, His judgment of our sin when we meet Him face to face (Romans 5:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:9). Our sin has separated us from God, and the consequence of this violation of God's law is death (Romans 6:23). Biblical salvation refers to our deliverance from the consequences of sin and therefore involves the removal of sin which is already paid for by Jesus on the cross.

Who does the saving? Only God can remove sin and deliver us from sin's penalty (2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 3:5). How does God save? God has rescued us through Jesus's death on the cross and subsequent resurrection which achieved our salvation (Romans 5:10; Ephesians 1:7). Scripture is clear that salvation is the gracious, undeserved gift of God (Ephesians 2:5, 8) which is ours for the taking through faith in Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12). How do we receive salvation? We are saved by faith. First, we must hear the gospel—the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection (Ephesians 1:13).

Then, we must believe—fully trust the Lord Jesus (Romans 1:16). This involves repentance, a changing of mind about sin and Christ (Acts 3:19), and calling on the name of the Lord (Romans 10:9-10, 13). A definition of salvation would be "The deliverance, by the grace of God, from eternal punishment for sin which is granted to those who accept by faith God's conditions of repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus." Salvation is available in Jesus alone (John 14:6; Acts 4:12) and is dependent on God alone for provision, assurance, and security.

This is absolutely the most important section in the entire guide, showing you the path to eternal salvation as described in the bible. Your acceptance or denial of Jesus will affect where you spend eternity, and every soul lives forever it's just a matter of location. A prerequisite for becoming saved is knowing that God exists and that He created you, the universe and heavens. God wrote the bible to *further* prove His existence to us alongside the wonderful and spectacular world around us. There are countless incredible facts about the Bible that prove it had to be designed outside of space and time. For a few of these amazing insights read the 'Evidence for God' section in 'Christianity'.



## Becoming Saved

# A

**Admit that you are a sinner.** Any gap between God's perfect law and our imperfect obedience is called sin, which everyone has committed.

- "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23)
- "There is none righteous, no, not one;" (Romans 3:10)
- "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." (1 John 1:10)
- "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

# B

**Believe in your heart that Jesus Christ died for your sins, was buried, and that God raised Jesus from the dead on the third day, taking the punishment you deserved.** Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father but by me." (John 14:6) Your own good works cannot save you, no matter how good a person you are, and wouldn't the creator of heaven set the bar for entry?

- "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)
- "But God commends his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners. Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

# C

**Call upon the name of the Lord and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.** Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Lord and Saviour. There is an example prayer below.

- "If you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

### Pray

"Dear God, I am a sinner and need your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sins. I am willing and ready to change and turn from my sin. I now invite Jesus Christ to come into my heart and life, as my personal Saviour."

**"Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."**

Joel 2:32 / Acts 2:21 / Romans 10:13

Once you've prayed this prayer, believing it with all your heart, you're saved by the power of the blood of Jesus! He paid that ultimate price of our sin, sacrificing Himself so that we may live. However it's easy to say something with your mouth, what takes real effort is living out a life in pursuit of Jesus, walking according to His will for you and leaving your old sinful ways behind.

Below are some more verses related to salvation and justification, as well as some next steps you should take as a new Christian to help cement your faith. If there's one thing that satan despises, it's new Christians. So be prepared to battle against the spiritual forces of wickedness by praying and reading your bible daily as well as putting on your spiritual armour.

- "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish." (Luke 13:5)
- "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified." (Galatians 2:16)
- "How that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

### Talk to God in prayer every day.

"And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive." (Matthew 21:22)

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;" (Philippians 4:6)

"But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:16-17)

### Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority on everything.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," (Matthew 28:19)

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching;" (Hebrews 10:25)

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16)

### Tell others about Christ

"And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

"For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!" (1 Corinthians 9:16)

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek." (Romans 1:16)

### Walking with Jesus

If you have received Jesus Christ as your Saviour, as a Christian you should Read your Bible daily to get to know Christ better. Read the Holy Bible (KJV, NKJV, ESV), the guide and tool to kindness and the right path to eternal life. If you encounter questions, resolve them by asking someone at your church or another steadfast Christian to help you with them. "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalms 119:105)

### Seek Earnestly

As always if you wish to find answers out for yourself you should search God's word. If you're told something, search the scriptures to ensure that is what they say and the wording isn't twisted. Take caution not to be fooled by what others claim the bible says but do your own research. There will be great apostasy and a falling away from Christianity in the end times. The word of God is living and he can speak to you through his words. So find a bible.

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened." (Matthew 7:7-8)

### Godly Armour

You need to equip your spiritual armour. For more information see below.

### Next Steps

You should research what the bible has to say on prophecy and the end times. Take a look at the MASS DESTRUCTION > The Rapture section for more information, but if you have already I recommend watching some of the videos in the 'Christian Content' section within 'The Rapture Survival Guide'.

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So the rapture's happened, and the world is in absolute chaos. Now what?

### Left Behind?

## Left Behind?

Were you unsure about Christianity or even rejected God completely but have since seen that millions of people have vanished from the earth, who strangely were all born-again Christians and young children? This is the prophesised rapture or "harpazo" and it's the biblical event where God pulls his church from the earth so he can pour out his wrath on the nations and those who haven't chosen to follow Him.

You've missed the bus, but that won't stop you from getting into heaven if you become a born again Christian and follow Jesus' teachings from now on. However it will be an extremely dangerous period of time and Christians will almost certainly be killed for their faith by their friends, neighbours, the global government and the antichrist, but isn't eternal life in heaven with God worth dying for? The fact that the Rapture even happened should be substantial evidence that there is a God. You may have even heard about the rapture previously but brushed it aside as mythical or the "ranting of religious nuts".

With many hundreds of thousands to millions of people on earth instantly disappearing, chaos would have likely ensued the entire planet as cars crash, some planes will fall from the sky, utilities may shut down and there will be utter chaos and panic everywhere as parents frantically look for their young children who were raptured. The lack of people to fulfil jobs will delay production and transportation across the country will grind to a halt, exacerbated by the array of crashed vehicles in the road. Some important leaders may also disappear, possibly leaving nations leaderless for a period of time or causing people to fight for leadership. The rapture may have occurred prior to a big election and could have caused chaos and swayed the results tremendously in favour of someone else. With the withdrawal of the born-again Christians from earth, and with the holy spirit who indwells them also stepping aside, the world will get out of hand extremely fast as Christians were the salt and light of the earth. In the same way that salt slows meat from going rancid, so too will the earth decay faster.

The fact that you've been left behind should be a wake up call that you aren't currently going to heaven if you die today or when Jesus returns at His Second Coming. The good news is that you have slightly longer than 7 years (counting from the rapture) before His return to commit your life to Him and become a Christian. However with the impending devastation that is to come, you likely have much less time to live than that.

Below is a list of people who (*likely*) **won't** be taken in the rapture, so don't be deceived by anything they say if they remain behind:

#### The Pope

Contrary to what the world believes, the Pope is more ungodly than most other people on the planet. He doesn't talk about the blood of Jesus, he doesn't tell people they are sinful and need to be saved and he is trying to align all religions into a One World Religion.

#### The Catholic Church

The Catholic Church is unfortunately misled by the pope today who picks and chooses what they believe in the Bible. Therefore many people who attend these catholic churches have never accepted Jesus into their life.

#### Other Christian Churches

Other apostate Christian churches which believe in Jesus but have strayed from the truth likely won't be raptured. This could include: Seventh Day Adventists, Pentecostal Churches, Christian Science, Jehovah's Witnesses and more.

#### All Other Religions

People in all other religions such as Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism, etc, definitely won't be raptured.

#### Many Televangelists

"Christians" such as Joel Osteen, Andy Stanley, Benny Hinn, Joyce Meyer and Kenneth Copeland. You don't want to follow or believe anything a self-professed "Christian" has to say after the rapture.

#### The Music & Tv Industry

Musicians and actors who have sold their soul to the devil definitely won't be taken and will likely have a part to play in the deception of the masses with their influence and followers.

These are the people who **will** be taken in the rapture:

#### Born-Again Christians

All believers in Christ who have dedicated their lives to Him and believe that He died and rose again will be saved. This includes Jews who have accepted Christ even though Israel will go through the tribulation.

#### Young Children

Young children who have not yet reached the "age of accountability" will also be taken to heaven during the rapture leaving parents frantic.

#### The Alien Deception

I can't overstate how important it is to NOT be deceived after the rapture. God Himself will send "the lie" to deceive the world, which even the wise will find it irresistible to believe, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. (2 Thessalonians 2:11-12) The only plausible way to explain away the disappearance of millions from earth is to blame it on otherworldly beings such as aliens. It's my personal conviction that when the we're raptured and we meet Him in the air, we will shine brightly as many points of light in the sky, all across the globe, which could be "the lie" that God sends to earth. Each person a different brightness based on the works they did on earth during their life. (Daniel 12:3) But of course it could be something else entirely.

Do not believe any alien narrative that satan concocts to explain it away. Even the Catholic Church is preparing to receive an alien into their midst which they will baptize. Spiritualists will also call the removal of Christians from the planet "good" because it's simply the earth cleansing itself from those who are a detriment to it. Do not be deceived by their lies - instead seek earnestly the word of God. Besides, isn't the rapture the ultimate proof that He exists? If you don't believe yet, keep reading to hear about more future events to validate the bible. An example is that the future world leader - the antichrist, will have a deadly head/eye wound and a right arm wound which has been healed.

Have you noticed the sheer amount of Hollywood movies that involve aliens in recent years? How about the fact they usually prefer to take children for themselves? This is no accident. This lie has been slowly planted in the hearts of those directing Hollywood movies by none other than satan himself to continue the grand deception God gives the world when the born-again believers leave. People may not care much about the disappearance of Christians from the earth but when it comes to their own children, they will be wanting answers!

The rapture, the disappearance of all children and the continuation of natural disasters and 'birth pangs' will bring the world to its knees in desperation for a leader to end the suffering and unite the world. Enter the antichrist.

**The Enlightenment Deception**

Another extremely likely deception being pushed by satan and his cohorts (in an attempt to explain the rapture) is the belief by spiritualists that the new 'Age of Aquarius' will bring an age of increased 'global consciousness'. This consciousness or enlightenment will apparently sweep the globe, expanding everyone's minds with the knowledge that they are a god, and evolving humanity to the next phase of consciousness. This 'new global consciousness' will likely be paired with the rapture of the Church and may have some form of obvious signs in the sky following the rapture such as bright lights, or signs in space. Either way, even if there's no signs, they will be pushing the fact that that, "this is the enlightenment of the world", and "those who are a burden to the earth have been removed - but are safe".

In their own words this new age of aquarius will:

- Provide a lot of worldwide changes triggered by crises and pressure (We see the world collapsing today under the agenda of COVID)
- Change society and the ruling structures and elite of the world, due to Jupiter joining Saturn in Aquarius in December 2020. (The rise of globalism, as per the bible)
- Distribute the resources of the world more equally to everyone (Basically socialism, but the bible says this will happen anyway with a 'mark')
- Make knowledge, science and even astrology new governing powers of the world (Rather than religious traditions and biblical values)
- Bring a 'true' democracy to reign on earth (More like a dictatorship, since the antichrist will be ruling)
- Open the world up to true equality through a horizontal network of individuals rather than a vertical, tiered one, where the rich are at the top (Also socialism)

Be sure to read your bible daily to solidify your faith in the rapture and to avoid the doctrines of demons which will undoubtedly take hold in those days. Whatever happens right after the rapture we know will be sent by God, to give those who rejected Him over to their depraved activities:

**2 Thessalonians 2:11-12**

"11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

Another point to note is that the Qanon movement is another group of people who believes that there may be a time coming where everyone on earth will be 'enlightened'.

**This post-rapture survival guide will:**

- Help you to navigate through these tough times with tact and faith,
- Discuss bible prophecy and fulfillment,
- Help you become a Christian if you aren't already and
- Equip you mentally and spiritually for the rampant evil and deception ahead.

The rows further below starting with the heading "Revelation Timeline" is a chronological timeline of how events are likely to proceed in the end times. The bible covers this 7 year tribulation period in better detail than any other time in the bible, however there still are a few gaps which must be 'guessed', therefore the word "likely" in the previous sentence. I recommend finding which Seal, Trumpet or Bowl the world is currently experiencing on the timeline and read on - looking out for the next sign described in the bible. If anything, it can be used to prove the validity and accuracy of God's word to help keep you strong in the faith. If you're interested in seeing the prophecies have that have been fulfilled already, take a look at the "RELIGION > Christianity" section.

I warn you about the coming King and the wrath of God because I am a watchman on the wall as per verse 6 below. If I see the destruction that's coming and don't warn others, God will require the blood of those people from me. Again I say, turn from your wicked ways, repent from your sins, believing and accepting that Jesus died and rose again on the third day.

**Ezekiel 33:3-6**

"3 When he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the trumpet and warns the people, 4 then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head. 5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning will save his life. 6 But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand."

**Christian Content**

Many people will realize that the Christians they ignored their whole life were right and will seek the truth of what happened in the Bible. Unfortunately this will be extremely difficult with possible electricity and internet outages, the disinformation being proliferated by news outlets and the spiritual leaders calling it aliens or otherworldly beings. Christian content may be pulled from the entire internet by those in power further increasing the difficulty in finding the truth.

I recommended looking at the Christianity section on how to accept Jesus and follow His ways once you're done here and you are seeking further answers. A few paragraphs below this section is also a list of biblically sound pastors who upload hours upon hours of amazing Christian content, most of which you can watch for free. Take a look and learn about the end times, our saviour Jesus Christ and the Bible.

If you're looking for reliable Christian content on bible teaching take a look at the links below. I recommend downloading the free content as quickly as possible because:

- The servers of Christian believers won't be renewed and will eventually go down
- Christians won't be shipping physical digital content due to not being here anymore
- The antichrist and tech companies may try and remove as much of it as possible

If all else fails, read the Bible and the Christianity section in this document. If you need a bible, I have one uploaded on my server at:

**www.fludicce.com/downloads/bible/English\_Bible.pdf** (English, KJV) I also have bibles in most other languages on my website, head to the 'Christianity > The Bible' section to find the links.

For a hyperlinked list of the below 'Reliable Christian Content Channels' see: **fludicce.com/blog/?p=1090**

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<b>Koinonia House</b>	<b>by Chuck Misler (among others)</b>	<a href="http://www.khouse.org/">www.khouse.org/</a> (Website) <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/koinoniahouse/videos">www.youtube.com/user/koinoniahouse/videos</a> (YouTube Uploads)
	Koinonia House writes very interesting biblical-scientific posts and analyses. They also produce biblical study videos	
<b>Alohableprophecy</b>	<b>by J.D. Farag</b>	<a href="http://www.calvarychapelkaneohe.com/prophecy-updates/">www.calvarychapelkaneohe.com/prophecy-updates/</a> (Website) <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/alohableprophecy">www.youtube.com/user/alohableprophecy</a> (YouTube Videos) <a href="https://www.facebook.com/JDFarag/">www.facebook.com/JDFarag/</a> (Facebook)
	J.D. has a spectacular grasp on Bible prophecy and regularly puts out prophecy updates and bible teachings.	
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There will be a lot of theories and deception after the rapture occurs, as is stated in 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12. If you're reading this and millions of people have just vanished then take heed of what the Bible says and keep reading God's word. Throughout the bible Jesus warns not to be deceived by anyone, but test what you're told to see if it's of the (holy) spirit or not.

**2 Thessalonians 2:11-12**  
"And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."

I'm writing this section in 2018 and I **know** the rapture will happen at some point in the future. I can't tell the future, I just put my faith in the word of God. Satan is the prince of the power of the air and if one thing is evil today - it's the broadcasts that are making their way into our homes which can only be described as the mouthpiece of the devil, so stay vigilant and away from these forms of technology which can flood your home with lies.

To emphasize how important it is not to be deceived, here is a list of everywhere the bible mentions not to be deceived in relation to the end times:

<b>Matthew 24:4</b>	And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you."
<b>Matthew 24:5</b>	For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.
<b>Matthew 24:11</b>	Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.
<b>Matthew 24:24</b>	For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.
<b>Mark 13:5</b>	And Jesus, answering them, began to say: "Take heed that no one deceives you."
<b>Mark 13:6</b>	For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and will deceive many.
<b>Mark 13:22</b>	For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.
<b>Luke 21:8</b>	And He said: "Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time has drawn near.' Therefore do not go after them."
<b>2 Thessalonians 2:3</b>	Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.
<b>2 Timothy 3:13</b>	But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.
<b>Romans 16:18</b>	For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple.
<b>1 John 1:8</b>	If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
<b>1 John 2:18-19</b>	<b>18</b> Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. <b>19</b> They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.
<b>2 John 1:7</b>	For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.
<b>1 Corinthians 3:18-19</b>	<b>18</b> Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. <b>19</b> For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their own craftiness";
<b>1 Corinthians 6:9</b>	Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.
<b>2 Timothy 3:13</b>	But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.
<b>1 Corinthians 15:33</b>	Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."
<b>1 John 3:7-9</b>	<b>7</b> Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. <b>8</b> He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. <b>9</b> Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.
<b>Jeremiah 9:4-5</b>	<b>4</b> "Everyone take heed to his neighbor, And do not trust any brother; For every brother will utterly supplant, And every neighbor will walk with slanderers. <b>5</b> Everyone will deceive his neighbor, And will not speak the truth; They have taught their tongue to speak lies; They weary themselves to commit iniquity."
<b>Colossians 2:4-5</b>	<b>4</b> Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words. <b>5</b> For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

The media currently lies to us and twists the truth to suit them every day as it is, so why believe the story they, the government, or satan concocts? There will be endless conspiracy theories but you should read the bible and pray daily to stay grounded. As I said above, I believe the deception to cover up the rapture will be aliens, but don't rule out other possibilities. God's living word was written over 2,000 years ago with the exact details about how these end times would be fulfilled, and judging by the way the planet is headed, it's been 100% accurate so far and will continue to be.

Any people that become Christians after the rapture are going to face extreme hardship and have their faith tested daily. They will most likely be executed for their faith or refusal to get the mark of the beast on their hand or forehead, but their soul will be preserved in Christ and they'll dwell with Him forever. Every soul lives forever, it's just a matter of where you will spend it - With Jesus in heaven, or with the devil in hell.

Seek the truth in the bible and come to an understanding of what has occurred for yourself and not based on what anyone else has told you. Search for the truth in the Bible, primarily in the book of Revelation. Satan will also likely try to validate the lies that it's aliens, by ordering demons to show up in cities pretending to be extraterrestrials on national television. If you think logically about the rapture and disappearance of Christians from the planet and that this once "unthinkable" event actually happened, what would you say the chance of the rest of the bible being true is?

It's important to realize yourself that the bible is truth and that it originates from a God outside of space and time. Without your own understanding of this you are likely to fall away from it. If you're interested in evidence on why God has to be real, take a look at the "Christianity > Evidence for God" section.

Be sure not to fall into the trap of becoming a member of the "One World Religion". For many reasons this is likely to be a form of Catholicism and this is **not** how God wants a relationship with you. You need to be a born-again Christian with a life dedicated to Him and a belief that Jesus came as the messiah to die for your sins on the cross, being raised to life on the third day. You don't need a priest to be able to talk to Him any time, as you have an open connection 24/7.

Even though in the last days there will be a false prophet who performs wondrous signs, do not be deceived as he will lead you down the path of death and away from Jesus Christ. However there will also be two witnesses sent by God who will preach His word during the first half of the tribulation and will also be able to cast plagues on the earth as often as they like. The antichrist will have them killed at the midpoint of the tribulation, but more on that in the timeline below.

There will be many who claim to be the Messiah and to have all the answers for a troubled world. In Matthew 24, Jesus gave a warning specifically for our generation. In this passage Jesus, speaking to us, warns us that false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. These false prophets are not working with sleight of hand illusions but actual demonic powers. You must be on guard and ask yourself who these sinister false prophets and messiahs are, and where they are trying to lead you. The Bible warns us that these are no ordinary men. In the end times, people will be crying desperately for leaders to deliver them from the turmoil, and they will seek mystics and religious leaders who claim to have deeper knowledge about the events that have transpired, so do not be deceived.

Prominent Figures

These are the people mentioned in the book of Revelation. Some are allegorical and are therefore hard to understand when reading the book for the first time.

<p><b>The Antichrist</b> (AKA: The Dragon, The Beast from the Sea, The Little Horn, Idol Shepherd) (Early Tribulation)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A "friend" to Israel</li> <li>• A military/political leader of a powerful nation</li> <li>• Makes a 7 year peace agreement with Israel</li> <li>• Deadly head/eye and right arm wounds which have been healed</li> <li>• Blasphemes against God</li> <li>• He will persecute saints</li> <li>• His identity is concealed until after the rapture</li> <li>• Incarnated by Satan at the midpoint (The Abomination of Desolation, continued below)</li> </ul>
<p><b>The Antichrist</b> (Mid-End Tribulation)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enters the Jewish Temple and proclaims himself God</li> <li>• He sets an image of himself in the Temple</li> <li>• He persecutes "the woman" (Israel)</li> <li>• He unites the nations of the world</li> <li>• He imposes a One World Religion</li> <li>• Causes people to receive the mark on their forehead or hand</li> <li>• No buying or selling without his mark</li> <li>• The ciphered number 666 will be linked to him</li> <li>• (Allegorical) Fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads (Revelation 12)</li> <li>• He is defeated by Christ at His return!</li> </ul>
<p><b>The False Prophet</b> (AKA: The Beast from the Earth)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performs signs and wonders to deceive</li> <li>• Causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the beast</li> <li>• Can rain fire down on the earth</li> <li>• Tells people to make an image to the beast</li> <li>• Power to give life unto the image of the beast</li> <li>• Causes everyone to receive a mark in their right hand, or on/in their foreheads</li> </ul>
<p><b>The Two Witnesses</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The two witnesses from God will preach for 3.5 years (42 months) in the first half of the tribulation</li> <li>• They will have power from God to prevent rain from falling, the ability to turn waters to blood and power to strike the earth with plagues as often as they like</li> <li>• Anyone who tries to harm them will be killed by fire proceeding from their mouth</li> <li>• They will be killed by the antichrist prior to the Abomination of Desolation</li> <li>• They will be clothed in 'sackcloth' or an equivalent in today's age</li> <li>• The witnesses are likely to be Elijah and Moses</li> </ul>
<p><b>The Woman</b> (From Revelation 12)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The woman represents Israel</li> <li>• Clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars</li> <li>• She is in labor up until she delivers the Child (below)</li> <li>• She bears a male Child who is to rule all nations with a rod of iron</li> <li>• She flees into the wilderness where she has a place prepared by God for 1260 days</li> </ul>
<p><b>The Child</b> (AKA: The Male Child) (From Revelation 12)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Child is Jesus Christ</li> <li>• He is caught up to God and His throne after birth</li> </ul>
<p><b>The Scarlet Woman</b> (AKA: The Harlot) (From Revelation 17)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The scarlet woman represents Babylon the city</li> <li>• She rides the scarlet beast</li> <li>• Clothed in purple and scarlet and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls (Revelation 17:4)</li> <li>• Has her hand in a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication (Revelation 17:4)</li> <li>• She is drunk on the blood of the saints and the blood of the martyrs of Jesus</li> <li>• She sits on (controls) many 'waters'. The waters represent every people, nation and tongue of the world.</li> <li>• Written on her forehead is: "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."</li> </ul>
<p><b>The Scarlet Beast</b> (From Revelation 17)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The scarlet woman rides this beast</li> <li>• The beast is full of names of blasphemy towards God</li> <li>• It has seven heads (mountains / kingdoms). (Revelation 17:3 &amp; 9)</li> <li>• It has ten horns. This represents ten kings of the future one world government. (Revelation 17:3) These horns give power and authority to the beast (over the nations of the world)</li> <li>• The horns will make war with the Lamb and the Lamb will overcome them. (Revelation 17:14)</li> <li>• The ten horns (the ten kings) will hate the harlot, but will give their kingdom to the beast</li> <li>• Those on the earth will marvel at the beast (Revelation 17:8)</li> </ul>
<p><b>The 24 Elders</b> (In Heaven)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They represent the believing Church in heaven, those who were raptured and also raised from the dead</li> <li>• The church is mentioned in Revelation up to chapter 4, after which the church is represented as the 24 elders</li> <li>• There are 24 references to the rapture throughout the bible</li> <li>• They are called 'kings and priests' throughout the bible</li> <li>• They are clothes in white robes and gold crowns (Revelation 4:4)</li> </ul>
<p><b>The 7 Lampstands</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Represent the seven Spirits of God (Revelation 4:5)</li> <li>• Represent the seven churches (Revelation 1:20)</li> <li>• The lamps are on earth in Revelation 1-3 and in heaven from then on</li> </ul>
<b>Signs</b>	
<p><b>Signs</b></p>	<p>A major sign of Christ's return post-rapture is war and dissension among groups of people. The book of Revelation tells us that the Tribulation Period is filled with constant war that will escalate until the entire world is involved. This war will be terrible, ceaseless and unending. The Bible says that as we move toward the end times, there will be many talks of conflicts, border skirmishes, race wars and national battles. World military spending has now reached one trillion dollars. The arms trade is big business and a world war with our current technology and nuclear/hypersonic weapons would be devastating to the entire planet.</p>

As we get closer and closer to the End Times, there will be ever frequent natural disasters, hunger and famine. If you look around the world right now, there are millions of people going hungry, despite God blessing us with a fertile and abundant planet. There will also be major earthquakes which scientists have said are overdue as well as the spread of new diseases. We have noticed an epidemic of new diseases breaking out that we have not been able to control the spread of such as ebola, COVID-19 and new strains of the flu.

Many wonder what the worlds current devastation is telling us. Combined, they should be fairly obvious signs of Christ's soon return which will be about 7 years after the enforcement of the covenant by the antichrist or 3.5 years after he declares himself as god in the temple. This gives those who are unsaved a second and even third checkpoint, showing there's not long until His return. I recommend going back to the top of this section and looking at the timeline again if you're confused about the order of events.

Daniel's 70th week isn't actually a week of days as we know it, but a period of 7 years. 69 weeks consisting of 7 years (483 Years Total) have already passed but there's a gap before the final, disastrous 'week'. Initially there will be utter chaos after the rapture but there will be somewhat of a recovery afterwards as roads are cleared, wreckages are contained and vacancies are filled. However, strong delusions and lies will be spread by the media about what has happened, and the world will never return to normal. People will be seeking answers and it will be the only thing on people's minds for a long time.

During this time of clean-up and repair, the world will fall further into disarray and the nations will seek a leader to deliver them from the earth's continual problems. Global warming and aliens may be two of the most discussed topics after the rapture due to the massive increase and frequency in natural disasters as shown in Revelation. Then upon the scene, the self declared 'saviour' of the world will come, making "peace" among nations. He will enforce a new peace treaty (or make an existing treaty even greater) with Israel and allow the third temple to be built. This peace he brings will not be achieved through pen and ink but with the sword, by destroying those nations who do not align with his goals or 'the good of the planet'.

### Judgement

**The Bema Seat Judgement**

Meanwhile, in heaven after the rapture, Christians will come before the Judgment Seat of Christ otherwise known as the "Bema Seat". The purpose of this seat is to examine a Christians life. The Bible tells us, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:10). The term used here refers to a summing up and estimation of the total pattern of a believer's life. The overall focus of this should keep us from worrying over every small things we've ever done, or thoughtless sin we have committed. It's a time of reward, not punishment.

Though we won't be condemned for our sins, our present lives do affect what will happen at the Judgment Seat of Christ. It's important that we pay attention to the Bible's prophetic passages and study God's plan for the future. Though we don't know the date, time or hour of the Rapture, we can be cognizant of all that is going on around us so that we are living the life God intended for us in Christ. When we study and understand the Rapture, we will be better prepared for what is to come. Christians should be on guard, watching and praying until the day of the Lord.

The Bible says in **Luke 21:34-36**:  
*"But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."*

**"Our present lives affect what will happen at the Judgment Seat of Christ."**

### Post-Rapture Steps

What should you do now that the rapture has happened and you want to start living your life not for yourself, but for God? I've compiled a series of steps for you to help start your new walk with Jesus in these troubling times.

**1 - Believe**

Firstly you should be absolutely sure that you believe the disappearance of people was due to the rapture, the same event prophesied throughout the bible. You can read the "Pre-Rapture" section again for the evidence and bible verses about the rapture's soon coming from a pre-rapture perspective. There will be a lot of deception after the rapture and God himself will send a strong delusion on the earth which may even trick the wise (2 Thessalonians 2:11-12), so be strong and read your bible!

You should also believe that God is real, and alive today. You should know that God, the Holy Spirit and Jesus are one (called the trinity), and that Jesus came and died for your sins on the cross nearly 2,000 years ago, rising on the third day. I have included the gospel of John in the Christianity section so you can read it for yourself. If you're still wondering whether God is real you should take a look at the "RELIGION > Christianity > Evidence for God" section for some remarkable facts about Him and how He left a way to verify himself, and the bible of its authenticity.

**2 - Accept**

You should scroll up for information on how to be saved by confessing your sins and committing your life to God. Put simply you need to pray that:

- Admit you're a sinner in need of a saviour,
- Believe that Jesus is Lord and that He died and rose again on the third day, and
- Confess with your mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord and that you wish to follow His ways putting your old life behind you.

It's that simple, but these aren't just 'magic words' you say to go to heaven, you honestly and truly have to believe every word you say because Jesus looks at the heart. It's never too late to be saved (before the second coming) and you can still live with God for eternity, even though it'll be much tougher now. I've included a lot of other information in the Christianity section which will also help on your journey of discovering God.

**3 - Read**

Read your bible daily, I recommend starting with John (Not 1 John, but the John that comes after Luke) for a great book covering all the important topics from Jesus's ministry. If you don't have a bible, a few of the books have been included in the Christianity section.

Once you're done with John I recommend reading Luke, Acts, Romans, Genesis, Revelation, Psalms and Proverbs followed by the rest of the New Testament and then the Old Testament. Before and after reading His word I recommend a time of worship to praise the Lord of the universe for all His love and compassion to you, singing the Psalms are a great way to praise Him! If you don't understand something particular in the bible, bring it to Him in prayer that He may open your eyes so you can see what He means.

**4 - Know**

This period on earth will be the most destructive that the world has ever seen, with man-made wars, 8.5+ magnitude earthquakes, volcanos, seas turning red, mountain sized meteors falling from space and much more carnage. To top it off the antichrist will seek to kill all Jews and Christians during the last 3.5 years of his reign - after he sits in the temple and calls himself god.

He will literally behead those who don't take his mark on their forehead or right hand, so unfortunately the odds are greatly against you surviving until the second coming of Jesus. But I can guarantee you one thing, if you stand firm in the faith no matter what happens to you, you will live eternally with Jesus - the King of the universe - forevermore! As you go to your death for Christ, know that you are mere seconds away from seeing Him face to face! I pray that you have courage and you stand by your commitment to the Lord in those dark times that He gives you strength, boldness, wisdom and peace. Remember the below verse through the troubles of hardship you face, another good one is Psalm 23.

**Matthew 10:28** "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

**DO NOT TAKE THE MARK OF THE BEAST!**

Jesus says that you can't get into heaven once you take this mark as it's a sign of allegiance with the devil. This mark will be one that the world leader (the antichrist) says everyone on earth must get on/in either their forehead or their right hand which allows them to buy and sell. This mark could possibly be some form of electronic implant or digital tattoo allowing seamless and instant digital transactions.

<b>5 - Learn</b>	<p>After the previous sombre step you should learn all you can about the times coming ahead to prepare yourself. Further below is a summary and an interpretation of the events in the book of Revelation which outlines each of God's judgements on the earth. If anything, these can be used to verify the bible is true and correct and to help others believe His word! For further reading on how the world descended into darkness and the evil forces at play today I recommend reading the CONSPIRACIES section I wrote in "The Preparedness Encyclopedia". It also has a section which compares the biblical values and modern values today such as marriage, love, sex, homosexuality, abortion, God, evolution, satan etc.</p> <p>Watch some of the content in the "Reliable Christian Content" section above as these are bible-based truth seeking individuals who don't compromise on the word of God. There are hours and hours of free, downloadable content which will teach you everything there is to know about the bible an God.</p>
<b>6 - Equip</b>	<p>You're about to head into a battle in the most destructive time in all of history, against a spiritual foe who cannot be harmed by mortal weapons, who only Jesus can conclusively defeat. Satan is the father of lies and there will certainly be a LOT of them circulating after the rapture. Put on the armour of God (Ephesians 6:10-18) so you can resist the devils attempts to take you down. The armour is further explained in the Christianity section if you don't understand it immediately. Equip and teach those around you about the greatness of the Lord Almighty!</p> <p>If you don't already, you should find some like-minded individuals who are on the same Christian walk as you and want to live for Him. Having companions on this journey makes the trip easier and you can support each other through times of hardship and worship God together. Even if you are alone on this path you will always have Jesus who you can pray to at any time, I'm sure that if you pray for another Christian friend to support you and if it's in His will, you will find someone. There will be a multitude of tribulation saints (Revelation 7:9-17), so you certainly aren't alone.</p>
<b>7 - Battle</b>	<p>It's time to head out into battle and fulfill His purpose for your life by living for Him and spreading His gospel to all those who don't already know Him. Pray for all other Christians in these troubled times that they may stand strong and be resilient against the devil. Pray that those who are questioning the rapture won't take the mark of the beast or be led astray by the lies of the masses.</p> <p>Read your bible consistently and learn Gods word whenever you can. Praise and worship Him daily. Help those around you who need assistance or food and spread the gospel and this guide to whoever needs it. Live a life worthy of God by emulating His example to us while He was here. Feed those in need, assist anyone needing help, give with no thought of return and above all preach the gospel to everyone so that they might be saved!</p>

**Do not be afraid** because Jesus has overcome the world. He knows the end from the beginning and He has already defeated satan at the cross! Everything happens in His timing and all events in the world are under His control. He sees everything happening at all points in time, from the worker ant carrying a piece of bread to the person crying out to Him in desperation. He works in mysterious ways and can turn around events that may seem evil from our point of view, to acts that glorify Him, such as COVID, which on second glance is bringing thousands of people to accept Him. He chooses the weak to demonstrate His power such as David against Goliath. He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. Do you know Him?

**John 16:33**  
*"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."*

**Deuteronomy 31:6**  
*"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."*

**Joshua 1:9** *"Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."*

**1 Corinthians 16:13** *"Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong."*

**Philippians 4:13** *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*

## 6 Revelation Timeline

Below is the timeline of future events which are described in the bible, or which are prerequisites to fulfill another prophecy. They are 'almost' entirely ordered chronologically and each point will be discussed in detail to help you identify them when they occur. I say almost because it's unknown whether the destruction of Damascus, or the Russian/Syrian invasion of Israel will take place before or after the rapture.

### Pre-Rapture

#### American Collapse

The American collapse is a prerequisite for the one-world government as long as America continues to be a Capitalist nation. (For more information about communism and their agenda take a look at the CONSPIRACIES section in "The Preparedness Encyclopedia") America is also not found in the bible by scholars today so this leads us to the question of why? The following are a few of the most likely reasons why America is no longer a super power in the book of Revelation. America's Demise could be caused by: The rapture, losing its biblical values, an economic collapse, a pandemic, a war, riots, a supervolcano, a mega-earthquake or a combination of them. In 2019 America is the closest and strongest ally Israel has ever had. However nobody is found in the bible to help defend Israel during the Gog/Magog invasion (Ezekiel 38) leading us to the conclusion that America must lose its superpower status.

#### Damascus Destroyed



In Isaiah 17 the bible says that Damascus will be utterly destroyed. That is, destroyed and never inhabited again. We can be 100% sure this hasn't taken place yet (in 2019) because the city exists and is called home to about 18 million people. The reason it won't be inhabited again could be a hint at nuclear weapons use which, due to radiation, can render any location uninhabitable. This event could take place before or after the rapture, so it's included before just in case. Take the destruction of the city as a warning of what is to come and evidence that the bible is true. If you're still sceptical read on for further prophecies of the future, or read it yourself for more which have already been fulfilled. This event could be before or after the rapture.

**Isaiah 17:1-2**  
**1** *"Behold, Damascus will cease from being a city, And it will be a ruinous heap.*  
**2** *The cities of Aroer are forsaken; They will be for flocks Which lie down, and no one will make them afraid.*  
**3** *The fortress also will cease from Ephraim, The kingdom from Damascus, And the remnant of Syria; They will be as the glory of the children of Israel," Says the Lord of hosts.*  
**See Isaiah 17 for More**

#### Russia and Syria Invade Israel



Russia (Magog), Iran, Turkey, Sudan, Libya and Syria will launch a combined surprise attack against Israel to claim the spoils in their possession which is likely to be natural resources such as the vast reserves of minerals, gas, technology, oil and even water. However, God will destroy these armies in the mountains of Israel and will **rain fire on Russia** and those who 'dwell securely in the isles'. This event will likely speed up the need for a world saviour or 'antichrist' to solve the worlds turmoil and wars. This event could be before or after the rapture.



**Ezekiel 38:1-6**

**1** Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, **2** "Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, **3** and say, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. **4** I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords. **5** Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; **6** Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togamah from the far north and all its troops—many people are with you. See Ezekiel 38 for More.

Ezekiel 38–39 foretells a massive future invasion of Israel by the armed forces of six nations. Five of those nations are identified in 38:5–6 with the names they bore in Ezekiel's time. The first nation, Persia, is now the modern state of Iran. It is currently ruled by an Islamic fundamentalist government that is building significant military power, including the development of nuclear weapons. It has openly declared its commitment to the annihilation of the Jewish State of Israel.

The second nation, Ethiopia, was not the same as modern Ethiopia. Instead, it occupied the area later known as Nubia. Today it is known as Sudan and is dominated by an Islamic fundamentalist government that is using brutal means, including crucifixion of Christians, to attempt to establish a pure, Islamic state.

The third nation, Libya, the western neighbour of Egypt, is also an Islamic nation today. It is strongly anti-West and anti-Israel, and Western intelligence has been informed that Libya has hired Eastern European and former Soviet military scientists to aid its development of military power.

The people of the fourth nation, Gomer, were also known as the Cimmerians. They originally lived north of the Caucasus Mountains in the southern part of what is modern Russia. In Ezekiel's time, they had settled in what is now central Turkey. The people of the fifth nation, Togamah, were identified by Josephus as the Phrygians, who settled in Cappadocia, now eastern Turkey.

Considering the location of the fourth and fifth nations in Turkey, it should be noted that the present secular government of Turkey is being threatened by Islamic fundamentalists. As a result, some leaders fear that Turkey could become another Iran. If that happens, all the nations named in Ezekiel 38:5–6 will be characterized by a militant Islamic hatred of Israel.

The five nations of Ezekiel 38:5–6 will be led by a sixth in the future attack against Israel. God gave three identifying marks for that leader. The leader is identified as "the chief prince" or ruler "of Meshech and Tubal" (Ezekiel, 38:2; 39:1). Classical Greek writers called the people of Meshech the "Moschoi" and Assyrian records referred to them as the "Muski." This group settled in the area of Armenia, "where the borders of Russia, Iran and Turkey converge."

The people of Tubal were located in the central part of Turkey immediately west of Togamah. Gog's location is "the north parts" (38:15; 39:2). The Hebrew word translated "parts" means "extreme or uttermost parts." Since Ezekiel was a Hebrew prophet, he would refer to geographical locations from the vantage point of his homeland. Thus, his statement in 38:15 indicates that when Gog leads the six-nation attack against Israel, he will come from his location in the extreme or uttermost parts directly north of Israel. Russia is the nation situated in the extreme or uttermost parts directly north of Israel.

From what has been observed, it appears that Russia will lead the future invasion against Israel foretold in Ezekiel 38–39. Why would Russia do this? One reason is anti-Semitism. Before Communism, Russia was notorious for brutal persecution of Jews. While Communism held an iron grip on the government of that nation, it suppressed the outward expression of hatred for Jews. Now that Communism has lost that grip, at least for a while, anti-Semitism has been allowed to raise its ugly head again. Some members of Pamyat, a strongly anti-Semitic organization that wants to rid Russia of, all Jews, blame all of that nation's problems on Jews. Some have even accused Jews of being the source of the AIDS virus. As a result of these ominous trends and the lifting of Communist rule, a mass exodus of Jews from the former Soviet Union has been taking place since the early 1990s, with the majority returning to their ancient homeland of Israel.

There is another reason for Russia to lead the future invasion—a desire for status. According to an independent secular intelligence agency, officers of the armed forces of the former Soviet Union believe that Russia can still have superpower status, even without Communism, if it will ally itself with Islamic nations against Israel. In line with this, early in the 1990s an official Soviet government spokesman stated that young people in the nation's schools are being required to learn Arabic as their second language because his government had concluded that the future of their nation lies with the Islamic nations of the world.

In Ezekiel 38:8, 16, God declared that this future invasion of Israel would take place "in the latter years" and "latter days". That would be after Israel has been regathered from the nations to its homeland and feels so safe and secure that it will have no defences of its own (vv. 8, 11–12, 14). There has been an amazing regathering of Israel to its homeland since its reestablishment as a nation state in 1948, but certainly Israel does not feel so safe and secure there today that it has no defences of its own.

Since the Scriptures indicate that there will be no warfare during the future reign of the Messiah (Ps. 72:7; Isa. 9:6–7; Mic. 4:3–4), this invasion cannot take place during the Millennium. Is there any time between now and Christ's Second Coming to establish the Millennium when Israel will feel so safe and secure that it will not maintain its defences it appears so.

According to Daniel 9:27, at the very beginning of the future seven-year Tribulation period, the Antichrist will enforce a strong covenant with Israel. It will so strongly bind Israel to the Antichrist that he will regard that nation as an extension of himself and his empire in the Middle East. As a result, through that covenant the Antichrist will guarantee Israel's national security. This guarantee will cause Israel to feel so safe and secure that it will discontinue the costly burden of maintaining its defences.

This feeling of security will not last long, however. In the middle of the Tribulation, the Antichrist will begin to desolate Israel (Dan. 9:27; Mt. 24:15–21); thus, the nation will feel safe and secure only during the first half of the seven-year Tribulation. It appears, then, that the invasion of Israel by Russia and its Islamic allies will take place during the first half of the Tribulation, perhaps shortly before its midpoint. The invaders will think that since Israel has let down its military guard, it will be their opportune time to strike and plunder its resources (Ezek. 38:10–13). As a result, they will launch such a large invasion force that it will seem like a massive cloud covering the land (38:9, 15–16).

(An alternative point of view, and the one utilized in the timeline is that the destruction of Damascus occurs prior to Ezekiel 38 and will also include the destruction of the surrounding nations which loathe Israel. This provides a safe and secure environment for Israel to flourish without walls. This catastrophic war is where Israel takes the spoils of the surrounding nations and extends its borders, which will ultimately prove to be the 'hooks in the jaws' of the Gog invasion. The Ezekiel invasion therefore will take place before the tribulation begins.)

God's initial action will be to pull these invaders into Israel for His own sovereign purpose (38:4, 16; 39:2). When they attack, His attitude toward them will be characterized by fury, jealousy, and fiery wrath (38:18–19). He will then actively intervene to destroy the massive invading force through a fierce earthquake, landslides, self-destructive panic, pestilence, excessive rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone (38:19–22).

The destruction of the invading army will be so extensive that the mountains and open fields of Israel and a valley near the Dead Sea will be congested with corpses. God will bring fowl and beasts to eat many of them. It will take the Jews seven months to bury the remainder of the dead and seven years to destroy their weapons (39:3–5, 9–20). If this invasion takes place shortly before the middle of the Tribulation, this destruction of weapons will continue into the early part of the Millennium.

God's purpose for all of this will be to glorify Himself before Israel and all the nations—to so impress them with His existence and power that He will have life changing influence on them (38:16, 23; 39:7, 13, 21–22). Many Jews and Gentiles will be saved during the Tribulation (Rev. 7). No doubt the fulfilment of the Ezekiel 38–39 prophecy will be one of the means through which God will bring people of that time to Himself.

**Cash Phase-Out**

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A prerequisite for the one-world currency. Cash and other forms of payments will overlap the one world currency for a transition period before it become too cumbersome to use and will be shut down. We can see the effects that COVID-19 had on the flow of cash where people weren't accepting it for fear of catching the virus.

**One World Currency**

## One World Currency

A currency exclusively used globally which is a prerequisite for the one world government. If "no man" can buy or sell without the mark, then there must be a one world currency, which as the bible describes will be a mark (possibly a chip) either in the right hand or forehead. A one world currency could be something like Facebook's Libra or Bitcoin but ultimately it will ditch the plastic credit cards and put technology in either your hand or forehead.

### Revelation 13:16-17

"16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."

## One World Government

## One World Government

As the world grows darker and the laws of the world are no longer upheld, nations will join together under one world government to supposedly bring peace to the world and help prevent disasters occurring. For the antichrist to be able to control the world, a one world government needs to be created. This government may sound like it will solve the worlds problems but will only cause havoc and the collapse of many nations. We can see it coming together slowly today and will most likely originate from Europe or the United Nations.

This government will likely form right after a catastrophic disaster such as a huge earthquake, volcanic eruption, economic collapse, global war or the rapture. As described in the bible this government will begin with 10 leaders and will slowly be reduced down to 3, not including the antichrist. He will then 'subdue' the remaining three and become the sole power of the government of the world. This is found in **Daniel 7:24-25** with the horns meaning 'kings'. The ten-nation confederacy is also seen in Daniel's image of the statue in **Daniel 2:41-42**, where he pictures the final world government consisting of ten entities represented by the ten toes of the statue.

**Revelation 13:16-17** describes some sort of satanic mark which will be required in order to buy and sell. This means anyone who refuses the mark will be unable to buy food, clothing or other necessities of life. No doubt the vast majority of people in the world will succumb to the mark simply to survive. Again, verse 16 makes it clear that this will be a universal system of control where everyone, the rich and poor, great and small, will bear the mark on their right hand or forehead.

## One World Religion

A one world religion will rise to centre stage in the last days, most likely from the catholic church which has strayed extremely far from true Christianity. They are currently trying to reign in all the other denominations of Christianity and the other religions of the world while claiming that we are all worshiping the same God anyway. There is only ONE way to God and that is by accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and saviour, any other way is a deception and will only lead you to fire and brimstone.

### John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Born again Christians are not to take place in this "reunion of the faith" because there are certainly a lot of major differences between even Catholicism and Christianity not to mention between Christianity and Islam. We are to adhere only to the bible scriptures and not to twist it to fit our perspective as many other religions have done. "Take heed that no one deceives you." Matthew 24:4, Matthew 24:24, Luke 21:8, Mark 13:5, 2 Timothy 3:13-14.

## Islamic Power Removed

If the Dome of the Rock is to be destroyed or dismantled for the building of the third temple, there must either be a war with, or a peace agreement with the Muslims to be able to remove it or build next to it. The temple could be destroyed accidentally during the Ezekiel 38 conflict, destroyed by a natural disaster such as an earthquake or purposefully dismantled after an arrangement is made with the antichrist. It could also be built nearby without the dome of the rock not needing to be touched.

## The Rapture



## The Rapture

This is the disappearance of hundreds of thousands to millions of born-again Christians from the earth including all young children which will be snatched away in the 'twinkling of an eye'; this allows God to focus on Israel and pour out his wrath on the nations. The rapture is going to shock the entire world however satan will swiftly try to cover it up with deceit and lies and continue on 'the lie' which God Himself sends on earth.

Satan will also use the rapture to push for the formation of the one world government and the one world religion. The devil is the father of lies and he will do everything in his power to cause deception, even to the point of showing sightings of UFOs to appear in the sky for all to see in an attempt to bring everyone together under one banner.

### Watch For

- The instant disappearance of millions of people from earth - all the TRUE followers of Christ, likely excluding much of the Catholic and apostate churches. All the young children will be raptured too.

Since all Christians would have been taken to meet Jesus in the air, and then to heaven, there will be nobody on earth to spread His gospel in a time when people will be most desperately seeking answers. So if you believe the disappearance must have been the rapture, and you believe in Jesus, please share this document everywhere possible so that others may be saved. Some recommendations include: Email, Facebook, Facebook chat, YouTube, Twitter, Instagram, text messages, word of mouth, USB's in mailboxes, printed copied on the street, Reddit, personal websites, blogs, forums, whatsapp, tumblr, pinterest, LinkedIn, snapchat, billboards, TV advertisements and anything else you can think of.

## The Restrainer Steps Aside

As the Holy Spirit dwells in those believing in Christ, so too will the "Restrainer" be removed with them when the harpazo happens. As Christians are the salt and the light of the earth they slow the decay of our planet by living to God's standards, and now, in a world without Christians the world will plunge so much faster into chaos, sin and rebellion.

### 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7

"And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way."

### The Restrainer (The Holy Spirit)

- The Restrainer is referred to as both neuter and masculine.
- The Restrainer existed in Paul's day
- The Restrainer has been continually and effectively restraining for nearly 2,000 years so far
- The Restrainer is powerful enough to suppress the spiritual powers of darkness seeking to promote the man of sin
- The restraint is global
- When the Restrainer steps aside (in the rapture), evil will no longer be restrained by anything

## Post-Rapture

## Immediately Post-Rapture

The events that follow the rapture are likely to be disastrous. With all Christians and young children gone (except possibly the Catholic church) the world will fall into chaos much faster as the salt and the light have been removed along with the restrainer (holy spirit). When the Christians are taken, some planes will crash, many car crashes will occur, jobs will be left void, there will be global panic around what's happened and parents will be absolutely frantic about what happened to their children. Many conspiracies will sprout and Satan will likely use signs to deceive the nations such as hovering lights in the sky - thus blaming it on aliens. After people realize that millions are missing, looters many likely to go house to house hoping it won't be occupied. Many evildoers and spiritualists will rejoice that the people holding back the planet have been removed so they can continue to 'fix' the planet.

Lawlessness will be on the rise daily and people will become increasingly desperate for news and information on what happened. Millions of jobs will be left empty which will affect the food and produce markets, industrial, construction and nearly every facet of society today. The speed of the earth's downward spiral of collapse will increase dramatically and the nations will desperately seek a leader to lift the world out of these debilitating times. It will get so bad that presidents and those in power will seek to form a global government to help curb the natural and man made disasters, possibly using the myth of "global warming" or "aliens" to push their agenda. Don't wait before becoming a Christian if you believe that Jesus is Lord because in these disastrous times you may not live long.

The time between the rapture and the tribulation is unknown but it can't be too long because the dark powers that be want to unite the world under their banner for total control. During this time the everyone will be trying to recover from the chaos of the rapture while allowing the antichrist - the mouthpiece of satan himself will rise to power with 'all of the solutions'.

Apostate churches are the ones that do not teach directly from the bible but rather their own interpretation of it. Pastors who have fallen from the truth, and who are **NOT TO BE FOLLOWED** include: Joel Osteen, Andy Stanley, Kenneth Copeland, Joyce Meyer, Benny Hinn and The Pope among many others. You also do NOT want to follow any of these so called "pastors" who are left behind after the rapture as this means that Jesus didn't even know them, therefore they weren't taken.

Instead seek teaching by those who are no longer here and hold true to the word of God such as: Jan Markell, Chuck Missler, Derek Prince, Jack Hibbs, Don Stewart, Amir Tsarfaty, Barry Stagner, J.D. Farag, Terry James, Eric Barger, Billy Crone, Dr. Mark Hitchcock, Michele Bachmann, Franklin Graham, Billy Graham, Brandon Holthaus and Jill Martin Rische. Each of them has sound biblical theology and don't allegorize the bible, but instead take each passage literally. They fear God and the consequences that He has in place if anyone alters the words of the bible (verse below), and so do I, therefore I bring you the truth and only the truth.

**Revelation 22:18-19**

**18** For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; **19** and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Your first step after the disappearance of many is to seek the truth of the word of God by going through the 1-7 checklist found further above. Commit your life and your sins to him, turning from them a complete 180 degrees and trying your best not to commit them anymore. Believe that Jesus is the son of God who was sent to die for your sins, and read the bible persistently, praying daily.

If you're unfamiliar with the bible, the last book of Revelation contains most of the information about the end times and the antichrist. However there are many other books of the bible with end times significance such as Daniel, and 1 & 2 Thessalonians. Revelation can be difficult to comprehend without background knowledge so I recommend looking up prophecy commentary pastors such as Chuck Missler to assist in the decryption of the Bible as some of the old language can be perplexing.

<p><b>The Rise of the Antichrist</b></p>	<p>Now that the rapture has occurred there's no reason why the antichrist can't begin to show his face on the global stage and start his final rise to power as he may already be in a position of minor power. (Revelation 13:1-8) The antichrist will begin by rising up among the 10 leaders of the new world order. 7 of them will drop out and he will subdue the last 3. The world will 'marvel' and be amazed by the antichrist, at the ideas he sets forward and the actions he takes as this will certainly be a very charismatic, intelligent and yet deceitful man.</p>	<p><b>The Description of the Antichrist Revelation 13:3</b>  <i>"And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marvelled and followed the beast."</i></p>
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**Revelation 13:1-4**

**1** Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the **sea**, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. **2** Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. **3** And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marvelled and followed the beast. **4** So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

**5** And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. **6** Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. **7** It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. **8** All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

The bible even includes a physical description of the antichrist to come:

**Zechariah 11:17**

*"Woe to the worthless shepherd, who leaves the flock!  
 A sword shall be against his arm and against his right eye;  
 His arm shall completely wither, and his right eye shall be totally blinded."*

<p><b>The Rise of the False Prophet</b></p>	<p>The false prophet is a religious leader and the 'beast which rises from the earth' who performs great miracles and causes people to worship and follow the antichrist - the beast that rises from the water, in the second half of the tribulation. (Revelation 13:11-18) He will be able to rain fire down from the sky on command, however this power is from the devil and not from God. He uses these demonic abilities to deceive many and will cause people to believe that the first 'beast' (from the sea) is in fact the messiah. The false prophet may already have a powerful position at the rapture (such as the Pope), and will ally himself with the antichrist to gain even more power.</p>
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**Revelation 13:11-14**

*"Then I saw another beast coming up out of the **earth**, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived."*

<p><b>Reconstruction of Babylon</b></p>	<p>At some point before or in the tribulation, the city of Babylon will be built and serve as the residence of the antichrist. It will likely take many years to construct and therefore this gives notion that it could be started well before the tribulation. Babylon will likely be constructed around Al-Hillah in Iraq where the previous Babylon empire was located. The coordinates are 32.478642, 44.451235 (32° 28' 43.1" N, 44° 27' 4.4" E) if you're interested.</p>
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**The Tribulation Overview**

<p>The tribulation is initiated by a covenant (a peace treaty) between Israel and the world leader (the antichrist) allowing them to rebuild their temple on the mount around or on the spot where the Dome of the Rock currently stands. This half of the tribulation is a time of false peace among men where things will seem to be improving for a short time, while also being subject to the wrath of God.</p>	<p><b>Look For</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A leader creating a covenant or making an existing covenant with Israel greater than before. The covenant is set to last 7 years.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Rebuilding the 3rd Temple</b></p> <p>Right after the covenant with Israel is established, the third temple in Jerusalem will start to be constructed by the Jews. They already have all the materials ready to go, including the ark of the covenant. They just need the green light.</p>	<p><b>Look For</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The third temple being constructed on the mount next to - or in place of the Dome of the Rock. It can be found at: 31°46'40.9" N, 35°147.3" E.</li> </ul>

## The Two Witnesses

The two witnesses sent from God will begin to preach for 3.5 years (42 months) in the first half of the tribulation (after the covenant is established). (Revelation 11:1-6) They will be wearing 'sackcloth' and have power from God to prevent rain from falling, the ability to turn waters to blood and power to strike the earth with plagues whenever they want. Anyone who tries to harm them will be killed by fire proceeding from their mouth.

**Look For**

- Two people spreading the word of God from the enforcement of the peace covenant to the abomination of desolation. (3.5 years total)

The seals below are the start of the judgement of God on the earth, these judgements can only take place in the tribulation which can only begin once the church is removed from the earth - hence the pre-tribulation rapture. Jesus is the one opening the seals and releasing these judgements on the earth and therefore cannot be part of the judgements. Many people incorrectly believe that Jesus is the rider on the white horse mentioned below. See Revelation 5 for more information on the events leading up to the opening of the seals or Revelation 6 for the seals themselves.

### Revelation Summary

First a summary of the seals, trumpets and bowls to see what happens at a glance. The seals and trumpets occur in the first half of the tribulation. This section doesn't include non-seal events such as the sealing of the 144,000. For those, view the diagram at the start or read the full list of events below.

<b>1st Seal</b>	The White Horse - The revealing of the antichrist who goes forth to conquer the nations.
<b>2nd Seal</b>	The Red Horse - The taking of peace from the world, there will be great wars.
<b>3rd Seal</b>	The Black Horse - Releases famine and hyperinflation on the world.
<b>4th Seal</b>	The Pale (Green) Horse - There will be disease, pestilence and plagues released upon the world.
<b>5th Seal</b>	The martyrs of Jesus are given white robes.
<b>6th Seal</b>	A powerful earthquake, black sun, blood red moon, stars fall to earth, the sky recedes, every island and mountain moves.
<b>7th Seal</b>	Silence in heaven, noises, thunderings, lightnings, an earthquake.

The trumpets occur in the first half of the tribulation:

<b>1st Trumpet</b>	Hail and fire mingled with blood falls to earth burning 1/3 of all trees and all the green grass.
<b>2nd Trumpet</b>	A fiery mountain falls into the sea, 1/3 of the sea becomes blood, 1/3 of sea creatures die, 1/3 of all ships are destroyed.
<b>3rd Trumpet</b>	A burning meteor falls from space contaminating 1/3 of the rivers and springs. Many people die from poisoned water.
<b>4th Trumpet</b>	1/3 of the sun becomes dark, 1/3 of the moon becomes dark, 1/3 of the stars becomes dark. 1/3 of the day and night don't occur.
<b>5th Trumpet</b>	People can't die, the air is filled with smoke, the sun is blocked by smoke, demons torment those without God's seal.
<b>6th Trumpet</b>	An army of 200 million who have armour coloured red, blue and yellow, Demons and the army cause 1/3 of mankind to be killed.
<b>7th Trumpet</b>	The temple of God is opened in heaven, noises, thunderings, lightning, an earthquake, a great hail.

The bowls occur in the second half of the tribulation, likely closer to the end:

<b>1st Bowl</b>	Sores and pain for those who have the mark of the beast or worship his image.
<b>2nd Bowl</b>	The entire sea turns to blood, all sea creatures die, all fishing stopped.
<b>3rd Bowl</b>	All rivers and springs become blood.
<b>4th Bowl</b>	The sun scorches men with great heat, blasphemy against God.
<b>5th Bowl</b>	Puts the kingdom of the beast into darkness and gives them intense pain.
<b>6th Bowl</b>	The Euphrates dries up allowing armies to travel to Armageddon. Demons gather nations together at Armageddon to battle God.
<b>7th Bowl</b>	Noises, thunderings and lightnings and the biggest earthquake in history. Every mountain falls, islands move out of place, huge hail.

The seals - unlike some of the trumpets and bowls will likely continue through the entirety of the tribulation, so for seal 2 wars will be continually fought through the tribulation and in seal 3, famine and hyperinflation will be ongoing for the rest of the tribulation as per the layout in the Revelation Timeline diagram. Contrary to what unbelievers may like to think - a world without Christians (and the restrainer) will be the most catastrophic time in the history of the planet even if none of God's judgements were poured out.

I recommend familiarising yourself with the plagues of Egypt as there's a very strong link between them and these judgements. They can be found in list format in the Christianity section or in the Bible starting at Exodus 7:14.

## The Seals

### 1st Seal

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The First Seal</b> (The Conqueror) The White Horse</p>	<p>The first seal sets loose a rider on a white horse who comes to conquer nations. The rider is NOT Jesus because he is the one opening the seal - therefore he cannot be part of the seal as well. The rider is the antichrist who comes to earth to deceive the nations and proclaim that he is christ. His riding of a white horse is evidence that his aim is deception to make people believe that he is the christ. Some readers are confused by this and it only takes a little further reading about the type of person this is to come to the conclusion that he isn't Jesus. Jesus comes on a white horse in Revelation 19:11 to claim His throne.</p>	<p><b>Look For</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A false "Saviour" who conquers nations to create 'peace' and solves world problems</li> <li>He will confirm or 'increase' a covenant with Israel and allow the 3rd temple to be built</li> <li>At some point he will mandate that everyone receives a mark on their forehead or right hand</li> </ul>
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**Revelation 6:1-2**  
*"Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see. And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer."*

The antichrist will create this false peace by using violence and attacking those peoples and nations who don't align with his ideals. His reign and control over the world will be one achieved by fear. He will remain on earth for the entire duration of the tribulation, at which point he is thrown into the lake of fire at the second coming of Jesus.

I cannot emphasize enough that you should NOT take the mark of the beast on your right hand or forehead. If you do so you have allied yourself with the devil himself and you will be going to hell when Jesus return or when you die, which may be soon considering the judgements that are coming. Not to mention that the first bowl says that all those with the mark will get painful sores all over their body. You may not be able to buy anything but if you commit yourself to Jesus and live for Him, you will be with Him for eternity in heaven. To clarify, the mark of the beast is most likely enforced 3.5 years into the covenant with Israel when he declared himself as god.

Again, here's the physical characteristics of the antichrist if you missed it above:

**Zechariah 11:17**

"Woe to the worthless shepherd, who leaves the flock!  
A sword shall be against his arm and against his right eye;  
His arm shall completely wither, and his right eye shall be totally blinded."

So this is a man who has seen battle or conflict and has wounds on his right arm and his right eye. His arm will be weakened and withered due to these wounds which have also damaged his right eye so much that he is blind in that eye.

**Related Verses**

**The Antichrist**

- Revelation 13 "...And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns..."
- Zechariah 11:17 "...A sword shall be against his arm and against his right eye; his arm shall completely wither, and his right eye shall be totally blinded.""
- 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 "...and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God..."
- Daniel 7:7-8 "and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots."
- Daniel 9:27 "Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering."
- Daniel 11:37 "He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all."
- Daniel 7:24-25 "He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law."
- Revelation 13:3-5 "And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast."
- Revelation 17:1-18 "...one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. 11 The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition."
- Revelation 19:20 "Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image."
- 1 John 2:18 "...it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming..."

**2nd Seal**

**The Second Seal**  
(Wars)  
The Red Horse

The second seal speaks of wars that will occur on the earth. Peace will be taken from the nations of the earth and people will kill each other in great number. This stacks with the first seal in which the antichrist goes out to conquer nations in the name of peace.

- Look For**
- Global Wars

**Revelation 6:3-4**

"When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword."

These wars will continually escalate throughout the tribulation, pulling nation upon nation into the conflict until the world is consumed by war. This war is likely to be deemed "World War 3" by those around the globe. This war will be nothing like previous wars. World War 2 was fought with relatively low-tech equipment compared with what we have at our disposal today.

**Modern Weapons**

- Nuclear weapons used across the globe
- Hypersonic weapons
- EMPs to disable nations
- AI and combat oriented robots
- Unmanned aircraft and drones to eliminate targets
- Weaponized viruses
- Nerve, blister and blood agents
- Micro-drones which can be breathed in to kill from the inside

**Related Verses**

**Wars**

- Matthew 24:6 "And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet."
- Mark 13:7 "But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet."
- Luke 21:9 "But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately."
- Revelation 16:16 "And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon."

**3rd Seal**

**The Third Seal**  
(Famine)  
The Black Horse

The third seal releases famine upon the earth so that food is scarce. In today's society it speaks of hyperinflation where the value of money goes down exponentially, having less and less purchasing power each day. This seal again, stacks with the first two because if there's endless wars, countries will be spending huge budgets on fighting and will have to print more and more money to finance the war.

- Look For**
- Famine
  - Inflation
  - Hyperinflation

**Revelation 6:5-6**

"When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine.""

A quart of wheat is the minimum amount that someone requires to survive each day and the price reflects that it costs 8-10x more than normal. So a \$4 USD loaf of bread today would cost around \$32 USD. This verse may not reflect actual prices, but it could just mean that someone will work all day and come home with only enough to feed themselves for a day. If you're reading this ahead of time, it may be wise to stock up on some canned, freeze-dried and other long life foods. You should also remember that God knows exactly what you require to stay alive as per Matthew 6:25-34, Proverbs 10:3 and many other verses so you shouldn't go overboard.

There are likely to be natural disasters which destroy huge areas of crops and livestock across the globe with the possibility of secondary consequences such as locust swarms which rise from flooded areas.



**A Black Sun**  
 Secondly 'the sun becomes as black as sackcloth of hair' could mean the sun turns black in the same way you turn down the brightness of an item in image editing programs, rendering it black. True black implies that there's no light being reflected off it, but being the sun, it gives off light which brings us to our first contradiction which couldn't be accurate.  
 It could also mean that only the rays from the sun that are directed toward the earth can't be seen, rendering the sun black. This could be achieved by a massive object such as a rogue planet passing between the sun and the earth. From earth this would make the sun look black as you would be able to see the sun's corona with a large black circle in the middle. A planet-wide black sun has never occurred that we know of and would certainly be a shock to all those on the planet, particularly if it comes as a surprise. Generally it's the moon which passes between the sun and the earth giving us a total eclipse for a tiny slice of earth.

**The Blood Moon**  
 When the earth is somewhere between the sun and the moon, the moon can glow red due to scattering the light of all other colours by earth's atmosphere. That's the simple part, however we have to remember that the sun will be 'black' at the same time. This is where the 'rogue planet' comes in again. If a rogue planet is lined up perfectly between the sun and the earth and the earth is casting a shadow on the moon, the sun can be black and the moon would appear twice as red as a normal blood moon due to the extra filtering of colours from the rogue planet in addition to the earth.

**The Stars Fall to Earth**  
 The stars falling to earth is a little harder to explain. Throughout the bible stars are referred to as angels such as when satan draws a third of the stars of heaven (Revelation 12:4). This passage might be referring to demons falling from heaven to earth. We know it couldn't mean literal stars falling to earth because they're balls of flaming gas about the size of our sun which would eliminate all life on earth if even one collided with us. However it could also refer to meteors falling from space into earth's atmosphere, showing up a bright glowing streaks.

**The Sky Recedes**  
 This is probably the hardest to explain. Firstly for the sky to be rolled up like a scroll you need a higher dimension, a fourth dimension. We haven't proven there's at least one higher dimension out there and that's all we need for this theory to work. God Himself could roll up our universe, making it smaller. What this looks like in person, I have absolutely no idea, except perhaps the most distant galaxies and stars disappearing as if they 'fall to earth'.

**Islands and Mountains Move**  
 Every island and mountain will move from their place. This is another tricky one because it doesn't say explicitly that it's caused by the earthquake which also happens in this seal. Something has to shake the entire earth which could either be the earthquake or the sky receding. If it's the earthquake, the magnitude would have to be in the range of 11-12 to be felt 'strongly' all over the planet. Keep in mind that 1 extra unit on the richter scale equals 10x the amount of shaking and 33x the amount of energy released.

<p><b>Related Verses</b></p>	<p><b>Combined</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Joel 2:31/Acts 2:20 "The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord."</li> <li>● Matthew 24:29/Mark 13:24 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken."</li> </ul> <p><b>Earthquake</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 7th Seal (Revelation 8:5) "And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake."</li> <li>● 7th Trumpet (Revelation 11:19) "And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail."</li> <li>● 7th Bowl (Revelation 16:18) "and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth."</li> <li>● Zechariah 14:4 "And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south."</li> </ul> <p><b>Black Sun</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Amos 8:9 "That I will make the sun go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in broad daylight;"</li> <li>● Luke 23:45 "Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two."</li> <li>● Revelation 9:2 "So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit."</li> </ul> <p><b>Blood Moon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Joel 2:31 "And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord."</li> <li>● Acts 2:20 "And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord."</li> </ul> <p><b>Stars Fall</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Revelation 8:10 "And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch"</li> <li>● Revelation 9:1 "And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit."</li> <li>● Revelation 12:4 "His [satan's] tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth."</li> </ul> <p><b>Sky/Heavens</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2 Peter 3:10 "in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up."</li> <li>● 2 Peter 3:12 "...because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?"</li> </ul> <p><b>Islands and Mountains</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Revelation 16:20 "Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found."</li> </ul>
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If you understand the way the Bible is set out with its heptadic structure there could be a potential time gap here between the 6th and the 7th seals.

**Sealing of the 144,000**

<p><b>Sealing of the 144,000</b></p>	<p>144,000 Jews receive the seal of God on their foreheads so that they will not be harmed during the tribulation. These Jews are specifically chosen so there are 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes who will survive the tribulation.</p>	<p><b>Look For</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This event doesn't seem to have any visible signs on earth so it can't be used as a marker.</li> <li>● There will always be at least 144,000 Jews on earth during the tribulation.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Revelation 7:3-4</b>          "saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:"</p>	<p><b>Revelation 7:5-6</b>  <i>5 of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand were sealed; 6 of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand were sealed; 7 of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand were sealed; 8 of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand were sealed; of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed.</i></p>
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**7th Seal**

## The Seventh Seal (Silence)

The seventh seal brings silence to heaven for about half an hour. Afterwards an angel throws a censer filled with fire down to earth and there were noises, thunderings, lightnings and an earthquake. These events (such as the noises, thundering and lightnings) may be heard and seen on the earth worldwide but they could also only apply to a single region of the planet such as Israel.

- Look For**
- Noises
  - Thunderings
  - Lightnings
  - An Earthquake

### Revelation 8:1-6

"When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth." And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake. So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound."

### Related Verses

#### Noises, thunderings, lightnings, an earthquake

- 7th Trumpet (Revelation 8:1) "And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake."
- 7th Bowl (Revelation 16:18) "And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth."

### Prelude to the Trumpets

There should be more than enough evidence that the word of God is true by now if you've made it this far into the tribulation, if not, you don't have long left to repent. You're only one third of the way through the wrath of God. Accept Jesus as your saviour now.

Below is the series of seven trumpets. This follows after the seven seals but precedes the seven bowls. The trumpets occur as part of the 7th seal and aren't a new set of events. Likewise the bowls are contained as part of the 7th trumpet and are therefore part of the 7th seal as well. This is known as a heptadic structure where a set of items are contained within another. Below is a visual example of the heptadic structure in the bible:

- (Previous Seals)
- 5th Seal
- 6th Seal
- 7th Seal
  - 1st Trumpet
  - ...
  - 7th Trumpet
    - 1st Bowl
    - 2nd Bowl
    - ...

Below are the 7 trumpet judgements, sometimes called the judgement of thirds because most of them affect a third of everything on the planet. Unlike the bowl judgement which are yet to come and affect 100% of everything on earth which will be so much more devastating.

## The Trumpets

### 1st Trumpet

## The First Trumpet (1/3 Vegetation Struck)

The first trumpet rains hail and fire down mixed with blood, burning a third of the trees up and all the green grass.

- Look For**
- Hail and fire falling
  - Huge forest fires
  - All grass burnt up

### Revelation 8:7

"The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up."

The first trumpet is likely to involve meteorites entering earth's atmosphere as we orbit the sun. These meteors will be large enough to make it to the ground to start fires while also being able to hit every nation on earth due to earth's axial spin. There are two ways that the green grass burning up could be interpreted, the first is that 100% of the green grass on the planet is burnt up, or 100% of the grass on 1/3 of the planet is burnt up.

Then there's the matter that it also rains hail which consists of water. Which seemingly would have the reverse effect and slow the spread of the fires? I'm not even sure how blood could be mingled with all of it and what effects that would have on the earth. If there's anything you should be grateful for in the tribulation it's that you get to see God's word fulfil itself, seeing exactly what He means by each of the prophecies.

### Related Verses

#### Hail & Fire Falling

- 7th Plague (Exodus 9:24) "So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail..."

#### Hail

- Joshua 10:11 "...the Lord cast down large hailstones from heaven on them as far as Azekah"
- 7th Trumpet (Revelation 11:19) "And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail."
- 7th Bowl (Revelation 16:17) "And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great."

### 2nd Trumpet

## The Second Trumpet (Sea Meteor)

The second trumpet calls something like a large mountain or meteor on the ocean and turns a third of it to blood. A third of all living creatures in the sea also die and a third of all ships are destroyed.

- Look For**
- Something large falling into the sea and turning the water to blood
  - 1/3 of sea creatures dead
  - 1/3 ships destroyed

### Revelation 8:8-9

"Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed."



**Sea Meteor**

This judgement being a meteor is important to note because it says a third of all ships will be destroyed. The destruction of so many ships can only occur from a huge tsunami overturning and sinking them. For approximately one third of all ships on earth to be destroyed by a tsunami in 2020 (about 18,000 ships), requires it to either strike the North Pacific Ocean or the North Atlantic Ocean. Depending on the size of the meteor some boats further from the impact zone may be shaken violently but not destroyed making it harder to place the approximate area it will strike.

To further complicate matters generally space objects are monitored by space agencies prior to their impact and will warn the public so they can get their ships out of the way. This means that either the meteor surprises everyone on earth or they wilfully hide the fact it's coming.

To view marine traffic take a look at: <https://www.marinetraffic.com/>. I recommend turning on the density map to see the most common routes and then clicking 'playback' to remove the current ship markers. Your guess to where it will strike is as good as mine.

If it strikes the North Pacific Ocean, the tsunami will cover more sea than anywhere else. Countries such as: America, Canada, Mexico, Russia, Japan, China, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Australia and New Zealand are likely to experience the catastrophic effects of the wave striking the mainland.

If it strikes the North Atlantic Ocean, the tsunami will cover less ground than the Pacific but the Atlantic contains more sea traffic. Countries such as: America, Canada, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Brazil, Mauritania, Senegal, Western Sahara, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, France, Ireland, England, Iceland and Greenland are likely to experience the catastrophic effects of the wave striking the mainland.

The countries in both these lists are America and Canada, so be prepared if you live in either of these countries. Also remember that God works in mysterious ways and it may still strike the unlikeliest of seas like the Indian Ocean or the Mediterranean Sea, so search the scriptures. (Acts 17:11)

The different types of ships sailing the ocean today include: Military Vessels, Cargo Vessels, Tankers, Passenger Vessels, High Speed Craft, Tugs, Fishing Ships and Pleasure Craft (Cruisers). If the ships only carrying people are destroyed, people will die, but if one of the oil tankers or cargo ships sinks this will become a huge problem as oil and debris fills the ocean harming all types of ocean dwelling animals. This could be part of the reason why 1/3 of ocean dwelling creatures perish, alongside whatever blood-like compounds were in the meteor which leach into the water - further killing sea life.

**Blood**

The more literally we interpret the bible, it seems the more it makes sense. The blood is therefore probably real blood, including any other blood-related judgements in Revelation. An important factor to note is that in Exodus when the waters were turned to blood, it included even small ponds and lakes which were separated from the main body. The waters stunk and those in Egypt disdainfully drank the water.

**Related Verses**

**Mountain & Fire**

- Exodus 24:17 "The sight of the glory of the Lord was like a consuming fire on the top of the mountain..."
- Deuteronomy 4:11 "...Then you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the midst of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness."
- Deuteronomy 32:22 "...And set on fire the foundations of the mountains."
- Hebrews 12:18 "For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire..."
- Psalm 83:14 "As the fire burns the woods, and as the flame sets the mountains on fire,"

**Blood**

- 6th Seal (Revelation 6:12) "...and the moon became like blood."
- 2nd Bowl (Revelation 16:3) "...and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died."
- 3rd Bowl (Revelation 16:4) "...poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood."
- 1st Plague (Exodus 7:14-25) "...and they [the waters] shall be turned to blood."

**3rd Trumpet**

**The Third Trumpet**  
(Wormwood Meteor)

The third trumpet releases "Wormwood" - a large meteor which will fall on the rivers and springs of earth making them poisonous.

**Look For**

- A burning meteor falling from space, landing on the rivers and springs
- Many people dying from poisoned water

**Revelation 8:10-11**

"Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter."

**Wormwood**

Like the second trumpet this seems to be another meteor falling from space. It's hard to understand how the meteor can only land on rivers and especially springs - because springs come from underground and the meteor would have to break up into smaller pieces long before impact to contaminate 1/3 of the worlds rivers. However demons are often called 'stars' throughout the bible and this demon's name could be 'Wormwood', especially since the first use of it is capitalised. The second use of wormwood refers to the 'bitterness' or poisoning of the waters seen throughout scripture and thus isn't capitalised. Wormwood the demon could be the one who poisons the rivers and streams.

Unlike the previous trumpet there doesn't seem to be any visual changes to the water which explains why so many people die from this judgement.

**Related Verses**

**Fell/Fall From Heaven**

- Job 1:16 "...The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them;"
- Daniel 4:31 "While the word was still in the king's mouth, a voice fell from heaven:"
- Matthew 24:29 "The stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken."

**Stars/Demons**

- Revelation 9:1 "And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit."
- Revelation 12:4 "His [satan's] tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth."

**Wormwood**

- Deuteronomy 29:18 "and that there may not be among you a root bearing bitterness or wormwood;"
- Proverbs 5:4 "But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged sword."
- Jeremiah 9:15 "...Behold, I will feed them, this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink."
- Amos 5:7 "You who turn justice to wormwood, And lay righteousness to rest in the earth!"

**4th Trumpet**

**The Fourth Trumpet**  
(1/3 Heavens Struck)

The fourth trumpet strikes 1/3 of the sun, 1/3 of the moon and 1/3 of the stars so that a third of them was darkened. Days are 1/3 shorter.

**Look For**

- Days are 1/3 shorter
- 1/3 of the sun is dark
- 1/3 of the moon is dark
- 1/3 stars are dark

The Rapture Revelation Timeline The Trumpets	<p><b>Revelation 8:12</b> "Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.</p> <p><b>Darkened Sun, Moon and Stars</b> This trumpet is also interesting to try and comprehend. Keep in mind that in the 6th seal, the sky receded. It's very likely that the sky still remains 'rolled up' even partially. This trumpet could be a further progression of the 'receding' universe. However for this scripture to be noteworthy the events can't already be happening, therefore the blackened sun, the blood moon and the stars should have returned to their regular states since then. An example is that in seal 6 the stars fell to earth, but now later on this trumpet the stars seem to be back in their place. This rules out anything actually happening to the stars previously.</p> <p>A third of the sun 'was struck' (ἐπιλήγη) and will be 'darkened' (σκοτισθή). Could this refer to the total time the sun is shining? Such as going from shining 24 hours a day to 16 hours a day turning on and off like a light? If this were true it could only apply to one side of the planet (such as Israel). Also this method wouldn't easily be done when looking into the physics of it and doesn't strictly align with scripture.</p>	
	<p>Perhaps 1/3 of the physical sun is blocked 100% of the time in the same way the moon can have crescent phases. This also could be achieved by a very slow rogue planet passing in front of the sun, blocking up to a third of it for an extended time. This also doesn't seem biblical so it's eliminated.</p> <p>The last option is that the entire sun's intensity is diminished by a third or about 33.3%. This is the most likely as the bible seems to imply that the whole sun will be darkened equally on its surface by a third. Joel 2:10 seems to shed a bit more 'light' on this trumpet which seems to be referring to this event, or a similar event right after the 7th bowl but before His return. Either way we can see that it distinctly refers to the brightness of the sun, moon and stars being dimmed by about 33.3% 24 hours a day.</p>	<p><b>Joel 2:10</b> "The earth quakes before them, The heavens tremble; The sun and moon grow dark, And the stars diminish their brightness."</p>
	<p><b>Days are 1/3 Shorter</b> To find some answers for the passage "A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night" we have to look deeper into the reason for the tribulation, which is to bring Israel to salvation. This could be the key to explaining why a third of the day did not shine and likewise [became] a third of the night, because it only applies to Israel. This is just my interpretation but Israel could have 1/3 less sun on an average day (becoming 8 hours) and somewhere else on the exact opposite side of the world (the pacific ocean) will have 1/3 more sun (becoming 16 hours), hence potentially explaining the verse.</p> <p>Another possibility to consider is that the previous trumpet meteors (the 2nd trumpet in particular) could have impacted earth so hard that it slows its rotation by 1/3, making days a third longer and likewise nights 1/3 longer as well.</p> <p>To sum up, I believe the sun, moon and stars are about 33.3% (1/3) darker and on top of that, the sun shines 1/3 less in Israel and 1/3 more on the opposite side of the world every day - excluding any current seasonal tilt.</p> <p>During the period of the darkened sun, it doesn't mean that the sun's heat will also be reduced by the same third, but there's always the chance that it will be. If this happens then we're looking at a new mini ice age where crops will die and weather phenomena will become extreme.</p>	
The Rapture Revelation Timeline The Trumpets	<p><b>Related Verses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Combined</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joel 2:10 "The sun and moon grow dark, And the stars diminish their brightness."</li> <li>Matthew 24:29 "the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken."</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Dark Sun</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Luke 23:45 "Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two."</li> <li>Revelation 9:2 "So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit."</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Dark Moon</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isaiah 13:10 "For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not cause its light to shine."</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Dark Stars</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isaiah 13:10 "For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not cause its light to shine."</li> <li>Ezekiel 32:7 "When I put out your light, I will cover the heavens, and make its stars dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, And the moon shall not give her light."</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<p><b>5th Trumpet</b></p>	
	<p><b>The Fifth Trumpet</b> (Locusts &amp; Torment)</p>	<p>The fifth trumpet fills the air with smoke from a pit which blocks out the sun. Locusts (demons) come from the pit and torment those without the seal of God for 5 months. People can't die. The locusts represent demons released from the bottomless pit and they will have the power to torment the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. Abaddon/Apollyon is likely one of Satan's underlings, a destroying demon and one of the "rulers," "authorities," and "powers" mentioned in Ephesians 6:12.</p>
The Rapture Revelation Timeline The Trumpets	<p><b>Revelation 9:1-11</b> " <b>1</b> Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. <b>2</b> And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit." <b>3</b> Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. <b>4</b> They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. <b>5</b> And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man. <b>6</b> In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.</p>	
	<p>" <b>7</b> The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. <b>8</b> They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. <b>9</b> And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle. <b>10</b> They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power was to hurt men five months. <b>11</b> And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon."</p>	<p><b>Ephesians 6:12</b> "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."</p>
	<p><b>Smoke Fills the Air</b> The smoke can't be a metaphor for demons because demons are called locusts in this passage. The smoke is a separate entity. The phrasing of verse 2 seems to imply that the smoke can visibly be seen and it actually blocks the sun and fills the air extremely densely. Due to this I believe it's referring to a volcanic eruption - or multiple eruptions, particularly a VEI-8 or VEI-9 supervolcano which can cover HUGE areas with smoke and ash. A VEI-7 volcano projects at least 100km³ of tephra which can fall at around 1,300 kilometres away (2,600km diameter). Keeping this proportion, a VEI-8 would project at least 1,000km³ of tephra which can probably fall between 5,000-7,000km (10k-14k km Ø) away covering about half of the planet.</p> <p>Whatever causes it, the effects of the smoke blocking the sun would be devastating to all crops, livestock and humans. There's no doubt that it would have a dramatic cooling effect planet-wide and again, like the 4th trumpet above will cause destructive blizzards and other natural disasters.</p>	

**The Locusts' Command**

As the locusts were commanded not to harm the grass, the trees, or any green thing implies they have the capacity to do so, but not the authority. Only real locusts have a built-in mechanism requiring them to consume flora, trees, weeds and grass. However they can't be anything like the locusts we know today since they can torment people as per the verse "They were given power" and they come from the bottomless pit. These are therefore demons which come from the pit and torment those without God's seal.

**The Locusts' Appearance**

The appearance of the locusts even further confuses things:

- Shape - "Like horses prepared for battle"
- Head - "Crowns of something like gold"
- Face - "Like the faces of men"
- Hair - "Hair like women's hair"
- Teeth - "Like lions' teeth"
- Wearing - "Like breastplates of iron"
- Wing Sound - "Like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle"
- Tail - "Like scorpions, with stings in their tails"

There's too much to deconstruct about the appearance of the locusts so I'll just summarise. Each fact about the locusts has the word 'like' which means the writer was describing them the best they could in their ancient language. Many of the facts don't make sense when you think of a conventional locust. How can a locust have a golden crown, women's hair, teeth like a lion and also wear armour? The most plausible explanation is that these 'locusts' are otherworldly creatures which look nothing like any creature we know today, especially since they have a king over them.

Additionally they come from the 'bottomless pit' which (for obvious reasons) isn't located on earth. What we can ascertain is that these creatures are likely to be about the size of a locust as we know them today and we also know they can fly. We don't know if they are visible to people on the earth or whether or not they can move through walls. They seem to be able to affect every person without God's seal for the whole 5 month duration regardless of their location or whether there are six sealed walls around them.

**People Can't Die**

This can't be explained with science. You would think being shot in the chest by a tank would kill you. Think again. This won't be a time of celebration however, the Bible says that people will seek death because of the pain but won't be able to die. They will be tormented day and night for five months.

When this trumpet takes effect, people will be so shocked at the pain they suddenly start feeling that many are likely to lose concentration on what they're doing and crash cars, fall over and drop items causing a lot of destruction. People are likely to scream out at the unending pain and their cries will last five months. Considering the amount of pain that those without God's seal will seem to be in, people won't likely want to leave their house, they will find it hard to sleep and factories and workplaces may be absent.

**Related Verses**

**Smoke**

- Genesis 19:28 *"Then he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain; and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land which went up like the smoke of a furnace."*

**Locusts**

- Proverbs 30:27 *"The locusts have no king, Yet they all advance in ranks;"* (These locusts have a leader - Abaddon)
- 8th Plague (Exodus 10) *"Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come upon the land of Egypt"*

**Seal Torment**

- 1st Bowl (Revelation 16:2) *"and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image."*
- 5th Bowl (Revelation 16:10) *"and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain."*
- 6th Plague (Exodus 9:9) *"...and it will cause boils that break out in sores on man and beast..."*

**6th Trumpet**

**The Sixth Trumpet**  
(1/3 of Mankind Killed)

The sixth trumpet releases four angels to kill 1/3 of mankind using a nations army of 200 million strong.

**Look For**

- An Army of 200 million who have armour coloured red, blue and yellow
- 1/3 of Mankind Killed

**Revelation 9:13-19**

*"Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates. So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone.*

*By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm. But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts."*

**The Four Angels**

These 'angels' seem to have only one purpose, to kill a third of mankind when they are loosed. Angels who obey God have no need for restraints which is why many believe these are demons. Demons also seem to be territorial and like to attach themselves to objects which could explain why they are fixed at the Euphrates river.

**The Army**

Currently the only countries of the world who have 200 million or more population in 2020<sup>n</sup> are: China (1.43 Bil), India (1.38 Bil), U.S.A (331 Mil), Indonesia (273 Mil), Pakistan (220 Mil), Brazil (212 Mil) and Nigeria (206 Mil). Therefore the only countries which could have an army of 200 million or more are China and India. This army could also be a combined force of multiple countries such as the EU or the new global government. It may also be allegorical and refer to an unseen army of demons.

**The Riders**

The riders have breastplates consisting of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow. It's interesting to note that China has a flag containing red and yellow which is who this army could represent. The blue may come from another source.

**The Horses**

Their heads were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. The only unique features of a lion that the writer could be referring to would either be the shape of the head or the mane of a lion. There's not currently any technology that looks like a lions head or has anything resembling a mane, therefore we have to wait and see what it actually refers to. These 'horses' will have riders so they can't be any kind of unmanned craft which in turn could mean they require human control due to complexity. They also have to be big enough to allow a human on top of them or inside them.

**Fire, Smoke and Brimstone**

These are the three plagues that proceed from the 'mouths' and tails of the horses. Each one is distinct and yet it appears they all come from the same vehicle. Fire and brimstone is often mentioned throughout the bible in terms of judgement, but there's never mention of smoke until now. Sulfur is synonymous with brimstone and can often be linked with demons. Another point to note is that sulfur was commonly used in incendiary projectiles thousands of years ago which could be attempting to describe modern incendiary weapons today.

**Power in their Mouth and Tails**

It seems that whatever type of technology this is, their weapons are in the nose and tail of them. The tail has heads like a serpent which is hard to try and imagine what the writer means by this since snakes heads are either diamond shaped or just rounded.

**1/3 of People Killed**

Killing one third of the population of the world is no easy task and would take a lot of modern weapons to do so. There are currently 7.8 billion people on the planet in 2020, if it were to happen today that would mean killing 2.6 billion people. (2,600,000,000)

**Related Verses**

**Fire**

- Exodus 9:24 "So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail"
- Mark 9:44 "where 'Their worm does not die And the fire is not quenched.'"

**Smoke**

- Exodus 19:18 "Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire."
- 2 Samuel 22:9 "Smoke went up from His nostrils, And devouring fire from His mouth; Coals were kindled by it."

**Brimstone**

- Genesis 19:24 "Then the Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the Lord out of the heavens."
- Psalm 11:6 "Upon the wicked He will rain coals; Fire and brimstone and a burning wind Shall be the portion of their cup."
- Revelation 14:10 "He [worshippers of the beast and his image] shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb."

If you understand the way the Bible is set out with its heptadic structure there could be a potential time gap here between the 6th and the 7th trumpets.

**The Seven Thunders**

The seven thunders utter their voices, however John was commanded not to write what he heard.

**Revelation 10:1-4**

"I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud, and a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. When he cried out, seven thunders uttered their voices. Now when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and do not write them."

**Facts**

- What John heard the Thunders say is not written in the Bible.
- So these thunders cannot say something that is written in the Bible, yet they must agree with everything that is written in the Bible.

A mystery in the bible is the time of the rapture and another is the new name that Jesus has in Revelation 19.

**Matthew 24:36**

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only."

**Revelation 19:12**

"His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself."

Thunder generally describes how God talks throughout the bible, so these could be His own words which must be said in heaven at that certain time. However since this is said in the future it could change the entire future of earth if the message of the thunders was written down.

**The Mighty Angel**

These verses between the 6th and 7th trumpets could signify a possible delay longer than between the previous trumpets.

**Revelation 10:5-7**

"The angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised up his hand to heaven and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things that are in it, the earth and the things that are in it, and the sea and the things that are in it, that there should be delay no longer, but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets."

**The Little Book**

John becomes a participant in the great drama which is unfolding before us. He is required to do a very strange thing, one that has a very typical meaning. He eats the little book at the instructions of the angel, and the results are bittersweet. Eating the little book means to receive the Word of God with faith. The part of the Word of God taken by John was judgment. It was sweet because the future is sweet. In Genesis 18:17 we read, "And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do...?"

It is sweet to know what God is going to do, but when you find out that judgment is coming, it is bitter. John eagerly received the Word of God, but when he saw that more judgment was to follow, it brought travail of soul and sorrow of heart. It was sweet in his mouth and bitter in his digestive system. If you and I can take delight in reading this section of the Word of God and the judgments that are to fall upon the earth, then we need to do a great deal of praying to understand the mind of God.

It is sweet to know the Book of Revelation and what God intends to do, but when we find out that judgment is coming to the Christ-rejecting world around us, we cannot rejoice in that. The prophecy becomes bitter.

**Revelation 10:8-11**

"Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, "Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth." So I went to the angel and said to him, "Give me the little book." And he said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth." Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter. And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.""

**The Witnesses Killed**

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The antichrist rises against the witnesses once they have completed their testimony, he will make war against the them, overcome them, and kill them. Their bodies will lie in the streets of Jerusalem for three days and will not be buried. Those on the earth will rejoice over their death, partying and sending gifts to one another because of the torment these witnesses inflicted on the earth in God's name.

**Look For**

- A televised event of the slain witnesses
- A worldwide party celebrating their death
- They will not bury their bodies

**Revelation 11:7-10**

"When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth."

The bible doesn't say in what manner the witnesses will be killed but we can guess it has to be something that visually confirms their death such as gunshot wounds, missing limbs or anything else that people can easily look on and agree that nobody can survive that type of wound. If you didn't catch it above, the witnesses are likely to be Elijah and Moses.

**The Witnesses Resurrected**

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After three and a half days of laying in the street, God will breathe life into them and they will be resurrected. The witnesses then heard a loud voice from heaven and ascend in a cloud. Their enemies see this (on television) and in the same hour a great earthquake strikes the city where a tenth of it falls. About seven thousand people are killed in the earthquake and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.

**Look For**

- The saints resurrected after 3 days and ascend into heaven
- A huge earthquake in Jerusalem where about 7,000 people are killed
- A mass repentance in Jerusalem

**Revelation 11:11-13**

"Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven."

The enemies of the witnesses will see them resurrected and raised into heaven in a cloud. This will likely be broadcasted worldwide and will shock everyone watching.

**7th Trumpet**

**The Seventh Trumpet**  
(Kingdom Proclaimed)

The seventh trumpet proclaims God's kingdom and the temple of God was opened in heaven resulting in lightnings, noises, thunderings and an earthquake.

**Look For**

- Noises
- Thunder
- Lightning
- An earthquake
- A great hail

**Revelation 11:19**

"Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail."

Since there are minor earthquakes occurring around the world daily, we know that this earthquake has to be much more substantial than that or it wouldn't even be mentioned. It could be anywhere in the range of about magnitude 9 to 11.

**Related Verses**

**Noises, thunderings, lightnings, an earthquake**

- 7th Seal (Revelation 8:5) "And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake."
- 7th Bowl (Revelation 16:18) "And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth."

You're now 2/3's of the way through the tribulation which should be definitely more than enough evidence to prove the accuracy of the bible by now, repent and accept Jesus as your saviour today because you may not live much longer. The hailstones in the 7th bowl alone each weigh about 34.2kg (75.3 lbs) and could be the size of a rounded briefcase or bigger.

**Third Temple Complete**

The third temple should be completed by now with the temple worship established. There will be a small amount of time between the completion of the temple and the abomination of desolation as some sacrifices and worship will occur.

**Mid Tribulation**

The mid tribulation is a marker which can be used to identify the middle of the tribulation period. The abomination of desolation (discussed below) signifies the turning point in the tribulation and separated the first 3.5 years and the end 3.5 years of the 70th week of Daniel. Up until this point the antichrist was a man who followed satans instruction, however from the abomination of desolation onwards satan himself will indwell him directly. He will also gain satanic supernatural powers to fool the world and to reign in the nations.

Do NOT take the mark of the beast! This is likely the point when the antichrist will likely mandate the taking of the mark of the beast on either your right hand or forehead. If you take it, you have allied yourself with the devil himself and you are guaranteed be going to hell either when Jesus returns or you die - which may be soon considering the insane (world-ending) judgements that are left. Not to mention that the first bowl says that all those with the mark will get painful sores all over their body. You may not be able to buy anything, but if you commit yourself to Jesus and live for Him, but you will be living with Him for eternity in heaven. God is the provider of all your needs.

You cannot be tricked into getting the mark of the beast because it will be equivalent to signing your soul to the devil and you will be pledging allegiance to the antichrist over everything else, including God. If anyone takes the mark, they will be doing it willingly and those who refuse will be beheaded. Something else to point out is that this mark will be the number of the antichrist and not a personal identification number such as your bank account number. This number will be related to him and will have the ciphered number 666 hidden within in. The mark will likely allow free 'purchases' for all those who have this mark as part of his socialist agenda.

The reason why taking the mark of the beast is irreversible could be that it alters your DNA permanently thus removing you from the scope of being human. Jesus died on the cross ONLY for the sins of humanity and since their DNA will be changed, His death won't cover the people who take the mark - even if they try to remove the mark and repent. This is just a theory but there have recently been a lot of articles out lately about vaccines which have the ability to alter DNA and RNA in a person.

**Abomination of Desolation**

In the bible, the abomination of desolation is the act of the antichrist sitting on the throne in the recently rebuilt temple and declares himself as God. When this act is witnessed (on television worldwide) Jews and any other Christians in the area should flee from Israel immediately - not even going into their homes to grab items. This starts the second half of the tribulation where those without the mark of the beast are hunted and beheaded and Jews are persecuted, causing 2/3 of them to eventually perish. The antichrist (an incarnation of Satan) is given satanic powers to show signs such as raining fire from heaven. (See Revelation 13)

**The Jews Second Exodus**

The Jews will flee from Israel and be hunted and killed by the antichrist for their faith in the remainder of the tribulation. They will flee into the desert - to Petra, for 3.5 years where they will be protected and fed by God.

**Matthew 24:15-18**

*"Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains." Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes."*

**Mark 13:14-21**

*"So when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes."*

*"But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter. For in those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be." But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her."*

**Luke 21:23**

*"But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled."*

Matthew 24:15 and Mark 13:14 comment "Let the reader understand". If you read this you should look into the meaning of the "Abomination of Desolation" in the first temple, but for simplicity I've added a quick description below:

**History of the Abomination of Desolation**

In 167 B.C. a Greek ruler Antiochus Epiphanies set up an altar to Zeus over the altar of burnt offerings in the Jewish temple in Jerusalem. He also sacrificed a pig on the altar in the holiest Temple in Jerusalem. This event is known as the abomination of desolation. However the same thing will occur again, this time by the antichrist, but likely even worse.

**The Bowls**

This section contains the events of the second half of the tribulation, from the abomination of desolation up to the end of the 7 years when the gathering at Armageddon happens.

**1st Bowl**

**The First Bowl**  
(Loathsome Sores)

The first bowl pours out foul and loathsome sores on everyone with the mark of the beast or worshiped the antichrists image. The sores are unique to those with the mark of the beast on their head or right hand, which - due to lack of research could be the cause of the sores. Be warned that as a Christian during this period you will easily stand out due to your lack of sores. The antichrist himself probably won't have the mark of himself and therefore might not be subjected to these sores.

**Look For**  

- Sores and pain for those who have the mark of the beast and worship his image

**Revelation 16:2**

*"So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image."*

It sounds like these sores cover the whole body of those with the mark and not just the area around the mark. They will also be foul, meaning that they will both look absolutely putrid and smell revolting. People won't want to come near each other because of the stench and many contact based jobs will have to be suspended. Sex will also likely be avoided until the sores go away. Loathsome could imply that people will utterly hate these sores and their own bodies and will seek to remove them by any means possible. It is unknown how long this bowl judgement will last and if the sores will remedy themselves or last through to the end of the tribulation.

**Related Verses**

**Sores & Pain**

- 5th Trumpet (Revelation 9:5) *"And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man."*
- 5th Bowl (Revelation 16:10) *"and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain."*
- 6th Plague (Exodus 9:9) *"...and it will cause boils that break out in sores on man and beast..."*

**2nd Bowl**

**The Second Bowl**  
(Sea Turns to Blood)

The second bowl turns the entire sea to blood and every living creature in it dies.

**Look For**  

- The entire sea is blood
- All sea creatures die
- All fishing stopped

**Revelation 16:3**

*"Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died."*

A while after death, blood separates into a clear watery top layer with a thick red under layer. This could be what the bible refers to by 'blood as of a dead man'. This judgement will kill everything that was still alive in the sea after the second trumpet when 1/3 of all sea creatures were killed. After people realize that everything in the ocean is dead, fishing will likely stop for the remainder of the tribulation.

By reading the text carefully it looks like the sea creatures died due to the sea becoming blood and therefore eliminates the possibility that the dead sea creatures caused the sea to turn to blood. It's unknown whether the entire sea will become blood at the exact same time or it will originate from a point and spread. It's also possible that the waters will stink and people will loathe to drink the water of the river, just like in Exodus.

For further reading I recommend looking at Exodus 7:14-25 where Moses turns the waters to blood.

**Related Verses**

**Blood**

- 6th Seal (Revelation 6:12) *"...and the moon became like blood."*
- 2nd Trumpet (Revelation 8:8) *"...and a third of the sea became blood."*
- 3rd Bowl (Revelation 16:4) *"...poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood."*
- 1st Plague (Exodus 7:14-25) *"...and they [the waters] shall be turned to blood."*

**3rd Bowl**

**The Third Bowl**  
(Waters Turn to Blood)

The third bowl turns all the rivers and springs to blood because the evil have spilt the blood of saints and prophets.

**Look For**  

- All rivers and springs are blood

**Revelation 16:4-7**

"Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters saying: You are righteous, O Lord, The One who is and who was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, And You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due. And I heard another from the altar saying, "Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments.""

In the same way as the previous bowl turned the seas to blood, this one will turn the rivers and springs to blood. Since it's difficult to explain how this happens because rivers come mostly from rain and springs come from underground, we can just say it's done by God's divine power. Head back and read the third trumpet again for my reasoning on why it could also be a demon which turns the rivers and springs of the world to blood.

Again, for further reading I recommend Exodus 7:14-25 where Moses turns the waters to blood.

<b>Related Verses</b>	<p><b>Blood</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6th Seal (Revelation 6:12) "...and the moon became like blood."</li> <li>• 2nd Trumpet (Revelation 8:8) "...and a third of the sea became blood."</li> <li>• 2nd Bowl (Revelation 16:3) "...and it [the sea] became blood as of a dead man."</li> <li>• 1st Plague (Exodus 7:14-25) "...and they [the waters] shall be turned to blood."</li> </ul>
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**4th Bowl**

<b>The Fourth Bowl</b> (Men Are Scorched)	<p>The fourth bowl causes the sun scorch men with great heat. People won't be able to cool themselves very easily due to all waters being blood as per the previous bowls.</p>	<b>Look For</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brutal sunlight</li> <li>• Extremely hot days</li> <li>• Blasphemy against God</li> </ul>
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**Revelation 16:8-9**

"Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory."

For the sun to be able to scorch people with a great heat, the effects of the 4th trumpet where 1/3 of the sun was struck must have been undone. Additionally the sun still can't be black at this point in time or during the 4th trumpet due to the effects of the 6th seal. Since the previous sun-altering judgements the world will have cooled down greatly, particularly in the 5th trumpet when the sun was blocked by thick smoke. This bowl would likely counter those lasting effects and semi-stabilize the planets temperature, that is until it overheats.

<b>Related Verses</b>	<p><b>Sun</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6th Seal (Revelation 6:12) "...and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair..."</li> <li>• 4th Trumpet (Revelation 8:12) "...And a third of the sun was struck...", "A third of the day did not shine..."</li> </ul> <p><b>Scorched</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deuteronomy 28:22 - "Burning Up"</li> </ul>
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**5th Bowl**

<b>The Fifth Bowl</b> (Darkness and Pain)	<p>The fifth bowl plunges the kingdom of the beast into painful darkness and gives everyone in the kingdom of Babylon sores. This is darkness that you can 'feel' just like the darkness plague in Egypt back in Exodus.</p>	<b>Look For</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Darkness over Babylon</li> <li>• Pain to those in Babylon</li> <li>• Blasphemy against God</li> </ul>
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**Revelation 16:10-11**

"Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds."

Not only would they be able to feel this darkness, they won't be able to see each other for the duration just like Egypt back in Exodus. Even after so many plagues, disasters and judgements they still won't repent and instead blaspheme against God almighty.

<b>Related Verses</b>	<p><b>Darkness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9th Plague (Exodus 10:21-29) "Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness which may even be felt.""</li> </ul>
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**6th Bowl**

<b>The Sixth Bowl</b> (Euphrates Dried Up)	<p>The sixth bowl dries up the Euphrates river to make way for the kings of the east. Demons go out to the nations of the earth to gather them for the battle with God. It takes a very depraved mind or a strong deception to trick people into believing that they can defeat the God of the universe in a battle with mortal weapons.</p>	<b>Look For</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Euphrates river dries up</li> <li>• The Euphrates is used by the armies to the east to travel to Armageddon</li> <li>• Demons gather kings together in Israel of Armageddon</li> </ul>
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**Revelation 16:12-16**

"Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty, Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame." And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon."

**The Euphrates**

The Euphrates is the longest and one of the most historically important rivers of Western Asia. Together with the Tigris, it is one of the two defining rivers of Mesopotamia. It is approximately 2,800 km (1,700 mi) long. The Euphrates receives most of its water in the form of rainfall and melting snow, resulting in peak volumes during the months April through May. Since rain and snow is the primary source of the river it's likely that the extreme heat in the 4th bowl prevents snow and therefore assists in the drying up of the river. That isn't to say that there won't be other reasons why it dries up such as dam construction or supernatural intervention. Currently the Euphrates restricts movement from the east to the west due to its large width which ranges from about 45m (147ft) to about 2.7km (1.67mi) at its widest point.

**Gathering Against God**

To finish off this bowl, demons will go out to the ends of the earth from the satanic trinity and gather together the nations in Armageddon to battle God. They absolutely cannot win against an eternal God who made them, the earth and the universe. The likeliest reason why they believe they have a chance against God is all the movies that come out of Hollywood depicting humans defeating aliens and gods who attempt to invade. That, plus the fact they will be deceived by demons. As we know God will destroy them with the brightness of His coming.

**Coming as a Thief**

Verses 15 and 16 in Revelation 16 are a parentheses between the 6th and the 7th bowl, just like between the 6th and 7th seals and the 6th and 7th trumpets. It does NOT mean that this is the point when the rapture occurs - although if you're following along in the tribulation you would already know this.

## Related Verses

### Dried Up

- Nahum 1:4 "He rebukes the sea and makes it dry, and dries up all the rivers."
- Genesis 8:7 "Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth."
- Joshua 2:10 "For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt"
- Joshua 4:23 "for the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over,"

If you understand the way the Bible is set out with its heptadic structure there could be a potential time gap here between the 6th and the 7th bowls.

## 7th Bowl

### The Seventh Bowl (Armageddon)

The seventh bowl releases noises, thunderings and lightnings and the biggest earthquake in history which divides Babylon into 3 parts. Every mountain falls, islands move out of place and exceedingly great hail falls from heaven.

#### Look For

- Noises, Thunder, Lightning
- The biggest earthquake in all history splitting Babylon into 3 parts
- Hailstones each about 34.2kg (75.3 lbs) fall from heaven
- Blasphemy against God

#### Revelation 16:17-18

"Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!" And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great."

#### Hail

A hailstone weight 1 talent would equal 34kg or 75lbs today and would be about the size of 33 litres (8.7gal) of water frozen into a solid block. This block of ice would therefore be 33cm (13in) x 33cm x 33cm. However since only 5% of hail is frozen water it would be much larger than that. It only takes hail the size of a golf ball to kill someone and this hail could be the size of a briefcase (but round).

#### Earthquake

For the earthquake to be so large that it has never occurred before in human history, it would have to be at least a magnitude 11. This assumes that the reason every mountain and island moved across the planet in the 6th seal was the result of an earthquake and not the sky receding. It would also likely have to be less than magnitude 15 as an earthquake of this scale could potentially wipe out all life on earth. We also know that this earthquake splits Babylon into 3 parts, therefore the epicentre will be somewhere close by.

Babylon will likely be constructed around Al-Hillah in Iraq where the previous Babylon empire was located. The coordinates are 32.478642, 44.451235 (32° 28' 43.1" N, 44° 27' 4.4" E) if you're interested. If you want the safest place from the earthquake I recommend the opposite side of the earth which is directly in the middle of the South Pacific Ocean. Although since there will be catastrophic aftershocks circling the globe it's likely that many tsunamis will follow, which makes nowhere safe. This is one of your last chances to repent and turn from your ways.

#### Blasphemy

For people to blaspheme against God they must know that there is a God causing these disasters in the first place, but if you believe that there is a God who created the universe, why would you attempt to go up against Him with mortal weapons?

## "It is done!" Revelation 16:17

## Related Verses

#### Earthquakes

- 6th Seal (Revelation 6:12) "there was a great earthquake"
- 7th Seal (Revelation 8:5) "And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake."
- 7th Trumpet (Revelation 11:19) "And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail."
- Zechariah 14:4 "And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south."

#### Noises, thunderings, lightnings, an earthquake

- 7th Seal (Revelation 8:5) "And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake."
- 7th Trumpet (Revelation 11:19) "And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail."

#### Hail

- 7th Plague (Exodus 9:24) "So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail..."
- Joshua 10:11 "...the Lord cast down large hailstones from heaven on them as far as Azekah"
- 1st Trumpet (Revelation 8:7) "And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth."
- 7th Trumpet (Revelation 11:19) "And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail."

#### Blasphemy

- Leviticus 24:16 "And whoever blasphemeth the name of the Lord shall surely be put to death."
- The Beast (Revelation 13:6) "Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name...."
- 4th Bowl (Revelation 16:9) "...and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues..."
- 5th Bowl (Revelation 16:11) "They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores..."

## Fall of Babylon

### Fall of Babylon

At the conclusion of the seventh bowl Babylon is proclaimed to be destroyed. The bible says that every island, mountain and city of the nations will fall in the greatest cataclysm of history. The earthquake in the seventh seal is likely to cause many tsunamis which wrap around the globe causing further damage.

#### Look For

- The city of Babylon split into three parts by a tremendous earthquake.

#### Revelation 16:19

"Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath."

#### Revelation 18:2

"And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!"

For more see Revelation 18.

This is your absolute last chance to repent and change your ways before the second coming of Christ, even then it's leaving it a bit too late. See the Christianity section for more details.

## Post-Tribulation

### Tribulation End



This just marks the end of the tribulation or the "Time of Jacob's Trouble" which ends after God's wrath is fulfilled. As soon as it ends, Matthew 24:29 and Mark 13:24 say that the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. These events occur as soon as the tribulation ends and lead into the glorious return of Jesus Christ to earth in all His glory. The world will also exist about 45 days after the end of the tribulation while the armies of the world gather at Armageddon.

**Look For**

- A Darkened Sun
- The Moon won't Shine
- Stars will or have previously fallen from Heaven
- "The powers of heaven will be shaken"

**Matthew 24:29-31**

"29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

**Mark 13:24-27**

"24 "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; 25 the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. 27 And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven."

**Armageddon Gathering****Armageddon Gathering**

The armies of the antichrist gather at Armageddon (Tel-Megiddo) to battle God.

**Look For**

- The armies of the world gathering at Armageddon

**Revelation 16:16**

"And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon."

**Revelation 19:19**

"And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army"

**Coordinates of Armageddon**

- 32°36'57"N
- 35°12'46"E

During the time since the tribulation ended, the sun will be darkened, the moon won't give any light and the stars will fall from heaven. The powers of heaven will also be shaken, however not much is know about what this will actually look like in person.

**The Second Coming**

"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory." **Matthew 24:30**

This is the second coming of Jesus, where He purges the world of sin and rules from Jerusalem for 1,000 years. When this event occurs then there's no use for the remainder of this document. If you've survived to the end of the tribulation as a firm, born-again Christian then you should be excited for the second coming of Jesus. You, and likely some of the raptured saints who weren't dedicated to Jesus, living your life for Him at all times will be the people who populate the earth in the millennial reign. Unlike the first coming as a human, this time Jesus will return in all His might, power and wrath, destroying His enemies on arrival. The chance of the army gathered at Armageddon actually winning is 0%, with no absolutely no doubt about it.

**Jesus' Return****Jesus' Return**

We know Jesus' second coming will be a literal event and will be just like He went to heaven the first time. Acts 1:9-11 says the following, "Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.'"

**Look For**

- Jesus with an army from Heaven appearing
- His feet will touch the Mount of Olives
- Jesus will kill all those opposed to Him
- The Mount of Olives splits into two

**Revelation 19:11-16**

"Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."

**Zechariah 14:3-5**

"3 Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. 4 And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, making a very large valley; half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south. 5 Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, for the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah.

Thus the Lord my God will come, and all the saints with You."

**Zechariah 14:6-9**

"6 It shall come to pass in that day that there will be no light; the lights will diminish. 7 It shall be one day which is known to the Lord— Neither day nor night. But at evening time it shall happen that it will be light. 8 And in that day it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the western sea; in both summer and winter it shall occur. 9 And the Lord shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be— "The Lord is one," And His name one. 9 And the Lord shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be— "The Lord is one," and His name one."

**The Army Defeated**

The antichrist and his armies are defeated by Jesus and the birds of the world will come to feast on their bodies. **Revelation 19:15** "Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations."

**Look For**

- The antichrist and his armies are defeated

**Revelation 19:17-21**

"17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in the midst of heaven, "Come and gather together for the supper of the great God, 18 that you may eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, both small and great."

19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. 20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. 21 And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh."

**Lake of Fire**

The beast and false prophet are cast into the lake of fire.

**Revelation 19:20**

"Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone."

**Satan Bound**

Satan is bound for 1,000 years in the bottomless pit so that he may no longer deceive the nations until the thousand years were up. After the thousand years he must be released for a little while to deceive the nations once more.

**Revelation 20:1-3**

"Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while."

**Sheep and Goats Judgement**

The sheep and goats judgement occurs after the tribulation when Jesus returns to claim His throne. Everyone who remains on the earth will be grouped into either the sheep (His followers) or the goats (those who lived for themselves or worshiped the antichrist). Those who are to His left will be sent to hell forever and those on His right will inherit the kingdom with Him and will live during the coming millennium. Some scholars believe the old testament saints will be resurrected prior to this judgement to live and reign with Jesus.

**Matthew 25:31-46**

"31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

44 "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' 45 Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' 46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'"

**The Millennium**

The millennium is the period of 1,000 years when Jesus reigns over the entire earth with a rod of iron. (Revelation 19:15) Nations must travel to Jerusalem once a year to maintain blessings from God or he will withhold rain on that nation. During the millennium there will be births and deaths as we know them now, however the average age of a person is much longer, greatly exceeding 100 years old. Animals will no longer harm people and a child can play with a cobra without fear. However those who don't worship or follow God will be cursed and have shorter lives.

**The Believers Live with Christ**

Those who were loyal to Christ during their life and walked closely with Him will reign with Christ for the millennium with glorified bodies. Those who were saved but didn't walk the path set for them by God will likely just live in the millennium. Glorified bodies are bodies which can't sin and include multi-dimensional abilities likely allowing instant transportation and the ability to appear within a closed room such as Jesus' movements after His resurrection.

**Revelation 20:4-6**

"4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."

The verse above describes those who died in the tribulation for their testimony of Jesus and who did not take the mark will live and reign with Jesus for the 1,000 years. Those who did not believe aren't resurrected until the Great White Throne Judgement which occurs after the millennium is complete.

**Isaiah 65:20-25**

"20 "No more shall an infant from there live but a few days, Nor an old man who has not fulfilled his days; For the child shall die one hundred years old, But the sinner being one hundred years old shall be accursed.

21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; They shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

22 They shall not build and another inhabit; They shall not plant and another eat; For as the days of a tree, so shall be the days of My people, And My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. 23 They shall not labor in vain, Nor bring forth children for trouble; For they shall be the descendants of the blessed of the Lord, And their offspring with them. 24 "It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; And while they are still speaking, I will hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, The lion shall eat straw like the ox, And dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain," Says the Lord."



**Revelation 21:1-8**

" **1** Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. **2** Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3** And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. **4** And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." **5** Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." **6** And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. **7** He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. **8** But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.""

**Revelation 21:9-13**

" **9** Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." **10** And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, **11** having the glory of God. Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. **12** Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: **13** three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west."

**Revelation 21:14-21**

" **14** Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. **15** And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall. **16** The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. **17** Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. **18** The construction of its wall was of jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. **19** The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, **20** the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. **21** The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass."

**Revelation 21:22-27**

" **22** But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. **23** The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. **24** And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. **25** Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). **26** And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. **27** But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

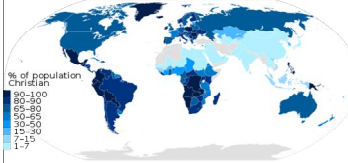
**7****Next Steps**

This is the end of the Rapture Survival Guide (TRSG). If you still have questions you should read the Bible for yourself or head back up to the 'Seeking Truth > Reliable Christian Content' section and watch some of the videos those pastors have on almost any topic you could imagine. Alternatively you could go to the 'Christianity' section and continue reading. If you're looking for a physical survival guide on topics such as finding food and water, you should download "The Preparedness Encyclopedia" (TPE) created by myself (Fluidic Ice) which you can download at [www.fluidicice.com/TPE](http://www.fluidicice.com/TPE).



Christianity is the following of Jesus' teachings and having a relationship with our father in heaven because we are all sinners and have strayed from the path set to us by going our own lustful ways. He sent his only Son to die on the cross for every one of these sins and he longs to have a relationship with each of us, and wants to see us prosper and live for him. He alone is the way, the truth and the life.

**Geographic Positioning**  
Countries with the greatest proportion of Christians by country (as of 2010<sup>a</sup>)



*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."*

**John 3:16**

Largest Christian Populations <sup>a</sup>	United States	Brazil	Russia	Mexico	Nigeria	Philippines	China	Democratic Congo	France	Italy	Ethiopia
	229,157,250	169,213,130	114,198,444	106,204,560	80,510,000	78,790,000	67,070,000	63,150,000	55,948,600	55,832,000	51,477,950

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## 1

## Introduction

Many people place the beginning of Christianity some two thousand years ago with the life of Jesus. In actuality, Christianity began as a reform movement within Judaism, which had been established nearly two thousand years earlier. To understand Christianity, we must go back to the roots of Judaism. We find aspects of the history of the Israelites recorded in the Bible, which is ultimately a collection of writings conveying the story of God's relationship with humanity. "In the beginning," the Scriptures state, "God created the heavens and the earth."

However, sometime after creating humanity, things began to go awry. People chose to defy God's command, and sin entered the world. As a direct result of this disobedience, humans have since been struggling with broken relationships with God, themselves, others, and creation. Even worse, through that act, death was introduced to the world. In order to restore everlasting relationship with his creation, God chose one righteous person - Abraham, and initiated a plan of redemption. Through Abraham's family, a people became a nation that was destined to be a light, a blessing, and a model to the entire world: Israel.

Though there were moments when they forgot who they were and neglected God's commands, in time the Israelites succeeded in being God's faithful people—despite threats and attacks levelled against them from surrounding nations. In the Christian understanding, the Israelites' presence in the world and their message of the one true God prepared the peoples of the earth for the next phase of God's plan. Through his prophets, God foretold a final resolution to the broken relationship between God and humans: God himself would enter the world in the form of a human being.

He would experience what we experience. He would suffer the pain that we suffer, endure the temptations we endure, feel the emotions we feel. But more than that, he would be beaten, broken, and crushed. In his death he would take on all the sins of man, until "by his wounds we (would be) healed" and set free from the bondage of sin. And in the end, he would restore his scattered and dispirited people, ushering in an era of unending peace.

Then came Jesus. A Jewish carpenter who lived two thousand years ago, Jesus is called the Son of God. Christians believe Jesus to be fully man and fully God, equally human and divine. Early in his life, Jesus distinguished himself as an unusually precocious child, demonstrating tremendous spiritual wisdom and maturity. When Jesus sensed the moment was right, he left behind his home and embarked on a new path.

He began to preach, teach, perform miracles, and gather around him a band of rag-tag disciples. Eventually, they recognized him as the hoped-for messiah. What his followers did not realize was that God's plan was going to take an unusual turn. He was going to restore the nation of Israel, as they hoped, but he would do it in a most unexpected way—not through shows of power and the oppression of enemies but through selfless love and compassion.

Jesus, the Son of God, was crucified, died, and rose from the dead. He conquered sin and death in order to restore humanity's broken relationship with God, the Father. Jesus did what we cannot: he lived a perfect, sinless life and paid the price for our transgressions. Christians believe that Jesus' sacrifice for humanity saved us from the permanent consequence of our sins—eternal separation and isolation from God. Through Jesus, we can attain eternal life in relationship with God. Indeed, Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life, and that whoever believes in Him will have everlasting life."

One day, Jesus promised, he will return to reign over his faithful followers in a peaceful kingdom where "there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain." In the interim, he has sent the Holy Spirit to live and dwell with his followers, leading them in the way of truth. Today, Christianity is practiced in three primary forms: Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Protestant. Within each of these three branches, there are numerous subsets and denominations. However, each group concurs on the general story and purposes described above; they divide mainly in the details of how principles should be applied practically.

Over the years, Christianity has seen its fair share of glorious, proud moments and all too many humiliating, shameful ones. But this is less an indictment on God, Jesus, or Christianity than it is on his followers. Mahatma Gandhi allegedly once said, "I like your Christ; I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ." He voiced the inconsistency found between the Son of God and those who claim to follow in his footsteps. And yet, should that surprise anyone? The Bible tells story after story of those who failed to live as God called them to live. This is not true just for Christians but for all people. This is why we need a messiah, a redeemer, a saviour. And yet, should that surprise anyone? The Bible tells story after story of those who failed to live as God called them to live.

This is not true just for Christians but for all people. This is why we need a messiah, a redeemer, a saviour. Chuck Colson once said, "Christianity is an explanation of all of reality." Simply put, we all know the world is broken. The whole world, including me and you, needs fixing. And no matter how many different fix-it methods we try—whether self-help or sex, missionary work or money—none of them can fill the void that all of us feel. Christianity, from creation up through God's restoring work in Jesus, is both the explanation of and solution to that emptiness. Ultimately, Christianity is the story of God's powerful, redemptive love for his people.

*"In the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God"*

**2 Timothy 3:1-4**

## 2

## Denominations

These are the different denominations of Christianity in the world today. Keep in mind that only those which hold fast to the inerrant and divine word of God (the bible) is the straight and narrow path, or the only path to heaven.

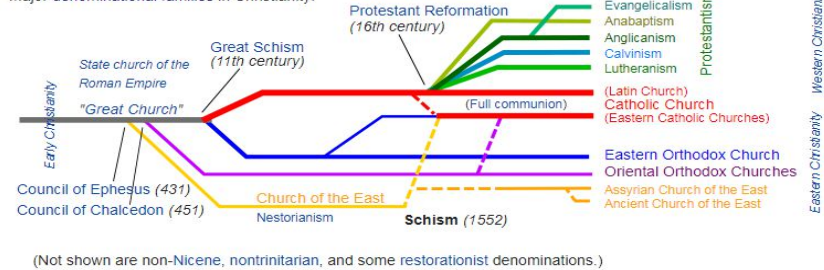
**Great Schism (1054 A.D.)**

The East–West Schism is the break of communion since the 11th century between the Catholic Church and Eastern Orthodox Churches. The schism was the culmination of theological and political differences which had developed during the preceding centuries between Eastern and Western Christianity.

**Protestant Reformation**

The Reformation was a major movement within Western Christianity in 16th-century Europe that posed a religious and political challenge to the Catholic Church and in particular to papal authority, arising from what was perceived to be errors, abuses, and discrepancies by the Catholic Church. The Reformation was the start of Protestantism and the split of Protestantism from the Roman Catholic Church.

Major denominational families in Christianity:



**Catholicism**

Catholic theology is based on the Nicene Creed. The Catholic Church teaches that it is the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic church founded by Jesus Christ, that its bishops are the successors of Christ's apostles, and that the Pope is the successor to Saint Peter to whom primacy was conferred by Jesus Christ.

**Latin Church**

It employs the Latin liturgical rites. It is headed by the Bishop of Rome - the pope - and has its headquarters in the Vatican City. The Latin Church traces its history to the earliest days of Christianity.

**Independent Catholicism**

Various denominations self-identifying as Catholic, despite not being affiliated with the Catholic Church.

**Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association**

Substitute for the true Roman Catholic church with goals to eliminate religion in order to achieve a pure materialistic and autocratic society.

**Old Catholic Church**

The term Old Catholic Church was used from the 1850s by groups which had separated from the Roman Catholic Church over certain doctrines, primarily concerned with papal authority; some of these groups, especially in the Netherlands, had already existed long before the term.

**Protestantism**

Originated with the 16th century Reformation, a movement against what its followers perceived to be errors in the Roman Catholic Church. Ever since, Protestants reject the Roman Catholic doctrine of papal supremacy and sacraments, but disagree among themselves regarding the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. They emphasize the priesthood of all believers, justification by faith alone rather than by good works, and the highest authority of the Bible alone in faith and morals.

**Historical Protestantism**

- Baptist Churches
- Lutheranism
- Methodism
- Calvinism
- Presbyterianism
- Congregationalism
- Anabaptism

**Modern Protestantism**

- Pentecostalism
- Nondenominational Christianity
- Seventh-day Adventists
- New Apostolic Church
- Restoration Movement
- Plymouth Brethren

**Anglicanism**

Anglicanism is a Western Christian tradition that evolved out of the practices, liturgy and identity of the Church of England following the Protestant Reformation.

**Eastern Christianity**

**Eastern Orthodox Church**

The most common estimate of the number of Eastern Orthodox Christians worldwide is 225–300 million, forming a single communion, making it the second largest, single Christian denomination behind the Catholic Church.

**Oriental Orthodoxy**

Oriental Orthodox churches are the churches descended from those that rejected the Council of Chalcedon in 451. Despite the similar name, they are therefore a different branch of Christianity from the Eastern Orthodox.

**Restorationism / Nontrinitarianism**

Restorationism, also described as Christian primitivism, is the belief that Christianity has been or should be restored along the lines of what is known about the apostolic early church, which restorationists see as the search for a more pure and more ancient form of the religion.

**Latter Day Saint Movement (Mormonism)**

- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- Community of Christ

**Jehovah's Witnesses**

They believe that the destruction of the present world system at Armageddon is imminent, and that the establishment of God's kingdom over the earth is the only solution for all problems faced by humanity.

**Other Minor Branches**

Other minor branches of Christianity that have a large number of adherents.

**Church of the East (Nestorianism)**

It originated as an eastern branch of Syriac Christianity, and used the East Syriac Rite in liturgy. It developed distinctive theological and ecclesiological traditions, and played a major role in the history of Christianity in Asia. Its Schism of 1552 led to a series of internal divisions during the early modern period.

**Messianic Judaism**

Messianic Judaism is a modern syncretic religious movement that combines Christianity—most importantly, the belief that Jesus is the Messiah—with elements of Judaism and Jewish tradition.

**Denomination Comparison**

**Which Denomination?**

Christianity is based on the word of God (The Bible) and in extension - the teachings of Jesus, the Son of God. Therefore any christian denomination which strays from the truth of the bible (both old and new testament) has been developed by human thought and not by God. Those denominations are apostate and are cautioned against. Below are a few of the main christian denominations. Those with red backgrounds differ from the word of God. Many churches today have diverted from the true word of God and have fallen into apostasy, do not be deceived by the ways of the world but seek first the kingdom of heaven. For the safest bet, go with a Baptist Church.

	Catholic	Presbyterian	Baptist	Anglican	Lutheran	
<b>Founder &amp; Date</b>	Gregory the Great* 590-604 A.D. (*Gradual Development)	John Calvin 1536 A.D.	Jesus Christ 30-33 A.D.	Henry VIII 1534 A.D.	Marlin Luther 1520 A.D.	<b>Founder &amp; Date</b>
<b>Adherents</b>	1.285 billion	40-50m	75-105m	85m	70-90m	<b>Adherents</b>
<b>Creeds</b>	Many, yet focus on the Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed	Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, Westminster Confession	Avoids creeds or confessions that might compromise commitment to Scripture as sole rule of faith	Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed	Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed, Athanasian Creed, Augsburg Confession, Formula of Concord	<b>Creeds</b>

Christianity	Denominations Comparison	<b>Sacraments</b>	Baptism, Eucharist (Lord's Supper), Penance, Confirmation, Marriage, Holy Orders, Anointing of the Sick	Baptism, Lord's Supper	Baptism, Lord's Supper	Baptism, Lord's Supper (Regard the other five that Catholics observe as "minor sacraments")	Baptism, Lord's Supper	<b>Sacraments</b>	
		<b>Salvation</b>	Received at baptism; may be lost by mortal sin; regained by penance	God's grace by faith alone	God's grace by faith alone	God's grace by faith alone	God's grace by faith alone	God's grace by faith alone	<b>Salvation</b>
		<b>Baptism</b>	Sprinkling (As a baby)	Sprinkling	Immersion Only	Sprinkling / Immersion Allowed	Sprinkling (Style isn't important)		<b>Baptism</b>
		<b>Scripture Inerrancy</b>	God is the author of sacred Scripture. "The divinely revealed realities, which are contained and presented in the text of Sacred Scripture, have been written down under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit	For some the Bible is inerrant; for others it is not necessarily factual, but it breathes with the life of God	Inspired and inerrant		Anglican/Episcopal: Inspired, according to the Book of Common Prayers, the Catechism	The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America consider scripture to be inspired and inerrant	<b>Scripture Inerrancy</b>
		<b>Doctrine Basis</b>	The Bible, church fathers, popes, bishops	The Bible and the Confession of Faith	The Bible only	The Scriptures and the Gospels, church fathers	The Bible only		<b>Doctrine Basis</b>
	Denominations Comparison	<b>Worship</b>	Traditional style through liturgy; contemporary liturgy is possible	Traditional style through liturgy	Non-liturgical (free) worship; sometimes contemporary	Traditional style through liturgy; contemporary liturgy is possible	Traditional style through liturgy; contemporary worship is possible		<b>Worship</b>
		<b>The Trinity</b>	The Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, and yet there are not three Gods but one God.' In this Trinity of Persons the Son is begotten of the Father by an eternal generation, and the Holy The Persons are co-eternal and co-equal: all alike are uncreated and omnipotent.	God is one in essence or nature. The same immense, one and indivisible God is in person inseparably distinguished as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.	The Lord our God is the one and only living and true God; Whose subsistence is in and of Himself...In this divine and infinite Being there are three subsistences, the Father, the Word or Son, and the Holy Spirit. All are one in substance, power, and eternity; each having the whole divine essence, yet this essence being undivided.	There is only one living and true God, everlasting, without body, parts, or suffering; of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness; the Maker, and Preserver of all things both visible and invisible. And in unity of this Godhead there are three Persons, of one substance, power, and eternity; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.	We worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; Neither confounding the Persons, nor dividing the Substance. For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost is all one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.		<b>The Trinity</b>
		<b>Governance</b>	Papal/Episcopal (Clergy in local churches presided over by bishop; the pope (the Bishop of Rome) is the ultimate Church leader.)	Presbyterian (A graded organizational system by presbyters or elders.)	Congregational (Local churches are self-governing.)	Episcopal (Clergy in local churches presided over by bishop.)	Mixed (Congregational, Presbyterian, and Episcopal structures exist.)		<b>Governance</b>
		<b>Mary</b>	From conception, Mary was without original sin, she is the Immaculate Conception. Mary is the "Mother of God." Mary was a virgin when she conceived Jesus and when she gave birth. She remained a virgin throughout her life. She delivers souls from death and continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation.	Jesus was conceived and born of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary is honoured as "God-bearer" and a model for Christians.	Mary was a virgin both when she conceived Jesus and when she gave birth. (Luke 1:34-38). Though "highly favoured" by God (Luke 1:28), Mary was human and conceived in sin.	Anglicans believe Jesus was conceived and born of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary was a virgin both when she conceived Jesus and when she gave birth. "They...have difficulties with Catholic belief in her immaculate conception, that Mary was free from the stain of original sin from the moment of her own conception.	Jesus was conceived and born of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary was a virgin both when she conceived Jesus and when she gave birth.		<b>Mary</b>
		<b>Purgatory</b>	All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.	Rejected	Rejected	The Romish Doctrine concerning Purgatory... is a fond thing vainly invented, and grounded upon no warranty of Scripture, but rather repugnant to the Word of God.	Rejected		<b>Purgatory</b>
	<b>Catholic</b>	<b>Presbyterian</b>	<b>Baptist</b>	<b>Anglican</b>	<b>Lutheran</b>				

### 3

## Who is God?

Here is a list of the names, titles and characteristics of Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit.

### His Name

Jesus	Mat 1:21	The Christ of God	Luk 9:20
Lord Jesus	Act 7:59	Jesus Christ of Nazareth	Act 4:10
Christ Jesus	1Ti 1:15	Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever	Hbr 13:8
A Saviour, Jesus	Act 13:23	Jesus the Christ	Mat 16:20
The Saviour of the World	1Jo 4:14	Christ	Mat 23:8
A Saviour, which is Christ the Lord	Luk 2:11	Messiah, which is called Christ	Jhn 4:25
Jesus Christ	Rev 1:5	Anointed	Act 4:27
The Lord Jesus Christ	Col 1:2	Christ the Lord	Luk 2:11
Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself	2Th 2:16	The Lord Christ	Col 3:24
Jesus Christ our Lord	Rom 5:21	The Christ, the Saviour of the World	Jhn 4:42
Jesus Christ the Righteous	1Jo 2:1	The Christ, the Son of the Blessed	Mark 14:61

Who is His	The Son	1Jo 4:14	His own Son	Rom 8:32
	The Son of God	Jhn 1:34	The Son of the Blessed	Mark 14:61
	The Son of the living God	Mat 16:16	My Son	Psa 2:7
	His only begotten Son	Jhn 3:16	A Son given	Isa 9:6
	The Son of the Father	1Jo 1:3	The Son of the Highest	Luk 1:32
<b>His Name By Others</b>				
His	The Father, "My Beloved Son."	Mat 17:5	Disciples, "Thou art the Son of God."	Mat 14:33
	Jesus Himself, "I am the Son of God."	Jhn 10:36	Nathaniel, "Rabbi, thou art the Son of God."	Jhn 1:49
	The Spirit, "The Son of God."	Mark 1:1	Martha, "The Christ, the Son of God."	Jhn 11:27
	Gabriel, "The Son of God."	Luk 1:35;	Eunuch, "Jesus Christ is the Son of God."	Act 8:37
	John Baptist, "This is the Son of God."	Jhn 1:34	Centurion, "Truly this was the Son of God."	Mar 15:39
	John, Apostle, "The Christ, the Son of God."	Jhn 20:31	Unclean spirits, "Thou art the Son of God."	Mar 3:11
	Paul, Apostle, "He is the Son of God."	Act 9:20	The Legion, "Thou Son of the Most High God."	Mark 5:7
<b>His Titles</b>				
His Titles	God	Jhn 1:1;	The God of the whole earth	Isa 54:5
	The Holy Child Jesus	Act 4:27	God manifest in the flesh	1Ti 3:16
	The Mighty God	Isa 9:6	Our God and Savior	2Pe 1:1
	The Everlasting God	Isa 40:28	The great God and our Saviour, Jesus Christ	Tts 2:13
	The True God	1Jo 5:20	Emanuel, God with us	Mat 1:23
	My Lord and my God	Jhn 20:28	The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob	Exd 3:2, 6
	God my Saviour	Luk 1:47	The Highest	Luk 1:76
	My Beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased	Mat 12:18	The Most Blessed for ever	Psa 21:6
	Jehovah	Isa 40:3	Lord of Peace	2Th 3:16
	The Lord Jehovah	Isa 40:10	The Lord	Rom 10:13;
His Titles	Jehovah my God	Zec 14:5	The Lord of Glory	1Cr 2:8
	A Lamb as it had been slain	Rev 5:6	The Same	Hbr 1:12;
	Jehovah, God of Hosts	Hsa 12:4, 5;	I am	Exd 3:14;
	The King, Jehovah of Hosts	Isa 6:5	I am (before Abraham was)	Jhn 8:58
	The Strong and Mighty Jehovah	Psa 24:8	I am (whom they sought to kill)	Jhn 18:5, 6
	Jehovah, mighty in battle	Psa 24:8	I am (the Resurrection and the Life)	Jhn 11:25
	The Redeemer	Isa 59:20	The Chosen of God	Luk 23:35
	The Lord	1Cr 12:3	Lord both of the dead and living	Rom 14:9
	One Lord	Eph 4:5	Lord of the Sabbath	Luk 6:5
	King of Kings	Rev 17:14	Lord of all	Act 10:36
His Titles	Lord of Lords	Rev 17:14	Lord over all	Rom 10:12
	The Messiah the Prince	Dan 9:25	The Prince of Princes	Dan 8:25
	The Prince of Life	Act 3:15	The Prince of the Kings of the earth	Rev 1:5
	A Prince and a Saviour	Act 5:31	The Salvation of God	Luk 2:30
	The Prince of Peace	Isa 9:6	The Glory of thy people Israel	Luk 2:32
	The Word	Jhn 1:1	The Gift of God	Jhn 4:10;
	The Word was with God	Jhn 1:1	Wisdom	Pro 8:12, 22
	The Word was God	Jhn 1:1	The Wisdom of God	1Cr 1:24
	The Word of God	Rev 19:13	The Power of God	1Cr 1:24
	The Word of Life	1Jo 1:1	The Image of the Invisible God	Col 1:15
His Titles	The Word was made flesh	Jhn 1:14	The Image of God	2Cr 4:4
	The Almighty, which is, and was, and is to come	Rev 1:8	The Alpha and the Omega	Rev 1:8
	The Creator of all things	Col 1:16	The First and the Last	Rev 1:17
	The Upholder of all things	Hbr 1:3	The Life	1Jo 1:2
	The Everlasting Father (or Father of Eternity)	Isa 9:6	Eternal Life	1Jo 5:20
	The Beginning	Col 1:18	That Eternal Life which was with the Father	1Jo 1:2
	The Beginning and the Ending	Rev 1:8	He that liveth	Rev 1:18
	The Lamb of God	Jhn 1:29	The Bridegroom	Rev 21:9
	A Lamb without blemish and without spot	1Pe 1:19	The Blessed	Psa 77:17
	The Lamb that was slain	Rev 5:12	Mine Elect, in whom my soul delighteth	Isa 42:1
His Titles	The Man	Jhn 19:5	The Son of David	Mat 1:1
	The Man Christ Jesus	1Ti 2:5	The Son of Mary	Mark 6:3
	The Seed of the Woman	Gen 3:15	The Son of Joseph (reputed)	Jhn 1:45
	The Son of Man	Mar 10:33	The Seed of Abraham	Gal 3:16, 19
	The Son of Abraham	Mat 1:1	Of the Seed of David	Rom 1:3
	The Root of Jesse	Isa 11:10	The Shepherd of Israel	Rev 2:7
	The Root of David	Rev 5:5	The Bread of God	Jhn 6:33
	The Root and Offspring of David	Rev 22:16	The True Bread from Heaven	Jhn 6:32
	The Branch	Zec 6:12	The Bread of Life	Jhn 6:35
	The Branch of Righteousness	Jer 33:15	The Living Bread	Jhn 6:51
His Titles	King over all the Earth	Zec 14:4, 5, 9	The Servant of the Father	Mat 12:18
	The Child	Isa 7:16	My Servant, O Israel	Isa 49:3
	The Young Child	Mat 2:20	My Servant, the Branch	Zec 3:8
	A Child Born	Isa 9:6	My Righteous Servant	Isa 53:11
	The Child Jesus	Luk 2:43	A Servant of Rulers	Isa 49:7
	Her First-Born Son	Luk 2:7	A Nazarene, or Nazarite	Mat 2:23
	The Sent of the Father	Jhn 10:36	The Carpenter	Mark 6:3
	The Apostle	Hbr 3:1	The Carpenter's Son (reputed)	Mat 13:55
	A Prophet	Act 3:22, 23	He Humbled Himself unto death	Phi 2:8
	A Great Prophet	Luk 7:16	A Stranger and an Alien	Psa 69:8
His Titles	The Prophet of Nazareth	Mat 21:11	A Man of Sorrows	Isa 53:3
	A Prophet mighty in deed and word	Luk 24:19	The Shield	Psa 84:9
	A Servant	Phi 2:7	The Faithful and True	Rev 19:11
	One Shepherd	Jhn 10:16	The Shepherd of Israel	Eze 34:23
	Jehovah's Shepherd	Zec 13:7	The Shepherd and Bishop of Souls	1Pe 2:25
	The Shepherd of the Sheep	Hbr 13:20	The Good Shepherd (that laid down his life)	Jhn 10:11
	The Way	Jhn 14:6	The Bright and Morning Star	Rev 22:16
	The Light	Jhn 12:35	A Light of the Gentiles	Isa 42:6
	The True Light	Jhn 1:9	A Star	Num 24:17
	The Just	1Pe 3:18	The Morning Star	Rev 2:28
His Titles	The Light of the world	Jhn 8:12	The Day Star	2Pe 1:19
	The Light of men	Jhn 1:4	The Truth	Jhn 14:6
	A Light to lighten the Gentiles	Luk 2:32	The Sun of Righteousness	Mal 4:2
	The Captain of the Host of the Lord	Jos 5:14	The Deliverer	Rom 11:26
	The Captain of Salvation	Hbr 2:10	The Lion of the Tribe of Judah	Rev 5:5
	A Leader	Isa 55:4	The Author and Finisher of Faith	Hbr 12:2
	A Commander	Isa 55:4	A Precious Stone	1Pe 2:6
	A Ruler	Mic 5:2	A Governor	Mat 2:6
	The Builder	Mat 16:18	A Chief Corner-stone	1Pe 2:6
	The Foundation	1Cr 3:11	A Stone	Isa 28:16
is Titles	A Sure Foundation	Isa 28:16	A Living Stone	1Pe 2:4



Christianity	Who is God?	The Rock	Mat 16:18	The Resurrection	Jhn 11:25
		The Faithful and True Witness	Rev 3:14	The Rock of my Heart	Psa 73:26
		A Ransom (his life)	Mar 10:45	The Rock of my Salvation	2Sa 22:47
		The Beginning of the Creation of God	Rev 3:14	My Rock and my Redeemer	Psa 19:14
		My Rock and my Fortress	Psa 31:3	The King of Righteousness	Hbr 7:2
		The Rock of my Strength	Psa 62:7	The Faithful Witness	Rev 1:5
		The Temple	Rev 21:22	The Offerer	Hbr 7:27
		A Sanctuary	Isa 8:14	The Offering	Eph 5:2
		The Lamb	Rev 7:9	The Sacrifice	Eph 5:2
		A Strength to the Poor	Isa 25:4	A Witness to the People	Isa 55:4
		The Just One	Act 7:52	The Holy One of Israel	Isa 49:7
		A Refuge from the Storm	Isa 25:4	The Holy One of God	Mark 1:24
		The Judge	Act 17:31	Holy, Holy, Holy	Jhn 12:41
		The Righteous Judge	2Ti 4:8	My First-Born	Psa 89:27
		The King	Zec 14:16	The First-Born from the dead	Col 1:18
		King of Kings	Rev 19:16	The King of the Jews (born)	Mat 2:2; 15:2
		Lord of Lords	Rev 19:16	The King of the Jews (crucified)	Jhn 19:19
		The Head of all Principality and Power	Col 2:10	The Last Adam	1Cr 15:45
		The Head of the Body, the Church	Col 1:18	Crowned with many Crowns	Rev 19:12
		The King of Peace	Hbr 7:2	Crowned with a Crown of Thorns	Jhn 19:2
The King of Israel	Jhn 1:49	Crowned with Glory and Honor	Hbr 2:9		

### He Is

Who is God?	He Is	<b>He was:</b>	Obedient, Meek, Lowly, Guileless, Tempted, Oppressed, Despised, Rejected, Betrayed, Condemned, Reviled, Scourged, Mocked, Wounded, Bruised, Stricken, Smitten, Crucified, Forsaken.
		<b>He is:</b>	Merciful, Faithful, Holy, Harmless, Undefined, Separate, Perfect, Glorious, Mighty, Justified, Exalted, Risen, Glorified, Altogether Lovely, The Rock.
		<b>He is my:</b>	Saviour, Hope, Brother, Maker, Husband, Well-beloved, Portion, Helper, Physician, Healer, Refiner, Purifier, Lord, Master, Servant, Example, Teacher, Shepherd, Keeper, Feeder, Leader, Restorer, Resting-place, Passover, Peace, Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification, Redemption, All in All.

## 4 The Commandments

The Commandments	<b>Commandment 1</b> You shall have no other Gods before me	The Creator of the universe declares He is our God and our deliverer and asks us to demonstrate our love for Him by having no other Gods. The First Commandment is the first of a series of four that define our relationship with our Heavenly Father. Establishing, developing and maintaining that personal relationship with the true and living God is the most important commitment we can ever make. That is the primary focus of the first of the Ten Commandments. We should love, honour and respect Him so much that He alone is the supreme authority and model in our lives. He alone is God. We should allow nothing to prevent us from serving and obeying Him.
	<b>Commandment 2</b> You shall not make idols	The Second Commandment deals with several crucial questions. How do we perceive God? How do we explain Him to ourselves and to others? Above all, what is the proper way to worship the only true God? The Second Commandment is a constant reminder that only we, of all created things, are made in the image of God. Only we can be transformed into the spiritual image of Christ, who of course came in the flesh as the perfect spiritual image of our heavenly Father. This Commandment protects our special relationship with our Creator, who made us in His likeness and is still moulding us into His spiritual image.
	<b>Commandment 3</b> You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain	The Third Commandment focuses on showing respect to God and His law as we are His ambassadors in the world. It addresses the way we communicate Him to those around us. Ambassadors are diplomats which are meant to uphold the ideals and values of the one they advocate accurately and sincerely. Therefore if we act or behave in ways which disrespect them, the reputation of the one they are emulating will be damaged. All Christians are ambassadors to Him, therefore we should always uphold His values and show others the way He calls us to live. It also depends on the way we express respect for Him in the presence of others. We are expected always to honour and love Him.
	<b>Commandment 4</b> Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy	God starts off the fourth Commandment with the word "Remember". This is because He knew we would forget it. God asks that we keep it set apart for Holy purposes so we can draw nearer to Him. The Fourth Commandment to remember the Sabbath concludes the section of the Ten Commandments that specifically helps define a proper relationship with God, how we are to love, worship and relate to Him. It explains why and when we need to take special time to draw closer to our Creator. It is also a special sign between us and God forever, that it is Him that sanctifies us Him alone we belong to and worship. The Sabbath, the seventh day of the week was set apart by God as a time of rest and spiritual rejuvenation.
	<b>Commandment 5</b> Honour your father and your mother	The fifth through to the 10th serve as the standards of conduct in areas of human behaviour that generate the most far reaching consequences on individuals, families, groups and society. Families are the building blocks of societies that build strong nations. When families are fractured and flawed, the sad results are tragic and reflected in newspaper headlines daily. The Fifth Commandment shows us from whom and how the fundamentals of respect and honour are most effectively learned. It guides us to know how to yield to others, how to properly submit to authority and how to accept the influence of mentors.
	<b>Commandment 6</b> You shall not murder	God asks us to demonstrate love and not hate towards others by not murdering. We must learn to control our tempers. Taking another person's life is not our right to decide. That judgment is reserved for God alone. This includes unborn babies and those that wish to die. That is the thrust of this Commandment. God does not allow us to choose to wilfully or deliberately take another person's life. The Sixth Commandment reminds us that God is the giver of life and He alone has the authority to take it or to grant permission to take it. God wants us to go far beyond avoiding murder. He requires that we not maliciously harm another human being in word or deed. God desires that we treat even those who choose to hate us respectfully and do all within our power to live in peace and harmony with them.
	<b>Commandment 7</b> You shall not commit adultery	God asks us to express and demonstrate our love for our partner by not committing adultery. Adultery is the violation of the marriage covenant by wilful participation in sexual activity with someone other than one's spouse. Since God's law sanctions sexual relationships only within a legitimate marriage, the command not to commit adultery covers in principle, all varieties of sexual immorality. No sexual relationship of any sort should occur outside of marriage. That is the basis of this Commandment. Most of us need the support and companionship of a loving spouse. We need someone special who can share our ups and downs, triumphs and failures. No one can fill this role like a mate who shares with us a deep love and commitment.
	<b>Commandment 8</b> You shall not steal	God instructs us to show our love and respect for others by not stealing what belongs to them. The Eighth Commandment safeguards everyone's right to legitimately acquire and own property. God wants that right honoured and protected. His approach to material wealth is balanced. He wants us to prosper and enjoy physical blessings. He also expects us to show wisdom in how we use what He provides us and He does not want possessions to be our primary pursuit in life. To Him it is important that generosity rather than greed motivate the choices we make. Because they are qualities of His own character, He asks that we, from the heart, put giving and serving ahead of lavishing possessions on ourselves.

<p><b>Commandment 9</b> You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour</p>
<p><b>Commandment 10</b> You shall not covet</p>

God says if we love others we should not deceive or lie to them. How important is truth? To fully appreciate the Ninth Commandment with its prohibition of lying, we must realize how important truth is to God. Jesus Christ said of God the Father, "Your word is truth" John 17:17. As the source of truth, God requires that His servants always speak truthfully. Under God's inspiration, King David wrote, "...LORD, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill? He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbour no wrong and casts no slur on his fellow-man, who despises a vile man but honours those who fear the LORD, who keeps his oath even when it hurts" Psalms 15:1-3, NIV.

God instructs us not to covet because He knows it can entrap us into even greater sin. To covet means to crave or desire, especially in excessive or improper ways. The Tenth Commandment does not tell us that all of our desires are immoral. It tells us that some desires are wrong. Coveting is an immoral longing for something that is not rightfully ours. That is usually because the object of our desire already belongs to someone else. But coveting can also include our wanting far more than we would legitimately deserve or that would be our rightful share. Our desire should be to contribute to the well being of others, to make our presence in their lives a blessing to them. In prohibiting coveting, it defines not so much what we must do but how we should think. It asks us to look deep within ourselves to see what we are on the inside.

## 5 Beatitudes

The beatitudes come from the opening verses of the famous Sermon on the Mount delivered by Jesus and recorded in Matthew 5:3-12. Here Jesus stated several blessings, each beginning with the phrase, "Blessed are ..." (Similar declarations appear in Jesus' Sermon on the Plain in Luke 6:20-23.) Each saying speaks of a blessing or "divine favour" that will be bestowed on the person who possesses a certain character quality.

<b>Matthew 5:3 &amp; Luke 6:20</b>	Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	The phrase "poor in spirit" speaks of a spiritual condition of poverty. It describes the person who recognizes his or her need for God. "The kingdom of heaven" refers to people who acknowledge God as King.
<b>Matthew 5:4 &amp; Luke 6:21</b>	Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.	"Those who mourn" speaks of those who express deep sorrow over sin and repent from their sins. The freedom found in forgiveness of sin and the joy of eternal salvation is the "comfort" of those who repent.
<b>Matthew 5:5</b>	Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.	Similar to "the poor," "the meek" are those who submit to God's authority and make him Lord. Revelation 21:7 says God's children will "inherit all things."
<b>Matthew 5:6 &amp; Luke 6:21</b>	Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.	"Hunger" and "thirst" speak of deep need and driving passion. This "righteousness" refers to Jesus Christ. To "be filled" is the satisfaction of our soul's desire.
<b>Matthew 5:7</b>	Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.	We reap what we sow. Those who demonstrate mercy will receive mercy. Likewise, those who have received great mercy will show great mercy. Mercy is shown through forgiveness, kindness, and compassion toward others.
<b>Matthew 5:8</b>	Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.	The "pure in heart" are those who have been cleansed from within. This is not outward righteousness that can be seen by men, but inward holiness that only God can see. The Bible says in Hebrews 12:14 that without holiness, no one will see God.
<b>Matthew 5:9</b>	Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.	The Bible says we have peace with God through Jesus Christ. Reconciliation through Christ brings restored fellowship (peace) with God. 2 Corinthians 5:19-20 says God entrusts us with this same message of reconciliation to take to others.
<b>Matthew 5:10 &amp; Luke 6:22</b>	Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.	Just as Jesus faced persecution, so will his followers. Those who endure by faith rather than hide their faith to avoid persecution are genuine followers of Christ.

## 6 The Parables

These are the parables Jesus talked about in the bible and their meaning. Keep in mind that Jesus spoke in parables so that those who were not believers did not understand as mentioned in the last parable named "The Purpose of Parables".

### The Lamp

**Matthew 5:14-16**  
*" 14 You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

**Explanation**  
 Christians shouldn't be a follower of Christ in secret, but they are called to tell the world and let their light shine brightly in the darkness. This especially occurs today when the end of all things is near.

### The Speck and the Plank

**Matthew 7:1-5**  
*" 1 Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you. 3 And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not consider the plank in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? 5 Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.*

**Explanation**  
 You cannot condemn a person for sinning when you have great sin in your own life. To correct another, you first must have your own sins forgiven, turning from them completely before being able to correct someone else's lifestyle.

### New Cloth on Old Garment

**Matthew 9:16-17**  
*" 16 No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and the tear is made worse. 17 Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."*

**Explanation**  
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### The Divided Kingdom

**Matthew 12:24-30**

"24 Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, "This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons."

25 But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. 26 If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? 27 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. 28 But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. 29 Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house. 30 He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad."

**Explanation**

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**The Sower****Matthew 13:1-9**

"3 Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. 5 Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. 6 But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. 8 But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

**Explanation****Matthew 13:18-23**

"18 "Therefore hear the parable of the sower: 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. 20 But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. 22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. 23 But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

**The Tares Among the Wheat****Matthew 13:24-30**

"24 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. 26 But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. 27 So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' 28 He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' 29 But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

**Explanation**

Tares look just like wheat in their early growing stages but right at the end, instead of wheat they produce a worthless black bud. This parable explains why the good and the ungodly are living together with each other. If the ungodly people are uprooted the godly will suffer.

**The Mustard Seed****Matthew 13:31-32**

"31 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, 32 which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."

**Explanation**

Mustard seeds should only grow to be about the size of a small bush and not a tree. This is an unnatural plant which is grown from the mustard seed and can't have been the same seed that was planted. Another point to mention is that throughout the bible birds are represented negatively, and having birds nesting in the branches could be interpreted as outside forces affecting the truth and purpose of the seed. An example would be the Catholic church today who adheres to the doctrine of man rather than the original seed - the word of God. The catholic church, as well as some mega-churches today has grown to be huge and have slowly let more 'birds' nest in their branches. The aim is to stay a bush, staying true to the word of God and if your congregation grows too big, it should split into two smaller churches or bushes instead of growing more branches.

**The Leaven****Matthew 13:33**

"33 Another parable He spoke to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened.""

**Explanation (By Chuck Missler)**

It has been popular to view this as a prediction that the Church will eventually "convert" the entire world. Unfortunately, this would seem to contradict other prophecies. (Luke 18:8; Isaiah 63:3,5; 2 Peter 2; Jude, etc.)

Furthermore, we must never lose sight of the fact that Jesus was a Jewish rabbi, speaking to Jewish disciples. Leaven is always used as a symbol of sin. The Feast of Passover emphasizes the use of unleavened bread. Even to this day, the Jews make a game out of cleansing the house of leaven: they hide a little for the children to find to earn a reward. Jesus refers to the "leaven of Pharisees and Sadducees." (Matthew 16:6; Luke 13:21.) Paul also makes these same type of references. (1 Corinthians 5:6-8; Galatians 5:7-9.)

It is interesting that the Feast of Israel that prophesies the Church is the Feast of Pentecost, the only feast that features leavened (Gentile?) bread. (See our Briefing Package, The Feasts of Israel, a prophetic study of all of the Feasts.) Why is leaven used as a symbol of sin? It corrupts by puffing up. The origin of sin was in Lucifer's pride. (Isaiah 14:12-17.) That's why God hates pride. (Try that in your concordance sometime!) Furthermore, the "three measures of meal" have their origin in Genesis 18, where Abraham receives the famous three visitors. This first was the Lord Himself, and the other two were angels who had an assignment the following day at Sodom and Gomorrah. From that day to this, in both the Jewish and Arab cultures, the "three measures of meal" are emblematic of a fellowship offering. So to a Jewish ears, when Jesus described a woman putting leaven into the three measures of meal, they probably gasped in horror!

**Hidden Treasure****Matthew 13:44**

"44 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

**Explanation**

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**Pearl of Great Price****Matthew 13:45-46**

"45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, 46 who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it."

The Parables	The Parables	<p><b>Explanation (By Chuck Missler)</b> In verses 45-46, Jesus again uses a strange Gentile allusion: the pearl. It all sounds good, until you realize that oysters are not kosher!6 (Deuteronomy 14:10.)</p> <p>Here again, we see an allusion to the Church. The pearl is the only "jewel" that is the result of a living organism. It grows as a response to irritation. And it is removed from its place of growth to become an item of adornment! The more we study these parables, the more questions they raise.</p>
		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Net</b></p> <p><b>Matthew 13:47-50</b> "47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, 48 which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, 50 and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.""</p> <p><b>Explanation</b> This parable is just like the wheat and the tares parable which also describes a 'sorting' between good and bad at the end of the age.</p>
The Parables	The Heart of Man	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Heart of Man</b></p> <p><b>Matthew 15:10-14</b> "10 When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear and understand: 11 Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man." 12 Then His disciples came and said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?" 13 But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. 14 Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.""</p> <p><b>Explanation</b> <b>Matthew 15:15-20</b> "15 Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Explain this parable to us." 16 So Jesus said, "Are you also still without understanding? 17 Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated? 18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. 19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. 20 These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man.""</p>
		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Lost Sheep</b></p> <p><b>Matthew 18:10-14</b> "10 "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. 11 For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. 12 "What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying? 13 And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. 14 Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish."</p> <p><b>Explanation</b> o</p>
The Parables	The Unforgiving Servant	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Unforgiving Servant</b></p> <p><b>Matthew 18:23-35</b> "23 Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. 26 The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' 27 Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. 28 "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' 29 So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' 30 And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. 31 So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. 32 Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. 33 Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' 34 And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. 35 "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.""</p> <p><b>Explanation</b> o</p>
		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Laborers in the Vineyard</b></p> <p><b>Matthew 20:1-16</b> "1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 2 Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, 4 and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. 5 Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. 6 And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day?' 7 They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.' 8 "So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.' 9 And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. 10 But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. 11 And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, 12 saying, 'These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.' 13 But he answered one of them and said, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? 14 Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. 15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?' 16 So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.""</p> <p><b>Explanation</b> o</p>
		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Two Sons</b></p>

Christianity	The Parables	The Two Sons	<p><b>Matthew 21:28-32</b>  <b>"28</b> "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.' <b>29</b> He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went. <b>30</b> Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. <b>31</b> Which of the two did the will of his father?"</p> <p>They said to Him, "The first."</p> <p>Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. <b>32</b> For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw it, you did not afterward relent and believe him."</p> <p><b>Explanation</b> o</p>
			<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Tenant Farmers</b></p> <p><b>Matthew 21:33-44</b>  <b>"33</b> "Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. <b>34</b> Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. <b>35</b> And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. <b>36</b> Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. <b>37</b> Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <b>38</b> But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' <b>39</b> So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.</p> <p><b>40</b> "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?"</p> <p><b>41</b> They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." <b>42</b> Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?'"</p> <p><b>43</b> "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. <b>44</b> And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."</p> <p><b>Explanation</b> o</p>
			<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Marriage Feast or Great Banquet</b></p> <p><b>Matthew 22:1-14</b>  <b>"1</b> And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: <b>2</b> "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, <b>3</b> and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. <b>4</b> Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.'" ' <b>5</b> But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. <b>6</b> And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. <b>7</b> But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. <b>8</b> Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. <b>9</b> Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' <b>10</b> So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. <b>11</b> "But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. <b>12</b> So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. <b>13</b> Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' <b>14</b> "For many are called, but few are chosen.""</p> <p><b>Explanation</b> o</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Budding Fig Tree</b></p> <p><b>Matthew 24:32-35</b>  <b>"32</b> "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. <b>33</b> So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! <b>34</b> Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. <b>35</b> Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away."</p> <p><b>Explanation (By Chuck Missler)</b>  The Parable of the Fig Tree seems to indicate that the generation which sees the beginning of these things will see them all. But the triggering event may well be the Harpazo, the only prophetic event that is distinctively both unspecified and imminent.</p> <p>Since there is a definite seven-year period immediately preceding the Second Coming, it would seem that there could be up to as many as 33 years (40 - 7) between the Harpazo and the beginning of the seven-year period for the Man of Sin to appear, rise to power, and position himself to enforce the covenant that Isaiah calls the "Covenant with Hell."</p> <p>These intervening years could also include the rebuilding of the Temple, the rebuilding of Babylon, and other anticipated positionings for the final climax. To the extent that there are geopolitical and other signs on the horizon which suggest that the circumstances anticipated for the seven-year period are moving into position, these certainly support the view that the Harpazo is getting closer and may be on our very immediate horizon. This should, indeed, intensify our priorities to immerse in the Word, reexamine our commitments to our Coming King, and seriously address each day which remains with a high degree of urgency.</p> <p>Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. -Matthew 24:44</p>			
The Parables	The Parables	The Budding Fig Tree	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Faithful vs. The Wicked Servant</b></p> <p><b>Matthew 24:45-51</b>  <b>"45</b> "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? <b>46</b> Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. <b>47</b> Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. <b>48</b> But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' <b>49</b> and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, <b>50</b> the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, <b>51</b> and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."</p> <p><b>Explanation (By Nancy Missler)</b>  The faithful and wise servant in this story is equivalent to a true disciple of Christ. He places the desires of his lord above his own and, thus, is an obedient steward who provides for his "family." He does what he is required to do at the time, but he also steadfastly awaits his lord's return. Verse 47 says because of this, the lord (when he returns) will "make him ruler over all his goods."</p> <p>In the same way, God entrusts us—His own servants—to not only feed His spiritual family and do His will, but also to await His return. Our reward for doing so will be the privilege of greater service in His future kingdom. The special pleasures, honors, and splendors, which are to accompany the return of the Lord from heaven and the setting up of His kingdom, are to be a reward for fidelity and faithful service in His absence.</p> <p>The unfaithful and disobedient servant, however, is the equivalent of a carnal and nominal Christian. The word evil in verse 48 is the Greek word kakos (Strong's #2556), which simply means "someone who has been disqualified." It means "a worthless or injurious person." It means he lacks the qualities that he should possess. Simply put, he is "not worthy." This servant thought his lord would delay his coming. And this, of course, affected how he lived his life. He was lazy, untrustworthy, and cruel. He abused his position by being ill tempered and self-indulgent to those who worked with him. He thought he would never be called into account for these things because he secretly believed his lord would be slow to return.</p>
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**Matthew 25:1-13**

**1** "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. **2** Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. **3** Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, **4** but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. **5** But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.

**6** "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' **7** Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. **8** And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' **9** But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' **10** And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

**11** "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' **12** But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'

**13** "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."

**Explanation (By Chuck Missler)**

our Justification can be compared to the Jewish betrothal. Our Sanctification can be compared to a Jewish woman preparing herself for her future wedding. And our Glorification (the Rapture) can be compared to a Jewish groom coming by surprise to carry his bride away.

As you can see from the Biblical model of marriage (summarized above), it was necessary that the bride prepare her own bridal garment for the big day. During the time of preparation, she remained in her father's home, making herself ready. This preparation meant making her own wedding gown, getting ready for her new role as a wife, transferring her allegiance from her father to her new husband, and so forth. Cohabitation was forbidden at this time, since the bride must remain a virgin. The goal of this in-between time was that she would be presented to her future groom as a chaste and pure virgin.

This was not only true for Jewish brides; it is also true in the Christian life. At the end of our "preparation time" (our betrothal), we are to be presented to Christ as a pure virgin. Ephesians 5:27 describes the way that this will occur: "That He [the Lord] might present [the church] to Him-self a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. Paul added to this by saying, "That I may present you to Christ as a chaste virgin" (2 Corinthians 11:2). Chaste (#53, hagnos) is the root from which hagnosmos (#38) comes from. Hagnosmos means "sanctified."

Notice, however, the words might and may in the two above verses. They indicate that it's God's will to present us "as a chaste and holy virgin, without spot or wrinkle," but it's not a given. In other words, it's not automatic. Something is required of us! We must participate in the action. We must prepare ourselves, just as a Jewish bride does.

So according to the Biblical model, the presentation of the bride to the Lord is conditional. She must not only be presented as a "chaste virgin, not having spot or wrinkle" (Ephesians 1:4), she must also be sanctified, holy, and without blemish (Hebrews 12:14).

What this is saying is that there is a possibility that while we are here on earth waiting for Christ to return, we can defile our garments and prevent this from happening.

We will expand in later issues upon the two different kinds of garments a believer can wear. The first one is the Garment of Salvation that Christ imputes to us at our new birth (Isaiah 61:10). This is our external garment without spot or wrinkle. The second garment and the one that Christ requires for the Marriage festivities is the white linen garment made up of the believer's own "righteous works"; i.e., the "fruit" from his life. (Revelation 19:7-8) Revelation 3:5 tells us that overcomers will be clothed in white garments. This speaks of the internal sanctification and the moral fitness that Christ requires of His Bride. (2 Corinthians 7:1; 11:2)

This second garment, then, is the one that can get defiled, stained, and blackened through the believer's own negligence. Remember, God said to the Church at Sardis: "There are a few who have not defiled their garments." (Revelation 3:4)

Defile here means "a stain or a blackening of some-thing." It refers to an internal condition, a moral or spiritual transgression. It simply means "unfaithfulness." As Strong's puts it: "It means dirtying our clothes." As Christians we dirty our clothes by not being faithful and by quenching His Spirit.

Let me be clear: I am not saying that a believer must be sinless. All believers sin at various times and it's only when we confess and repent of our sin that we can once again be clean. 1 John 1:9 has to become a part of our lives:

*"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness..." 1 John 1:9*

The "holy ones without blemish" in Ephesians 5:27 are those believers who have chosen to do just that in order to keep themselves clean, prepared, and ready. They are the sanctified ones. They have continued to "put off" their sin and self and "put on" Christ. They are now arrayed in fine linen, clear and white. This garment does not refer to the "righteousness of Christ," which has been imputed to them (Isaiah 61:10), but rather to their own righteous deeds.

*"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready." Revelation 19:7, 8*

In other words, these believers have chosen to make themselves fit, prepared, and ready. They are sanctified, holy and chaste virgins.

James 1:27 exhorts us to keep ourselves "unspotted" (see also Revelation 3:4-5; 2 Corinthians 7:1; 11:2-3). "Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments" (Revelation 16:15). These are the ones who will be deemed worthy to enter the bridal chamber because they have on the appropriate wedding garments.

God desires to present us to Himself a glorious church, having no surface defects, holy and without blemish. But He does not coerce His subjects; He respects our will. We can of our own choosing fall short of the glory of God, by not daily confessing our shortcomings (Hebrews 12:15).

The million-dollar question is: What happens to those believers who are not ready, not prepared, not fit, not holy, and not chaste? What happens to them? Are they allowed into the Marriage festivities? Some theologians believe they are; some others believe they are not. Study Ephesians 5:27 for yourself and see what the Spirit shows you. Speaking of the importance of being prepared, fit, and ready for Christ's soon return, the parable of the ten virgins in Matthew 25 is very appropriate.

There are many interpretations of this parable, so again, be as the Bereans and study the Scripture for yourself. Remember, a parable is simply a truth told in story form to help explain a previous truth. The previous truth in Matthew 24 is to watch, be ready, and endure to the end, for you know not what hour the Lord comes. Note that ten virgins took their lamps (torches filled with oil) and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of those virgins were wise because they took extra oil. The other five virgins, however, didn't bring extra oil and thus, were foolish.

Vines Complete Expository Dictionary says that the number 10 (Strong's #1176, deka) is a very significant number. It's used 248 times in the Bible and means "the measure of human responsibility" and also the number of "completion." Virgin (Strong's #3933) means "an unmarried woman." The word wise (Strong's 5429, phromiros) means "single-minded" (i.e., one life is being lived—God's) and thus, these believers were full of light (Luke 11:34). The word foolish (Strong's # 3474, moros) means "double-minded" (i.e., two lives are being lived—God's and our own), and thus, these believers are full of darkness (Luke 11:34).

While waiting for the bridegroom, all ten virgins slept. But at midnight a cry was made that the bride-groom was coming and they were to go out and meet him. All the virgins arose and trimmed their lamps (adjusted them), but the foolish found that their lamps had gone out and they had no oil to refill them. They asked the wise if they could have some of their oil, whereupon the wise said, "We cannot let you have our oil because there will not be enough for us. Why don't you go and purchase some for yourselves?"

While the five foolish virgins were gone trying to find extra oil, the bridegroom came and those wise virgins who were ready, worthy, and prepared (who had their lamps lit) went in with him to the wedding festivities and the door was shut.

Later when the five foolish virgins came, they said, "Lord, Lord, open the door." But he answered them saying, "I know you not" (Matthew 25:12).

Christianity	The Parables	The Ten Virgins	The Greek word used here for know is oida (Strong's #1492), which means to see, to perceive or to "know intimately." The Lord was saying to the five foolish virgins: "I don't know you intimately; we don't have a close relationship. If we did, you would have obeyed Me and brought more oil." In other words, there was no fellowship between them. The Lord only knew them by observation.
			The five foolish virgins in this parable obviously are in heaven. But because they didn't know (oida) the Lord intimately, He didn't let them in to the wedding ceremony. They were not qualified to enter.
Christianity	The Parables	The Ten Virgins	The accuracy of the Scriptures continues to amaze us. When you peel back all the details, the Bible is an absolute treasure hunt! For example, earlier in Matthew (in Matthew 7:23), where Jesus is talking to those who professed to be Christians, who professed to have prophesied in His Name, who cast out devils in His Name, and who said they had done many wonderful works in His Name, He didn't say, "I know you not," like He does here in Matthew 25. He says, "I never knew you." And the Greek word He uses for I never "knew" you is ginosko, which means "to have knowledge of."
			In other words, in Matthew 7, He is saying: "I never knew you to begin with. I don't recognize you at all." Whereas in Matthew 25 (where we are reading about the 10 virgins), He is saying, we don't have an intimate relationship. Thus in Matthew 25, I believe the person is saved; whereas in Matthew 7, I believe the person is not saved.
Christianity	The Parables	The Parables	The key to both is the "knowing."
			A friend of ours sent us the following quote and it seems so applicable here: "Far above all the doing . . . it seems the knowing is where we need to focus . . . and let the doing spring forth from the real knowing." This is so true, If we are sanctified and partaking of Christ's Life, we'll have intimate knowledge (oida) with Christ and "fruit" will result. If we are not faithful and we aren't partaking of His Life, then we won't have that close relationship that the Lord desires and "fruit" will not be produced.
Christianity	The Parables	Ten Talents or Gold Coins	<b>Ten Talents or Gold Coins</b>
			<p><b>Matthew 25:14-30</b></p> <p><b>14</b> "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. <b>15</b> And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. <b>16</b> Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. <b>17</b> And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. <b>18</b> But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. <b>19</b> After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.</p> <p><b>20</b> "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' <b>21</b> His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' <b>22</b> He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' <b>23</b> His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'"</p> <p><b>24</b> "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. <b>25</b> And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.'</p> <p><b>26</b> "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. <b>27</b> So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. <b>28</b> So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents. <b>29</b> 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. <b>30</b> And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"</p> <p><b>Explanation</b> <b>What is the 'outer darkness'?</b></p> <p>Charles Stanley talks about the above parable and its mention of "outer darkness" in his book <i>Eternal Security</i> where he says, "The final verse of this parable is so severe that many commentators assume it is a description of hell. It is not! Keep in mind that this is a parable. A parable makes one central point. The point of this parable is that in God's future kingdom, those who were faithful in this life will be rewarded, and those who were not, will lose any potential reward. Some will be given more privileges and responsibility while others will have none...The outer darkness refers to 'being thrown outside a building into the dark' and in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.</p> <p>Dr. Spiros Zodhiates says: "These terms may be applied to believers who have failed the Lord in their service...In this instance, the "outer darkness" may be a reference to a place or a position of far less rewards for the servants who proved themselves less diligent than those who used and exercised their talents to the fullest. The expression would then refer to the degrees of the enjoyment of heaven rather than referring to hell..."</p>
Christianity	The Parables	Ten Talents or Gold Coins	<b>The Purpose of Parables</b>
			<p><b>Matthew 13:10-17</b></p> <p><b>10</b> And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"</p> <p><b>11</b> He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. <b>12</b> For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. <b>13</b> Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. <b>14</b> And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive;</p> <p><b>15</b> For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.'</p> <p><b>16</b> But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear; <b>17</b> for assuredly, I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it."</p> <p>So in conclusion, Jesus spoke in parables to hide the meaning behind His words because He knew that the Pharisees wouldn't believe Him either way. By hiding the meaning their future judgement is lessened.</p>
Christianity	The Parables	The Parables	<b>7 Evidence for God</b>
			This section contains evidence for God in the world around us and through the bible. This is perhaps the most important section if you are an unbeliever.
Christianity	The Parables	The Parables	<b>The Universe</b>
			<p><b>The Universe (By Marilyn Adamson)</b></p> <p>Scientists are convinced that our universe began with one enormous explosion of energy and light, which we now call the Big Bang. This was the singular start to everything that exists: the beginning of the universe, the start of space, and even the initial start of time itself. Astrophysicist Robert Jastrow, a self-described agnostic, stated, "The seed of everything that has happened in the Universe was planted in that first instant; every star, every planet and every living creature in the Universe came into being as a result of events that were set in motion in the moment of the cosmic explosion...The Universe flashed into being, and we cannot find out what caused that to happen." Steven Weinberg, a Nobel laureate in Physics, said at the moment of this explosion, "the universe was about a hundred thousands million degrees Centigrade...and the universe was filled with light." The universe has not always existed. It had a start...what caused that? Scientists have no explanation for the sudden explosion of light and matter.</p>

In a book entitled "Science Speaks" by Peter Stoner, he proceeds to present scientific evidence in behalf of special creation. For example, he points out that science had previously taught that special creation was impossible because matter could not be destroyed or created. He then points out that atomic physics had now proved that energy can be turned into matter and matter into energy. He then considers the order of creation as presented in Genesis 1:1-13. He presents argument after argument from a scientific viewpoint to sustain the order which Genesis chronicles. He then asks, "What chance did Moses have when writing the first chapter (of Genesis) of getting thirteen items all accurate and in satisfactory order?" His calculations conclude it would be one chance in 31,135,104,000,000,000,000,000 (1 in 31 x 10<sup>21</sup>). He concludes, "Perhaps God wrote such an account in Genesis so that in these latter days, when science has greatly developed, we would be able to verify His account and know for a certainty that God created this planet and the life on it."

**The Universe (By Chuck Missler)**

**The Nature of Light**

Not only have recent scientific articles highlighted the discoveries that the speed of light has changed over the centuries (something that Barry Setterfield has been declaring for decades) the very nature of light has ripped open the entire world of quantum physics that has shattered our concepts of reality itself.

The changes in the velocity of light not only impacts our understanding of the astronomical distances and properties, it affects the atomic behavior involved in the red shift of spectra, the reliability of radiological dating, etc. It is the peculiar properties of photons themselves that continue to astonish the quantum physicists wrestling with the very nature of our physical existence. It is now recognized that subatomic particles lack a property known as "locality." All subatomic particles are now understood to be immediately connected. There is a simultaneity - a "non-locality" - among all photons that has been confirmed in the laboratory. It now appears that our entire universe may actually be a gigantic hologram of some kind. 9

**The Fabric of Space**

Most of us assume that space is simply an empty vacuum with nothing "in it." However, it is increasingly evident that even empty space has astonishing properties that have yet to be fully understood. We now know that this "firmament," (raqia ) which the Scripture presents, possesses electromagnetic properties including dielectric permittivity, magnetic permeability, an intrinsic impedance, and has an astonishing "zero-point" energy sufficient to keep all the electrons in the entire universe in their orbits. The term "stretching the heavens" appears at least 17 times in the Scriptures.

According to the Scriptures, the heavens can be "torn," "worn out" like a garment, "shaken," "burnt up," "split apart" like a scroll, rolled up" like a mantle or a scroll. The concept of being "rolled up" carries some additional insights. There must be some dimension in which space is "thin." If space can be "bent," there must be a direction it can be bent toward. Thus, this tells us that there must be additional dimensions beyond those of space itself. It is now understood that we live in even more than four dimensions: ten dimensions is the current estimate (which is precisely what Nachmonides concluded in his commentary on Genesis back in the 13th century!) The more we understand from the current perspectives of modern physics, the more comfortable we are with the chronicle in Genesis One.

**The Architecture of the Solar System**

The more we study our solar system, the more questions get raised. Here, too, the prevailing assumptions that are broadly taught are totally specious. The "Nebular Hypothesis," that the planets were somehow thrown off by the sun, is mathematically untenable. There is no plausible explanation that would support a solar origin of the planets. The sun contains 99.86% of all the mass of the solar system, and yet contains only 1.9% of the angular momentum. The nine planets contain 98.1%. Furthermore, the outer planets are far larger than the inner ones. (Jupiter is 5,750 times as massive as mercury, 2,958 times as massive as Mars, etc.)

There are many other provocative enigmas concerning our planetary history:

- There are three pairs of rapid-spin rates among our planets: Mars and Earth, Jupiter and Saturn, and Neptune and Uranus, are each within 3% of each other. Why?
- Earth and Mars have virtually identical spin axis tilts (about 23.5). Why? (From angular momentum and orbital calculations, it would seem that the three pairs of these planets may have been brought here from elsewhere.)
- Why does Mars have 93% of its craters in one hemisphere and only 7% in the other? It would appear that over 80% occurred within a single half-hour!

It's almost as if God designed it to challenge any naturalistic hypotheses!

**The Bible**

This section is split into many subsections because the bible IS the primary way that God proves Himself to us. To prove the content in the bible is from God first we have to authenticate that the bible is the same today as when it was written as discussed below by Chuck Missler.

*And you shall know the truth,  
and the truth shall make you free.  
**John 8:32***

If you want to watch a 15 minute video instead of reading the sections below, I recommend "Why Should I Trust the Bible?" by Impact Video Ministries on YouTube. You can find it here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1Ncbu5oHQU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1Ncbu5oHQU) and here: [fluidicice.com/salvation](http://fluidicice.com/salvation) as a backup if YouTube has taken it down.

The Christian Scriptures are historically outstanding, deserving serious consideration. One could even say that the history of the Bible is so compelling that to doubt the Bible is to doubt history itself since the Bible is the most historically verifiable book of all antiquity. The only book more historically verifiable than the Old Testament (the Hebrew Bible) is the New Testament. Consider the following:

- More manuscripts exist for the New Testament than for any other of antiquity—it has 5,000 ancient Greek manuscripts, 24,000 in all including other languages. The multiplicity of manuscripts allows for a tremendous research base by which we can test the texts against each other and identify what the originals said.
- The manuscripts of the New Testament are closer in age to the originals than are any other document of antiquity. All of the originals were written within the time of the contemporaries (eyewitnesses), in the first century A.D., and we currently have parts of manuscript dating back to A.D. 125. Whole book copies surface by A.D. 200, and the complete New Testament can be found dating back to A.D. 250. Having all the books of the New Testament initially written within the times of eyewitnesses means that the books did not have time to devolve into myth and folklore. Plus, their truth claims were held accountable by members of the Church who, as personal witnesses to the events, could check the facts.
- The New Testament documents are more accurate than any other of antiquity. John R. Robinson in *Honest to God* reports that the New Testament documents are 99.9 percent accurate (most accurate of any complete antique book). Bruce Metzger, an expert in the Greek New Testament, suggests a more modest 99.5 percent.

**How We Got Our Bible (By Chuck Missler) - [www.khouse.org/articles/2016/1260/](http://www.khouse.org/articles/2016/1260/)**

The Bible is the single most important book of all time, selling an estimated 5 billion copies. It has been translated into 349 languages, and 2,123 languages have at least one book of the Bible. At the same time, the Bible is scrutinized and attacked more than any other book in the world. It has been outlawed, confiscated and burned at different times and places in history. It has been smuggled into jail cells and across borders. John Huss was burned at the stake for teaching from the Bible as the final authority for the Church over any earthly church rulers. William Tyndale was strangled and burned for translating the Bible into English. Every week, millions of Christians gather to discuss its words, even as "higher" critics attempt to explain it through the lens of metaphysical naturalism. What we believe about the Bible can be the most important, central issue in our lives, threading its way into the very fabric of who we are and how we live each day.

Where did the Bible come from? Why do we believe its origin is supernatural? Who defined the canon of Scripture? Most importantly, is the Bible the Word of God? You and I are gambling our eternity on the answer to that last question. Why do we believe God is the author of the Bible, and can each one of us defend that belief? Dark times are on the horizon, and it is increasingly important that we learn to live by faith. Where we place our faith fully depends on how we view the Scriptures.



**The Nature of Reality**

Within recent years, many members of Protestant denominational churches and the Roman Catholic Church have turned away from the Bible as the fully inspired Word of God. We hear arguments that the Bible contradicts itself or that it contradicts the "truths" of modern culture and science. Many people say the Bible contains the Word of God, but cannot be relied on to be the Word of God in all its entirety. This is a key issue. Is the Bible really true?

**Two World Views**

Ultimately, there are two basic world views we can hold. One view regards everything we experience as the result of some cosmic accident. "In the Beginning there was nothing, and then it exploded." The other view is that everything we experience is the deliberate result of a Creator. Of course, there are numerous variations on each of these views, but each of us must decide where we will place our trust. Each of these world views holds possible solutions to the biggest puzzles of life:

Who am I?, Where did I come from?, Where am I going?, To whom am I accountable?, It is ultimately important that we find the true answers to these questions.

You and I live in a time of rebellion and self-worship. Parental and marital authority are challenged in the homes and courts. Political, academic and ecclesiastical authority are challenged across the land.

Here, near the very beginning, we are introduced to Satan, the serpent, our adversary, and the first thing we see him do is question God's Word. "Yea, hath God said?"

His next step is to slander God's character with straight denial. "Ye shall not surely die," (Gen 3:4). Thus, Satan encouraged the rejection of God's authority at the very beginning, while humanity was yet in its infancy. Eve failed to trust God, Adam followed her in directly disobeying what God had told him, and humankind lost everything as a result.

*"Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, 'Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?'"*  
**Genesis 3:1**

We find the same pattern today. A number of social indicators deteriorate rapidly after 1963 in the United States. There were fewer than 10 births per 1000 unmarried teen women (ages 15-19) prior to 1947, and between 1955 and 1964, the number remained steadily between 15 and 16. After 1964, however, the numbers of teenagers giving birth out of wedlock climbed steadily during the next 30 years to more than 46 births per 1000 teen women in 1994. Divorce rates escalated, families broke up, crime rates rose, and the acceptance of homosexuality became commonplace. As of 2015, more than 58 million unborn children have been murdered in the United States because they were considered inconvenient. Fifty-eight million. That is nearly ten times the number of Jewish victims in the Holocaust.

It's noteworthy that in 1963, as a result of the combined court cases *Abington School District v. Schempp* and *Murray v. Curlett*, the U.S. Supreme Court banned school-led reading of the Bible and recital of the Lord's Prayer. These court cases alleged to uphold the principles of freedom and human dignity, yet the end result of turning our backs on God has been destruction and misery. As we choose our own way over God's way, we're losing everything. There is little dignity in divorce or high crime rates. It is ironic that the elements we most desire in life are rarely attained through our own weak wisdom and fleshly desires. After trying our own methods, over and over again we have had to learn that we experience human dignity and true freedom only through moral obedience and accountability to the Creator who fashioned human beings for a high spiritual destiny.

**Facing the Skeptics**

Skeptics have brutally attacked the Bible throughout history, and during the past century it has become popular among intellectuals to regard the Bible as merely a conglomeration of Jewish writings. It's considered respectable to dispute the authorship of the books of the Bible and to disregard fulfilled prophecy as events reported after-the-fact.

In 1898, Hermann Schultz, professor of Theology at the University of Gottingen, declared:

*"Of the legendary character of the pre-Mosaic narrators, the time of which they treat is a sufficient proof. It was a time prior to all knowledge of writing, a time separated by an interval of more than four hundred years, of which there is absolutely no history."*

Yet, the patriarchal accounts in the Bible have been corroborated by archeological evidence. The information we have of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob matches the culture we know of that time in history. Job, the contemporary of Abraham, had the ability to write. Sumerian cuneiform writing certainly predates Moses by much more than 400 years; Ira Spar at the Metropolitan Museum of Art notes that, "By the middle of the third millennium B.C., cuneiform primarily written on clay tablets was used for a vast array of economic, religious, political, literary, and scholarly documents." The old criticism that no written language existed in Moses' day has been proven to be false.

The theories that the Gospels and the Epistles were written in the second century, over a hundred years after the fact, have been shredded and refuted by archeological discoveries, documentary discoveries and competent analysis. The common skeptical assertions thrown about in "academic" circles can be shown to be short-sighted.

As we read the Bible, we find there are a number of highly significant verses found at the address "3:16."

**John 3:16** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

**1 John 3:16** "By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

**1 Corinthians 3:16** "Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

**2 Timothy 3:16** "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness"

2 Timothy 3:16 is one of these significant "3:16" verses — a little fact that makes it easy to remember its address. This particular verse gives us a foundational message, and we should read it carefully and take it to heart:

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God..." Note this verse says, "All Scripture" — not just certain passages that we might select because we like them best. If we accept only those parts of the Bible that suit us and reject the others, then we are believing in ourselves and our own (unreliable) judgment rather than in the Scripture.

The word "inspiration" in the Greek, θεόπνευστος — *theopneustos* — means "God-breathed." That is, the Scriptures were not just influenced by good ideas about God; they were actually infused into human beings by the Spirit of God, who breathed into the hearts and minds of the Bible's authors.

All Scripture "is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction." Doctrine is about teaching correct understanding while reproof is involved in addressing wrong conduct and correction deals with wrong understanding. As we study the epistles of Paul, for example, we discover that while Romans is a doctrinal statement of Soteriology (the study of salvation), 1 Corinthians was sent to reprove wrong conduct and Galatians to correct wrong doctrine. Again, Ephesians presents the doctrine of Ecclesiology (the study of this mystical thing we call the "Church"), while Philipppians then presents the reproof and Colossians presents the correction for the Church. 1 and 2 Thessalonians present the doctrine of Eschatology (the study of the last things), and 1 and 2 Peter and Revelation continue that theme.

The more we study the Bible, the more we discover that it's very well organized specifically for its purposes.

*This article was from Dr. Chuck Missler's book *How We Got Our Bible*, available in print and eBook. Also available in Kindle format from Amazon. May God bless each one of us as we absorb this material and press onward to live it out every day.*

The original bible was written on manuscripts, these manuscripts were later compiled into the bible as we know it today and the more manuscripts that validate the authenticity of the bible - the better. Caesar's life was recorded on a total of 10 manuscripts. What we know about Plato came from 7 manuscripts and everything about Tacitus was recorded on 20 manuscripts. The number of new testament manuscripts is a whopping 24,633 manuscripts and counting. The next highest number of manuscripts is The Iliad coming in at about 643 manuscripts.

**Evidence of Design (By Chuck Missler) - www.khouse.org/articles/1995/102/**

The recurrence of the number seven — or an exact multiple of seven — is found throughout the Bible and is widely recognized. The Sabbath on the seventh day; the seven years of plenty and the seven years of famine in Egypt; the seven priests and seven trumpets marching around Jericho; the Sabbath Year of the land are well-known examples. Also, Solomon's building the Temple for seven years, Naaman's washing in the river seven times, and the seven churches, seven lamp stands, seven seals, seven trumpets, seven bowls, seven stars, and so on in the Book of Revelation, all show the consistent use of the number seven.

But there turns out to be much more below the surface. Ivan Panin noted the amazing numerical properties of the Biblical texts — both the Greek of the New Testament and the Hebrew of the Old Testament. These are not only intriguing to discover, they also demonstrate an intricacy of design which testifies to a supernatural origin!

One of the simplest — and most provocative — aspects of the Biblical text is the vocabulary used. The number of vocabulary words in a passage is normally different from the total number of words in a passage. Some words are repeated. It is easy, for example, to use a vocabulary of 500 words to write an essay of 4,000 words.

The first 17 verses of the Gospel of Matthew are a logical unit, or section, which deals with a single principal subject: the genealogy of Christ. It contains 72 Greek vocabulary words in these initial 17 verses. (The verse divisions are man's allocations for convenience, added in the 13th century.) The number of words which are nouns is exactly 56, or 7 x 8.

The Greek word "the" occurs most frequently in the passage: exactly 56 times, or 7 x 8. Also, the number of different forms in which the article "the" occurs is exactly 7.

There are two main sections in the passage: verse 1–11, and 12–17. In the first main section, the number of Greek vocabulary words used is 49, or 7 x 7. Why not 48, or 50? Of these 49 words, the number of those beginning with a vowel is 28, or 7 x 4. The number of words beginning with a consonant is 21, or 7 x 3. The total numbers of letters in these 49 words is 266, or 7 x 38 — exactly! The number of vowels among these 266 letters is 140, or 7 x 20. The number of consonants is 126, or 7 x 18 — exactly.

Of the 49 words, the number of words which occur more than once is 35, or 7 x 5. The number of words occurring only once is 14, or 7 x 2. The number of words which occur in only one form is exactly 42, or 7 x 6. The number of words appearing in more than one form is also 7.

The number of the 49 Greek vocabulary words which are nouns is 42, or 7 x 6. The number of words which are not nouns is 7. Of the nouns, 35 are proper names, or exactly 7 x 5. These 35 names are used 63 times, or 7 x 9. The number of male names is exactly 28, or 7 x 4. These male names occur 56 times or 7 x 8. The number which are not male names is 7.

Three women are mentioned — Tamar, Rahab, and Ruth. The number of Greek letters in these three names is 14, 7 x 2.

The number of compound nouns is 7. The number of Greek letters in these 7 nouns is 49, or 7 x 7.

Only one city is named in this passage, Babylon, which in Greek contains exactly 7 letters.

And on it goes. To get an indication of just how unique these properties are, try the example in the inset.

There are even more features in the numerical structure of the words themselves. As you may know, both Hebrew and Greek uses the letters of the alphabet for numerical values. Therefore, any specific word — in either Hebrew or Greek — has a numerical value of its own by adding up the values of the letters in that particular word. The study of the numerical values of words is called gemetria.

The 72 vocabulary words add up to a gemetrical value of 42,364, or 7 x 6,052. Exactly. If one Greek letter was changed, this would not happen.

The 72 words appear in 90 forms — some appear in more than one form. The numeric value of the 90 forms is 54,075, or 7 x 7,725. Exactly.

We will defer other examples of gemetrical properties of the Biblical text for subsequent articles, but it becomes immediately obvious that hidden below the surface are aspects of design that cannot be accidental or just coincidence. Remember, the rabbis say that "coincidence" is not a kosher word!

There are words in the passage just described that occur nowhere else in the New Testament. They occur 42 times (7 x 6) and have 126 letters (7 x 18). How was this organized?

Even if Matthew contrived this characteristic into his Gospel, how could he have known that these specific words — whose sole characteristic is that they are found nowhere else in the New Testament — were not going to be used by the other writers? Unless we assume the absurd hypothesis that he had an agreement with them, he must have had the rest of the New Testament before him when he wrote his book. The Gospel of Matthew, then, must have been written last.

If so happens, however, that the Gospel of Mark exhibits the same phenomenon. It can be demonstrated that it would have had to be written "last." The same phenomenon is found in Luke. And in John, James, Peter, Jude and Paul. Each would have had to write after the other in order to contrive the vocabulary frequencies! You can demonstrate that each of the New Testament books had to have been "written last."

There is no human explanation for this incredible and precise structure. It has all been supernaturally designed. We simply gasp, sit back, and behold the skillful handiwork of the God who keeps His promises. And we are indebted to the painstaking examinations and lifetime commitment of Dr. Ivan Panin for uncovering these amazing insights.

**The Bible (By Marilyn Adamson)**

God's word to us which has lasted 2,000 years so far. He was but a man with 12 disciples which has profoundly grown to be the largest religion of our day. The bible can speak to us through the ages and transcends through time, it was the same when it was created, it is the same now, and it will be the same word of God forever more, There has been divine intervention involved in the creation on the bible where every letter, and symbol has been placed there by the father in heaven. It's so complex that we're still finding new facts about it today such as hidden codes that point to a creation outside our dimension and the fact that the creator had to be outside our space time to prophesise the future so accurately.

**Biblical Genealogy Codes**

**Biblical Genealogy Codes (Chuck Missler)**

The great discovery is that the Bible is a message system: it's not simply 66 books penned by 40 authors over thousands of years, the Bible is an integrated whole which bears evidence of supernatural engineering in every detail. The Jewish rabbis have a quaint way of expressing this very idea: they say that they will not understand the Scriptures until the Messiah comes. But when He comes, He will not only interpret each of the passages for us, He will interpret the very words; He will even interpret the very letters themselves; in fact, He will even interpret the spaces between the letters! When I first heard this, I simply dismissed this as a colourful exaggeration. Until I reread Matthew 5:17–18:

*"Think not that I have come to destroy the Torah and the prophets; I have not come to destroy but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."* **Matthew 5:17-18**

(A jot and tittle are the Hebrew equivalent of our dotting an i and the crossing of a t.)

A remarkable example of this can be glimpsed in Genesis Chapter 5, where we have the genealogy of Adam through Noah. This is one of those chapters which we often tend to skim over quickly as we pass through Genesis, it's simply a genealogy from Adam to Noah. But God always rewards the diligent student. Let's examine this chapter more closely. In our Bible, we read the Hebrew names. What do these names mean in English?

The meaning of proper names can be a difficult pursuit since a direct translation is often not readily available. Even a conventional Hebrew lexicon can prove disappointing. A study of the original roots, however, can yield some fascinating insights. (A caveat: many study aids, such as a conventional lexicon, can prove rather superficial when dealing with proper nouns. Furthermore, views concerning the meanings of original roots are not free of controversy and variant readings.)

Methuselah comes from muth, a root that means "death"; and from shalach, which means "to bring", or "to send forth". The name Methuselah means, "his death shall bring". Methuselah's father was given a prophecy of the coming Great Flood, and was apparently told that as long as his son was alive, the judgment of the flood would be withheld; but as soon as he died, the flood would be brought or sent forth. And, indeed, the year that Methuselah died, the flood came. It is interesting that Methuselah's life, in effect, was a symbol of God's mercy in forestalling the coming judgment of the flood. Therefore, it is fitting that his lifetime is the oldest in the Bible, speaking of the extensiveness of God's mercy. If there is such significance in Methuselah's name, let's examine the other names to see what may lie behind them.

<b>Adam</b>	Adam's name means "man". As the first man, that seems straight forward enough.
<b>Seth</b>	Adam's son was named Seth, which means "appointed". Eve said, "For God hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew."
<b>Enosh</b>	Seth's son was called Enosh, which means "mortal, frail, or miserable". It is from the root anash, "to be incurable", used of a wound, grief, woe, sickness, or wickedness. It was in the days of Enosh that men began to defile the name of the Living God.
<b>Kenan</b>	Enosh's son was named Kenan, which can mean "sorrow, dirge, or elegy". (The precise denotation is somewhat elusive; some study aids unfortunately presume that Kenan is synonymous with Cainan.) Balaam, looking down from the heights of Moab, uses a pun upon the name of the Kenites when he prophesies their destruction. We have no real idea as to why these names were chosen for their children. Often they may have referred to circumstances at birth, and so on.
<b>Mahalalel</b>	Kenan's son was Mahalalel, from mahalal which means blessed or praise; and El, the name for God. Thus, Mahalalel means the "Blessed God". Often Hebrew names include El, the name of God, as Dan-El, "God is my Judge", etc.
<b>Jared</b>	Mahalalel's son was named Jared, from the verb yaradh, meaning "shall come down".
<b>Enoch</b>	Jared's son was named Enoch, which means "teaching, or commencement". He was the first of four generations of preachers. In fact, the earliest recorded prophecy was by Enoch, which amazingly enough deals with the Second Coming of Christ (although it is quoted in the Book of Jude in the New Testament)
<b>Methuselah</b>	Enoch was the father of Methuselah, who we have already mentioned. Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah. Apparently, Enoch received the prophecy of the Great Flood, and was told that as long as his son was alive, the judgment of the flood would be withheld. The year that Methuselah died, the flood came. Enoch, of course, never died: he was translated (raptured). That's how Methuselah can be the oldest man in the Bible, yet he died before his father!
<b>Lamech</b>	Methuselah's son was named Lamech, a root still evident today in our own English word, "lament or lamentation". Lamech suggests despairing. (This name is also linked to the Lamech in Cain's line who inadvertently killed his son Tubal-Cain in a hunting incident.)
<b>Noah</b>	Lamech, of course, is the father of Noah, which is derived from nacham, "to bring relief or comfort", as Lamech himself explains in Genesis 5:29.

<p><b>Biblical Genealogy Codes (Chuck Missler)</b>                  With all the meanings combined something remarkable happens:                  [Adam] <b>Man (is)</b> [Seth] <b>appointed</b> [Enosh] <b>mortal sorrow; (but)</b> [Mahalalel] <b>the Blessed God</b> [Jared] <b>shall come down</b> [Enoch] <b>teaching (that)</b> [Methuselah] <b>His death shall bring (the)</b> [Lamech] <b>despairing</b> [Noah] <b>rest.</b></p>	<p>Man is appointed mortal sorrow; but the Blessed God shall come down teaching, that His death shall bring the despairing rest.</p>
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Here's the Gospel hidden within a genealogy in Genesis! There's no way that a group of Jewish rabbis conspired to hide the Christian Gospel right here in a genealogy within their venerated Torah! The implications of this discovery are more wide spread than is evident at first glance. It demonstrates that in the earliest chapters of the Book of Genesis, God had already laid out His plan of redemption for the predicament of mankind. It is a love story, written in blood on a wooden cross which was erected in Judea almost 2,000 years ago. The Bible is an integrated message system, the product of supernatural engineering. Every number, every place name, every detail, every jot and tittle is there for our learning, our discovery, and our amazement. Truly, our God is an awesome God.

It is astonishing to discover how many Biblical controversies seem to evaporate if one simply recognizes the unity and the integrity of these 66 books, penned by 40 authors over thousands of years. It is remarkable how many subtle discoveries lie behind the little details of the text. Some of these become immediately obvious with a little study; some are more technical and require special helps.

<p>To continue the lineage:  <b>[Shem]</b> The fame of <b>[Arphaxad]</b> the stronghold of Babylon and its boundary <b>[Cainan]</b> and sorrow <b>[Shelah]</b> extend like a plant <b>[Eber]</b> beyond the region <b>[Peleg]</b> of division <b>[Reu]</b> A friend <b>[Serug]</b> branches out, <b>[Nahor]</b> snorting <b>[Terah]</b> with fury!</p>	<p>The fame of Babylon's fortress and sorrow extend like a plant beyond the place of division (the tower of Babel) A friend (also) branches out, enraged with fury!</p>
<p><b>[Abraham]</b> The glorious father <b>[Isaac]</b> laughs <b>[Jacob]</b> as He outwits</p>	<p>A glorious father, the father of a multitude, laughs as he outwits (his enemy)</p>
<p><b>[Judah]</b> one who praises Jehovah <b>[Perez]</b> breaks open a way <b>[Hezron]</b> an area surrounded by a wall <b>[Ram]</b> of great height! <b>[Amminadab]</b> O' my people of the Prince, <b>[Nahshon]</b> a prophet <b>[Salmon]</b> clothed <b>[Boaz]</b> with strength, <b>[Obad]</b> who serves, <b>[Jesse]</b> is here! <b>[David]</b> out of love <b>[Solomon]</b> His payment makes peace <b>[Rehoboam]</b> and sets the people free!</p>	<p>One who praises the Lord breaks open a way (into) an area surrounded by a wall of great height. O' my people who belong to the Prince, a prophet clothed with strength, who serves (the Lord), is here! One well-loved, peaceful, and who sets the people free.</p>
<p><b>[Abijah]</b> My Father is the Lord, <b>[Asa]</b> the healer <b>[Jehoshaphat]</b> of the one whom the Lord judged <b>[Jehoram]</b> and whom the Lord raised up! <b>[Ahaziah]</b> the Lord took hold <b>[Joash]</b> and the Lord is strong! <b>[Amaziah]</b> mighty is the Lord! <b>[Uzziah]</b> my strength and help are in the Lord! <b>[Jotham]</b> the Lord is perfect! <b>[Ahaz]</b> I took hold of <b>[Hezekiah]</b> the strength of the Lord, <b>[Manasseh]</b> and it made me forget</p>	<p>My father is the Lord, the healer of him whom the Lord judged and whom the Lord raised up! The Lord took hold (of me) and the Lord is strong! Mighty is the Lord! My strength and help are in the Lord! The Lord is perfect! I took hold of the strength of the Lord. It made (me) forget (my misery).</p>
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<p><b>[Abiud]</b> my father is majestic <b>[Eliakim]</b> my God will raise up <b>[Azor]</b> a helper! <b>[Zadok]</b> the just <b>[Akim]</b> will the Lord raise up <b>[Eliud]</b> My God is my praise! <b>[Eleazar]</b> God is the helper! <b>[Mathan]</b> may the gift of <b>[Jacob]</b> <b>[Joseph]</b> increase in greatness, <b>[Jesus Christ (Emmanuel)]</b> for God is with us! The messiah and saviour of <b>[Church]</b> those called out of the world.</p>	<p>My father is glorious! My God will raise up a helper, the Just (one) will the Lord raise up! My God is my praise! God will help! May the gift of Jacob increase (in greatness)! For God is with us, the messiah and Saviour of those called out (of Babylon).</p>

**Esther Codes (Chuck Missler)**

God had declared that if His people forsook Him, He would hide His face from them. Here, in this very episode, that threat was fulfilled. But even though He was hidden from them, God still was working for them behind the scenes. And this is further emphasized by some surprises hidden behind the text itself. It has been noted by many commentators that Esther is the only book of the Bible in which there does not appear the name of God, or any divine title, anywhere in the book. (Martin Luther favoured eliminating it from the Bible on this basis) However, the name of God does appear in a number of places if one knows how and where to look!

An acrostic can be a mechanism for including a hidden message. In the Book of Esther we encounter some remarkable surprises. The name of God is hidden no less than eight times in acrostics in the text. Four times it appears as an acrostic, the famed Tetragrammaton, "YHWH" or "Yahweh" or "YeHoVaH"; once as "EHYH" or "I AM" as at the Burning Bush. Also, Meshiach ("Messiah"), Yeshua ("Jesus"), and El Shaddai ("The Almighty"), also appear as equidistant letter sequences. As Gentiles, we need to remember that we are grafted into the true olive tree by the skin of our teeth. We must not forget that we were joined into what was a Jewish Church-with Jewish leaders, a Jewish Bible, and are worshipping a Jewish Messiah. Baruch HaShem. Bless His Name!

The more we look, the more we realize that there is still much more hidden, and thus reserved for the diligent inquirer. (Would you expect anything less in the Word of God?) The entire drama has deeper roots. Haman was a royal Amalekite, a descendant of the very king Agag whom King Saul was supposed to have slain (1 Sam 15:1-28). If Saul had followed his instructions, there wouldn't have been a Haman. For Saul's failure, his kingdom was taken away. Mordecai, too, a key benefactor in the tale, was a result of David having refused to take vengeance upon Shimei so many years earlier. It was Esther's marriage to the King of Persia that ultimately led to the rebuilding of Jerusalem.

**The Encoded Genealogical Acrostic**

**The Acrostic (Chuck Missler)**

Another type of bible code has also been recently discovered. It occurs within the first 20 names from Adam to Abraham and confirms the Names Code. In the original Hebrew, the first letter of each consecutive name from Adam to Abraham's father "Terah" forms a complex acrostic. Keep in mind that Hebrew reads from right to left.

Adam = אָדָם Seth = שֵׁת Enosh = אֲנוֹשׁ Kenan = קֵיֵן Mahalalel = מַהֲלַלֶּל Jared = יָרֵד Enoch = הֲנוֹךְ Methuselah = מֵתוּשֶׁלַח Lamech = לֹמֶךְ	Noah = נֹחַ Shem = שֵׁם Arphaxad = אַרְפַּקְסָאד Shelah = שֵׁלַח Eber = עֵבֶר Peleg = פֶּלֶג Reu = רְעוּ Serug = שֵׁרוּג Nahor = נְחוֹר Terah = תֵּרַח	The Encoded Genealogical Acrostic: The first letter of each consecutive Hebrew name from Adam to Abraham (a total of 19 names) reads:	<p style="text-align: center;">" אִשָּׁא קִמְיָ חַמְל " "</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"I will forgive my enemies, showing compassion,</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>נָשָׂא שֵׁעִפָּרְ שֵׁנִת</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">forgiving those made from dust a second time."</p>
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**Message on the Cross**

When Pontius Pilate wrote the inscription that would be on the cross, he likely did so with the suspicion that Jesus really was the true God and King of the Jews from all that he saw and heard. Pilate likely also felt manipulated since the Jews kept pushing him to kill Jesus even though he found no wrong in Him so he wrote the following:

ישוע הנצרי ומלך היהודים

This translates as, "Jesus the Nazarite and the King of the Jews."

So, how did Pilate return the favor to the Temple rulers who forced him into condemning Jesus to die? He did so by writing the statement of Jesus' guilt in Hebrew in such a way that it actually portrayed Jesus as YHWH (יהוה) Himself via an acrostic! Hebrew is read from right to left and I've highlighted the first letter of each word in the statement above to show the unpronounceable name of God is hidden within the statement. Since acrostics (like the above) were commonplace in ancient Israel the Jews were outraged that Pilate put this code into the inscription above Jesus, as evidenced by the passage below:

**Luke 23 3-4**

"3 Then Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" He answered him and said, "It is as you say."  
4 So Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no fault in this Man."

**John 19 19-22**

"19 Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.  
20 Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.  
21 Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, "I am the King of the Jews.'" "  
22 Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."

This account can only be found in the book of John and provides some great insight into yet more proof that Jesus really is the Son of God.

**Complexity**

**Complexity (By Marilyn Adamson)**

The complexity of our planet points to a deliberate Designer who not only created our universe, but sustains it today. The Earth...its size is perfect. The Earth's size and corresponding gravity holds a thin layer of mostly nitrogen and oxygen gases, only extending about 50 miles above the Earth's surface. If Earth were smaller, an atmosphere would be impossible, like the planet Mercury. If Earth were larger, its atmosphere would contain free hydrogen, like Jupiter. Earth is the only known planet equipped with an atmosphere of the right mixture of gases to sustain plant, animal and human life. The Earth is located the right distance from the sun. Consider the temperature swings we encounter, roughly -30°C (86°F) to +120°C (248°F). If the Earth were any further away from the sun, we would all freeze. Any closer and we would burn up. Even a fractional variance in the Earth's position to the sun would make life on Earth impossible. The Earth remains this perfect distance from the sun while it rotates around the sun at a speed of nearly 67,000 mph. It is also rotating on its axis, allowing the entire surface of the Earth to be properly warmed and cooled every day. And our moon is the perfect size and distance from the Earth for its gravitational pull. The moon creates important ocean tides and movement so ocean waters do not stagnate, and yet our massive oceans are restrained from spilling over across the continents.

Water...colourless, odourless and without taste, and yet no living thing can survive without it. Plants, animals and human beings consist mostly of water (about two-thirds of the human body is water). You'll see why the characteristics of water are uniquely suited to life: It has wide margin between its boiling point and freezing point. Water allows us to live in an environment of fluctuating temperature changes, while keeping our bodies a steady 37°C (98.6°F). Water is a universal solvent. This property of water means that various chemicals, minerals and nutrients can be carried throughout our bodies and into the smallest blood vessels. Water is also chemically neutral. Without affecting the makeup of the substances it carries, water enables food, medicines and minerals to be absorbed and used by the body. Water has a unique surface tension. Water in plants can therefore flow upward against gravity, bringing life-giving water and nutrients to the top of even the tallest trees.

Water freezes from the top down and floats, so fish can live in the winter. Ninety-seven percent of the Earth's water is in the oceans. But on our Earth, there is a system designed which removes salt from the water and then distributes that water throughout the globe. Evaporation takes the ocean waters, leaving the salt, and forms clouds which are easily moved by the wind to disperse water over the land, for vegetation, animals and people. It is a system of purification and supply that sustains life on this planet, a system of recycled and reused water.

The human brain...simultaneously processes an amazing amount of information. Your brain takes in all the colours and objects you see, the temperature around you, the pressure of your feet against the floor, the sounds around you, the dryness of your mouth, even the texture of your keyboard. Your brain holds and processes all your emotions, thoughts and memories. At the same time your brain keeps track of the ongoing functions of your body like your breathing pattern, eyelid movement, hunger and movement of the muscles in your hands. The human brain processes more than a million messages a second. Your brain weighs the importance of all this data, filtering out the relatively unimportant. This screening function is what allows you to focus and operate effectively in your world. The brain functions differently than other organs. There is an intelligence to it, the ability to reason, to produce feelings, to dream and plan, to take action, and relate to other people. The eye...can distinguish among seven million colours. It has automatic focusing and handles an astounding 1.5 million messages -- simultaneously. Evolution focuses on mutations and changes from and within existing organisms. Yet evolution alone does not fully explain the initial source of the eye or the brain -- the start of living organisms from nonliving matter.

## The Plagues of Egypt

These are the plagues of Egypt and their relationship to the plagues in Revelation. It's interesting to study for further research and to also help verify that God's plan of revelation is all throughout the bible.

Plague Number	Plague Description	Plague Warning?	Rod Used	Relationship to Revelation
1	<b>Waters Become Blood</b> (Exodus 7:14-25)	Yes	Aaron's Rod	<b>Trumpet 2:</b> 1/3 of the sea becomes blood <b>Bowl 2:</b> Entire sea becomes blood <b>Bowl 3:</b> All rivers and springs become blood
2	<b>Frogs</b> (Exodus 8:1-15)	Yes	Aaron's Rod	<b>Revelation 16:13</b> "And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet."
3	<b>Lice</b> (Exodus 8:16-19)	No	Aaron's Rod	
4	<b>Flies</b> (Exodus 8:20-32)	Yes	No Rod	
5	<b>Livestock Diseased</b> (Exodus 9:1-7)	Yes	No Rod	<b>Seal 4:</b> Disease, pestilence and plagues
6	<b>Boils</b> (Exodus 9:8-12)	No	No Rod	<b>Bowl 1:</b> Loathsome sores and pain on those without God's seal
7	<b>Hail &amp; Fire</b> (Exodus 9:13-35)	Yes	Moses' Rod	<b>Trumpet 1:</b> Hail and fire <b>Trumpet 7:</b> Great hail <b>Bowl 7:</b> Massive hail
8	<b>Locusts</b> (Exodus 10:1-20)	Yes	Moses' Rod	<b>Trumpet 5:</b> (Revelation 9:3) "Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power."
9	<b>Darkness</b> (Exodus 10:21-29)	No	Moses' Rod	<b>Bowl 5:</b> Darkness falls on Babylon
10	<b>Death of the Firstborn</b> (Setup: Exodus 11:1-10, Plague: Exodus 12:29-30,)	Yes		

**Exodus vs Revelation**

- They are freed from affliction in Egypt and will be freed from the time of Jacob's trouble in Revelation
- They cry to God and are heard both times
- God will command oppressors to let them go
- Both have two witnesses with miracles performed before their enemies
- The enemies will also perform miracles
- Both contain judgements from God
- God will protect His people
- Duplicate Plagues (Blood waters, frogs, locusts, boils, hail, darkness)
- People's hearts are hardened
- Death to multitudes
- Israel will be delivered

## Daniel vs Revelation

These are the comparisons between Daniel 3 (the fiery furnace) and the events of Revelation in the Bible, both of which have idols people are commanded to worship. The golden idol in Daniel is a 'type' of events to come in the tribulation. 'Typology' is a set of separate events with a common recurring theme throughout the bible.

Daniel	Revelation	Comparison
The size of the image of gold was <b>sixty</b> cubits high and <b>six</b> cubits wide. (Daniel 3:1)	In Revelation the beasts number is <b>666</b> . (Revelation 13:18)	Daniel 3:1 & Revelation 13:18 both have significance to a consecutive number 6. 6 is the number of man.
They were commanded to worship the image of gold" (Daniel 3:1)	They were commanded to worship the beast and his image" (Revelation 14:11)	Both are images of themselves or false gods which are demanded to be worshipped.
You shall fall down and worship the gold image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. (Daniel 3:5)	He causes everyone to receive a mark, that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. (Revelation 13:16)	In both cases, everyone is forced to worship the idol or receive the mark.
Those who don't worship the idol shall be cast into the fiery furnace. (Daniel 3:6)	Those who don't take the mark will be beheaded. (Revelation 20:4)	Whoever does not take the mark or worship the image is killed.
The Jews, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego refuse to bow to this idol.	The nation Israel will likewise realize this man is not God and will not receive the mark or bow to him.	Neither of God's people will bow or submit to anyone but the true God.
Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego are thrown into the 7 times hotter fiery furnace.	Israel will go into the 7 year tribulation.	The furnace is commanded by Nebuchadnezzar to be 7 times hotter than normal which directly relates to the 7 year tribulation or Daniel's 70th week.

God appeared as a fourth member in the fiery furnace and protected them from the flames.	God will protect Israel during the tribulation and ensure their survival and needs are met.	God shields those whom He loves and those who follow His law.
Where was Daniel during the events of this idol worship?	Where is the Church during the tribulation?	Daniel was off on other business for the king, and would not have bowed down to this idol either. The church likewise will be raptured before the antichrist appears.

## DNA Code

### DNA Code (By Marilyn Adamson)

All instruction, all teaching, all training comes with intent. Someone who writes an instruction manual does so with purpose. Did you know that in every cell of our bodies there exists a very detailed instruction code, much like a miniature computer program? As you may know, a computer program is made up of ones and zeros, like this: 110010101011000. The way they are arranged tell the computer program what to do. The DNA code in each of our cells is very similar. It's made up of four chemicals that scientists abbreviate as A, T, G, and C. These are arranged in the human cell like this: CGTGTGACTCGCTCTGAT and so on.

There are three billion of these letters in every human cell! Well, just like you can program your phone to beep for specific reasons, DNA instructs the cell. DNA is a three-billion-attention, and energy refuting something that we don't believe even exists?! What causes us to do that? When I was an atheist, I attributed my intentions as caring for those poor, delusional people...to help them realize their hope was completely ill-founded. To be honest, I also had another motive. As I challenged those who believed in God, I was deeply curious to see if they could convince me otherwise. Part of my quest was to become free from the question of God. If I could conclusively prove to believers that they were wrong, then the issue is off the table, and I would be free to go about my life. I didn't realize that the reason the topic of God weighed so heavily on my mind, was because God was pressing the issue."

## God Pursues Us

### God Pursues Us (By Marilyn Adamson)

"I was an atheist at one time. And like many atheists, the issue of people believing in God bothered me greatly. What is it about atheists that we would spend so much time, attention, and energy refuting something that we don't believe even exists?! What causes us to do that? When I was an atheist, I attributed my intentions as caring for those poor, delusional people...to help them realize their hope was completely ill-founded. To be honest, I also had another motive. As I challenged those who believed in God, I was deeply curious to see if they could convince me otherwise. Part of my quest was to become free from the question of God. If I could conclusively prove to believers that they were wrong, then the issue is off the table, and I would be free to go about my life. I didn't realize that the reason the topic of God weighed so heavily on my mind, was because God was pressing the issue."

"I have come to find out that God wants to be known. He created us with the intention that we would know him. He has surrounded us with evidence of himself and he keeps the question of his existence squarely before us. It was as if I couldn't escape thinking about the possibility of God. In fact, the day I chose to acknowledge God's existence, my prayer began with, "Ok, you win..." It might be that the underlying reason atheists are bothered by people believing in God is because God is actively pursuing them. I am not the only one who has experienced this. Malcolm Muggeridge, socialist and philosophical author, wrote, "I had a notion that somehow, besides questing, I was being pursued." C.S. Lewis said he remembered, "...night after night, feeling whenever my mind lifted even for a second from my work, the steady, unrelenting approach of Him whom I so earnestly desired not to meet. I gave in, and admitted that God was God, and knelt and prayed; perhaps, that night, the most dejected and reluctant convert in all of England." Lewis went on to write a book titled, "Surprised by Joy" as a result of knowing God. I too had no expectations other than rightfully admitting God's existence. Yet over the following several months, I became amazed by his love for me."

## Jesus Christ

### Jesus Christ (By Marilyn Adamson)

Why Jesus? Look throughout the major world religions and you'll find that Buddha, Muhammad, Confucius and Moses all identified themselves as teachers or prophets. None of them ever claimed to be equal to God. Surprisingly, Jesus did. That is what sets Jesus apart from all the others. He said God exists and you're looking at him. Though he talked about his Father in heaven, it was not from the position of separation, but of very close union, unique to all humankind. Jesus said that anyone who had seen Him had seen the Father, anyone who believed in him, believed in the Father. He said, "I am the light of the world, he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."<sup>14</sup> He claimed attributes belonging only to God: to be able to forgive people of their sin, free them from habits of sin, give people a more abundant life and give them eternal life in heaven. Unlike other teachers who focused people on their words, Jesus pointed people to himself. He did not say, "follow my words and you will find truth." He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father but through me."

What proof did Jesus give for claiming to be divine? He did what people can't do. Jesus performed miracles. He healed people...blind, crippled, deaf, even raised a couple of people from the dead. He had power over objects...created food out of thin air, enough to feed crowds of several thousand people. He performed miracles over nature...walked on top of a lake, commanding a raging storm to stop for some friends. People everywhere followed Jesus, because he constantly met their needs, doing the miraculous. He said if you do not want to believe what I'm telling you, you should at least believe in me based on the miracles you're seeing.

Jesus Christ showed God to be gentle, loving, aware of our self-centeredness and shortcomings, yet deeply wanting a relationship with us. Jesus revealed that although he views us as sinners, worthy of his punishment, his love for us ruled and he came up with a different plan. God himself took on the form of man and accepted the punishment for our sin on our behalf. Sounds ludicrous? Perhaps, but many loving fathers would gladly trade places with their child in a cancer ward if they could. The Bible says that the reason we would love God is because he first loved us. Jesus died in our place so we could be forgiven. Of all the religions known to humanity, only through Jesus will you see God reaching toward humanity, providing a way for us to have a relationship with him. Jesus proves a divine heart of love, meeting our needs, drawing us to himself.

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, he offers us a new life today. We can be forgiven, fully accepted by God and genuinely loved by God. He says, "I have loved you with an everlasting love, therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you."<sup>17</sup> This is God, in action. Does God exist? If you want to know, investigate Jesus Christ. We're told that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." God does not force us to believe in him, though he could. Instead, he has provided sufficient proof of his existence for us to willingly respond to him. The earth's perfect distance from the sun, the unique chemical properties of water, the human brain, DNA, the number of people who attest to knowing God, the gnawing in our hearts and minds to determine if God is there, the willingness for God to be known through Jesus Christ. If you need to know more about Jesus and reasons to believe in him, please see: Beyond Blind Faith.

## Israel Restored to the Land

### Isaiah 11:11-12

*"11 It shall come to pass in that day that the Lord shall set His hand again the second time  
To recover the remnant of His people who are left,  
From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar,  
From Hamath and the islands of the sea.*

*12 He will set up a banner for the nations, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel,  
And gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth."*

### Isaiah 43:5-6

*"5 Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants from the east, And gather you from the west;  
6 I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!'  
Bring My sons from afar, And My daughters from the ends of the earth—"*

Christianity Evidence for God Israel Restored to the Land	Isaiah 43:6 when it speaks of the north it means Russia and the phrase "Give Up" was a declaration from God because they would not let them go until their country started to crumble. The same applies to the south referring to Ethiopia who refused to let the Jews return to their country which started to crumble in 1991 after saying no. "Operation Solomon" was the name of the campaign to return the Jews.  The most astonishing fulfilled prophecy within the last 100 years is the return of Israel as a state. Around 722 B.C., the Assyrians invaded and destroyed the northern kingdom of Israel. In 134 A.D, the Roman Empire also invaded forcing the Israelites to flee. However recently on the 14th of May 1948 it was resurrected again as a country. Anyone can look at a map today (If you aren't in an Islamic country) and see Israel. No country in the history of the world has ever come back again from nothingness, particularly after nearly 2,000 years. Not to mention how thinly they have been spread and the fact that multiple leaders have tried to wipe the Jews out from existence multiple times.				
	<b>Jeremiah 31:8</b> <i>"8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country, And gather them from the ends of the earth, Among them the blind and the lame, The woman with child And the one who labors with child, together; A great throng shall return there."</i>  One of the flights from Ethiopia to Israel even landed with more passengers than it took off with, showing the intricate detail in the bible regarding Jeremiah and the fact that there were pregnant mothers on the flight.				
	<b>Isaiah 35:1-2</b> <i>"1 The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; 2 It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, Even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, The excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, The excellency of our God."</i>				
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	<b>Joel 2:21-24</b> <i>"21 Fear not, O land; Be glad and rejoice, For the Lord has done marvellous things! 22 Do not be afraid, you beasts of the field; For the open pastures are springing up, And the tree bears its fruit; The fig tree and the vine yield their strength. 23 Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the Lord your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you— The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month. 24 The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil."</i>				
	<b>Ezekiel 36:33-36</b> <i>"33 Thus says the Lord God: "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt. 34 The desolate land shall be filled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by. 35 So they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.' 36 Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, the Lord, have spoken it, and I will do it.""</i>				
	Today, not only has the land been restored but the nation of Israel is a mini super power. Israel is leading the world in water technology, military technology, digital security, agriculture and many more.  Agriculture: 19/113 Economy: 5/95 Happiness: 11/156 Military: Rank 15/133 Space: 5/50				

### Prophecies Fulfilled

	Prophecy	Bible Prophecy Reference	Fulfillment
1	<b>The Messiah Will Be Born In Bethlehem</b>	<b>Micah 5:2</b> <i>"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."</i>	<b>Matthew 2:1-6</b> <i>1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 6 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.' "</i> <b>Luke 2:4-5, 7, 15</b> <b>John 7:42</b>
2	<b>The Messiah Will Be Born Of A Virgin</b>	<b>Isaiah 7:14</b> <i>"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."</i>	<b>Matthew 1:20-23</b> <i>20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." 22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."</i>

<b>3</b>	<b>The Messiah Will Be A Prophet Like Moses</b>	<b>Deuteronomy 18:15</b> "The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear"	<b>John 7:40-42</b> <b>40</b> Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "Truly this is the Prophet." <b>41</b> Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee?" <b>42</b> Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" <b>Acts 3:20-23</b> <b>20</b> and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, <b>21</b> whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. <b>22</b> For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. <b>23</b> And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'
<b>4</b>	<b>The Messiah Will Be Tempted By Satan</b>	<b>Psalms 91:10-12</b> " <b>10</b> No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; <b>11</b> For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. <b>12</b> In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone."	<b>Matthew 4:5-7</b> <b>5</b> Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, <b>6</b> and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" <b>7</b> Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.' "
<b>5</b>	<b>The Messiah Will Enter Jerusalem Triumphantly</b>	<b>Zechariah 9:9</b> "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey."	<b>Matthew 21:8-11</b> <b>8</b> And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <b>9</b> Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' Hosanna in the highest!" <b>10</b> And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" <b>11</b> So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee." <b>Luke 19:35-37</b> <b>John 12:12-15</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>The Messiah Will Be Rejected By His Own People</b>	<b>Isaiah 53:1</b> "He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him."	<b>John 1:10-11</b> <b>10</b> He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. <b>11</b> He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. <b>John 12:37-38</b> <b>37</b> But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him, <b>38</b> that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" <b>Matthew 26:3-4</b> <b>3</b> Then the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders of the people assembled at the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, <b>4</b> and plotted to take Jesus by trickery and kill Him.
<b>7</b>	<b>The Messiah Will Be Betrayed By One Of His Followers</b>	<b>Psalms 41:9</b> "Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me." <b>Psalms 55:12-13</b> " <b>12</b> For it is not an enemy who reproaches me; Then I could bear it. Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me; Then I could hide from him. <b>13</b> But it was you, a man my equal, My companion and my acquaintance."	<b>Matthew 26:47</b> And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people. <b>Matthew 26:49-50</b> <b>49</b> Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him. <b>50</b> But Jesus said to him, "Friend, why have you come?" Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him. <b>Luke 22:21-22</b> <b>21</b> But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table. <b>22</b> And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!" <b>Luke 22:47</b> <b>John 13:18, 21, 26</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>The Messiah Will Be Betrayed For 30 Pieces Of Silver</b>	<b>Zechariah 11:12-13</b> " <b>12</b> Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain." So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver. <b>13</b> And the Lord said to me, "Throw it to the potter"—that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the Lord for the potter."	<b>Matthew 26:14-16</b> <b>14</b> Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests <b>15</b> and said, "What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?" And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. <b>16</b> So from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him. <b>Matthew 27:3-4</b> <b>3</b> Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, <b>4</b> saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." And they said, "What is that to us? You see to it!"
<b>9</b>	<b>The Messiah Will Be Tried And Condemned</b>	<b>Isaiah 53:8</b> "He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken."	<b>Matthew 27:1-2</b> <b>1</b> When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death. <b>2</b> And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor. <b>Luke 23:1, 23</b> <b>1</b> Then the whole multitude of them arose and led Him to Pilate. <b>23</b> But they were insistent, demanding with loud voices that He be crucified. And the voices of these men and of the chief priests prevailed. <b>Acts 4:26-28</b>



10	The Messiah Will Be Silent Before His Accusers	<p><b>Isaiah 53:7</b> "He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth."</p>	<p><b>Matthew 27:12-14</b> <b>12</b> And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing. <b>13</b> Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?" <b>14</b> But He answered him not one word, so that the governor marvelled greatly. <b>Mark 15:3-5</b> <b>3</b> And the chief priests accused Him of many things, but He answered nothing. <b>4</b> Then Pilate asked Him again, saying, "Do You answer nothing? See how many things they testify against You!" <b>5</b> But Jesus still answered nothing, so that Pilate marvelled. <b>1 Peter 2:22-23</b></p>
11	The Messiah Will Be Smitten And Spat Upon	<p><b>Isaiah 50:6</b> "I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting." <b>Micah 5:1</b> "Now gather yourself in troops, O daughter of troops; He has laid siege against us; They will strike the judge of Israel with a rod on the cheek."</p>	<p><b>Matthew 26:67-68</b> <b>67</b> Then they spat in His face and beat Him; and others struck Him with the palms of their hands, <b>68</b> saying, "Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is the one who struck You?" <b>Matthew 27:30</b> Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head. <b>Mark 14:65</b> <b>Mark 15:19</b> <b>John 19:1-3</b> <b>Psalm 22:7-8</b></p>
12	The Messiah Will Be Mocked And Taunted	<p><b>Psalm 22:7-8</b> <b>7</b> All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, <b>8</b> "He trusted in the Lord, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!"</p>	<p><b>Matthew 27:39-40</b> <b>39</b> And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads <b>40</b> and saying, "You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross." <b>Luke 23:35</b> And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God." <b>Luke 23:11</b></p>
13	The Messiah To Die By Crucifixion, With Pierced Hands And Feet	<p><b>Psalm 22:14-16</b> " <b>14</b> I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me. <b>15</b> My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death. <b>16</b> For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet;" <b>Zechariah 12:10</b> "then they will look on Me whom they pierced..."</p>	<p><b>Matthew 27:31</b> And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified. <b>Mark 15:20</b> And when they had mocked Him, they took the purple off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him out to crucify Him. <b>John 19:15-16</b> <b>15</b> But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" <b>16</b> Then he delivered Him to them to be crucified. Then they took Jesus and led Him away.</p>
14	The Messiah Will Suffer With Sinners	<p><b>Isaiah 53:12</b> "Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong, Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors."</p>	<p><b>Matthew 27:38</b> Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left. <b>Mark 15:27</b> Two criminals were crucified with Him, their crosses on either side of His. <b>Luke 23:32-33</b> <b>32</b> There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. <b>33</b> And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left.</p>
15	The Messiah's Garments Will Be Divided By Casting Lots	<p><b>Psalm 22:18</b> "They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots."</p>	<p><b>Matthew 27:35</b> Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." <b>John 19:23-24</b> <b>23</b> Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. <b>24</b> They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things. <b>Mark 15:24</b></p>
16	The Messiah's Bones Will Not Be Broken	<p><b>Numbers 9:12</b> "They shall leave none of it until morning, nor break one of its bones. According to all the ordinances of the Passover they shall keep it."</p>	<p><b>John 19:32-37</b> <b>32</b> Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. <b>33</b> But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. <b>34</b> But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. <b>35</b> And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. <b>36</b> For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." <b>37</b> And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."</p>

<b>17</b>	<b>The Messiah Will Die As A Sin Offering</b>	<p><b>Isaiah 53:5-6, 8, 12</b>  <i>" 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. 12 ...Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many, And made intercession for the transgressors."</i></p>	<p><b>John 1:29</b>  <i>The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"</i>  <b>Acts 10:43</b>  <i>To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins."</i>  <b>Acts 13:38-39</b>  <b>38</b> Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; <b>39</b> and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.  <b>1 Corinthians 15:3-4</b>  <b>Ephesians 1:7</b>  <b>1 Peter 2:24</b>  <b>Revelation 1:5</b></p>
<b>18</b>	<b>The Messiah Will See His Seed</b>	<p><b>Isaiah 53:10-11</b>  <i>" 10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. 11 He shall see the labour of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities."</i></p>	<p><b>Ephesians 1:4-5</b>  <b>4</b> just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, <b>5</b> having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will  <b>Hebrews 12:2</b>  <i>Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.</i>  <b>Ephesians 1:21-23</b></p>
<b>19</b>	<b>The Messiah Will Be Buried In A Rich Man's Tomb</b>	<p><b>Isaiah 53:9</b>  <i>"And they made His grave with the wicked—  But with the rich at His death,  Because He had done no violence,  Nor was any deceit in His mouth."</i></p>	<p><b>Psalms 16:10</b>  <i>For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,  Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.</i>  <b>Psalms 30:3</b>  <i>O Lord, You brought my soul up from the grave;  You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.</i></p>
<b>20</b>	<b>The Messiah Will Be Raised From The Dead</b>	<p><b>Psalms 30:3</b>  <i>"O Lord, You brought my soul up from the grave;  You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit."</i>  <b>Psalms 16:10</b>  <i>"For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,  Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption."</i></p>	<p><b>Matthew 28:5-7</b>  <b>5</b> But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <b>6</b> He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. <b>7</b> And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."  <b>Mark 16:6-7</b>  <b>Acts 2:27-31</b>  <b>1 Corinthians 15:17, 20</b></p>
<b>21</b>	<b>The Messiah Will Sit At God's Right Hand</b>	<p><b>Psalms 110:1</b>  <i>"The Lord said to my Lord,  "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.""</i></p>	<p><b>Mark 16:19</b>  <i>So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.</i>  <b>Acts 2:34</b>  <i>"For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself:  'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand"  <b>Hebrews 10:12-13</b></i></p>
	<b>Prophecy</b>	<b>Bible Prophecy Reference</b>	<b>Fulfillment</b>

**Future Prophecies**

The bible still contains hundreds of future prophecies which still need to be fulfilled, most of them are found in revelation and are based on the seals, trumpets and bowls. Below are a few prophecies which will soon come to pass, keep an eye out as this is the ultimate proof that there is a God, that He is outside of space and time and that He loves you.

For a complete list of these prophecies and a guide on surviving earth after the rapture, see the "MASS DESTRUCTION > The Rapture" section found in "The Preparedness Encyclopedia" by Fluidic Ice. If this section has been separated from its parent document you can head to [www.fluidicice.com/TPE](http://www.fluidicice.com/TPE) to download the complete guide for free.

<b>The Destruction of Damascus (Isaiah 17)</b>	Damascus will be destroyed and never inhabited again. This prophecy seems to imply that nuclear weapons were either hit and destroyed in Damascus or one was launched against the city from another location.
<b>The Russian Invasion of Israel (Ezekiel 38)</b>	Russia, Iran, Turkey, Libya and Syria will launch a massive combined attack against Israel but will fail due to God's intervention and destruction of the armies.
<b>The Rapture (1 Corinthians 15:52)</b>	Jesus calls the believing Christians home, before His wrath is poured out on the earth and Israel.
<b>One World Government (Revelation 13:1-2 &amp; Daniel 7:16-24)</b>	<p>In his apocalyptic vision in the Book of Revelation, the Apostle John sees the "beast," also called the Antichrist, rising out of the sea having seven heads and ten horns (Revelation 13:1). Combining this vision with Daniel's similar one (Daniel 7:16-24), we can conclude that some sort of world system will be inaugurated by the beast, the most powerful "horn," who will defeat the other nine and will begin to wage war against Christians. The ten-nation confederacy is also seen in Daniel's image of the statue in Daniel 2:41-42, where he pictures the final world government consisting of ten entities represented by the ten toes of the statue. Whoever the ten are and however they come to power, Scripture is clear that the beast will either destroy them or reduce their power to nothing more than figureheads. In the end, they will do his bidding.</p> <p>John goes on to describe the ruler of this vast empire as having power and great authority, given to him by Satan himself (Revelation 13:2), being followed by and receiving worship from "all the world" (13:3-4), and having authority over "every tribe, people, language and nation" (13:7). From this description, it is logical to assume that this person is the leader of a one-world government which is recognized as sovereign over all other governments.</p>
<b>One World Religion (Revelation 17:1-18)</b>	The one-world religion described in Revelation 17:1-18 as "the great harlot" will be part of the end-times scenario. The term harlot is used throughout the Old Testament as a metaphor for false religion. The actual identity and makeup of the religion has been debated for centuries and has resulted in a number of different views among Bible commentators and theologians. There are convincing arguments for the one world religion being Catholicism.





<p><b>Medical Hygiene</b></p>	<p><b>Exodus 15:26</b> "and said, "If you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who heals you.""</p> <p>This refers to eating only what God has ordained to be eaten such as clean meat like cows and oxen. Today we understand that many predatory birds and animals - those which God deemed unclean contain bacteria and viruses which can cause illness.</p>	<p>Exodus 15:26 Deuteronomy 23:12-13</p>
<p><b>Circumcision</b></p>	<p><b>Genesis 17:12</b> "He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant."</p> <p>How did Moses know how to circumcise a baby on the 8th day after birth? Today we understand that is the safest and most optimum time to perform the circumcision.</p>	<p>Genesis 17:12</p>
<p><b>Pathways in the Sea</b></p>	<p><b>Psalms 8:8</b> "The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas."</p> <p>The pathways in the sea are otherwise known as the ocean currents and were only discovered in 1855 by Matthew Maury in his publication "The Physical Geography of the Sea and Its Meteorology". The full story is below:</p>	<p>Psalms 8:8 Isaiah 43:16</p>
<p>American naval officer and oceanographer Matthew Maury (1806-1873) was a Christian who loved reading his Bible. He also had no doubts about its accuracy. And these facts led him to some remarkable discoveries in science.</p> <p>Maury entered the US Navy in 1825, but an accident in 1839 partially disabled him, so he left active sea duty. Three years later, still with the Navy, he was appointed superintendent of the US Naval Observatory in Washington, and also of the US Depot of Charts and Instruments. Over the next 19 years Maury devoted himself to studying the winds, clouds, weather, and ocean features ... as well as the Bible. In his Bible studies, the words of Psalm 8 stuck in his mind: ' ... whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas'. Maury determined that if God's Word said there were 'paths' in the seas, then there must be paths. So he set out to find them.</p> <p>He studied old ships' logs. From these he compiled charts of ocean-wind and sea currents. To study the speed and direction of the ocean currents Maury set adrift weighted bottles known as 'drift bottles'. These floated slightly below the surface of the water, and thus were not affected by wind. Instructions were sealed in each bottle directing anyone who found one washed ashore to return it. From the location and date on which the bottles were found, Maury was able to develop his charts of the ocean currents—the 'paths' of the seas—which greatly aided the science of marine navigation.</p> <p>In 1855, Maury wrote the first textbook on modern oceanography, The Physical Geography of the Sea and Its Meteorology. In this work, Maury presented oceanography from a delightfully Christian view. He included Biblical passages of meteorological and other scientific importance, such as the Scripture quote from the book of Job (28:25) which refers to God's making 'the weight for the winds'. He explained the Biblical statement this way: ' . . . though the fact that the air has weight is here so distantly announced (in Job), philosophers never recognized the fact until within comparatively a recent period, and then it was proclaimed by them as a great discovery. Nevertheless, the fact was set forth as distinctly in the book of nature as it is in the book of revelation; for the infant, in availing itself of atmospheric pressure to draw milk from its mother's breast, unconsciously proclaimed it.'</p> <p>Maury died in 1873. He was elected to the Hall of Fame for Great Americans. A monument erected in his honour on Monument Avenue, Richmond, Virginia, reads: 'Matthew Fontaine Maury, Pathfinder of the Seas, the genius who first snatched from the oceans and atmosphere the secret of their laws. His inspiration, Holy Writ, Psalm 8:8; Ecclesiastes 1:6.' It is often claimed that the Bible is not a scientific textbook. Yet the Bible's accuracy when touching on scientific subjects has led many great scientists, including Matthew Maury, to some outstanding scientific discoveries.</p>		
<p><b>The Water Cycle</b></p>	<p>In the ancient near east, Hebrew scholars observed that even though the rivers ran into the sea, the sea never became full. Some scholars conclude that the water cycle was described completely during this time in this passage:</p> <p><b>Ecclesiastes 1:6-7</b> "6 The wind goes toward the south, And turns around to the north; The wind whirls about continually, And comes again on its circuit. 7 All the rivers run into the sea, Yet the sea is not full; To the place from which the rivers come, There they return again."</p> <p>Scholars are not in agreement as to the date of Ecclesiastes, though most scholars point to a date during the time of King Solomon, son of David and Bathsheba. "three thousand years ago, there is some agreement that the time period is 962–922 BCE. Furthermore, it was also observed that when the clouds were full, they emptied rain on the earth. In addition, during 793–740 BCE a Hebrew prophet, Amos, stated that water comes from the sea and is poured out on the earth.</p>	<p>Ecclesiastes 1:6-7</p>
<p><b>Round Earth</b></p>	<p><b>Job 26:7</b> "He stretches out the north over empty space; He hangs the earth on nothing." <b>Isaiah 40:22</b> "It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in." <b>Luke 17:34-36</b> "I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left." These verses imply a round earth because some people are awake and about their business while others are asleep.</p> <p>It may seem obvious today that the earth is round but up until about 500 BC people believed it was flat. We have Pythagoras to thank for this discovery. Then sometime between 500 B.C. and 430 B.C., Anaxagoras determined the true cause of solar and lunar eclipses - and then the shape of the Earth's shadow on the Moon during a lunar eclipse was also used as evidence that the Earth was round.</p>	<p>Job 26:7 Isaiah 40:22 Luke 17:34-36</p>
<p><b>Sub-Atomic Particles</b></p>	<p><b>Hebrews 11:3</b> "By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible."</p> <p>This is an insight into the field of physics and sub-atomic particles long before there was even a field to study them.</p>	<p>Hebrews 11:3</p>
<p><b>Meteorological Cycles</b></p>	<p><b>Ecclesiastes 1:6-7</b> "6 The wind goes toward the south, And turns around to the north; The wind whirls about continually, And comes again on its circuit. 7 All the rivers run into the sea, Yet the sea is not full; To the place from which the rivers come, There they return again."</p> <p>Long before there was the study of meteorology, the Lord knew how the planet worked intimately as He created it all. Only today are we coming to a fuller understanding of how the cycles of wind and water really flow around the planet.</p>	<p>Ecclesiastes 1:6-7 Job 36:27-28</p>

## Global Tv Coverage

**Revelation 11:8-9** "And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. **9** Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves. **10** And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth."

Revelation 11:8-10  
Matthew 24:15

How will every peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations be able to see the bodies of the two witnesses without a global Tv network? This also applies to the Matthew verse which describes the Jews seeing the 'Abomination of Desolation' taking place. On a side note, they are likely to send their gifts in verse 10 to each other via Amazon Prime or FedEx - to anywhere on the planet.

## Electronic Funds Transfer

**Revelation 13:17-18** " **17** and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. **18** Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666."

Revelation 3:17-18

Throughout all of history people could have only guessed that this passage was eluding to some sort of 'dumb' tattoo or another mark that you could show somebody and get merchandise with, nobody could have ever guessed that this was a decentralized, encrypted form of digital electronic DNA signature, until the 21st century.

## 8

## Accepting Jesus

## What is Salvation?

Salvation is the deliverance from sin. To save means to deliver or protect. Jesus equated being saved with entering the kingdom of God (Matthew 19:24-25).

What are we saved from? We are saved from God's wrath, that is, His judgment of our sin when we meet Him face to face (Romans 5:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:9). Our sin has separated us from God, and the consequence of this violation of God's law is death (Romans 6:23). Biblical salvation refers to our deliverance from the consequences of sin and therefore involves the removal of sin which is already paid for by Jesus on the cross.

Who does the saving? Only God can remove sin and deliver us from sin's penalty (2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 3:5). How does God save? God has rescued us through Jesus's death on the cross and subsequent resurrection which achieved our salvation (Romans 5:10; Ephesians 1:7). Scripture is clear that salvation is the gracious, undeserved gift of God (Ephesians 2:5, 8) which is ours for the taking through faith in Jesus Christ (Acts 4:12). How do we receive salvation? We are saved by faith. First, we must hear the gospel—the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection (Ephesians 1:13).

Then, we must believe—fully trust the Lord Jesus (Romans 1:16). This involves repentance, a changing of mind about sin and Christ (Acts 3:19), and calling on the name of the Lord (Romans 10:9-10, 13). A definition of salvation would be "The deliverance, by the grace of God, from eternal punishment for sin which is granted to those who accept by faith God's conditions of repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus." Salvation is available in Jesus alone (John 14:6; Acts 4:12) and is dependent on God alone for provision, assurance, and security.

This is absolutely the most important section in the entire guide, showing you the path to eternal salvation as described in the bible. Your acceptance or denial of Jesus will affect where you spend eternity, and every soul lives forever it's just a matter of location. A prerequisite for becoming saved is knowing that God exists and that He created you, the universe and heavens. God wrote the bible to *further* prove His existence to us alongside the wondrous and spectacular world around us. There are countless incredible facts about the Bible that prove it had to be designed outside of space and time. For a few of these amazing insights read the 'Evidence for God' section in 'Christianity'.

## To Become Saved

A

**Admit that you are a sinner.** Any gap between God's perfect law and our imperfect obedience is called sin, which everyone has committed.

- "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23)
- "There is none righteous, no, not one;" (Romans 3:10)
- "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." (1 John 1:10)
- "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

B

**Believe in your heart that Jesus Christ died for your sins, was buried, and that God raised Jesus from the dead on the third day, taking the punishment you deserved.** Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father but by me." (John 14:6) Your own good works cannot save you, no matter how good a person you are, and wouldn't the creator of heaven set the bar for entry?

- "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)
- "But God commends his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners. Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

C

**Call upon the name of the Lord and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.** Through prayer, invite Jesus into your heart to become your personal Lord and Saviour. There is an example prayer below.

- "If you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

## Pray

"My Father in heaven, I am a sinner and need your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His precious blood and died for my sins. I am willing and ready to change and turn from my sin. I now invite Jesus Christ to come into my heart and life, as my personal Saviour."

**"Whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."**

Joel 2:32 / Acts 2:21 / Romans 10:13

Once you've prayed this prayer, believing it with all your heart, you're saved by the power of the blood of Jesus! He paid that ultimate price of our sin, sacrificing Himself so that we may live. However it's easy to say something with your mouth, what takes real effort is living out a life in pursuit of Jesus, walking according to His will for you and leaving your old sinful ways behind.

Below are some more verses related to salvation and justification, as well as some next steps you should take as a new Christian to help cement your faith. If there's one thing that satan despises, it's new Christians. So be prepared to battle against the spiritual forces of wickedness by praying and reading your bible daily as well as putting on your spiritual armour.

- "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish." (Luke 13:5)
- "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified." (Galatians 2:16)
- "How that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

**Talk to God in prayer every day.**

"And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive." (Matthew 21:22)  
 "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;" (Philippians 4:6)  
 "But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" 17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:16-17)

**Be baptized, worship, fellowship, and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority on everything.**

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," (Matthew 28:19)  
 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25)  
 "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16)

**Tell others about Christ**

"And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)  
 "For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!" (1 Corinthians 9:16)  
 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek." (Romans 1:16)

**Walking with Jesus**

If you have received Jesus Christ as your Saviour, as a Christian you should Read your Bible daily to get to know Christ better. Read the Holy Bible (KJV, NKJV, ESV), the guide and tool to kindness and the right path to eternal life. If you encounter questions, resolve them by asking someone at your church or another steadfast Christian to help you with them. "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)  
 "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalms 119:105)

**Seek Earnestly**

As always if you wish to find answers out for yourself you should search God's word. If you're told something, search the scriptures to ensure that is what they say and the wording isn't twisted. Take caution not to be fooled by what others claim the bible says but do your own research. There will be great apostasy and a falling away from Christianity in the end times. The word of God is living and he can speak to you through his words. So find a bible.

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened." (Matthew 7:7-8)

**Next Steps**

You should research what the bible has to say on prophecy and the end times. Take a look at the MASS DESTRUCTION > The Rapture section for more information, but if you have already I recommend watching some of the videos in the 'Christian Content' section.

**9**

**Spiritual Armour**

**Ephesians 6:13**  
 "Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

In Christianity the following spiritual armour can protect you from the unseen war on Earth and Heaven. The following is what the Bible says about the Spiritual Armour. Ephesians 6:12 clearly indicates that the conflict with Satan is spiritual, and therefore no tangible weapons can be effectively employed against him and his minions. We are not given a list of specific tactics Satan will use. However, the passage is quite clear that when we follow all the instructions faithfully, we will be able to stand, and we will have victory regardless of Satan's strategy.

**Ephesians 6:14-20**  
 "14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."

**Belt of Truth**

"Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth"

The first element of our armour is truth (verse 14). This is easy to understand, since Satan is said to be the "father of lies" (John 8:44). Deception is high on the list of things God considers to be an abomination. A "lying tongue" is one of the things He describes as "detestable to Him" (Proverbs 6:16-17). We are therefore exhorted to put on truth for our own sanctification and deliverance, as well as for the benefit of those to whom we witness.

**Breastplate of Righteousness**

"having put on the breastplate of righteousness"

Also in verse 14, we are told to put on the breastplate of righteousness. A breastplate shielded a warrior's vital organs from blows that would otherwise be fatal. This righteousness is not works of righteousness done by men. Rather, this is the righteousness of Christ, imputed by God and received by faith, which guards our hearts against the accusations and charges of Satan and secures our innermost being from his attacks.

**Footwear of Peace**

"and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace"

Verse 15 speaks of the preparation of the feet for spiritual conflict. In warfare, sometimes an enemy places dangerous obstacles in the path of advancing soldiers. The idea of the preparation of the gospel of peace as footwear suggests what we need to advance into Satan's territory, aware that there will be traps, with the message of grace so essential to winning souls to Christ. Satan has many obstacles placed in the path to halt the propagation of the gospel.

**Shield of Faith**

"above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one"

The shield of faith spoken of in verse 16 makes Satan's sowing of doubt about the faithfulness of God and His Word ineffective. Our faith—of which Christ is "the author and perfecter" (Hebrews 12:2)—is like a golden shield, precious, solid, and substantial.

### Helmet of Salvation

"And take the helmet of salvation"

The helmet of salvation in verse 17 is protection for the head, keeping viable a critical part of the body. We could say that our way of thinking needs preservation. The head is the seat of the mind, which, when it has laid hold of the sure gospel hope of eternal life, will not receive false doctrine or give way to Satan's temptations. The unsaved person has no hope of warding off the blows of false doctrine because he is without the helmet of salvation and his mind is incapable of discerning between spiritual truth and spiritual deception.

### Sword of the Spirit

"and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God"

Verse 17 interprets itself as to the meaning of the sword of the Spirit—it is the Word of God. While all the other pieces of spiritual armour are defensive in nature, the sword of the Spirit is the only offensive weapon in the armour of God. It speaks of the holiness and power of the Word of God. A greater spiritual weapon is not conceivable. In Jesus' temptations in the desert, the Word of God was always His overpowering response to Satan. What a blessing that the same Word is available to us!

### Prayer

"praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints"

As you can see at the top of this section, the most talked about piece of the armour is prayer, which leads us to believe it is the most important piece. We should be on our knees praying daily for those we know to come to Christ, strength for our leaders, that God's will be done on earth and so much more! In verse 18, we are told to pray in the Spirit (that is, with the mind of Christ, with His heart and His priorities) in addition to wearing the full armour of God. We cannot neglect prayer, as it is the means by which we draw spiritual strength from God.

Without prayer, without reliance upon God, our efforts at spiritual warfare are empty and futile. The full armour of God—truth, righteousness, the gospel, faith, salvation, the Word of God, and prayer—are the tools God has given us, through which we can be spiritually victorious, overcoming Satan's attacks and temptations. Below is a list of prayer points which should be raised up to God:

#### The Model Prayer

This is the model prayer also known as the Lord's Prayer as found in Luke 11. It's not called the Lord's prayer in most Christian faiths because the prayer was given to us to pray to Him. It wouldn't make sense if Jesus prayed it because in verse 4 it says "forgive us our sins" and Jesus never sinned.

#### Luke 11:2-4

2 So He said to them, "When you pray, say:

*Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.*

3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

4 And forgive us our sins,

*For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.  
And do not lead us into temptation,  
But deliver us from the evil one."*

## 10

## After Death

This is an explanation of what happens after death according to the bible. The catholic church has a flawed and unbiblical view of what happens after death (purgatory) which I why I include this section. Death is man's punishment for disobedience and can be found throughout the scriptures such as Romans 3:23. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God".

So what is death? Firstly we have 3 parts to our current being, these are: Body, Soul and Spirit. Physical death is the separation between body and soul, or the 'first death' as it's known in the bible. Spiritual death is the separation of the soul from the spirit, or the 'second death' - which was paid for on the cross by Jesus for those who accepted Him. Every person's spirit lives forever, the question is where will you spend it when you are judged? For a great study by Chuck Missler on what happens after death, watch: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJyGJgJk6rk&](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJyGJgJk6rk&)

### Statistics

#### The Afterlife

This is what people believe about an afterlife:

- 81% of people believe in an afterlife of some sort,
- 9% aren't sure on what happens,
- 10% say there's no afterlife.

#### Heaven

This is what people believe about heaven:

- 46% think it's a state of eternal existence in God's presence,
- 30% think it's a place of rest and reward,
- 14% believe heaven is just symbolic,
- 5% don't believe in heaven and 5% aren't sure.

#### Hell

This is what people believe about hell:

- 39% believe it's a state of eternal separation from God's presence,
- 32% think it's an actual place of torment and suffering,
- 13% think it's just a symbol of a bad outcome,
- 16% aren't sure or don't believe in hell.



**Their Destination**

This is where people believe they will end up when they die:

- 65% think they will go to heaven,
- 24% have no idea where they will go,
- 5% think you just cease to exist,
- 5% believe they will come back as another life form,
- 0.5% think they are going to hell.

**Heaven Bound**

This is why people thought they would get into heaven:

- 43% believe that because they have confessed their sins and accepted Jesus as their saviour,
- 15% because they have tried to obey the ten commandments,
- 15% because they are basically a good person,
- 6% because God loves all people and He won't let them perish.

**Contrary Findings**

Among Born-again Christians:

- 10% believe that people are reincarnated after death,
- 29% claim it is possible to communicate with the dead,
- 50% contend that a person can earn salvation based on good works,
- Many believe there are multiple options for gaining entry into heaven.

**Terms**

**Places**

These are the different places used throughout the scriptures relating to death or the afterlife.

**Matthew 25:46 (and similarly Daniel 12:2)**

*And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."*

**Grave  
(Kever)**

The location of dead physical bodies. Bodies are unconscious in the grave and decompose slowly.

**Hades  
(AKA: Sheol, Hell,  
Place of Torment)**

A temporary location of departed souls; the abode of the dead both good and bad. It is separated into two sections which are the 'Place of Torment' and 'Abraham's Bosom' with an impassable gulf between them. Known as "Under the earth", the "Underworld" or "Lower parts of the earth". Those which are in Hades are fully conscious and have memory, the ability to speak, can feel pain and have desires. Their eternal destiny is irrevocably fixed. People know that what they experience here is fair and just. The rich man in the story below also knew what his brothers needed to do to avoid his own fate which is to repent. There can only be one Sheol, as opposed to having multiple graves. Bodies are conscious in Sheol. Hell will be thrown into the lake of fire at the end of all things. When Jesus died on the cross He took those who were in Abraham's bosom to heaven with Him, based on the scriptures.

**Bottomless Pit  
(AKA: Abyss, Abuso,  
Tartarus)**

The place which the antichrist comes from (Revelation 17:8). "Tartarus is as far below hades as earth is below heaven." - Homers Iliad.

**The Lake of Fire  
(Gehenna)**

Located in the "outer darkness" and is specifically created for satan and his angels. Matthew 25:41. This is the ultimate separation from God outside time and space. Death and hades will be thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. Revelation 20:14. The lake of fire will be a 'fire that never consumes' and will be painful beyond comprehension. The antichrist and the false prophet are thrown into the lake of fire at His second coming and satan is thrown in at the end of the millennium. Those in the Lake of Fire will be tormented for ever and ever. (Matthew 25:46, Daniel 12:2, Revelation 14:10,11)

**Heaven  
(The New Heaven)**

It will be a newly created environment unsullied by moral evil and it will be the ultimate model city, or the 'New Jerusalem' as it's known throughout the scriptures. There will be no death in heaven because of our incorruptible bodies and the fact that death and hades have been thrown into the lake of fire. We will be knowing and loving God maximally. We will have fellowship with all other believers. We retain our gender, personal and ethnic characteristics and we will have renewed intellectual, emotional and volitional (a different will) abilities.

People may ask, "Why would a loving God send people to Hell?". There are three powerful reasons:

1. To vindicate the King's righteousness. (Sin must be paid for by the sinner, or by one who takes the place of the sinner. God must always be righteous in His decisions and actions)
2. To defend the moral order of His kingdom. (In the same way people are put in prison for murder to maintain societal order, God has to maintain the moral order of His kingdom by punishing the evildoers)
3. To highlight the preciousness of the Servant who died to make us just. (Every one of us deserved to go to Hell and then The Lake of Fire when we died because we broke God's law. He loves everyone, but He loves His son more and He has to vindicate the price that His Son paid)

Two questions that we can ask ourselves are: Does the punishment fit the crime? To answer that we have to ask whether or not we really understand God's attitude to sin. As a race our sensitivity to the atrocity of sin has been dulled. We have to compare the magnitude of sin to the Majesty of God, which is impossible as humans, as we can only know a limited amount about both. Sin is violation of the character of an infinite being.

A God deserving of worship cannot pardon people who persist in worshiping and serving themselves more than the personal creator. The condemnation of everyone who is lost will be wholly attributable to themselves for having disregarded God's revealed will.

For more information on hell, see: [www.khouse.org/eneews\\_article/2007/1236](http://www.khouse.org/eneews_article/2007/1236)

**Judgements**

These are the future judgements of all mankind, judged by Jesus. (John 5:27)

**The Bema Seat  
(Christian Tribunal)**

The Bema Seat occurs in heaven after the rapture of the church while the tribulation is happening on earth. This is when Jesus judges all believers on how they lived their life, whether they died before the rapture or were still alive and raptured. Sins won't even be mentioned at the judgement because they have been paid for and forgotten by Jesus Himself. It is a time of reward, not punishment. The bema is a tribunal for rewards. In the large Olympic arenas, there was an elevated seat on which the judge of the contest sat. After the contests were over, the successful competitors would assemble before the bema to receive their rewards or crowns. The bema was not a judicial bench where someone was condemned; it was a reward seat. Likewise, the Judgment Seat of Christ is not a judicial bench. However you can lose your rewards, but you can never lose your salvation.

These are verses which relate to the Bema Seat: 2 Corinthians 5:10, Romans 14:10, Psalm 62:12, Matthew 16:27, Ephesians 6:8, Psalm 103:10-12, Romans 8:1, John 5:24, 1 Corinthians 3:10-15, Revelation 3:11, 1 Corinthians 2:9,10.

<b>The Sheep and Goats Judgement</b>	<p>This judgement occurs after the tribulation when Jesus comes to claim His throne. Those who were loyal to Him, also known as the sheep will be grouped to His right. The goats, those who lived for themselves or worshiped the antichrist will be grouped to His left. Those on His left will be sent to burn in hell forever and those on His right will inherit the kingdom with Him and will live during the coming millennium. Some scholars believe the old testament saints will be resurrected prior to this judgement to live and reign with Jesus.</p> <p><b>Matthew 25:31-46</b>  <b>"31</b> "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. <b>32</b> All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats..."</p>
<b>The Great White Throne</b>	<p>This occurs at the end of the millennium and the wicked will be resurrected and judged. Romans 1:18-20 says that nobody will have an excuse on judgement day because the heavens declare His handiwork and men will be accountable by creation. Jesus will judge according to His standards and not any standards that man fabricate today. Other verses which may be of interest are: Romans 1:21 &amp; 22, 2 Peter 3:3-6.</p> <p><b>Matthew 12:36</b>  <i>"But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment."</i></p>

**Crowns**

These are the five known crowns that the Lord will reward people with at the Bema Seat. They have been listed so you can try to work towards them. There could be more than five crowns but these are the only ones mentioned in the bible.

<b>Crown of Righteousness</b>	Given to those that love the Lord's appearing. 2 Timothy 4:8
<b>Crown of Life</b>	Bestowed upon those who persevere under trials. James 1:12
<b>The Incorruptible Crown</b>	A special crown given for faithfulness in running the race and exercising self-control in order to serve the Lord and finish the race. 1 Corinthians 9:25
<b>Crown of Glory</b>	Given to those that feed the flock the word of God. This crown is given to Pastors, Missionaries, teachers, preachers, Evangelists, etc. John 21:16
<b>Crown of Rejoicing</b>	A crown for soul winners. It is called the Crown of Rejoicing because there is rejoicing in heaven when a soul gets saved. Luke 15:7, 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

**The Rich Man and the Beggar**

Luke 16:19-31 tells the story, which is likely true, of a rich man and Lazarus the beggar who have both died. It reveals quite a lot about hades/Sheol.

**19** "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. **20** But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, **21** desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. **22** So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. **23** And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

**24** "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' **25** But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. **26** And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

**27** "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, **28** for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' **29** Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' **30** And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' **31** But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' "

**Post-Death Table**

Below is a table of what happens to you when you die as viewed from a biblical perspective. Depending on whether or not you're saved and what dispensation you die in, depends what happens to you and where you end up. Your eternal destination will solely be decided on whether or not you have accepted Jesus as your saviour.

Dispensation	People Covered	Status	What Happens...	Resurrected at...	Eternal Destination
<b>Pre-Cross Believers</b> (Old Testament)	Noah, Joshua, David, Daniel, etc	Dead	(After Death) In Abraham's Bosom up until Jesus died, then in heaven with Him from then onwards.	The Sheep and Goats Judgement	Heaven, after judgement
<b>Pre-Cross Unbelievers</b> (Old Testament)	Those who died unbelieving before Jesus died on the cross	Dead	(After Death) Tormented in Hades, then resurrected at the Great White Throne Judgement.	The Great White Throne Judgment	Hell, after judgement
<b>Post-Cross Believers</b>	Those who accepted Jesus but died before the rapture	Dead	(After Death) Immediately in the presence of God - but body-less. (2 Corinthians 5:6-8)	The Rapture, with a glorified body (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)	Heaven, they will be raised at the rapture
<b>Post-Cross Unbelievers</b>	Unbelievers who died before the Second Coming	Dead	(After Death) Immediately in 'Hades' awaiting their punishment.	The Great White Throne Judgment	Hell, after judgement
<b>Post-Cross Believers</b>	Those who have accepted Jesus by the Rapture	Alive	(At The Rapture) Bodies transformed, then they meet Jesus in the clouds and are taken to heaven with Him.	Still Alive (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)	Heaven. Given rewards at the Bema Seat
<b>Tribulation Saints</b>	Those saved in the tribulation but have since died (Martyrs)	Dead	(After Death) Immediately in the presence of God - but body-less. (2 Corinthians 5:6-8)	The Sheep and Goats Judgement (Revelation 20:4-6)	Heaven
<b>Tribulation Saints</b>	Those saved in the tribulation and are alive at His second coming	Alive	(At the Second Coming) They populate the millennium.	Still Alive (Revelation 20:4-6)	Heaven
<b>Tribulation Unbelievers</b>	Those unbelievers who survived the tribulation	Alive	(At the Second Coming) Jesus destroys them in judgement when He returns to claim His kingdom. (Revelation 19:21)	The Great White Throne Judgment	Hell, after judgement
<b>Millennium Saints</b>	Those who died in the millennium believing	Dead	(After Death) Immediately in the presence of God.	The Great White Throne Judgment	Heaven
<b>Millennium Saints</b>	Believers who are alive when God judges His enemies in the millennium	Alive	(After God destroys the Rebellion) Taken to the 'new heaven'	Still Alive	Heaven

After Dec Post-Dec	Millennium Unbelievers	Those unbelievers who died in the millennium	Dead	(After Death) They stay dead until judgement.	The Great White Throne Judgment	Hell, after judgement
	Millennium Unbelievers	Those who chose to rebel against God in the millennium	Alive	(At the end of the Millennium) God kills them in His wrath.	The Great White Throne Judgment	Hell, after judgement

Which category are you in? Every soul lives forever, the question is where will you spend it? It's not too late to change your destiny - even in the tribulation.

# 11

# The Bible

This section explains the different books of the bible, how long they are and what the general overview of them is. Further below I've included a selection of the most pertinent books and chapters of the bible to read. To save space I had to make the font size smaller so you'll have to zoom in to read them or use a magnifying glass if you've printed this sheet.

If you wish to read the other books which aren't included, find a KJV, NKJV, ESV, ISV or NIV bible as most of the others are either hard to find or aren't biblically accurate. You can also find a variety of different language bibles below including English. I pray that God will guide you to a bible if you are truly seeking his word. The below bible version is the NKJV (New King James Version). Currently it contains the books of: John, Romans, Jude, Revelation and Psalms 1-41.

**"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16)**

*"Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed." Luke 1:1-4*

## The Books

These are the books of the bible ordered as they appear in the Bible. Every book is divinely inspired by God and therefore He also wrote them all, but His name is not included in the 'Written By' field to save space.

### Old Testament

#	Book	Chapters	Book Type	Written By	Overview
1	Genesis	50	Law	Moses	Genesis answers two big questions: "How did God's relationship with the world begin?" and "Where did the nation of Israel come from?"
2	Exodus	40	Law	Moses	God saves Israel from slavery in Egypt, and then enters into a special relationship with them.
3	Leviticus	27	Law	Moses	God gives Israel instructions for how to worship Him.
4	Numbers	36	Law	Moses	Israel fails to trust and obey God, and wanders in the wilderness for 40 years.
5	Deuteronomy	34	Law	Moses	Moses gives Israel instructions (in some ways, a recap of the laws in Exodus-Numbers) for how to love and obey God in the Promised Land.
6	Joshua	24	History	Unknown	Joshua (Israel's new leader) leads Israel to conquer the Promised land, then parcels out territories to the twelve tribes of Israel.
7	Judges	21	History	Unknown	Israel enters a cycle of turning from God, falling captive to oppressive nations, calling out to God, and being rescued by leaders God sends their way (called "judges").
8	Ruth	4	History	Unknown	Two widows lose everything, and find hope in Israel—which leads to the birth of the future King David.
9	1 Samuel	31	History	Unknown	Israel demands a king, who turns out to be quite a disappointment.
10	2 Samuel	24	History	Unknown	David, a man after God's own heart, becomes king of Israel.
11	1 Kings	22	History	Unknown	The kingdom of Israel has a time of peace and prosperity under King Solomon, but afterward splits, and the two lines of kings turn away from God.
12	2 Kings	25	History	Unknown	Both kingdoms ignore God and his prophets, until they both fall captive to other world empires.
13	1 Chronicles	29	History	Ezra	This is a brief history of Israel from Adam to David, culminating with David commissioning the temple of God in Jerusalem.
14	2 Chronicles	36	History	Ezra	David's son Solomon builds the temple, but after centuries of rejecting God, the Babylonians take the southern Israelites captive and destroy the temple.
15	Ezra	10	History	Ezra	The Israelites rebuild the temple in Jerusalem, and a scribe named Ezra teaches the people to once again obey God's laws.
16	Nehemiah	13	History	Nehemiah	The city of Jerusalem is in bad shape, so Nehemiah rebuilds the wall around the city.
17	Esther	10	History	Unknown	Someone hatches a genocidal plot to bring about Israel's extinction, and Esther must face the emperor to ask for help.
18	Job	42	Poetry	Unknown	Satan attacks a righteous man named Job, and Job and his friends argue about why terrible things are happening to him.
19	Psalms	150	Poetry	David: 73, Asaph: 12, Sons of Korah: 11, Solomon: 2, Moses: 1, Ethan: 1, Heman: 1, Unknown: 50	A collection of 150 songs that Israel sang to God (and to each other)—kind of like a hymnal for the ancient Israelites.
20	Proverbs	31	Poetry	Solomon: 29, Agur: 1, Lemuel: 1	A collection of sayings written to help people make wise decisions that bring about justice.

Christianity	The Bible	The Books	21	Ecclesiastes	12	Poetry	Solomon	A philosophical exploration of the meaning of life—with a surprisingly nihilistic tone for the Bible.	
			22	Song of Solomon	8	Poetry	Solomon	A love song (or collection of love songs) celebrating love, desire, and marriage.	
			23	Isaiah	66	Major Prophet	Isaiah	God sends the prophet Isaiah to warn Israel of future judgment—but also to tell them about a coming king and servant who will “bear the sins of many.”	
		24	Jeremiah	52	Major Prophet	Jeremiah	God sends a prophet to warn Israel about the coming Babylonian captivity, but the people don’t take the news very well.		
		25	Lamentations	5	Major Prophet	Jeremiah	A collection of dirges lamenting the fall of Jerusalem after the Babylonian attacks.		
		26	Ezekiel	48	Major Prophet	Ezekiel	God chooses a man to speak for Him to Israel, to tell them the error of their ways and teach them justice: Ezekiel.		
		27	Daniel	12	Major Prophet	Daniel	Daniel becomes a high-ranking wise man in the Babylonian and Persian empires, and has prophetic visions concerning Israel’s future.		
		28	Hosea	14	Minor Prophet	Hosea	Hosea is told to marry a prostitute who leaves him, and he must bring her back: a picture of God’s relationship with Israel.		
		29	Joel	3	Minor Prophet	Joel	God sends a plague of locusts to Judge Israel, but his judgment on the surrounding nations is coming, too.		
	The Bible	The Books	30	Amos	9	Minor Prophet	Amos	A shepherd named Amos preaches against the injustice of the Northern Kingdom of Israel.	
			31	Obadiah	1	Minor Prophet	Obadiah	Obadiah warns the neighboring nation of Edom that they will be judged for plundering Jerusalem.	
			32	Jonah	4	Minor Prophet	Jonah	A disobedient prophet runs from God, is swallowed by a great fish, and then preaches God’s message to the city of Nineveh.	
		33	Micah	7	Minor Prophet	Micah	Micah confronts the leaders of Israel and Judah regarding their injustice, and prophecies that one day the Lord himself will rule in perfect justice.		
		34	Nahum	3	Minor Prophet	Nahum	Nahum foretells of God’s judgment on Nineveh, the capital of Assyria.		
		35	Habakkuk	3	Minor Prophet	Habakkuk	Habakkuk pleads with God to stop the injustice and violence in Judah, but is surprised to find that God will use the even more violent Babylonians to do so.		
		36	Zephaniah	3	Minor Prophet	Zephaniah	God warns that he will judge Israel and the surrounding nations, but also that he will restore them in peace and justice.		
		37	Haggai	2	Minor Prophet	Haggai	The people have abandoned the work of restoring God’s temple in Jerusalem, and so Haggai takes them to task.		
		38	Zechariah	14	Minor Prophet	Zechariah	The prophet Zechariah calls Israel to return to God, and records prophetic visions that show what’s happening behind the scenes.		
	39	Malachi	4	Minor Prophet	Malachi	God has been faithful to Israel, but they continue to live disconnected from him—so God sends Malachi to call them out.			
	Christianity	The Bible	The Books	New Testament					
				#	Book	Chapters	Book Type	Written By	Overview
				40	Matthew	28	Gospel	Matthew	This is an account of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, focusing on Jesus’ role as the true king of the Jews.
			41	Mark	16	Gospel	Mark	This brief account of Jesus’ earthly ministry highlights Jesus’ authority and servanthood.	
			42	Luke	24	Gospel	Luke	Luke writes the most thorough account of Jesus’ life, pulling together eyewitness testimonies to tell the full story of Jesus.	
			43	John	21	Gospel	John	John lists stories of signs and miracles with the hope that readers will believe in Jesus.	
			44	Acts	28	History	Luke	Jesus returns to the Father, the Holy Spirit comes to the church, and the gospel of Jesus spreads throughout the world.	
			45	Romans	16	Epistle	Paul	Paul summarizes how the gospel of Jesus works in a letter to the churches at Rome, where he plans to visit.	
			46	1 Corinthians	16	Epistle	Paul	Paul writes a disciplinary letter to a fractured church in Corinth, and answers some questions that they’ve had about how Christians should behave.	
		47	2 Corinthians	13	Epistle	Paul	Paul writes a letter of reconciliation to the church at Corinth, and clears up some concerns that they have.		
		48	Galatians	6	Epistle	Paul	Paul hears that the Galatian churches have been lead to think that salvation comes from the law of Moses, and writes a (rather heated) letter telling them where the false teachers have it wrong.		
		49	Ephesians	6	Epistle	Paul	Paul writes to the church at Ephesus about how to walk in grace, peace, and love.		
		50	Philippians	4	Epistle	Paul	An encouraging letter to the church of Philippi from Paul, telling them how to have joy in Christ.		
		51	Colossians	4	Epistle	Paul	Paul writes the church at Colossae a letter about who they are in Christ, and how to walk in Christ.		
		52	1 Thessalonians	5	Epistle	Paul	Paul has heard a good report on the church at Thessalonica, and encourages them to “excel still more” in faith, hope, and love.		
		53	2 Thessalonians	3	Epistle	Paul	Paul instructs the Thessalonians on how to stand firm until the coming of Jesus.		
		The Bible	The Books	54	1 Timothy	6	Epistle	Paul	Paul gives his protégé Timothy instruction on how to lead a church with sound teaching and a godly example.
				55	2 Timothy	4	Epistle	Paul	Paul is nearing the end of his life, and encourages Timothy to continue preaching the word.
	56			Titus	3	Epistle	Paul	Paul advises Titus on how to lead orderly, counter-cultural churches on the island of Crete.	
	57			Philemon	1	Epistle	Paul	Paul strongly recommends that Philemon accept his runaway slave as a brother, not a slave.	

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58	Hebrews	13	General Epistle	Unknown	A letter encouraging Christians to cling to Christ despite persecution, because he is greater.
59	James	5	General Epistle	James	A letter telling Christians to live in ways that demonstrate their faith in action.
60	1 Peter	5	General Epistle	Peter	Peter writes to Christians who are being persecuted, encouraging them to testify to the truth and live accordingly.
61	2 Peter	3	General Epistle	Peter	Peter writes a letter reminding Christians about the truth of Jesus, and warning them that false teachers will come.
62	1 John	5	General Epistle	John	John writes a letter to Christians about keeping Jesus' commands, loving one another, and important things they should know.
63	2 John	1	General Epistle	John	A very brief letter about walking in truth, love, and obedience.
64	3 John	1	General Epistle	John	An even shorter letter about Christian fellowship.
65	Jude	1	General Epistle	Jude	A letter encouraging Christians to content for the faith, even though ungodly persons have crept in unnoticed.
66	Revelation	22	Prophecy	John	John sees visions of things that have been, things that are, and things that are yet to come.
#	Book	Chapters	Book Type	Written By	Overview

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**John**

John is one of the best books to begin reading the bible with. It has been said that it's shallow enough to take a dip in, but deep enough to wade in. John is split into four sections by scholars today:

- The prologue informs readers of the true identity of Jesus
- Jesus is baptised, calls his disciples, and begins his earthly ministry. He travels from place to place informing his hearers about God the Father, offering eternal life to all who will believe, and performing miracles which are signs of the authenticity of his teachings.
- Jesus prepares the disciples for their coming lives without his physical presence, and prays for them and for himself.
- Chapter 21 tells of Jesus' post-resurrection appearance to his disciples in Galilee, the miraculous catch of fish, the prophecy of the crucifixion of Peter, the restoration of Peter, and the fate of the Beloved Disciple.

<b>John 1</b>		
<p><b>The Eternal Word</b></p> <p>1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.</p> <p><b>John's Witness: The True Light</b></p> <p>6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. 9 That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.</p> <p>10 He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. 11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.</p>	<p><b>The Word Becomes Flesh</b></p> <p>14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'" 16 And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.</p> <p><b>A Voice in the Wilderness</b></p> <p>19 Now this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" 20 He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." 21 And they asked him, "What then are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." 22 Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" 23 He said, "I am 'the voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of the Lord;"' as the prophet Isaiah said." 24 Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees.</p>	<p>25 And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" 26 John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One among you whom you do not know. 27 It is He who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loathe." 28 These things were done in Bethabara beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.</p> <p><b>The Lamb of God</b></p> <p>29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" 30 This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.' 31 I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water."</p> <p>32 And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him. 33 I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God."</p>
<p><b>Philip and Nathanael</b></p> <p>43 The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."</p> <p>46 And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!"</p> <p>48 Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." 49 Nathanael answered and said to him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"</p> <p>50 Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." 51 And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."</p>		

<b>John 2</b>		
<p><b>Water Turned to Wine</b></p> <p>1 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. 3 And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."</p> <p>4 Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come."</p> <p>5 His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."</p>	<p>6 Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. 7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it. 9 When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. 10 And he said to him, "Every man of the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then he inferior; you have kept the good wine until now!"</p> <p>11 This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.</p>	<p>12 After this He went down to Capernaum, He, His mother, His brothers, and His disciples; and they did not stay there many days.</p> <p><b>Jesus Cleanses the Temple</b></p> <p>13 Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. 15 When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. 16 And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!" 17 Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up."</p>
<p>18 To the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign do you show to us, since you do these things?"</p> <p>19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."</p> <p>20 Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?"</p> <p>21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body. 22 Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.</p>	<p><b>The Discerner of Hearts</b></p> <p>23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did. 24 But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, 25 and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.</p>	

<b>John 3</b>		
<p><b>The New Birth</b></p> <p>1 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a Teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."</p> <p>3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"</p> <p>5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."</p>	<p>9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? 11 Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. 12 I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"</p> <p>13 No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.</p>	<p>18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."</p>
<p><b>John the Baptist Exalts Christ</b></p> <p>22 After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He remained with them and baptized. 23 Now John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there. And they came and were baptized. 24 For John had not yet been thrown into prison.</p> <p>25 Then there arose a dispute between some of John's disciples and some of Jesus' disciples, 26 and they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified—behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him!"</p>	<p>27 John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven. 28 You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent before Him.' 29 He who has the bride is the bridegroom, but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled. 30 He must increase, but I must decrease.</p> <p>31 He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. 32 And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies, and no one receives His testimony. 33 He who has received His testimony has certified that God is true. 34 For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure. 35 The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. 36 He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."</p>	

<b>John 4</b>		
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A Samaritan Woman Meets Her Messiah
1 I therefore tell you that whosoever shall hear these things...

12 He who is greater than I our Father, who gave me the well, can drink from himself, can give life, and his livestock?
13 And Jesus answered and said to him...

23 But the Father is coming, and now it is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth;
24 And he who worships Him must worship in spirit and in truth...

36 And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers full sheaves to the barn; but both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.
37 For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.'

A Nobleman's Son Healed
46 So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine.
47 And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum.

A Man Healed at the Pool of Bethesda
1 After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool...

12 Then they asked him, "Who is the Man who said to you that you will live after three days?"
13 But he who answered them said, "I know not...

21 For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.
22 For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son...

The Fourth Witness
31 'I bear witness of myself, My witness is not true.
32 There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true...

41 'I do not receive honor from men.
42 But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you.
43 I have come to you in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me...

Feeding the Five Thousand
1 After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias.
2 Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed...

13 Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.
14 Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus had said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."

The Bread from Heaven
22 On the following day, when the people who were standing on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except that one which His disciples had entered, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with His disciples, but His disciples had gone away alone...

30 Therefore they said to Him, "What sign do you perform then, that we may see for it and believe You?
What work will You do?"
31 Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; and this is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Rejected by His Own
41 The Jews then complained about Him, because He said, "I am the bread which comes down from heaven."
42 And they said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, 'I have come down from heaven?'"

Many Disciples Turn Away
60 Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?"
61 When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you?"

13 Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.
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Jesus' Brothers Disbelieve
1 After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not wish to walk in Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him.
2 Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand.
3 His brothers therefore said to Him, "Depart from here and go into Judea, for 'Your disciples also say here and there that You are about to take the Feast, and anything in secret will he himself seek to be known openly.'
4 If you do these things, show Yourself to the world."
5 For even His brothers did not believe in Him.

13 However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews.
14 Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went out into the temple and taught.
15 The Jews marvelled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?"
16 Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.
17 If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority.
18 He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but he who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.
19 Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?"
20 The people answered and said, "You have a demon, who is seeking to kill You?"

Could This Be the Christ?
25 Now some of them from Jerusalem said, "Is not He who says these things to kill us, for he has said we speak boldly, and they say nothing to Him? Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ?"
27 However, we know where this Man is from; but when the Christ comes, no one knows where He is from.

Jesus and His Religious Leaders
32 The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things concerning Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take Him.
33 Then Jesus said to them, "I shall be with you a little while longer, and then I go to Him who sent Me.
34 You will seek Me, and do not find Me, and where I am you cannot come."

Who is He?
40 Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, "This is the Prophet."
41 Others said, "This is the Christ."
42 But some said, "Will the Christ come out of Galilee?"
43 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?
43 So there was a division among the people because of Him.
44 Now some of them wanted to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

Jesus the Light of the World
1 But Jesus came to the Mount of Olives.
2 Now early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people came to Him; and He sat down and taught them.
3 Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery.
4 And when they had set her in the midst,
4 they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act.
5 Now Moses, in the law, commanded us that such should be stoned. But what do You say?"
6 He said to them, "Whoever of you is without sin, let him throw a stone at her.
7 And when they had stopped and wrote on the ground with His finger, as though He did not hear,
8 He ceased talking up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her.
9 And when they had stopped and wrote on the ground,
10 He who heard it being convicted by his conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last.
11 And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.
10 When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours?"
11 She said to him, "No one condemned you?"
11 He said, "No one, Lord."
12 And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."
12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

21 Jesus answered and said to them, "I did one work, and you all marvel.
22 Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is in the flesh, but from the Father), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath.
23 If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath?"
24 Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.

28 Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.
25 Then they said to Him, "Who are You?"
26 Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning.
26 I have many things to say and many things to do, but you do not know where I am from and where I am going.
15 You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one.
16 And yet I do not judge anyone.
17 For I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me.
17 It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true.
18 I am one who bears witness of myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.

The Promise of the Holy Spirit
37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.
38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"
39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus had not yet glorified.

Rejected by the Authorities
45 Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why have you not brought Him?"
46 The officers answered, "No man ever spoke like this Man."
47 Then the Pharisees answered them, "Are you also deceived?
48 Have any of the rulers or the Pharisees believed in Him?"
49 But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed!
50 Nicodemus (the who came to Him by night, being one of them) said to them, "Does our law judge a man before he has heard?
51 Does our law judge a man before he has heard?"
52 Then the Pharisees answered and said to Him, "You are also from Galilee? Search and look, for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee."

Jesus Predicts His Departure
21 Then Jesus said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin. Where I go, I do not know.
22 Do you say, 'Will he kill himself, because he says, 'Where I go you cannot come?'
23 And He said to them, "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world."

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18 I am one who bears witness of myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.

The Truth Shall Make You Free
31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.
32 And you shall know the truth shall make you free."
33 They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, 'You will be made free?'"
34 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.
35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever.
36 Therefore if the Son of Man shall make you free, you shall be free indeed."

42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, since I proceeded from My Father and have come to you; for I have not come to you to do My will, but the will of Him who sent Me.
39 This you do not know, because you do not know where I am from and where I am going.
15 You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one.
16 And yet I do not judge anyone.
17 For I am not alone, but I am with the Father who sent Me.
17 It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true.
18 I am one who bears witness of myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me.

Before Abraham Was, I AM
48 Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?"
49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me.
50 And I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks and judges.
51 Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death."
52 Then the Jews said to him, "How do we know that You have a demon? Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.'"
53 Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?"

A Man Born Blind Receives Sight
1 Now as Jesus passed by, he saw a man who was blind from birth. 2 And his disciples said to him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. 4 For it must work the works of God who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

11 He answered and said, "A Man called Jesus made clay and kneaded it with His eyes, and said to me, 'Gibbi, pool of Sion and wash.' So I went and washed, and received sight." 12 Then they said to him, "Where is He?" He said, "I do not know."

18 But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind and received his sight, until they called the parents of him who had received his sight. 19 And they asked them, saying, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?"

26 Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" 27 He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?" 28 Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. 29 We know that God spoke to Moses; as for this fellow, we do not know where He is from."

True Vision and True Blindness
35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and when He had found him, He said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

Jesus the True Shepherd
1 Most assuredly, I say to you, who he does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber; 2 but he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 And when he brings up his own sheep, He goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know His voice. 5 Yet they will not go away from a stranger, but will flee from him; for they do not know the voice of strangers. 6 Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

The Death of Lazarus
1 Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 It was that Mary who anointed the Lord with fragrant oil and wiped His feet with her hair, whereas the other sister did not. 3 Therefore the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom you love is sick."

Jesus the Good Shepherd
7 Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Renewed Efforts to Stone Jesus
32 Jesus answered them, "Many good works I have shown you by My Father, for which those works do you stone Me?" 33 They answered him, saying, "For a good work we do not stone you, but for blasphemy, because You, being a Man, make Yourself God."

The Believers Beyond Jordan
40 And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was baptizing at first, and there He stayed. 41 Then many came to Him and said, "You performed no sign, but of the things that John spoke about this Man were true." 42 And many believed in Him there.

John 10

Jesus the Good Shepherd (continued)
7 Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. 18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again; for command I have received from My Father."

25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. 26 But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep. 27 As I said to you, 27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand. 30 and in My Father. 31 Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but he escaped out of their hand."

34 Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, 'You are gods'?' 35 If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), 36 do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God?' 37 If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; 38 but if I do, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and believe that the Father is in Me, and I in My Father. 39 Therefore they sought again to seize Him, but he escaped out of their hand."

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John 11

The Death of Lazarus (continued)
4 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 5 So, when He heard that he was sick, He stayed two more days in the place where He was. 7 Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." 8 The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, they would stone you there also, and are you going there again?"

12 Then His disciples said, "Lord, if he sleeps he will get well." 13 However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep. 14 Then Jesus said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. 15 But I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, that you may believe. Nevertheless let us go to him." 16 Then Thomas, who is called the Twin, said to His disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him."

Jesus and Death, the Life Enemy
17 So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. 19 And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

Lazarus Raised from the Dead
38 Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone," Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days." 40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" 41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. 42 And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. 43 And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me." 44 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" 45 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."

48 If I let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away our place and nation." 49 And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all. 50 nor do you consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish." 51 Now this he did not say on his own authority, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation. 52 and not for that nation only, but also that He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad.

9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of the world. 10 But if one walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." 11 These things He said, and after that He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up."

17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. 18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again; for command I have received from My Father."

26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this? 27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

45 Then many of the Jews who had come to Mary, and who heard the things Jesus did, believed in Him. 46 But some of them went away to the Pharisees and said to them, "Why do these things which you do? What shall we do for this Man works many signs."

53 Then, from that day on, they plotted to kill Him to death. 54 Therefore Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went from there into the country near the wilderness, to a city called Ephraim, and there remained with His disciples.

John 12

The Anointing of Bethany
1 Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. 2 There they made Him a supper, and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. 3 Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

The Triumphal Entry
12 The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out:

The Fruitful Grain of Wheat
19 There were certain Greeks among those who came to worship at the feast. 21 Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

Jesus Predicts His Death on the Cross
27 "Father, My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? For I have said Me from this hour 'But for this purpose I am here, to glorify in You, O Father.' 28 For I have finished My work here on earth, and I am going where You have sent Me. 29 And I will glorify in You again." 29 Therefore the people who stood there said that He had thundered. 30 Others said, "An angel has spoken to Him."

Who Has Believed Our Report?
37 But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him. 38 That the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which He spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" 39 Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again:

4 But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, 5 "Why was this fragrant oil sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" 6 His he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box, and he used to take what was put in it. 7 But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. 8 For the poor you have with you always, but My I do not have always."

14 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.

22 Philip also came and told Andrew, and in turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus. 23 But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. 24 Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much more grain; 25 He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for life everlasting. 26 If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me, and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor."

30 So, when He had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. 32 If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately." 33 Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me, and I am said to the Jews, "Where is my going, you cannot come," so now I say to you. 34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Who Has Believed Our Report? (continued)
37 But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him. 38 That the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which He spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" 39 Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again:

The Plot to Kill Lazarus
9 Now the chief priests of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. 10 But the chief priests plotted to kill Lazarus also. 11 Because of the account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

17 Therefore the people, who were with Him when He raised Lazarus from the dead, and those who came from the dead, bore witness. 18 For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. 19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, "This sign is that you say, 'Show us the Father?' 20 Who does not see Him? If you are declaring nothing, Look the word has gone after Him!"

21 When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." 22 Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke. 23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. 24 Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask him if it was of whom He spoke. 25 And he answered, "Lord, who is it?" 26 Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." 27 And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. 28 Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."

37 Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake."

Walk in the Light
42 Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, they still should be put out of the synagogue. 43 For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. 44 Then Jesus cried out and said, "Who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me. 45 And he who as signs Me sees Him who sent Me. 46 He has come so that I should be judged of the world, but I do not judge the world; I judge him who does not believe. 47 And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. 48 He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. 49 For I have not spoken My own authority, but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. 50 And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."

John 13

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet
1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

11 For he knew who would betray him; therefore He said, "You are not all clean." 12 So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. 16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them."

21 When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." 22 Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke. 23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. 24 Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask him if it was of whom He spoke. 25 And he answered, "Lord, who is it?" 26 Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." 27 And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. 28 Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."

The New Commandment
31 So, when He had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. 32 If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him immediately." 33 Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me, and I am said to the Jews, "Where is my going, you cannot come," so now I say to you. 34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Who Has Believed Our Report? (continued)
37 But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him. 38 That the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which He spoke: "Lord, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" 39 Therefore they could not believe, because Isaiah said again:

Jesus Identifies His Betrayer
18 "I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who sells his neighbor and his father to the Lord.' 19 Now I tell you before it comes, that I am He. 20 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whom ever I send receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me."

21 When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." 22 Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke. 23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. 24 Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask him if it was of whom He spoke. 25 And he answered, "Lord, who is it?" 26 Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." 27 And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. 28 Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly."

28 But not one of the table knew for what reason He said this to him. 29 For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy those things we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor.

37 Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake."

38 Jesus answered him, "Will you lay down your life for My sake? Most assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall crow three times, before you have denied Me three times.

John 14

The Way, the Truth, and the Life
1 "Let not your hearts be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come and take you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go, you know, and the way you know."

The Father Revealed
7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have believed it, because of the things which I have said to you. 8 But you do not know Him, and you do not know the Father, and I am He who is in the Father, and the Father is He who is in Me, who has sent Me into the world. 9 If you have loved Me, you will love My Father who has sent Me. 10 And if you do not love Me, you will not love My Father who has sent Me."

The Answered Prayer
12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these He will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."

Indwelling of the Father and the Son
17 "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, and you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. 18 If I live, and you also live, and I am with the Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21 He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

The Gift of His Peace
25 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. 26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. 28 You have heard Me say to you, I am going away and coming back to you; if you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going away the Father,' for My Father is greater than I."

5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these He will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."

Jesus Promises Another Helper
15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because in neither Jesus nor I comes into the world, but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be with you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."

23 Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?" 24 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, He will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. 24 He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me."

29 "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. 30 I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. 31 But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Afise, let us go from here.

John 15

The Vine and the Branches
1 "I am the true vine, and My Father is the cultivator. 2 Every branch that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it will bear more fruit. 3 Now you have been pruned, and you will bear much fruit because you abide in Me, and My Father abides in you. 4 The fruit that remains in you, that you may bring to glory, you will bring to glory, and you will bear much fruit, because you abide in Me. 5 If I do not take away the branches, they will dry up, and be thrown into the fire, and burned. 6 If you do not abide in Me, you will be cast out as a branch, and you will dry up; and you will be thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My Father abides in you, you will bear much fruit, and your joy will be full, and your joy will be kept. 8 If you do not love Me, you do not keep My commandments. 9 Whoever keeps My commandments, he will abide in Me, and I will abide in him, and we will bear much fruit, and his joy will be full, and his 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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">The Bible John</p>	<p><b>Jesus Warm and Comforts His Disciples</b> 1 These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. 2 They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. 3 And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me. 4 But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you them. 5 And these things I do not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.  <b>The Work of the Holy Spirit</b> 6 But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, 'Where are you going?' 7 Because I have said things which you could not bear, I have left the heart. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they did not believe on Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.</p>	<p>12 I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine, therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.  <b>Sorrow Will Turn to Joy</b> 16 A little while you will not see Me, and again I will come to you. 17 Then some of His disciples said among themselves, 'What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me, and again I will come to you? He says see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father?'" We do not know what He is saying."</p>	<p>19 Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A little while, and you will not see Me, and again I will come, and you will see Me? 20 Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. 21 A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. 22 Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you."  23 "And in that hour you will say 'My nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. 24 Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."</p>	<p><b>John 16</b>  <b>Jesus Christ Has Overcome the World</b> 25 These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. 26 In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you. 27 For the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God. 28 I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father."</p>	<p>29 His disciples said to Him, "See, now You are speaking plainly, and using no figure of speech! 30 Now we are sure that You know all things, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from God."  31 Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? 32 Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me. 33 These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but of a good cheer, I have overcome the world."</p>	
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">The Bible John</p>	<p><b>Jesus Prays for Himself</b> 1 Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You. 2 As You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. 3 And His eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. 4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.</p>	<p><b>Jesus Prays for His Disciples</b> 6 "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me of the world, that they know You who sent Me, and they have kept Your word. 7 Now they know Your name, which You have given them. 8 For I have given to them the words which You have given Me, and they have received them, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.  9 I pray for them, I do not pray for the world but for those who have given You to me, that they may be kept, and all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You, Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.</p>	<p>12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name, those whom You gave Me; I have kept, and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have kept them Your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. 16 But they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them by Your truth, Your word is truth. 18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth."</p>	<p><b>John 17</b>  <b>Jesus Prays for All Believers</b> 20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word. 21 That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one. 23 In them, and You in Me; that the love which I have given to them, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.</p>	<p>24 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me. 25 For You loved Me before the foundation of the world. 26 O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. 28 And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it to the love with which You loved Me who is in them, and in them."</p>	<p>26 "Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me. 25 For You loved Me before the foundation of the world. 26 O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. 28 And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it to the love with which You loved Me who is in them, and in them."</p>
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Therefore, if you seek Me, let these go their way." 9 That he should fulfill what He spoke, "Of those whom You gave Me I have lost none."</p>	<p><b>Before the High Priest</b> 10 Then Jesus stood outside the courtyard of the high priest, and went with Caiaphas into the courtyard of the high priest. 11 And it was Caiaphas who advised the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.  <b>Peter Denies Jesus</b> 12 And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple, now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest. 13 The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went before Him, and spoke to the keeper of the door and brought Peter in. 17 Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also one of this Man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not."</p>	<p><b>Jesus Questioned by the High Priest</b> 19 The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine. 20 Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world; I always taught in synagogues, and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing. 21 Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them. Indeed they know what I said."  22 And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, "Do you answer the high priest like that?" 23 Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?" 24 Then Annas sent Him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.  <b>Peter Denies Jesus Twice More</b> 25 Now Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. Therefore Jesus said to him, "You are not also one of His disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." 26 One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did not I see you in the garden with Jesus?" Peter then denied again; and immediately a cocker crowed.</p>	<p><b>John 18</b>  <b>In Pilate's Court</b> 28 Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning. But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover. 29 Pilate then went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?"  30 They answered and said to him, "If He were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you."  31 Then Pilate said to them, "You take Him and judge Him according to your law." Therefore the Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death." 32 That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spoke, signifying by what death He would die.  33 Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?" 34 That the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spoke, signifying by what death He would die.  35 Then Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What do You do?"</p>	<p>36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."  37 Pilate therefore said to him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." 38 Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all."  <b>Taking the Pledge of Barabbas</b> 39 "But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" 40 Then they all cried again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.</p>	<p>36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."  37 Pilate therefore said to him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. 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Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him."  7 The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law we ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God." 8 Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more angry, 9 and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer.</p>	<p><b>The King on a Cross</b> 17 And His, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, 18 where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. 19 Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. 20 Then many of the Jews read this, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin.  21 Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, 'I am the King of the Jews.''" 22 Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written."  23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. 24 They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not fear, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be." That the Scripture might be fulfilled which says, "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things.</p>	<p><b>John 19</b>  <b>Behold Your Mother</b> 25 Now there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother, and His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" 27 Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own home.  <b>It Is Finished</b> 28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "It is finished." 29 Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. 30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished." And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.  <b>Jesus' Side Is Pierced</b> 31 Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. 32 Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.</p>	<p>33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. 34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. 35 And he who has seen this has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. 36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." 37 And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him when they pierce."  <b>Jesus Buried in Joseph's Tomb</b> 38 After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. 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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">The Bible John</p>	<p><b>The Empty Tomb</b> 1 Now the first day of the week Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 2 Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him."  3 Peter therefore went out, and the other disciple, and were going to the tomb. 4 So they both ran together, and the other disciple outran Peter and came to the tomb first. 5 And he, stooping down and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying there; yet he did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; and he saw the linen clothes lying there. 7 And the handkerchief that had been around His head, not lying with the linen clothes, but folded together in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who came to the tomb first, went in also, and saw and believed. 9 For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must die again for the dead. 10 Then the disciples went away again to their own homes.</p>	<p><b>Mary Magdalene Sees the Risen Lord</b> 11 But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. 13 Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him."  14 Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."  16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to say, Teacher).</p>	<p><b>The Apostles Commissioned</b> 19 Then, the same day of evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.  21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you as the Father has sent Me. I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."</p>	<p><b>John 20</b>  <b>Seeing and Believing</b> 24 Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."  26 And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." 28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!"  29 Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."</p>	<p>39 "But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" 40 Then they all cried again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.</p>	<p>39 "But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" 40 Then they all cried again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber.</p>
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**John**

**Breadth by the Sea**  
 1 After these things, Jesus showed himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and in this way he showed himself:  
 2 Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together.  
 3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing."  
 They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.  
 4 But when the morning had now come, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.  
 5 Then Jesus said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered him, "No."  
 6 And he said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it because of the multitude of fish.

**Jesus Rebukes Peter**  
 15 So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord. You know that I love you."  
 He said to him, "Feed My lambs."  
 16 He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord. You know that I love you."  
 He said to him, "Tend My sheep."  
 17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to him, "Lord, You know all things: You know that I love You."  
 Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep.  
 18 Most assuredly, I say to you, when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished; but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish."  
 19 This He spoke, signifying by what death he would glorify God. And when he had spoken this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

**The Beloved Disciple and His Book**  
 20 Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?"  
 21 Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?"  
 22 Jesus said to him, "It will be he whom I will come, and it is that to you: You follow Me."  
 23 Then this saying went out among the brethren that this disciple would not die: yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die; but "It will be he whom I will come, and it is that to you."  
 24 This is the disciple who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is true.  
 25 And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which if they were written one by one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. Amen.

## Romans

The Epistle to the Romans or Letter to the Romans, often shortened to Romans, is the sixth book in the New Testament. Biblical scholars agree that it was composed by the Apostle Paul to explain that salvation is offered through the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is the longest of the Pauline epistles.

### New King James Version (NKJV)

**Romans 1**

**Greeting**  
 1 Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God 2 WHICH He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was of the seed of David according to the flesh, 3 And declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead, 4 through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, 6 among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ.

7 To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints:  
 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Desire to Visit Rome**  
 8 But I, thank My God through Jesus Christ for you all, that you are all in subjection to Christ for the whole world. 9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers, 10 making request, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you. 11 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established— 12 that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

**God's Wrath on Unrighteousness**  
 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness. 19 Because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse. 21 Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools; 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting: 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; 32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

**Romans 2**

**God's Righteous Judgment**  
 1 Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. 2 But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. 3 And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? 4 Or do you despise His riches, or do you mock Him, or do you scoff at His anger, or do you think that He will be long-suffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God. 6 Who will render to each one according to his deeds; 7 eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality. 8 But to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness—indignation and wrath, 9 tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek; 10 but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 11 For there is no partiality with God.

12 For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law. 13 [For not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; 14 for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, 15 who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them.] 16 In the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

**The Jews Guilty as the Gentiles**  
 17 Indeed you are called a Jew, and rest on the law, and make your boast in God, 18 and know His will, and approve the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law, 19 and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, 20 an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having the form of knowledge and truth in the law. 21 You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal? You who say, "Do not commit adultery," do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? 22 You who make your boast in the law, do you dishonor God through breaking the law? 24 For "the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you," as it is written,

**Circumcision of No Avail**  
 25 For circumcision is indeed profitable if you keep the law; but if you are a breaker of the law, your circumcision has become uncircumcision. 26 Therefore, if an uncircumcised man keeps the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be counted as circumcision? 27 And will not the physically uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law, judge you who, even with your written code and circumcision, are a transgressor of the law? 28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; 29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.

**Romans 3**

**God's Judgment Deferred**  
 1 What advantage then had the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? 2 Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God. 3 For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect? 4 Certainly not indeed; let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written:  
 "That you may be justified in Your words, And may overcome when you are judged."  
 5 But if our unrighteousness demonstrates the righteousness of God, what shall we say? It God unjust who inflicts wrath? [I speak as a man.] 6 Certainly not! For then how will God judge the world?

7 For if the truth of God has increased through my lie to His glory, why am I also judged as a sinner? 8 And why not say, "Let us do evil that good may come"—as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say. Their condemnation is just.

**All Have Sinned**  
 9 What then? Are we better than they? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin. 10 As it is written:  
 "There is none righteous, no, not one;  
 11 There is none who understands;  
 There is none who seeks after God,  
 12 They have all turned aside;  
 They have together become unprofitable;  
 There is none who does good, no, not one."  
 13 "Their throat is an open tomb;  
 With their tongues they have practiced deceit";  
 "The poison of asps is under their lips."  
 14 "Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness."  
 15 "Their feet are swift to shed blood;  
 In their path and in their way they are at war;  
 16 And the way of peace they have not known."  
 17 "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

18 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 19 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

**God's Righteousness Through Faith**  
 21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, 26 to demonstrate of the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

**Boasting Excluded**  
 27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law. 29 Or is He the God of the Jews only? No, He is also the God of the Gentiles; Yes, of the Gentiles also, 30 since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised likewise by faith. 31 Do we then make void the law through faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we establish the law.

**Romans 4**

**Abraham Justified by Faith**  
 1 What then shall we say that Abraham our father has found according to the flesh? 2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. 3 For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." 4 Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.

**David Celebrates the Same Truth**  
 5 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, 6 just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works:

7 "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are covered;  
 8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord shall not impute sin."

**Abraham Justified Before Circumcision**  
 9 Does this blessedness then come upon the circumcised only, or upon the uncircumcised also? For we say that faith was accounted to Abraham for righteousness. 10 How then was it accounted? While he was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised, but while uncircumcised. 11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised, that he might be the father of all those who believe, though they are uncircumcised, that righteousness might be imputed to them also. 12 And the father of circumcision to those who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised.

**The Promise Granted Through Faith**  
 13 For if the faith which would be the heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith, 14 for if those who are of the law are heirs, faith is made void and the promise made of no effect; 15 because the law brings about wrath; for where there is no law there is no transgression.

16 Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all. 17 [As it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations."] in the presence of Him whom he believed—God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did: 18 who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be." 19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead [since he was about a hundred years old], and the deadness of Sarah's womb. 20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God; 21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. 22 And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."

23 Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, 24 but also for us, that it be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead. 25 who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

**Romans 5**

**Death in Adam, Life in Christ**  
 12 Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned— 13 [For until the law was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who is to come. 15 But the free gift is not like the offense. For by the one Man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. 16 And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification. 17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.]

18 Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

20 Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound, but where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, 21 so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Faith Triumphs in Trouble**  
 1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we now stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

**Christ in Our Place**  
 6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

### Romans 6

Christianity The Bible Romans	The Bible Romans	<p><b>Dead to Sin, Alive to God</b>  <b>1</b> What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace abound? <b>2</b> Certainly not! How shall we who have died to sin live any longer in it? <b>3</b> Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <b>4</b> Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.</p>	<p><b>5</b> For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, <b>6</b> knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. <b>7</b> For he who has died has been freed from sin. <b>8</b> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. <b>9</b> Knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. <b>10</b> For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. <b>11</b> Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.</p>	<p><b>12</b> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. <b>13</b> And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. <b>14</b> For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.</p>	<p><b>From Slaves of Sin to Slaves of God</b>  <b>15</b> What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! <b>16</b> Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? <b>17</b> But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. <b>18</b> And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. <b>19</b> I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.</p>
		<p><b>Freed from the Law</b>  <b>1</b> Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives? <b>2</b> For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. <b>3</b> So then, I, while her husband lives, the marks another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man. <b>4</b> Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—<b>to Him</b> who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God. <b>5</b> For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were aroused by the law were at work in us members to bear fruit to death. <b>6</b> Therefore we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.</p>	<p><b>Sin's Advantage in the Law</b>  <b>7</b> What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, "You shall not covet." <b>8</b> But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me. For apart from the law sin was dead. <b>9</b> I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. <b>10</b> And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. <b>11</b> For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me. <b>12</b> Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good.</p>	<p><b>Law Cannot Save from Sin</b>  <b>13</b> Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it might appear sin, was producing death in me through what is good; so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful. <b>14</b> For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. <b>15</b> For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. <b>16</b> If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. <b>17</b> But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. <b>18</b> For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. <b>19</b> For I desire that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice. <b>20</b> Now if I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.</p>	<p><b>Romans 7</b>  <b>21</b> I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. <b>22</b> For I delight in the law according to the inward man, <b>23</b> But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. <b>24</b> O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <b>25</b> Thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!</p> <p>So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.</p>
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		<p><b>Israel's Rejection of Christ</b>  <b>1</b> I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, <b>2</b> that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. <b>3</b> For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh. <b>4</b> who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; <b>5</b> of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God, Amen.</p>	<p><b>10</b> And not only this, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac: <b>11</b> (for the children are not yet born, nor having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works but of Him who calls), <b>12</b> it was said to her, "The older shall serve the younger." <b>13</b> As it is written, "Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated."</p>	<p><b>19</b> You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?" <b>20</b> But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to Him who formed it, "Why have you made me like this?" <b>21</b> Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?</p>	<p><b>26</b> Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weakness. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. <b>27</b> Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.</p> <p><b>28</b> And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. <b>29</b> For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. <b>30</b> Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; to whom He also called, these He justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.</p>
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<p><b>The Law of Liberty</b></p> <p>1 Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. 2 For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. 3 But let not him who eats despise him who does not eat; and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. 4 Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.</p>	<p>5 One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat; and gives God thanks. 7 For none of us lives by himself, and no one dies by himself. 8 For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. 9 For to this Christ died and rose and lived again, that he might bring us back from the dead and the living. 10 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you despise him for things which are not for his condemnation? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. 11 For it is written:</p>	<p><b>The Law of Love</b></p> <p>14 I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself, but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. 15 If your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died. 16 Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil; 17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. 18 For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men.</p>	<p>19 Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another. 20 Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but it is evil for the man who eats with offense. 21 It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak. 22 Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. 23 But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.</p>

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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">The Bible Revelation</p>	<p><b>The Two Witnesses</b> 1 Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. 2 But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months. 3 And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clothed in sackcloth." 4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands standing before the God of the earth. 5 And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. 6 These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophesy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.</p>	<p><b>Revelation 11</b> <b>The Witnesses Resurrected</b> 12 After the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. 12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them. 13 In the month there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven. 14 The second week is past. Behold, the third week is coming quickly.</p>	<p>15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" 16 And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshipped God, 17 saying, "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was and who is to come. Because You have taken Your great power and reign." 18 The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth."</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">The Bible Revelation</p>	<p><b>The Woman, the Child, and the Dragon</b> 1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. 2 Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth. 3 And another sign appeared in heaven; behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. 4 His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born. 5 She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. 6 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with her and to persecute her and to destroy her who bore the Child, for he knew that he was to devour her Child. 7 Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that she should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.</p>	<p><b>Revelation 12</b> <b>Satan Thrown Out of Heaven</b> 7 And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. 8 So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 9 If anyone has an ear, let him hear. 10 He who leads into captivity shall go into captivity; he who kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.</p>	<p><b>The Woman Persecuted</b> 13 Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. 14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. 15 So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. 16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. 17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with her and with her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.</p>
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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">The Bible Revelation</p>	<p><b>The Proclamations of Three Angels</b> 4 Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— 5 saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water." 6 And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." 7 Then I saw another angel following in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— 8 saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water." 9 Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10 he himself also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. 11 And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." 12 Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. 13 Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."</p>	<p><b>Revelation 14</b> <b>Reaping the Earth's Harvest</b> 14 Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. 15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in your sickle and reap, for the time has come for you to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." 16 So he who sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.</p>	
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The Bible Revelation	<p><b>Satan Bound 1,000 Years</b> 1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. 2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. 3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things the must be released for a little while.</p>	<p><b>The Saints Reign with Christ 1,000 Years</b> 4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.</p>	<p><b>Satanic Rebellion Crushed</b> 7 Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. 8 They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. 9 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.</p>	<p><b>The Great White Throne Judgment</b> 11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.</p>	
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The Bible Revelation	<p><b>All Things Made New</b> 1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."</p>	<p>5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."</p> <p>6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. 8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the second death." And he said to me, "Do not seal these words of the prophecy of this book."</p> <p>9 Now, John, saw and heard these things, and when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.</p>	<p><b>The New Jerusalem</b> 7 Then one of the seven angels who held the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, "Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife." 10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. 11 Having the glory of God, Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. 12 Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels of the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel. 13 Three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. 14 Now the wall of the city is twelve furlongs, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. 15 And he who talked with me had a gold reed to measure the city, its gates, and its wall.</p>	<p>14 The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal. 17 Then he measured its wall: one hundred and forty-four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of an angel. 18 The construction of its wall was of jasper, and the city was pure gold, like clear glass. 19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcidony, the fourth emerald, 20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysope, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. 21 The twelve gates were twelve pearls: each individual gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.</p>	<p><b>The Glory of the New Jerusalem</b> 22 And I saw no temple in it, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. 23 The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. 24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. 25 Its gates shall not be shut all day (there shall be no night there). 26 And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. 27 But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or lies, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.</p>
	<b>Revelation 22</b>				
The Bible Revelation	<p><b>The River of Life</b> 1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. 2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. 4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. 5 There shall be no night there; they need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.</p>	<p><b>The Time is Near</b> 7 "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."</p> <p>8 Now, John, saw and heard these things, and when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who showed me these things.</p>	<p>9 Then he said to me, "See that you do not do that. For I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God." 10 And he said to me, "Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand. 11 He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."</p>	<p><b>Jesus Testifies to the Churches</b> 12 "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."</p> <p>14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. 15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.</p> <p>16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."</p> <p>17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.</p>	<p><b>A Warning</b> 18 For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book. 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.</p> <p><b>I Am Coming Quickly</b> 20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!</p> <p>21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.</p>

## Revelation Interpretation

These interpretations of the book of Revelation should help you understand the book a bit better. As always you should do your own research and pray for these to be revealed to you.

The Bible Revelation Interpretation	<b>Seven Lampstands</b>	The seven lampstands represent the modern day (believing) Church. In chapter 1 they are on the earth and in chapter 4 they are in heaven
	<b>The 24 Elders</b>	They symbolise the church in heaven. They have run the race, they have conquered, and have become kings and priests.
	<b>The Woman (With Child)</b>	The woman of the Apocalypse-described as being "clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars" represents Israel. In the Old Testament, God referred to His people as a woman whom He had dressed in honour and splendour (Ezekiel 16). The garland with 12 stars may be symbolic of the 12 tribes of Israel (Genesis 37:9-10).
	<b>The Child</b>	The woman (God's chosen nation of Israel) is described as giving birth to a "male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron" (Revelation 12:5). Indeed, Jesus Christ was born into this nation. The verse continues, "And her Child was caught up to God and His throne." The language here makes it clear that Jesus is the "Child" in Revelation 12.
	<b>The Dragon</b>	The third symbol of Revelation 12-"a great, fiery red dragon" (verse 3)-is described as having drawn "a third of the stars of heaven" and standing "before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born" (verse 4). A few verses later, this dragon is clearly identified as Satan: "So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world" (verse 9).
	<b>The Woman (Who Rides the Beast)</b>	She controls the beast (the one world government).
	<b>The Beast (The Woman Rides)</b>	Representation of a global government controlling the peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues. AKA The New World Order. The beast persecutes the saints.
	<b>Mountains (Revelation 17:9)</b>	Kingdoms or nations of the earth.
	<b>Ten Horns</b>	The ten horns are the ten kings or rulers of the global government.
	<b>The Harlot</b>	
<b>The Four Living Creatures (Beasts)</b>	Cherubim who worship God day and night.	
<b>Sea of Glass</b>	Used to cleanse the priests so they would appear holy before the Lord.	

## Psalms

This contains the first 41 Psalms in the bible to be read, meditated on or used as praise and worship to God.  
**New King James Version (NKJV)**

**The Meaning of Selah by Chuck Missler**

Selah means to lift up, or exalt. The word selah is from two roots: s\_lah, to praise; and s\_lal, to lift up. It is commonly assumed that this can also refer to a technical musical term showing accentuation, pause, or interruption, as the Psalms were, indeed, the hymnbook of Israel. Selah does connect the end of one strophe with the beginning of the next; and, in four cases it connects the end of one Psalm with the beginning of the next, thus uniting the two Psalms (Ps 3 with 4; 9 with 10; 24 with 25; and 46 with 47). Selah is, thus, a connector: it connects the two passages between which it is placed. However, it appears that selah is to connect with subject matter, not with music; with truth, not tunes. It is a "thought-link" which bids us to look back at what has been said and to mark its connection with what is to follow, or to some additional consequent teaching. It is neither the pausing on one subject nor the passing on from one subject to another, but it is the connecting of the two subjects together. Sometimes it is the structures that are connected. Sometimes it is synthetic, and adds a development of thought by connecting a prayer with that which forms the basis for it. Sometimes it is antithetic, and adds a contrast. And sometimes it connects a cause with an effect, or an effect with a cause.

Thus, if it be derived from salah, "to pause," it is not the instruments of music which are to pause while voices continue to sing; but it is our hearts which are to pause and to note the connection of precious truths. If it is derived from salal, "to lift up," then it is not the instruments which are to lift up their sound in louder degree, but our hearts which are to be lifted up to consider more solemnly the two truths which are thus connected.

Psalms 1-4					
<p><b>Psalm 1</b> The Way of the Righteous and the End of the Ungodly</p> <p>1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. 4 The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away. 5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous, 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.</p>	<p><b>Psalm 2</b> The Messiah's Triumph and Kingdom</p> <p>1 Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, 3 "Let us break their bonds in pieces And cast away their cords from us." 4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision. 5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: 4 "Yet I will bring My King On My holy hill of Zion."</p>	<p>7 "I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel." 10 Now therefore, be wise, O Kings: Be instructed, you judges of the earth. 11 Serve the Lord with fear, And rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.</p>	<p><b>Psalm 3</b> The Lord Helps His Troubled People A Psalm of David when he fled from Absalom his son.</p> <p>1 Lord, how have I increased who trouble me! Many are they who say up against me, 2 Many are they who say of me, "There is no help for him in God." Selah 3 But You, O Lord, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head. 4 I cried to the Lord with my voice, And He heard me from His holy hill, Selah 5 I lay down and slept; I awake, for the Lord sustained me. 6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people Who have set themselves against me all around. 7 Arise, O Lord; Save me, O my God! For You have struck all my enemies on the cheekbone; You have broken the teeth of the ungodly, 8 Salvation belongs to the Lord, Your blessing is upon Your people, Selah</p>	<p><b>Psalm 4</b> The Safety of the Faithful To the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.</p> <p>1 Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress; Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer. 2 How long, O you sons of men, Will you turn my glory to shame? How long will you have worthless And seek falsehood? Selah 3 But know that the Lord has set apart for Himself him who is godly; The Lord will hear when I call to Him. 4 Be angry, and do not sin, Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still, Selah 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your trust in the Lord. 6 These are many who say, "Who will show us any good?" Lord, lift up the light of Your countenance upon us, 7 You have put gladness in my heart. More than in the season that their grain and wine increased. 8 I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.</p>	
Psalms 5-7					
<p><b>Psalm 5</b> A Prayer for Guidance To the Chief Musician. With lutes. A Psalm of David.</p> <p>1 Give ear to my words, O Lord, Consider my meditation, 2 Give heed to the voice of my cry, My King and my God, For to You I will pray. 3 My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord; In the morning I will direct it to You, And will look up. 4 For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil dwell with You, 5 The boastful shall not stand in Your sight; You hate all workers of iniquity, 6 You shall destroy those who speak falsehood, The Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.</p>	<p>7 But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy. In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple, 8 Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness because of my enemies. Make Your way straight before my face, 9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; Their inward part is destruction; Their throat is an open tomb; They flatter with their tongue. 10 Pronounce them guilty, O God! Let them fall by their own counsels; Cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions, For they have rebelled against You. 11 You who know those who put their trust in You, Let them ever blush for joy, because You defend them! Let those also who love Your word Rejoice in You. 12 For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; With favor You will surround him as with a shield.</p>	<p><b>Psalm 6</b> A Prayer of Faith in Time of Distress To the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments. On an eight-stringed harp. A Psalm of David.</p> <p>1 O Lord, do not rebuke me in Your anger, Nor chasten me in Your hot displeasure. 2 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are troubled. 3 My soul also is greatly troubled; But You, O Lord—how long! 4 O Lord, deliver me! Behold, save me for Your mercies' sake! 5 For in death there is no remembrance of You; In the grave who will give You thanks? 6 I am weary with my groaning; All night I will make my bed weep; I drench my couch with my tears. 7 My eye wastes away because of grief; It grows dim because of all my enemies, 8 Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity; For the Lord has heard the voice of my weeping. 9 The Lord will receive my supplication; The Lord will heed my prayer. 10 Let all my enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled; Let them turn back and be ashamed suddenly.</p>	<p><b>Psalm 7</b> Prayer and Praise for Deliverance from Enemies A Meditation of David, which he sang to the Lord concerning the words of Cush, a Benjamite.</p> <p>1 O Lord my God, in You I put my trust; Save me from all those who persecute me; And deliver me, 2 And they fear like a lion, 3 O Lord my God, if I have done this, If there is iniquity in my hands, 4 If I have sinned evil to him who was at peace with me, Or have plundered my enemy without cause, 5 Let the enemy pursue me and overtake me; Yes, let him trample my life to the earth, And lay my honor in the dust, Selah 6 Arise, O Lord, in Your anger; Lift Yourself up because of the rage of my enemies; Rise up for me to the judgment, You have commanded! 7 So the congregation of the peoples shall surround You; For their sakes, therefore, return on High.</p>	<p>8 The Lord shall judge the peoples; Judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness, And according to my integrity within me. 9 Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, But establish the just; For the righteous God tests the hearts and minds. 10 My defense is of God, Who saves the upright in heart, 11 God is a just Judge, And God is angry with the wicked every day. 12 If he does not turn back, He will sharpen his sword; He bends His bow and makes it ready, 13 He also prepares for Himself instruments of death; He makes His arrows into fiery shafts. 14 Behold, the wicked brings forth iniquity; Yes, he conceives trouble and brings forth falsehood. 15 He made a pit and dug it out, And has fallen into the ditch which he made. 16 His words shall return upon his own head, And his wicked dealing shall come down on his own crown. 17 I will praise the Lord according to His righteousness, And will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.</p>	
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<p><b>Psalm 8</b> The Glory of the Lord in Creation To the Chief Musician. On the instrument of Gath. A Psalm of David.</p> <p>1 O Lord, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens! 2 Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies, That You may silence their anxiety and the overgar, 3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, 4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? 5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor, 6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands: You have put all things under his feet, 7 All sheep and oxen— Even the beasts of the field, 8 The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea, That pass through the paths of the sea. 9 O Lord, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth!</p>	<p><b>Psalm 9</b> Prayer and Thanksgiving for the Lord's Righteous Judgments To the Chief Musician. To the Tune of "Death of the Son." A Psalm of David.</p> <p>1 I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. 2 I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High, 3 When my enemies turn back, That they shall fall and perish at Your presence. 4 For You have maintained my right and my cause; You sat on the Throne judging in righteousness. 5 You have rebuked the nations; You have destroyed the wicked; You have blotted out their name forever and ever. 6 O enemy, destructions are finished forever! And you have destroyed cities: Even their memory has perished, 7 But the Lord shall endure forever; He has prepared His throne for judgment, 8 He shall judge the world in righteousness, And He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness. 9 The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, A refuge in times of trouble.</p>	<p>10 And those who know Your name will put their trust in You. For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You, 11 Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion! Declare His deeds among the people. 12 When He avenges blood, He remembers them; He does not forget the cry of the humble. 13 Have mercy on me, O Lord, Consider my trouble from those who hate me, Who you lift me up from the gates of death, 14 That I may tell of all Your praise In the gates of the daughter of Zion. 15 I will rejoice in Your salvation, 16 The nations have sunk down in the pit which they made; In the net which they hid, their own foot is caught. 17 The Lord is known by the judgment he executes; The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. 17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, And all the nations that forget God. 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten; The expectation of the poor shall not perish forever. 19 Arise, O Lord, Do not let man prevail; Let the nations be judged in Your sight. 20 Put them in fear, O Lord, That the nations may know themselves to be not men, Selah</p>	<p><b>Psalm 10</b> A Song of Confidence in God's Triumph over Evil</p> <p>1 Why do You stand afar off, O Lord? Why do You hide in times of trouble? 2 The wicked in his pride persecutes the poor; Let them be caught in the plots which they have devised. 3 For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire; He blesses the greedy and renounces the Lord. 4 The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is none of his thoughts, 5 His ways are always prospering; Your judgments are far above, out of his sight; As for all his enemies, he sneers at them. 6 He has said in his heart, "I shall not be moved; I shall never be in adversity." 7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression; Under his tongue is trouble and enmity; 8 He sits in the lurking places of the villages; In the secret places he murders the innocent; His eyes are secretly fixed on the helpless. 9 He lies in wait secretly, as a lion in his den; He lies in wait to catch the poor; He catches the poor when he draws him into his net. 10 So he crouches, he lies low, That his belly may full by his strength, 11 He has said in his heart, "God has hidden His face; He will never see." 12 Wicked, O Lord, O God, lift up Your hand! Do not forget the humble, 13 Why do the wicked renounce God? He has said in his heart, "You will not require an account." 14 But You have seen, for You observe trouble and grief,&lt; To repay it for Your hand. The helpless commits himself to You; You are the helper of the fatherless. 15 Break the arm of the wicked and the evil man; Seek out his wickedness until You find none. 16 The Lord is King forever and ever; The nations have perished out of His land. 17 Lord, You have heard the desire of the humble; You will prepare their heart; You will cause Your ear to hear them. 18 To do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, That the man of the world may oppress no more.</p>		
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<p><b>Psalm 11</b> Faith in the Lord's Righteousness To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.</p> <p>1 In the Lord I put my trust; How can you say to my soul, "Be as a bird to your mountain?" 2 For lo! The wicked bend their bow, They make ready their arrow on the string, That they may shoot secretly at the upright in heart. 3 If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do? 4 The Lord is in His holy temple, The Lord's throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men, 5 The Lord tests the righteous, But the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates. 6 Upon the wicked He will rain coals; Fire and brimstone and a burning wind shall be the portion of their cup. 7 For the Lord is righteous, He loves righteousness. His countenance looks the upright.</p>	<p><b>Psalm 12</b> Man's Treachery and God's Constancy To the Chief Musician. On an eight-stringed harp. A Psalm of David.</p> <p>1 Help, Lord, for the godly man ceases! For the faithful disappear from among the sons of men. 2 They speak ill to everyone with his neighbor; With flattering lips and a double heart they speak. 3 They have laid the cut off all flattering lips, And the tongue that speaks proud things. 4 Who have said, "With our tongue we will prevail; Our lips are our own; Who is lord over us?" 5 "For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, Now I will arise," says the Lord; "I will set him in the safety for which they yearn." 14 The words of the Lord are pure words, Like silver tried in a furnace of earth, Purified seven times. 15 You shall keep them, O Lord, You shall preserve them from this generation forever. 8 The wicked grow on every side, When violence is exalted among the sons of men.</p>	<p><b>Psalm 13</b> Trust in the Salvation of the Lord To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.</p> <p>1 How long, O Lord? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me? 2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, Having sorrow in my heart daily? How long will my enemy be exalted over me? 3 Consider and hear me, O Lord my God; Enlighten my eyes, Lest I sleep the sleep of death; 4 Let my enemy say, "I have prevailed against him"; Lest those who trouble me rejoice when I am moved. 5 But I have trusted in Your mercy, My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. 6 I will sing to the Lord, Because He has dealt bountifully with me.</p>	<p><b>Psalm 14</b> Folly of the Godless, and God's Final Triumph To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.</p> <p>1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, They have done abominable works. There is none who does good. 2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men, 3 To see if there are any who understand, who seek God, 4 They have all turned aside; They together become corrupt; There is none who does good. 5 No, not one. 6 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge, Who eat up my people as they eat bread, And do not call on the Lord? 7 Therefore they are in great fear, For God is with the generation of the righteous, 8 He who stomes the counsel of the poor, But the Lord is his refuge. 7 Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When the Lord brings back the captivity of His people, Let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.</p>	<p><b>Psalm 15</b> The Hope of the Faithful, and the Messiah's Victory A Michlam of David.</p> <p>1 Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust. 2 O my soul, you have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, Your goodness is nothing apart from You." 3 As for the saints who are on the earth, "They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight." 4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god; Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, Nor take up their names on my lips. 5 O Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot. 6 The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Yes, I have a good inheritance. 7 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons. 8 I have set the Lord always before me, Because He is at all my right hand I shall not be moved. 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. 10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will you allow Your Holy One to see corruption. 11 You will show me the path of life: In Your presence is fulness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.</p>	
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<p><b>Psalm 17</b> Prayer with Confidence in Final Salvation A Prayer of David.</p> <p>1 Hear a just cause, O Lord, Attend to my cry. 2 Give ear to my prayer which is not from deceitful lips. 2 Let my vindication come from Your presence; Let Your eyes look on how surrounded I am by upright. 3 You have tested my heart; You have visited me in the night; You have tried me and have found nothing; I have purposed that my mouth shall not transgress, 4 Concerning the works of men, By the word of Your lips, I have kept away from the paths of the destroyer, 5 Uphold my steps in Your paths, That my footsteps may not slip. 6 I have called upon You, for You will hear me, O God; Incline Your ear to me, and hear my speech, 7 Show Your marvelous lovingkindness by Your right hand. O You who save those who trust in You From those who rise up against them, 8 Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings, 9 From the wicked who oppress me, From my deadly enemies who surround me.</p>	<p>10 They have closed up their fat hearts; With their mouths they speak proudly. 11 They have now surrounded me in our steps; They have set their eyes, crouching down to the earth, 12 As a lion is eager to eat his prey, And like a young lion lurking in secret places. 13 Arise, O Lord, Comfort him, cast him down; Deliver my life from the wicked with Your sword, 14 Deliver my soul from men, O Lord, From men of the world who have their portion in this life, And whose belly You fill with Your hidden treasure. 15 They are satisfied with children, And leave the rest of their possession for their babes. 15 As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness.</p>				
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The Bible Psalms	Psalms	<b>Psalm 33</b> <b>The Sovereignty of the Lord in Creation and History</b>	11 The counsel of the Lord stands forever. The plans of His heart to all generations. 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. The people He has chosen as His own inheritance. 13 The Lord looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men; 14 From the place of His dwelling He looks on all the inhabitants of the earth; 15 He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works. 16 No king is saved by the multitude of an army; A mighty man is not delivered by great strength. 17 A horse is a vain hope for safety; Neither shall it deliver any by its great strength. 18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy. 19 To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine. 20 Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. 21 For our heart shall rejoice in Him, Because we have trusted in His holy name. 22 Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, Just as we hope in You.	<b>Psalm 34</b> <b>The Hoppiness of Those Who Trust in God</b> <b>A Psalm of David when he pretended madness before Achimelech, who drove him away, and he departed.</b>	11 I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth; 2 My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad. 3 Oh, magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together. 4 I sought the Lord, and He heard me, And delivered me from all my fears. 5 They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces were not ashamed. 6 The poor man cried out, and the Lord heard him, And saved him out of all his troubles. 7 The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them. 8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! 9 Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him. The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.	11 Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. 12 Who is the man who desires life, And loves many days, that he may see good? 13 Keep your tongue from evil; And your lips from speaking deceit; 14 Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it. 15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their cry. 16 The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. 17 The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles. 18 The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit. 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the Lord delivers him out of them all. 20 He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken. 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, And those who hate the righteous shall be condemned. 22 The Lord redeems the soul of His servants, And none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.
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The Bible Psalms	Psalms	<b>Psalm 35</b> <b>The Lord the Avenger of His People</b> <b>A Psalm of David.</b>	10 All my bones shall say, "Lord, who is like You, Delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him, Yes, the poor and the needy from him who plunders him?" 11 Fierce witnesses rise up; They ask me things that I do not know, And say: "Aha, and our eyes have seen it!" 12 To the sorrow of my soul. 13 But as for me, when they were sick, My clothing was sackcloth; I humbled myself with fasting; And my prayer would return to my own heart. 14 I paced about as though he were my friend or brother. 15 I bowed down heavily, as one who mourns for his mother. 16 But my adversary they rejoiced And gathered together; Attackers gathered against me, And I did not know it; They tore at me and did not cease; With ungodly mockers at feasts They grasped me with their teeth. 17 Lord, how long will You look on! Rescue me from their destructions, My precious life from the lions. 18 Will give You thanks in the great assembly; I will praise You among many people. 19 Let them not rejoice over me who are wrongful/ly	<b>Psalm 36</b> <b>Man's Wickedness and God's Perfections</b> <b>To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David the servant of the Lord.</b>	7 How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings. 8 They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, And You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures. 9 For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see life. 10 Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You, And Your righteousness to the upright in heart. 11 Let not the foot of pride come against me, And let not the hand of the wicked drive me away. 12 There were the workers of iniquity have fallen; They have been cast down and are not able to rise. 13 They are like chaff before the wind, And let the angel of the Lord chase them. 14 Let their way be dark and slippery, And let the angel of the Lord pursue them. 15 Without cause they have hidden their net for me in a pit, Which they have dug without cause for my life. 16 Let destruction come upon him unexpectedly, And let his net that he has hidden catch himself; Into that very destruction let him fall. 17 And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord; It shall rejoice in His salvation.
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The Bible Psalms	Psalms	<b>Psalm 37</b> <b>The Heritage of the Righteous and the Calamity of the Wicked</b> <b>A Psalm of David.</b>	21 The wicked borrows and does not repay, But the righteous shows mercy and gives. 22 For those blessed by Him shall inherit the earth, But those cursed by Him shall be cut off. 23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his way. 24 He shall not be utterly cast down; But the Lord upholds him with His hand. 25 He has been young, and now am old; I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread. 26 He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed. 27 Depart from evil, and do good; And dwell forevermore. 28 For the Lord loves justice, And does not forsake His saints; They are preserved forever, But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off. 29 Let the salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; And dwell in it forever. 30 The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, And his tongue talks of justice. 31 The law of his God is in his heart; None of his steps shall slide. 32 The wicked watches the righteous, And seeks to slay him.	<b>Psalm 38</b> <b>Prayer in Time of Chastening</b> <b>A Psalm of David. To bring to remembrance.</b>	11 My loved ones and my friends stand aloof from my plague, And my relatives stand afar off. 12 Those also who seek my life lay snares for me; Those who seek my hurt speak of destruction, And plan deception all the day long. 13 But I, like a deaf man, do not hear, And I am like a mute who does not open his mouth. 14 Thus I am like a man who does not hear, And in whose mouth is no response. 15 For in You, O Lord, I hope; You will hear, O Lord my God. 16 For I said, "Hear me, lest they rejoice over me, Lest, when my foot slips, they exult themselves against me." 17 For I am ready to fall, And my sorrow is continually before me. 18 For I will declare my iniquity; I will be in anguish over my sin. 19 But my enemies are vigorous, and they are strong; And those who hate me wrongfully have multiplied. 20 Those also who render evil for good, They are my adversaries, because I follow what is good. 21 Do not forsake me, O Lord, O my God, be not far from me! 22 Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!
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The Bible Psalms	Psalms	<b>Psalm 39</b> <b>Prayer for Wisdom and Forgiveness</b> <b>To the Chief Musician. To Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.</b>	8 Deliver me from all my transgressions; Do not make me the reproach of the foolish. 9 I was mute, I did not open my mouth, Because it was You who did it. 10 Remove Your plague from me; I am consumed by the blow of Your hand. 11 When with rebukes You correct man for iniquity, You make his beauty melt away like a moth; Surely every man is vapor, Selah. 12 Hear my prayer, O Lord, And give ear to my cry; Do not be silent at my tears; For I am a stranger with You, A sojourner, as all of my fathers were. 13 Remove Your gaze from me, that I may regain strength. 14 Before I go away and am no more."	<b>Psalm 40</b> <b>Faith Persevering in Trial</b> <b>To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.</b>	7 Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me. 8 I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart." 9 I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness in the great assembly; Indeed, I do not restrain my lips, O Lord, You Yourself know. 10 I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth From the great assembly. 11 Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O Lord, Let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me. 12 Innumerable evils have surrounded me; My iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up; They are more than the hairs of my head; Therefore my heart fails me. 13 Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me!	14 Let them be ashamed and brought to mutual confusion; Who seek to destroy my life; Let them be driven backward and brought to dishonor Who wish me evil. 15 Let them be confounded because of their shame, Who say to me, "Aha, aha!" 16 Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; Let such as love Your salvation say continually, "The Lord is magnified!" 17 But I am poor and needy; Yet the Lord thinks upon me, You are my help and my deliverer; Do not delay, O my God.
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The Bible Psalms	Psalms	<b>Psalm 41</b> <b>The Blessing and Suffering of the Godly</b> <b>To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.</b>	9 Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me. 10 But You, O Lord, be merciful to me, and raise me up, That I may repay them. 11 By this I know that You are well pleased with me, Because my enemy does not triumph over me. 12 As for me, You uphold me in my integrity, And set me before Your face forever. 13 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel From everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.	<b>Psalm 41</b>	
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The Bible Bible Verses	Bible Verses	<i>For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11</i>	<i>Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58</i>	<i>In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly. Psalm 53</i>	<i>Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:2-4</i>
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<p>Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. <b>1 Corinthians 16:13</b></p>	<p>Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. <b>Lamentations 3:22-23</b></p>	<p>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. <b>Romans 15:13</b></p>	<p>The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down. <b>Proverbs 21:20</b></p>	<p>"This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' <b>Matthew 6:9-13</b></p>
<p>"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. <b>Joshua 1:7</b></p>	<p>Beware of false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. <b>Matthew 7:15</b></p>	<p>Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. <b>1 Timothy 5:8</b></p>	<p>And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. <b>Matthew 10:28</b></p>	<p>Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of God. <b>1 Corinthians 6:9-11</b></p>
<p>Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city; <b>Luke 21:21</b></p>	<p>And if anyone was found whose name was not written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. <b>Revelation 20:15</b></p>	<p>Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters. <b>Colossians 3:23</b></p>	<p>But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die. <b>Genesis 2:16-17</b></p>	<p>Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. <b>2 Corinthians 4:16-18</b></p>
<p>That is why we labour and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Saviour of all people, and especially of those who believe. <b>1 Timothy 4:10</b></p>	<p>I can do all this through him who gives me strength. <b>Philippians 4:13</b></p>	<p>A prudent person foresees the danger ahead and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences. <b>Proverbs 27:12</b></p>	<p>Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you. <b>Deuteronomy 31:6</b></p>	<p>Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. <b>Isaiah 40:28-31</b></p>
<p>One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. <b>Psalms 27:4</b></p>	<p>Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <b>Psalms 23:4</b></p>	<p>And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. <b>Philippians 4:19</b></p>	<p>What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <b>Romans 8:31</b></p>	<p>Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <b>Hebrews 12:1-2</b></p>
<p><b>The Parable of the Rich Fool</b>                  "And He told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?" This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."  <b>Luke 12:13-21</b></p>				
<p>For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. <b>John 3:16</b></p>	<p>Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. <b>Deuteronomy 15:10</b></p>	<p>The prudent sees the evil and hides himself, but the naive go on, and are punished for it. <b>Proverbs 22:3</b></p>	<p>Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." <b>Deuteronomy 31:6</b></p>	<p>For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. <b>Romans 8:38-39</b></p>
<p>The LORD makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand. <b>Psalms 37:23-24</b></p>	<p>Those who work their land will have abundant food but those who chase fantasies will have their fill of poverty. <b>Proverbs 28:19</b></p>	<p>Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. <b>John 15:13</b></p>	<p>The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty. <b>Proverbs 22:3</b></p>	<p>Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you. <b>Deuteronomy 31:6</b></p>

Divide your portion to seven, or even to eight, for you do not know what misfortune may occur on the earth.  
**Ecclesiastes 11:2**

A wise man thinks ahead; a fool doesn't, and even brags about it!  
**Proverbs 13:16**

For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."  
**2 Thessalonians 3:10**

# 12

# Common Questions

The following are some answers to the most commonly asked questions about Christianity and the Bible.

### Are natural disasters literally "acts of God"? Does he cause them? (Mark 13:8)

When a volcano erupts, a hurricane devastates a city or lightning ignites a vast forest fire, it is natural for us to ponder God's relationship to the events. How should we regard such tragic occurrences? Are they really "acts of God," as insurance companies still label them? Jesus asked his disciples a similar question. In Luke 13:4, Jesus asked, "Those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? Jesus was apparently referring to a well-known disaster of his time that had killed 18 people. His point was simple: events and tragedies beyond our control are part of life. There is not necessarily a direct cause and effect between the people who suffer and the tragedies themselves. The Bible offers two reasons for natural disasters. First, the world itself is beautiful but broken. All of creation suffers as a consequence of the entry of sin, death and decay into the world (Ro 5:12; 8:19–22). Second, all of human history takes place within the context of the cosmic battle between the forces of God and the forces of Satan. Job did not know that the Lord was using his life as an example of faithfulness when Satan afflicted him with sores and sadness. Thankfully, Jesus left his disciples (and us) with this encouragement: In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world (Jn 16:33).

### How do we know the Bible is true? (Hebrews 4:12)

According to the Bible, all Scripture is God-breathed (2Ti 3:16). Peter confirmed this when he said that those who wrote the Bible were not speaking on their own but spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit (2Pe 1:21). Many parts of Scripture are directly attributed to God through use of phrases like This is what the LORD says (e.g., Ex 4:22). Finally, Jesus often quoted from the Old Testament and affirmed it as being God's Word. Prophecies that were later fulfilled are corroboration of the accuracy of the Bible's claim to be God's Word. For example, the vision recorded in Daniel 7 correctly predicted the rise of the Medo-Persian Empire, the Greek Empire under Alexander the Great, and the Roman Empire. Archaeological discoveries are also important evidence of the Bible's accuracy. For example, for many years King David was believed by some to be a fictional character. But recently a composition from a king of Syria referring to the "house of David" was discovered at Tel Dan. This writing provides tangible evidence that ancient rulers indeed recognized the dynasty of David in Judah. Another reason for confidence in the Bible's authenticity is its internal consistency. The Bible is actually a compilation of 66 books written over a period of 2,000 years by more than 40 different authors, and yet there is a unified message and a striking theological coherence—something that clearly speaks of God's guidance throughout the process of writing, transmitting and assembling the Biblical texts. It is important to remember that the original Biblical documents no longer exist. We are dependent on copies, and copyists can make mistakes. However, scholars have carefully tracked the accuracy of ancient manuscripts from different centuries, and their consistency gives us good reason to be confident in the Bibles we read today. Furthermore, rigorous standards were applied to determine the canon—both by the Jews, who determined the collection of books that make up the Old Testament Scriptures, and by the early church, which decided the books to be included in the New Testament.

### What does it mean to have faith? (Hebrews 11:1)

In the Bible, faith is always tied to an active trust in God and his Word. For the believer, there is no such thing as "blind faith." Faith is the sensible response to the revealed will of God and the privileges he has promised his people. Biblical faith does not mean that people can believe in any unlikely thing and God, in response, must bring it to pass. In other words, faith that is not directly attached to God's Word is merely positive thinking. At its core, faith—trusting God—is how people access the salvation God has provided in Christ Jesus. Abraham, the father of all who have saving faith (Ro 4:16), believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness (Jas 2:23). Faith is not righteousness, but it is how we access Jesus' saving righteousness—something we could never access on our own (Eph 2:8). Faith, God's gift to his followers (Eph 2:8), is fortified by paying careful attention to the Bible and practicing the spiritual disciplines. Romans 10:17 says, Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. Throughout the Christian life, faith continues to be how believers receive the privileges and necessities for serving Christ. We trust God to give what he has promised—whether it is gifts and abilities to do the work of Jesus in the world and in our own hearts (Jn 14:12–13) or whether it is carrying us through our spiritual journey and into our eternal home in heaven.

### What are angels, and how do they interact with the world today? (Genesis 28:12)

Along with the creation of the physical world, God also fashioned and populated a spiritual realm we call heaven. Little is known about heaven, which is the place where God dwells, because it is beyond human observation. But the Bible identifies some of its inhabitants as cherubim, or "winged beings" (Ex 25:18–22; Eze 10:1–22); others as seraphim, or "burning ones" (Isa 6:2; Rev 4:6–8); and many simply as messengers (Ge 16:7–11; Ex 23:20–24; Mt 1:20–24), from which the term "angel" is derived. Together, the whole company of angelic beings is called the multitudes of heaven or the heavenly host (1Ki 22:19; Lk 2:13). In the Bible, angels and humans interacted primarily when these spiritual beings delivered messages from God to his people. But sometimes God sent angels to intervene in human affairs. For example, God sent an angel to guide the Israelites through the desert (Ex 23:20–23), provide food for Elijah (1Ki 19:5–8) and execute his divine judgment against the people of Israel (2Sa 24:16–17). For example, God sent an angel to guide the Israelites through the desert (Ex 23:20–23), provide food for Elijah (1Ki 19:5–8) and execute his divine judgment against the people of Israel (2Sa 24:16–17). While the ministry of angels occurred most specifically in supervising the redemptive history outlined in the Bible, angels also communicated God's divine will directly to individuals (Ac 10:3–5) and provided them with protection (Ac 12:11; 27:23). Throughout subsequent history many people have reported the presence of angelic beings who have communicated specific messages from God or intervened in specific situations. The mysterious and transcendent character of angels has sometimes nurtured cultic obsessions, but such worship is clearly contrary to the Bible's teaching (Col 2:18–19).

### Who is God, what does he value, and how can we approach him? (Exodus 3:13–14)

The Bible doesn't explain who God is or try to prove his divine existence. It assumes God is eternally present (Ge 1:1) and depicts creation as a result of his divine thought and action (Ge 1:1–2:25). God has, however, offered us a glimpse of who he is through creation (Ps 19:1–6), his Word (Ps 18:30–31), and especially through the incarnation of his Son, Jesus Christ, who is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being (Heb 1:3). Jesus demonstrated God's compassion, grace and glory in his life, death and resurrection. From this and from the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Ac 2:1–13), our awareness of God as Trinity (one God in three persons) was formed. While God's being is beyond comprehension or perception (Ex 33:20; Jn 1:18), both the physical world and the human conscience clearly attest to his values and purposes. In addition, God revealed what he values through the Sinai covenant (Ex 20:1–24:18). The Ten Commandments (Ex 20:2–17; Dt 5:6–21) were affirmed by Jesus as a faithful summary of God's moral values (Mt 5:17–47), and they continue to shape social values and legal systems today. God also revealed what he values through the dietary regulations (Lev 11:1–47) and worship regulations (Lev 1:1–9:24; 16:1–34; 21:1–25:55) that were given to the ancient Israelites. Those regulations emphasized God's holiness and his desire for his people to be holy (Lev 11:44). When Jesus came to earth, he taught that while actions are important, God is more concerned with the heart (Mt 5:17–47; 15:18–20). God desires that we love him, trust him, obey him and imitate his character in our interactions with others by being compassionate, loving and forgiving. So how can we approach such a holy God? Access to God is only through faith in Jesus Christ (Jn 14:6; Ro 5:1–2; Eph 2:13–18; 3:12). Christ suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring (us) to God (1Pe 3:18). Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need (Heb 4:16).

### How much influence does Satan have in the world today? (1 Peter 5:8)

Enormous influence! Jesus called him the prince of this world (Jn 12:31), and Paul called him the god of this age (2Co 4:4). Satan controls a vast hierarchical network of fallen angels (Eph 6:12), also called demons. Revelation 12:9 says that Satan ... leads the whole world astray. He manipulates nations, rulers, economies and cultures. He remains disguised behind all the idolatries and false religions of the world. In the end, according to Revelation, Satan will orchestrate a vast, worldwide rebellion against Christ and the church, but he will be defeated and suffer eternal punishment (Rev 20:7–10). At the root of all Satan's efforts on earth is his desire to usurp God's glory. Satan is insanely jealous of God. Created as a mighty and good angel, he fell due to his arrogant desire to take the place of God (Isa 14:12–15; Eze 28:11–19). Satan works in this world primarily through deceit (Jn 8:44). He is skilful beyond our imagination at tempting people to sin. He is also ruthless and willing to spare no one in his pursuit of glory. However, Satan is no match for Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. Christians will certainly face Satan's attacks as he tempts, tests and accuses them (Job 1:8–12; Rev 12:10). But Christians may always take refuge in Jesus, for by the power of his name (Lk 10:17–20) they are successfully able to resist Satan (1Pe 5:8–10).

**How do I balance concern for the poor with the needs of my family? (Exodus 23:10-11)**

The poor mentioned in these verses are those who are in need of basic necessities (e.g., food, clothing, shelter). But elsewhere the Bible mentions other types of people who are poor. Whereas Matthew recorded Jesus saying that the poor in spirit are blessed (Mt 5:3), Luke's account states that the poor are blessed by God (Lk 6:20). The poor in spirit referred to in Matthew 5 are those who are spiritually bankrupt and desperate for God. The poor of Luke 6 are those who are desperate because they have no one to care for them. And the apostle Paul admonished Timothy to care for the widows in his congregation, saying, Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need (1Ti 5:3). The fundamental principle here is that God provides for the needs of the poor (Mt 6:25-34). But the question is, How does God do this? The answer is that he does this in a variety of ways. He often meets tangible needs through the generosity of his people, who want to give out of the abundance they have been given. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work (2Co 9:8). But God also assigns responsibilities to certain individuals who are close to people with material needs. In 1 Timothy 5 Paul said that local needs ought to be met by institutions and individuals who are in closest proximity to those in need. Continued Below.

**How do I balance concern for the poor with the needs of my family? (Exodus 23:10-11)**

So in the case of widows, Paul said that children or grandchildren bear the first line of responsibility to care for a widow's material needs (1Ti 5:4). But if the widow is all alone and remains upright in her loneliness, then she is to be cared for by the deacons (1Ti 5:5, 16). Give the people these instructions, so that no one may be open to blame. Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever (1Ti 5:7-8). So how do we balance concern for the poor with the needs of our own family? There is no one-size-fits-all answer. We should begin by examining the stance of our own heart in relation to the apostle's admonition to the Corinthians: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver (2Co 9:6-7). God has given his people ample resources to supply every imaginable need.

**Can our prayers cause God to change his mind? (Exodus 32:14)**

Scripture teaches that God sometimes adjusts his plans in response to our actions or requests. The Bible contains several examples of this: the Hebrews on the outskirts of Canaan (Nu 14:11-23); Hezekiah's repentance on behalf of Israel (Am 7:1-7) and the sparing of Nineveh (Jnh 3:1-10). Experiencing God's will is dynamic. As with any interpersonal relationship, God's relationship with humanity involves complex twists and turns. God modifies his responses based on ours, and we adjust our responses to God's. So, in a sense, it can be said that God sometimes changes his mind in response to our prayers. At the same time, God's will is determined. There are decrees and promises he has made that do not change. He kept his covenant with the forefathers of the Israelites (Dt 7:7-8), and he keeps his new covenant with those who believe in Jesus (Jn 6:37-40, 44). God wants us to live out his will obediently. He has predetermined ways he expects us to respond, but he has made us capable of resisting him (Ps 143:10; 1Th 5:16-18; Heb 10:35-39; 2Pe 3:9). These aspects of God's will work together. While it is not possible for us to fully understand how they work together, we know that God is ultimately in control.

**How are these laws relevant to us today? (Leviticus 19:19-28)**

Though some of the laws in Leviticus seem readily applicable today, others do not. It can be unsettling to see a general principle (Love your neighbour, v. 18) alongside what seems to be a culture-specific rule (Do not cut the hair at the sides of your head, v. 27) The result can be an apparent inconsistency in how we obey these laws. For example, how can we continue to view homosexual intercourse as sin (20:13) if we no longer care about blended fabrics of cotton and wool (19:19)? People attempt to resolve this problem in different ways. Some believe the laws fit into different categories of behaviour: moral laws are still binding, but ceremonial and civil laws were superseded when Jesus came. The distinction between a moral, civil and ceremonial law is not always clear, however. Others believe that only those laws mentioned or repeated in the New Testament remain binding. We can gain some insight into the problem by seeing what Jesus said about the law. He told his disciples that not a single letter of the law would disappear until everything is accomplished (Mt 5:17-20). Continued Below.

**How are these laws relevant to us today? (Leviticus 19:19-28)**

Yet because Jesus followed the true spirit of the law rather than the legalistic views of the religious teachers, he was accused of violating the law (Lk 6:1-2). Because the Bible is God's Word, we may assume that each law expresses some aspect or enduring principle of God's revealed will. Some details, written specifically for Israel's situation, will not fit ours today. But many of the regulating principles behind them are timeless. Matthew 5 provides several examples where Jesus upheld the deeper, spiritual principles of the law. The relevance of Old Testament laws may elude our understanding today because the content often addressed Israel's particular call to be God's distinct people. However, by seeking the timeless principle behind the letter of the law, we can still apply God's standards to the details of our lives within the context of our culture.

**Does obedience bring prosperity? (Leviticus 26:3-39)**

There is no question that righteous living has its own rewards. When the people of Israel served God, they enjoyed good social and economic climates. People who live disciplined lives of moderation generally enjoy the benefits of good health and finances. Even insurance companies formulate their premium rates according to the risks of certain lifestyles. However, these are general principles and cannot be expected to apply in every situation. The New Testament agrees with the Old Testament that God honours obedience and disdains disobedience, but the New Testament differs in its application of that principle. Where the Old Testament insists that a person's character, speech and actions immediately determine the resulting consequences, the New Testament teaches that by faith, righteous living will eventually be rewarded. The Old Testament says the faithful experience the good life now; the New Testament says they will one day. At the heart of the New Testament is Jesus, the only perfect human being, a man whose life ended in the suffering and disgrace of the cross. Even though he was sinless, he was abandoned by God—hardly the picture of prosperity and blessing! Yet his obedience provided righteousness for those who believe and resulted in his exaltation as Christ the Lord (Ro 5:19; Php 2:8). Romans 8:35-39 lists a number of things that cannot separate the believer from Christ: trouble, famine, nakedness, etc. Many items listed match items from the "curse" texts of Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28. Therefore, the New Testament teaches that to obey does not guarantee an absence of material problems. Rather, the guarantee concerns spiritual security despite material troubles.

**Which is better, spiritually speaking—to be rich or poor? (Deuteronomy 8:10-18)**

The relationship between spirituality and wealth in the Bible is complicated. On the one hand, riches can be a sign of God's blessing (Ge 24:35; Dt 8:18), while poverty can symbolize divine judgment (Jer 8:10, 13). Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were God's friends and were very wealthy—as was Job, one of the most godly figures of the Old Testament. David, a man after God's own heart (1Sa 13:13-14), was also very rich. On the other hand, the luxuries and benefits wealth afforded altered Solomon's early devotion to God (1Ki 11:4). Through the prophet Amos, God blamed wealth for leading Israel into idolatry and moral decay (Am 3:13-4:1). On a number of occasions, Jesus spoke harshly about the rich who ignored God and the poor (e.g., Lk 12:13-21) and compromised their commitment to God (e.g., Mt 19:16-23). Jesus declared that the love of wealth can steal hearts away from God (Mt 6:24). Paul told Timothy to warn people about the temptations of wealth (1Ti 6:6-10, 17-19), and James wrote stern words on the same topic (Jas 2:5-7). It can't be said that people who are poor are necessarily in a better spiritual condition than those who are rich. Rather, our spiritual health depends on how we steward our blessings, view our possessions, and serve God and others with them. The Bible commands, Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth ... But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven (Mt 6:19-20). We are to work so that we will have resources to share with those who are poor (Eph 4:28). We are also to give quietly, generously, thoughtfully and cheerfully (Mt 6:3; 2Co 9:6-7).

**Is there a connection between spiritual and physical health? (Deuteronomy 28:58-63)**

Generally, we must acknowledge that our Creator knows what is best for us, so in that regard our physical health and spiritual well-being are closely connected. The Hebrew word used most often to describe humans in the Old Testament is nephesh, translated person. It described the wholeness of life and was not easily reduced to the "body" and "soul" distinctions that emerged later in the Greek world of the New Testament. As part of God's design to make Israel a spiritually vibrant nation, long sections of the social codes in Leviticus were devoted to dietary regulations and hygiene as well as acceptable responses to illnesses, injuries and blood flow. The psalmist David clearly connected the blight of his physical condition to spiritual distress, noting that when he failed to confess his sins and remained at odds with God and others, his bones wasted and his strength was sapped (Ps 32:3-4). Paul recognized the connection between spiritual laxity and physical sickness (1Co 11:27-30) as well as the need for physical sustenance to maintain spiritual strength (1Ti 5:23). Still, care must be taken not to completely equate spiritual righteousness and physical health. The psalmist Asaph observed that many wicked people were models of vibrant strength (Ps 73:3-5). And the apostle Paul struggled constantly with at least one, if not several, physical ailments (2Co 12:1-10; Gal 4:13-15) that were by no means a result of spiritual deficiency. Humans are complex beings, and although we know there are connections between our physical and spiritual health, we can't always pinpoint what those connections are. Our task is to nurture our souls so that we maximize our spiritual health and take the best possible care of our bodies to maximize our physical health. We are to consider our bodies temples of the Holy Spirit (1Co 3:16; 6:19-20).

**Why does God allow bad things to happen? (Deuteronomy 31:16–21)**

No one knows the mind of God, except for God himself. He is infinite; we are finite. We are not entirely clueless about his character, however, because God speaks to us through his Word. According to the Bible, one reason bad things happen is because the whole world is under the control of the evil one (1Jn 5:19). That's why Jesus taught us to ask God to deliver us from the evil one when we pray (Mt 6:13). Even in the Garden of Eden—in paradise, before Adam and Eve partook of the forbidden fruit—Satan was already there, waiting to tempt them to disobey God (Ge 3:1–6). Another reason bad things happen is because people sin. The reason why God allows people to sin and be tempted to sin is not for us to know—at least for now (Dt 29:29). What we do know is that when bad things happen, we should not rage against God. To revolt against God is to fall prey to the devil. The devil is a liar (Jn 8:44) and wants us to believe that God is blameworthy. But the Bible says that God is light; in him there is no darkness at all (1Jn 1:5). God is not the enemy; Satan is the enemy. Through his Spirit God empowers us to war against the enemy by following Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour—during good times and bad times.

**What values does a Christian family hold? (Joshua 24:15)**

A Christian is someone who knows there is nothing he or she can do to deserve God's love but who gratefully accepts and trusts in what God has done through the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus Christ. This faith translates into a life lived in love, gratitude and service. A Christian family, then, reflects these same values. While the members of a Christian family are not perfect people and are not without problems, they do believe that God has their best interests at heart. The Bible and the commandments from God found in it serve as their rules for living. They strive to live according to God's Word and make God the foundation of their beliefs as a family unit. However, the modern family unit has changed since the days of Leave It to Beaver. Whether comprised of a husband and wife with no children, a husband and wife with children, a single parent raising a child or children alone, or any number of other scenarios—the goal of a Christian family is to love God and love people. With that in mind, the definition of "family" can extend beyond blood relatives and those related by marriage. One Biblical illustration of what a Christian family can look like may be found in Matthew 12:48–50, where Jesus said that his "family" is comprised of those who do the will of his Father in heaven. Jesus' answer emphasizes the great importance of our spiritual family—those with whom we may not share blood but with whom we share a common and strong faith in God and his Son, Jesus Christ. It should be noted, however, that being a Christian doesn't necessarily mean that every member of your family will also be a Christian. It's possible that only one spouse may believe (1Co 7:12–14; 1Pe 3:1) or that some children won't believe. After all, even Satan rebelled against the perfect Father.

**Does it matter when and where we pray? (1 Kings 8:29–30)**

When Jesus introduced prayer by saying, Our Father (Mt 6:9), he reminded us that prayer is more personal than prescriptive. Prayer is a "divine dialogue" between God and those who have a relationship with him. Therefore, we are welcome to come to God anytime and anywhere. Like Jesus, we may pray early in the morning (Mk 1:35) or in the evening (Mk 14:32). We may pray when we are afraid (Ps 119:145–146), when we are in need (Mt 7:7–12) or when we lack wisdom (Jas 1:5). We may also pray to express the joy (Php 1:4) and the gratitude (1Th 5:16–18) we feel when we see God at work around us. And while many of our prayers include requests for our personal needs, it is right to pray for others (1Th 5:25), including those in authority (1Ti 2:1–2) and even our enemies (Mt 5:44). We should pray on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests (Eph 6:18). Our prayers at any time may also be offered in any place. Hannah's prayer in the temple (1Sa 1:9–11) was no more spiritual than Moses' prayer in the desert (Ex 32:1–14). Jesus prayed in a garden (Mk 14:32–42). Jonah prayed in the belly of a fish (Jnh 2:1–10). Paul prayed in prison (Ac 16:22–25). Nehemiah prayed in the king's court (Ne 2:4). No matter where we are, we can always be assured of great reception with God when we pray.

**How can we handle guilt and regret over our past decisions? (Ezra 9:6)**

As every psychiatrist knows, unresolved guilt and brooding regret are significant blocks to healthy living. The Bible emphasizes self-analysis and awareness (Ps 139:1–24), confession and repentance (Ps 32:1–11; 51:1–19; Jas 5:16), and forgiveness (Mt 6:14) as elements of a sound spiritual lifestyle. But the past cannot be altered. Therefore it is also important to accept what has happened and learn how to live with the consequences of our choices and decisions. Once the consequences are acknowledged and dealt with (Ps 51:1–19), and the lessons are learned (Ps 107:1–43), we must be able to forgive ourselves because God forgives us. We need to forgive ourselves so that we can move ahead with hope into the future. Forgiving ourselves is not always easy, nor is it a matter only of individual concern. The teachings of the Bible indicate that self-forgiveness is a spiritual journey that takes place best in community. It is often within the faith community that we come to understand that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (Ro 8:1). It is there that we find the grace, forgiveness and comfort of both God and others (2Co 1:3–7; 2:7). It is there that we can confess our sins to God and others and be healed (Jas 5:16; 1Jn 1:9). And "community" isn't limited to church congregations. There are many communities of faith working to help people heal from the consequences of their past choices. The "Twelve Steps" of Alcoholics Anonymous were formed on the basis of Biblical teachings and spiritual insights; as such, they often help people respond constructively to the tortures of an imperfect past.

**Should Christians today observe the Sabbath? (Nehemiah 13:15–22)**

The rules of the Sabbath, which in Hebrew means "rest," are based on two specific principles. First, in the Ten Commandments (Ex 20:2–17), a sabbath rest on the seventh day of each week was patterned after the events of the creation story (Ge 2:1–3), which describes God ceasing from creative activity on the seventh day after bringing humankind into being. In that teaching, the Sabbath was a time for reflection on good things done and the enjoyment of important relationships. Second, when Moses repeated the Ten Commandments in Deuteronomy 5:6–21, he noted that the Israelites had recently been rescued from the bondage of slavery in Egypt. In that teaching the Sabbath was a celebration of freedom from an existence solely devoted to work. For the Israelites, the Sabbath was both a rhythm of life bred into human understanding from the very beginning and a celebration of freedom from oppression. Jesus emphasized the former value of the Sabbath in his own teachings (Mk 2:23–28), while his followers focused on the latter value of the Sabbath—especially once they realized the great deliverance from the bondage of sin brought by Jesus' death and resurrection (Ac 20:7; Rev 1:9–10). This understanding was amplified by the writer of Hebrews 4:1–11 as a forward-looking anticipation of the renewal of all things. Even though the Bible makes it clear that Sabbath observance is not mandatory (Col 2:14, 16), the practices of both Jesus and the early Christian community testify to its enduring value in a believer's spiritual life.

**Are people just pawns in God's chess game? (Job 1:13–19)**

It sometimes seems that people are caught in events beyond their control, events manipulated by God or Satan. They may feel forced into situations they would not choose if they were given a choice. While this seems unfair, there is another way—a higher way—to interpret the circumstances of life. We can see them as God-given opportunities to cooperate with God's purposes and plans that allow us to participate in something far more significant than our own schemes. We are more than pawns in a chess game. We can honour Almighty God by the way we live and die. Still, many unanswered questions remain. Only God knows why dozens of bystanders had to die in this unfolding drama between Satan and God. We struggle with the fact that some who are righteous have short, tragic lives, while others who are wicked enjoy wealth and long life. There is one thing we can affirm, however: what seems unfair in this life will be made right in eternity. Our problems will be resolved and many of our questions answered. God has permitted Satan certain freedoms. Satan is called the prince of this world (Jn 14:30) and the ruler of the kingdom of the air (Eph 2:2), for he sometimes uses sicknesses, plagues, wicked people and the forces of nature. Though God dealt a fatal blow to Satan through Jesus' death and resurrection, Satan continues to struggle against God and will do so until the end (Ro 16:20). There are two sides to the suffering of the righteous: the earthly and the heavenly. The apostle Paul understood the tension of living in a corrupt world. He placed his trust in God and things eternal—God's justice, mercy and love—not in the temporary things of this world—success, wealth and fame. Paul recognized that our struggle is not against flesh and blood (Eph 6:12) and took courage in knowing that our citizenship is in heaven (Php 3:20).

**Is God responsible for Satan's actions or people's sins? (Job 19:8–12)**

We know that evil exists in this world. Its origins are personified in a cruel being identified in the Bible as Satan ("adversary") or the devil ("slanderer"), but this creature's origin is never tied to the Creator who made all things good (Ge 1:31). Satan first appears in the creation story (Ge 3:1), with no explanation of how he got there or where he came from. Some think the poetic imagery of Isaiah 14, which describes the power and demise of the king of Babylon, alludes to Satan's origins. But this is only theological speculation. A cryptic scene in the drama of Job shows Satan as part of the company of angels who presented themselves before God (Job 1:6–2:7). While this being had the power to wreak havoc on Job's life in an attempt to make him sin, Satan's power was limited by God's permissions and prohibitions. This limitation of Satan's power by God is echoed by Jesus (Lk 10:17–21) in the New Testament and is pictured graphically in Revelation (Rev 20:7–10). We also know that the Bible does not absolve humans of their guilt for sinful choices and behaviours (Jas 1:13–18).

**If we are treated unfairly, is God still good? (Job 34:19)**

Because of the intrusion of sin and evil into our world, it seems to us that life is often not fair or just (Ps 73:3–12). Events occur that we do not cause or desire, and all our best efforts are not able to produce perfect results. Yet the Bible consistently declares that God is good, fair and just (Ps 9:7–12; 101:1; 145:1–21; 1Th 1:5–7; Rev 19:1–2, 11). Sometimes we find this truth difficult to grasp because of the complexity of this world and its evils. We have limited ability to clearly interpret it. But once we have spiritual insight about the truth, we can conform our behaviours more fully to reflect God's fairness, goodness and righteousness (Php 4:8–9). Even when things happen that contradict our expressed efforts and knowledge of God's ultimate designs, we can have confidence that God's purposes will prevail (2Co 3:7–5:10); he will restore the fortunes of earth and humankind to his original desires (2Pe 3:13). Both Peter (1Pe 1:6–7; 2:19–25) and Paul (Ro 8:18–39) insisted that when we experience unfairness in life, we are gaining insights into what Jesus went through. We are also learning how to hope for the fullness of God's goodness to renew our world.

**Why does it sometimes seem like God is far away? (Psalm 10:1)**

God promised his people, The LORD will deliver them to you, and you must do to them all that I have commanded you (Dt 31:5). Yet sometimes God seems distant. During such times, the ever-present God hasn't gone anywhere. Instead, specific obstacles we create or experience can make God seem far away. One obstacle is busyness. Our overloaded schedules can crowd out time with God and make it difficult to sense his presence in our lives. When Jesus arrived for dinner at the home of friends, Martha chose to busy herself with kitchen duties while her sister sat at the feet of Jesus and was commended for doing what was better (Lk 10:38–42). Busyness isn't next to godliness. In fact, our crammed calendars can cause us to miss connecting with God daily. A second obstacle is "stuff," or possessions. In Matthew 19:16–22, Jesus urged a man to sell all he had and to follow him, but the man went away sad, because he had great wealth (Mt 19:22). Unfortunately, possessions and wealth can prevent people from pursuing Jesus. He warned, Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Mt 6:21). So, if our hearts wander after more and more stuff, we will have little room for God. A third obstacle is sin. Christians can be secure in their relationship with God because their sins have been forgiven through Jesus' death on the cross. But lingering sin in our lives can still stand in the way of present fellowship with God. Fortunately, when we confess our sin, repent and obey God, we will feel the Father's love and personal presence once again (Jn 14:23, 25–27).

**Why do our prayers seem ineffective at times? (Psalm 39:12)**

One of the differences between the personal God of the Bible and all other so-called gods is that the Lord is near us whenever we pray to him (Dt 4:7). However, anyone who has ever prayed has surely experienced a time when their prayers didn't seem to make it higher than the ceiling. Sometimes God is silent when we harbour sin in our lives. The psalmist understood that the Lord would not listen to his prayers if he cherished sin in (his) heart (Ps 66:18). Indeed, if Jesus experienced separation from the Father when he took our sin on himself at the cross (Mt 27:46), we should not be surprised to experience a sense of distance from God when we have unconfessed sin in our lives. When we rebel against God, he does not listen to our prayers (Isa 1:2, 15; 1Pe 3:7; cf. Heb 5:7). Similarly, our prayers may go unanswered if we ask with self-centred intentions (see Simon's story in Ac 8:9–25). Jesus' model of prayer, the Lord's Prayer (Mt 6:9–13), included not only personal requests but also praise, thanksgiving and intercession. Selfish requests made with insincere motives will fall on deaf ears (Jas 4:3). At other times, our prayers may seem ineffective when, in fact, the silence of God is intended to bolster our faith. In Luke 18:1–8, Jesus told a parable about a woman who sought help from a judge who initially refused her request but eventually gave her what she asked for because of her persistence. The lesson of the story is that God—a just judge who cares for us—will see to it that our needs are met, but we must exercise faith in his sovereign goodness (Lk 18:8). And while our praying may not produce immediate results, praying with persistence changes us and moves us toward greater dependence on God.

**Does God send troubles? (Psalm 71:20)**

We have trouble in the world and in our lives because of humanity's sinful nature. But the book of Job shows that troubles do not necessarily come in direct proportion to our sin. Troubles may come not because we have committed a particular sin but because of someone else's sin against us. In this psalm the writer looked back on his life and admitted that God had allowed him to experience some bitter troubles. God is not the blameworthy cause or originator of evil in the world, and he is neither capricious nor a mere passive observer. Sometimes God permits trouble in people's lives; other times he seems to deliberately bring people to a place where they will experience difficulties. The Bible says that God has many reasons for allowing the godly to experience suffering. Suffering may (1) lead someone away from sin and closer to God (Heb 12:4–11), (2) build up a person's character (Jas 1:2–6) or (3) provide a means to glorify God (Jn 9:1–3). Then again, there is the lesson of Job: explanations cannot always be found. At times we may not understand why God allows us to experience troubles, but even without answers it is good to say with the psalmist, You will restore my life again ... you will again bring me up.

**Does anything prevent God from responding to our prayers? (Psalm 102:1–2)**

No entity has the power to stop God from responding to our prayers. Nor does anyone have the power to force God to reveal what his answer to a prayer might be. In fact, God might choose not to answer our prayers—especially if our requests are selfish. James 4:3 says, When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. It is solely God's prerogative to answer prayer or not. Sometimes God might test us to see if we will trust him even without clear answers to our prayers. God wants us to know and love him personally; he doesn't want us to merely ask him for things. Because God is relational, it is possible even for Christians to quench the Spirit (1Th 5:19) or grieve the Holy Spirit (Eph 4:30), who intercedes on our behalf when we pray (Ro 8:26). We can do so through repeated sin, for example, which means it is possible for us to make our own prayers ineffective (e.g., 1Pe 3:7). At the same time, God assures us that he is not far away; if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land (2Ch 7:14).

**Is there any secular evidence to support the Bible's claims? (Psalm 119:160)**

Although the Bible is not an ancient history textbook, it does report events that have been confirmed by other historical works. Consider the following examples:

- Archeological digs and ancient Assyrian records confirm the Bible's portrayal of King Sennacherib's invasion of Judah (2Ki 18:13–19:37).
- Until recent excavations at Tell Mardikh uncovered tablets mentioning Sodom and Gomorrah (Ge 19:1–29), scholars dismissed the existence of both cities as a Biblical legend.
- The Hittites were also considered a Biblical legend until their capital and records were discovered in modern-day Turkey.
- The palace of King Sargon, an Assyrian ruler mentioned in Isaiah, was uncovered in Iraq. The events recorded in Isaiah 20 were even recorded on the palace walls.
- In 1947, the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls (which are copies of almost the entire Old Testament) confirmed how accurately the Bible was copied from 200 BC to AD 1200.
- Greek and Jewish writers (e.g., Pliny, Tacitus and Josephus) supported the Bible's claims that Jesus really lived, that he was executed between AD 26 and AD 36 and that he was worshiped as God.
- Many of the details of the New Testament including facts about Pontius Pilate, the census recorded in Luke 2, the death of Agrippa I, the execution of Ananias the high priest and the crucifixion of Jesus—are also mentioned in other historical works.

**Does the Bible define when human life begins? (Psalm 139:13)**

A simple assumption undergirds the entire Bible: God, the author of life, creates each and every human being. Therefore, every person is sacred to him. Psalm 100:3 says, Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his. The Bible also assumes that life begins in the womb. God declared to the prophet Jeremiah, Before I formed you in the womb I knew you (Jer 1:5). And Job 31:15 refers to God forming us in the womb. So, medically speaking, God knows us and shapes us even minutes after conception, when our most primitive cells begin to separate; even at the fifth week of life, when our cerebral cortex starts to form; even at the sixth week, when our heart chambers converge; even at the seventh week, when our fingers and toes grow distinct; and even at the tenth week, when we become sensitive to touch. Perhaps Dr. Seuss captured the Bible's view on this issue best in his children's classic Horton Hears a Who: "After all, a person's a person no matter how small." In the Biblical story, all human beings, no matter how small or vulnerable—unborn babies and overwhelmed mothers, the weak and the frail, the imprisoned and the traumatized, the disabled and the diseased, the righteous and the sinners—are valuable to God, the author of all life.

**Does God approve of war? (Psalm 144:1)**

The Old Testament seems to say yes. The New Testament seems to say the opposite. This apparent contradiction must be understood within its historical context. Old Testament Israel conquered the sinful Canaanites as part of God's judgment. Israel was a theocracy—a nation-state in which God was King. But New Testament followers of Jesus Christ knew only the oppressive rule of the Roman state. Jesus introduced a whole new paradigm concerning violence, resistance and peace in his teachings regarding the kingdom of God. In fact, some early Christians did experience tension between loving one's enemy and serving in the military, while others such as the Roman centurion in Matthew 8:5–13 were encouraged by Jesus for their faith and their witness to those around them. At the end of the second century, soldiers began converting to Christianity, and by the time of Augustine (fourth century), Christians in the military were recognized as an essential component to carrying out warfare in a just manner. In Romans 13:1–7, we read that God gives governments the right to bear the sword—the power of retributive justice to punish evildoers. Any nation has a God-given responsibility to exercise just and appropriate force to protect its citizens from evil. The Bible does not detail how this is to be carried out, but the principles of punishing wrongdoers and protecting the innocent are the basis of our system of law enforcement today, on both a national level (police, FBI, etc.) and an international level (the military). This does not mean that God approves of everything that is done in the name of law enforcement or war (e.g., torture, wars of conquest, use of nuclear weapons). But the basic principles of punishing wrongdoers and protecting the innocent are in keeping with the character of God.

**How do I show love to people who violate God's standards without endorsing their sin? (Proverbs 1:15)**

Nobody likes the stereotypical judgmental "religious" person who condemns others for their sinful ways. Fortunately, the Bible provides advice on how to deal constructively with the faults and sins of other people: Be personal. Jesus had a very realistic view of the damage caused by sin. So if we see someone betraying God, others or their deepest selves, we should deal with it by approaching the person personally (Mt 18:15–20). This means that we should not complain or gossip about the person. Be humble. The Bible instructs us to consider our own lives before judging others. Jesus used a humorous illustration about the person who sees the speck in someone else's eye but fails to see the plank protruding from his or her own eye (Mt 7:3–5). The point is this: Don't project blame and shame on others. We're all sinners. We must be humble enough to admit our own mistakes first. Be gentle. The Bible directs us to address people's sins with a gentle attitude (Gal 6:1–2). There is no reason to deal harshly with people for their faults. Be truthful. Spiritually speaking, we all have a lot of growing up to do. Honest people can help us grow by gently but firmly pointing out areas in our lives that could use work. The Bible refers to this process as speaking the truth in love (Eph 4:15). It takes courage to do this, but most of us know that this kind of tough love helps us grow. Be hopeful. After we've approached someone personally—with humility, gentleness and truth-filled love—we can leave it in God's hands. We can't force someone to change and grow, but we can hope and pray that Jesus will continue to work in that person's life (Php1:6).

**How should children be disciplined? (Proverbs 19:18)**

Proverbs begins with the assumption that children are born in need of correction. They enter the world with a bent toward doing wrong. Fathers and mothers are expected to lovingly but firmly train children in the ways of wisdom, responsibility and righteousness. The direction children receive at home sets the course for their entire lives: Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it (22:6). This isn't a blanket promise that godly parents won't have wayward children, but it does underscore the general principle that good parenting can have a life-long impact. Parents who fail in their duty to discipline their children bear a heavy responsibility. The writer sees them as a willing party to (their child's) death (19:18). In ancient Israel the penalty for several crimes was death, so failing to properly control a child could indirectly lead to his death. Parents who ignore their children or fail to give them the discipline they need consign them to a bleak and dismal future. There is disagreement today over disciplinary methods. Proverbs appears to favour the stronger forms of discipline: Whoever spares the rod hates their children, but the one who loves their children is careful to discipline them (13:24). Taken to an extreme, of course, such punishment is abuse, which the Bible never encourages. The other side of the coin is that children who never learn that their actions carry consequences will eventually face even more grief.

**How can parents prepare their children to impact the world? (Proverbs 22:6)**

There is an old saying that ships were meant for the sea, not for the harbour. While the harbour is safe, the ship never fulfils its purpose until it is tested in deep waters. We face a similar dilemma in overseeing the lives of our children. Our natural instinct and primary duty while they are young is to protect them. But just as important, we must prepare them to face the risky, even dangerous, situations that life inevitably presents. Parents can find a healthy balance by working to develop three interrelated qualities in their children that will bear much fruit when their children grow to be adults. First, parents should raise their children to desire wisdom. What parent would not desire for his or her child to follow Solomon's example and ask God for wisdom above wealth and honour (1Ki 3:6–9)? The pursuit of wisdom will help children stay out of harm's way and equip them with the skills needed for effective leadership in any calling. Second, parents need to teach their children how to distinguish between right and wrong. Moral discernment and wisdom complement each other. Solomon, in fact, joined them together in his prayer for wisdom: So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours? (1Ki 3:9). Finally, parents should look for opportunities to vest maturing children with significant responsibilities that impact other people. This is one way to put into practice the stewardship principle found in Matthew 25:23: You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.

**What does the Bible say about sex? (Song of Songs 2:3–7)**

The Bible has a lot to say about sex. In fact, God's creation of sex is recorded at the very beginning of his written Word, and God's first instruction to humankind was to have sex: Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it (Ge 1:28). No one who studies the Bible can say that it is prudish about sexuality. Song of Songs is such a steamy account of sexual love that Jewish boys were forbidden to read it until they were 14 years old. However, as our creator, God knew that people needed committed love to protect them. He knew that outside of a God-ordained marriage, sex can cause many emotional, physical and spiritual problems. The Bible says: Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched? So is he who sleeps with another man's wife; no one who touches her will go unpunished (Pr 6:27–29). This instruction isn't just for adultery. In fact, any sexual relationship outside of marriage is outside of God's good plan for us. Sex was meant to be the intimate bond that holds a marriage together, as Jesus noted in Mark 10: For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh (vv. 7–8). Paul said that we are to honour God with our bodies (1Co 6:20). That means sex is essential between a husband and wife (1Co 7:3–5) but prohibited under any other circumstance. All people should flee from sexual immorality (1Co 6:18).

**What does the Bible say about the dangers of pornography? (Ezekiel 23:14–16)**

Because of the time and culture in which the Bible was written—no Internet, printed page or video—pornography isn't directly discussed in the Bible. However, the parable of Israel's unfaithfulness in Ezekiel 23:1–49 provides an interesting commentary on how images can seduce and corrupt. Verse 14 describes a woman—who represents Jerusalem—who saw figures of men drawn on a wall. As soon as she saw them, she lusted after them (v. 16). Not only did these depictions stir up lust, they also led her to seek out men with whom to have sex. That is exactly what pornography does; it arouses within people impure and unhealthy sexual desires and intensifies sexual temptation. Pornographic images—and the idea of instant sexual pleasure—can dominate the way a person thinks about God's gift of sex. Here's the bottom line: pornography takes something beautiful, which is meant to be shared intimately between two married people, and twists it into something selfish and demeaning. Furthermore, there are two other Biblical principles that can be applied to the issue of pornography:  
(1) We should fill our minds only with true, noble and pure thoughts (Php 4:8).  
(2) No matter what sins we've committed in the past, we're never too dirty to be forgiven and cleansed by God (1Co 6:9–11).

**What is hell like? (Matthew 5:21–30)**

The Bible offers a variety of disturbing pictures of hell. Hell is described as a place of unquenchable fire (Mk 9:43); condemnation (Mt 23:33); darkness, weeping and gnashing of teeth (Mt 8:11–13); chains and judgment (2Pe 2:4). While some of these images create an apparent conflict (e.g., fire and darkness), together they are a picture of misery. The clearest picture we have of hell comes from Jesus' parable of the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16:19–31. In this parable, Jesus warned that the boundaries between heaven and hell are permanently fixed. While Lazarus entered a place of comfort (Lk 16:25), the rich man existed in torment, longing for even a drop of cool water (Lk 16:24). Jesus' description of hell also leads to several observations. People are recognizable there, and it is a place of agony and torment (Lk 16:23). The chasm between heaven and hell prevents escape or movement from hell to heaven (Lk 16:26). And it is not possible for anyone in hell to warn loved ones alive on earth about the reality of hell (Lk 16:31).

**How can I tell if I have too much "stuff"? (Matthew 6:19–20)**

When we have too many material possessions, we often hold on to them too tightly; we overemphasize their importance and purpose in our lives, and this causes us anxiety. A good way to find out if we have a healthy view of material possessions is to ask ourselves, Am I actively seeking first God's kingdom and his righteousness or am I worrying about losing or increasing my stuff? Jesus said, Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear (Mt 6:25). The remedy to our anxiety and acquisitiveness is to seek first (God's) kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to (us) as well (Mt 6:33). So what's needed is the cultivation of a right frame of reference concerning material possessions. What we have (or do not have) should not define who we are (or are not). Furthermore, we should be looking for creative ways to share what we have with others—especially those who cannot repay us in monetary or material ways. Have you ever stopped to wonder why God entrusts us with all this stuff in the first place? It is certainly not because we deserve it more than anybody else. The answer, in large part, goes back to what God said to Abram in Genesis 12:2–3: you've been blessed to be a blessing to others. We should never lose sight of the fact that we've been called to use what God has given us to serve others (Mt 20:25–28; 1Pe 4:10). We should acknowledge the reality that sometimes those with the least give the most materially (giving the shirt off their back) and relationally (giving from the heart), and that is the sacrificial giving the apostle Paul praised so highly in 2 Corinthians 8–9. So the issue is not simply how much we have or don't have; the issue is what we do with what we have. That core issue makes all the difference in the love we develop for stuff. We know we have too much stuff when anxiety or greed, which is idolatry (Col 3:5), keeps us from sharing with others; when we find our contentment in what we buy and own rather than in whom we love; and when we find our identity in what we possess rather than in our relationships. Seek first his kingdom, and everything else will fall into line.



**What does it mean to love my neighbour? (Matthew 22:37–40)**

Henri Nouwen once said that true community is the place where the individual we least like always lives next door. This is certainly a Biblical principle. Jesus taught that our neighbour might be the person least like us—consider the parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25–37). We are called to be like the Samaritan rather than the religious leaders who passed by their Jewish countryman who had been beaten, robbed and left for dead along the road. They didn't lift a hand to help him. In contrast, the despised Samaritan did not walk past the Jewish man but cared for him—paying out of his own pocket for the man's needs, not expecting repayment. This Samaritan loved radically, sacrificially and at great risk to himself. He acted decisively; he didn't question what his fellow Samaritans would think or what might happen if the robbers were still nearby. Loving our neighbour involves caring for those in need who cross our path. This applies certainly to friends, but especially to those least like us and to those we like the least. Those who experience eternal life with Jesus must love like Jesus loves. So, just as Jesus loves his neighbour—like the Samaritan loved the Jewish man who was attacked by robbers—we too must love our neighbour, even though they might not like us or be able to pay us back. Jesus loves unconditionally and we should too.

**What are demons, and how do they interact with the world today? (Luke 9:37–43)**

Demons are called deceiving spirits (1Ti 4:1). They are also called impure spirits (Mt 10:1; see Lk 4:33). The origin of demons is not described in the Scriptures, but Jesus' reference to the devil and his angels (Mt 25:41) suggests that demons are angels who fell when Satan rebelled (Rev 12:4). Demons can speak and can possess people and animals (Mk 5:9, 12; Ac 19:15). Deceitful spirits are also capable of appearing as angels of light (2Co 11:14). Yet despite their apparent beauty and power, their influence is ultimately destructive (Mk 5:2–5). Demonic manifestation during the New Testament era often resulted in symptoms similar to those of mental or physical illness (e.g., Mt 9:33; 17:15, 18; Mk 5:15). Demonic influence is also a source of false religion (Dt 32:17; 1Co 10:19–21). The fact that demons are rarely mentioned in the Old Testament has caused some Bible scholars to conclude that the high frequency of demonic activity in the New Testament era was unique and may have been a response to the presence of Jesus. Others believe that demons are just as active today. In either case, Jesus gave his disciples authority over evil spirits (Mk 6:7). This power is rooted in Jesus the Messiah's kingdom authority (Mt 10:1, 7–8), which remains very much in effect today.

**Does God expect me to forgive someone who keeps hurting me? (Luke 17:1–4)**

The entire Christian understanding of forgiving others is based on God's forgiveness of us through Jesus Christ. We are to forgive each other just as in Christ God forgave (us) (Eph 4:32). Peter once asked Jesus how many times he was supposed to forgive someone who continued to sin against him (Mt 18:21). Jesus responded with a chilling statement and a story that teaches us the limitless nature of forgiveness. We should not set limits on our forgiveness, because God has forgiven us a far greater debt (Mt 18:23–35). So does God expect you to forgive someone who keeps hurting you? Yes, because we have been shown such abundant forgiveness. Yes, because we have a new nature—a new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness (Eph 4:24). But steps should also be taken in difficult relationships to establish boundaries and to encourage true reconciliation. One person can bring forgiveness to a relationship, but it takes two people to bring reconciliation. You are responsible to forgive others because Christ has forgiven you. However, you cannot bring reconciliation to a relationship if the other person does not want to make peace with you. Consider Paul's counsel in Romans 12:18: If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Relationships can only be healed through forgiveness and repentance. Where repentance is not present, reconciliation cannot take place.

**What about those who have never heard about Jesus? (Acts 4:12)**

Jesus was clear about the rules for receiving salvation when he said, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me (Jn 14:6). And when speaking about Jesus, the apostle Peter said in this passage, Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved. Further, all people have to answer to God whether or not they have "heard" about him (Heb 9:27). The Bible states that God has clearly revealed himself in creation (Ro 1:19–20) and that he has set eternity in the human heart (Ecc 3:11). This means that people see all around them the evidence of God and sense within themselves the truth that they are meant for more than this world. God is not the problem; humankind is. Because of sin, people reject this knowledge of God and rebel against his will (Ro 1:21–23). It is only because of God's grace (Eph 2:8–9) that he saves people from their own sinful desires (Ro 1:24–32). How God works out his plan is mysterious and complicated. We have our ideas of what it means for Jesus to be "the way," but he is not bound by our understanding. God works to accomplish his goals in ways that we will never see or comprehend. The wideness of God's mercy and the tenacity of his love is beyond our intellectual capacity. Jesus is central in the redemption story. But God rewards those who seek him (Heb 11:6). It is our mission to help those who seek him and make sure that those who have yet to answer God's call hear and understand the gospel (Mt 28:19–20; Ac 1:8). God always acts justly; he never acts unfairly or wrongly (Dt 32:4). We might be surprised at the final roll call of heaven. Fortunately, it is God—not us—who will sort out the details in each person's case.

**What is the value of baptism? (Acts 19:1–7)**

Jesus' final instructions to his disciples were to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you (Mt 28:19–20). For centuries, brilliant minds have debated whether baptism is a symbol or a sacrament, whether it is for believers or infants. But clearly, baptism is a crucial step in a Christian's faith journey. The real question is, When precisely does our faith journey begin? Scripture is clear that baptism points to the fact that a person has already begun a relationship with God. However, it is God who initially draws us to himself (Jn 6:44). We don't create our own spiritual sensitivity, and this aspect of our faith journey is poignantly illustrated in the baptism of helpless, dependent infants. The disciples Paul met in Ephesus were adults who had a way to go in learning how to imitate and trust in Jesus the Messiah. They were becoming the kind of people who consistently obey Jesus. Baptism into the name of the Lord Jesus was the key for enabling them to living a Spirit-filled and empowered life. In a world where individualism and privacy are cherished values, baptism publicly and boldly proclaims our allegiance to Jesus. Through baptism, we fly our colours—declaring we are unashamedly committed to following Jesus, and proclaiming our union with Christ in his death and resurrection. Life is hard. Sin is enticing. Our identity is often uncertain. Our faith is sometimes weak. Baptism is a reference point during challenging times that helps us rediscover "true north." We remember our baptism. We remember to whom we belong. We remember that we are part of the body of Jesus Christ. And we also remember that, spiritually speaking, we are like helpless, dependent infants who can't live on their own without the sustaining grace and power of their Father in heaven. Finally, baptism immerses us into the reality of the Trinity (Mt 28:19). The precise meaning of this may elude us, but complete understanding is not a prerequisite to rejoicing. We are no longer on our own. We have fellowship with the Trinity.

**Does God expect me to keep my mind and body pure in today's culture? (1 Corinthians 6:18)**

In his Word, God calls his people to a life of holiness. Peter wrote, As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy" (1Pe 1:14–16). When we read a passage like this, we might think, How can God expect me to live a holy life in a culture that bombards me every day with the very antithesis of holiness? When we're tempted to respond this way, we must keep three things in mind. First, the culture of the Old and New Testament writers was every bit as decadent as ours is today. Sinful human nature hasn't changed, nor has our adversary, the devil. We cannot excuse lowering our standards on the basis of the changing conditions in which we live. Second, the moral standards in the Word of God are no less applicable and binding today than they were when the Old and New Testament writers recorded in written words what God had previously made known to countless generations before through the witness of conscience and creation. God's moral standards are as unalterable as the holy nature of God himself. His moral standards reflect his holy nature, and Peter calls us to mimic God as obedient children (1Pe 1:14). And third, God hasn't left us alone in our fight against sin. He has given us the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit. While no one will achieve sinless perfection on this side of heaven, the Spirit within is a powerful resource to aid us in becoming increasingly conformed in mind and body to the image of the holy God we love and serve.

**How do Christians practice evangelism in a culture that frowns on "proselytizing"? (1 Corinthians 9:19–23)**

Ever since Jesus charged his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations (Mt 28:19), Christians have understood that it's our privilege and responsibility to share the gospel. The early Christians obeyed this charge in a culture that frowned on proselytizing even more than our own culture does. When Peter and John were threatened and commanded by the Jewish authorities to stop preaching, they responded by saying, We must obey God rather than human beings! (Ac 5:29). Despite the consequences, our commitment today should be no less than theirs was. The charge to proclaim the gospel in a culture that frowns on doing so requires both courage and sensitivity. Paul modelled both of these qualities when he preached to the Athenians at the Areopagus (Ac 17:16–34). In that sermon, he showed remarkable fluency in Greek literature and religion, communicating the unchanging gospel of Jesus Christ in a way that the Athenians could understand and appreciate. At the same time, he didn't shrink from proclaiming the resurrection—a doctrine that flew in the face of their preconceived ideas and philosophical commitments. When sharing the gospel, we, like Paul, must be mindful of our culture, yet never shrink away from those eternal truths that may rub people the wrong way. And we must always season our words with acts of compassion so that unbelievers may see [our] good deeds and glorify [our] Father in heaven (Mt 5:16). Paul's wise counsel to the Colossians sums it up best: Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone (Col 4:5–6).

**What is my purpose in life? And how can I be certain of it? (1 Corinthians 10:31)**

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven (Mt 6:10). This is the essence of our purpose. We are to honour God and advance his kingdom through who we are and in everything we do. Through our cooperation with God's Spirit who is at work within us, we can grow to the point that what we want aligns with what God wants—our passions and purposes are his passions and purposes; we think, speak, act and relate in a Christlike way. We will never be perfect or without struggle in this life, but we can be inwardly connected to Jesus (Jn 15:1–8). We listen for the Spirit's guidance. We cultivate our gifts. We live our lives pursuing God's kingdom interests (1Co 10:31–11:1). But often this isn't enough for us. We want to know our specific, individual purpose with certainty. We want the mystery solved. We want to find a unique purpose that focuses our energies and convinces us that our life counts. Perhaps our feverish search for the specific is misguided. Maybe our need for certainty reflects our addiction to control and what Eugene Peterson calls "insiders' pride." God wants us to trust him, and sometimes knowing too much leads to trusting too little. Maybe letting go of the pressure to find our purpose—and instead following hard after God each new day—will centre us squarely in the target.

**How can we identify our spiritual gifts? (1 Corinthians 12:1–11)**

Every believer has been blessed with at least one spiritual gift (a God-given ability to be used in building up the body of Christ). See the article What are spiritual gifts? (1Co 12:1–31). But how can we discover what our gifts are? Here are several guidelines that will prove helpful in answering this question:

- Learn: Scripture mentions dozens of spiritual gifts. In order to recognize the gifts in our lives, we should know what they are (Ro 12:6–8; Eph 4:11–12; 1Pe 4:10–11).
- Pray: We should go to God in prayer and ask him what our gifts are. We should remain open. God the Holy Spirit chooses our gifts (1Co 12:11), and he is able and willing to reveal them to us.
- Serve: We should not wait for God to tell us what our gifts are before we begin serving in ministry. As we get more involved, patterns will emerge that will give us a clue as to what our gifts are.
- Ask: We should go to other believers who know us well and ask them what they think our gifts are. It is hard to imagine God giving us gifts that no one else recognizes but us!
- Desire: We should ask ourselves, "What do I desire to do? What do I delight in doing for Christ? What am I passionate about in relation to fellow believers?" God has given us these passions and desires, and they are often another clue as to what our gifts may be.

**Is there value in other religions like Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism? (Galatians 1:9)**

Yes, there is value, especially ethical value, in other religions. But the more significant question is, Is there eternal value in other religions? No. Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism all provide very different answers to questions concerning the nature of God, sin, who Jesus Christ is, what the purpose of life is, the afterlife and the eternal significance of being a good person. We should acknowledge the diversity of religions and the diversity of their answers to such basic questions. The writer of Hebrews tells us that God rewards those who earnestly seek him (Heb 11:6). God wants to be found, and traces of him can be found throughout the world's religions. But much about God's revelation of himself through nature and the world's religions has also been distorted through sin, ignorance, falsehood and superstition (Ro 1:18–32). This is why we all need a more definitive form of revelation. In the Christian faith, the most rudimentary issues concern who Jesus Christ is and whether he actually has the authority to speak on God's behalf. The Gospels record Jesus' teachings and the rest of the New Testament corroborates, clarifies and applies his teachings. While world religions help to express the human soul's longing to know its Creator, all religions must wrestle with the question of truth about Jesus Christ. Was he a charismatic leader, a prophet, a martyr or the way and the truth and the life (Jn 14:6)? The Bible teaches that believing in Jesus and following his way is the only path to finding a personal relationship with God and receiving eternal life. Jesus said, No one comes to the Father except through me (Jn 14:6). And the apostle Peter said, when speaking about Jesus, Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved (Ac 4:12). It is logically impossible for the various religions of the world to all be correct. Everyone can't be right. The common practice of picking and choosing from each of the religions creates a self-made spirituality governed by a god made with our own hands and in our own image. All roads do not lead to God. But all roads can be a way to get started on the quest to find him.

**What is spiritual warfare, and how does it affect me? (Ephesians 6:12)**

Spiritual warfare is the unseen battle of believers against Satan and his army of demons, or fallen spirits. It is not a physical battle, says the apostle Paul, but a spiritual struggle against the dark forces of evil in the world and in the heavenly realms. The battleground for spiritual warfare is in our hearts and minds. The apostle Paul urges us to resist being taken captive by worldly philosophies (Col 2:8). Spiritual battles take place as the enemy attacks our thoughts about the truths of God and our relationship with God (Dt 13:13). We are encouraged to remember that Satan and his forces have already been defeated and disarmed by Christ (Col 2:15). Paul tells believers that they have access to spiritual authority, knowledge and power in the Lord Jesus Christ (Eph 1:18–21). Believers in Christ, therefore, need not fear God's enemies—spiritual or physical. Satan may still have limited freedom to harass followers of Jesus, but he has no direct authority over them. The armour of God (6:10–17) is a picture of the protection Jesus gives us against spiritual attack. Believers who fill their minds with God's truth and remain alert through prayer will guard their hearts and minds against attack, resulting in a peaceful spirit (Php 4:6–7). Two passages which serve as marching orders for those in God's army are Romans 12:1–21 and James 4:1–12. The best way to avoid being frightened by darkness is to walk in the light (1Jn 1:5–7).

**What can Christians do to become more like Jesus? (Philippians 3:7–11)**

Changes in behaviour always start with a radically new way of thinking, because what we believe shapes what we do. The same is true of becoming more like Jesus (Ro 12:2). Therefore, in order for us to change our thinking, we must learn about the spiritual treasures that are part of our salvation—things like freedom in Christ, free access to God's rich spiritual resources, the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the immeasurable love of God. The Bible says that as followers of God, we have every spiritual blessing in Christ (Eph 1:3). As Christians we become more like Jesus by drawing on these Christ-given riches to enable us to behave like the new creations that we are (2Co 5:17). We determine to be humble, loving, pure, grace-giving people. When we make mistakes and bad decisions, we confess our sins and repent, which keeps our relationship with the Lord strong. When we discover our weaknesses, we draw on God's wisdom and power for help. No one can become more like Jesus without having close relationships with other believers. As the body of Christ, Christians need one another to grow. We need a church in which fellow believers are speaking the truth in love (Eph 4:15) and in which the Bible is being preached so we know how to do works of service in Jesus' name (Eph 4:12). In addition, Christians have always found that practicing spiritual disciplines—such as regular Bible reading, prayer, fasting, solitude and giving, among others—provide deep insights into their own souls and open pathways into Christlikeness. Finally, we must reckon with God's discipline (Heb 12:6). As a loving Father, God sometimes invests in our growth by allowing us to experience painful situations that arrest us in our sinfulness, reveal our weaknesses and build into our lives a deeper reliance on Christ and his Word (Heb 12:4–13).

**In what ways can people experience God today? (James 4:8–10)**

In some respects, experiencing God is like experiencing air. We rarely think about air, yet our lives are fully dependent on its unseen presence. It's the same with God: although we may ignore God (Isa 1:2–4; 17:10), deny his existence (Ps 14:1) or even be ignorant of who he is (Ac 17:22–23, 30), we remain as connected to God as a fish is connected to the water in which it thrives. However, people certainly do experience God on many different occasions and in many different ways: seeing the power of creation (Ps 29:1–11); experiencing the warmth of a caring community (Gal 6:2); being the recipient of specific acts of kindness (Eph 4:32); hearing the testimonies of others (Mt 5:13–16); observing God's work in the lives of others (1Th 1:2–10); having dreams or visions (Da 7:1–8:27); reading the words of Scripture (Ps 119:1–176); observing miracles or mighty wonders (Jn 12:20–33); or having direct interaction with the divine presence of God (Ex 33:1–23). Some of these are fairly common experiences, while others happen only occasionally or under special circumstances.

**13****Biblical Timeline**

This is an overview of the history of the bible. Some dates are not precisely known and are therefore estimated.

**Old Testament**

Date	Description	Bible Verses
Before Time	In the Beginning was the Word	John 1
Before 4000 BC	The Creation	Genesis 1
Before 4000 BC	The Garden of Eden	Genesis 2
Before 4000 BC	The Fall of Man	Genesis 3
Before 3000 BC	Cain kills Abel	Genesis 4
Before 3000 BC	From Adam to Noah	Genesis 5
Before 2500 BC	Wickedness Provokes God's wrath	Genesis 6
Before 2500 BC	The Great Flood	Genesis 7
Before 2500 BC	The Flood Subsides	Genesis 8
Before 2500 BC	Covenant of the Rainbow	Genesis 9
Before 2500 BC	Shem, Ham and Japheth	Genesis 10
Before 2100 BC	Job's Suffering and Faith	Job 1 - 42
Before 2100 BC	The Tower of Babel	Genesis 11
2091 BC	God Sends Abram to Egypt	Genesis 12

Christianity	Biblical Timeline	Old Testament	2090 BC	The Famine in Canaan	Genesis 12:10			
			2085 BC	Abram and Lot Part Ways	Genesis 13			
			2085 BC	Abram Promised Many Descendants	Genesis 13:14			
			2084 BC	Abram Rescues Lot	Genesis 14			
			2081 BC	God's Covenant with Abram	Genesis 15			
			2081 BC	Sarai and Hagar	Genesis 16			
			2080 BC	Ishmael Born	Genesis 16:15			
			2067 BC	The Covenant of Circumcision	Genesis 17			
			2067 BC	God Promises the Birth of Isaac	Genesis 18			
			2067 BC	The Destruction of Sodom	Genesis 19			
			2067 BC	Abraham, Sarah and Abimelech	Genesis 20			
			2066 BC	Isaac Born	Genesis 21			
			2064 BC	Hagar and Ishmael Sent Away	Genesis 21:8			
			2057 BC	The Treaty at Beersheba	Genesis 21:22			
			2054 BC	The Offering of Isaac	Genesis 22			
			2030 BC	Death and Burial of Sarah	Genesis 23			
			2026 BC	Isaac Marries Rebekah	Genesis 24			
			2006 BC	Birth of Jacob and Esau	Genesis 25			
			1991 BC	Death of Abraham	Genesis 25:5			
			Christianity	Biblical Timeline	Old Testament	1978 BC	Esau sells his birthright	Genesis 25:29
1977 BC	Isaac and Abimelech	Genesis 26						
1929 BC	Jacob Gets Isaac's Blessing	Genesis 27						
1928 BC	Jacob Flees to Laban	Genesis 28						
1928 BC	Jacob's vision of a ladder	Genesis 28:10						
1928 BC	Jacob Serves Laban	Genesis 29						
1921 BC	Jacob Marries Rachel	Genesis 29:28						
1921 BC	Jacob and His Sons	Genesis 30						
1916 BC	Rachel Bears Joseph	Genesis 30:22						
1908 BC	Jacob Leaves for Canaan	Genesis 31						
1906 BC	Jacob Wrestles with God	Genesis 32						
1906 BC	Jacob Meets Esau	Genesis 33						
1906 BC	Jacob Settles in Shechem	Genesis 33:18						
1906 BC	Shechem Defiles Dinah	Genesis 34						
1906 BC	Jacob Returns to Bethel	Genesis 35						
1906 BC	Jacob Named Israel	Genesis 35:10						
1906 BC	Descendants of Esau	Genesis 36						
1903 BC	Rachel Dies	Genesis 35:18						
Christianity	Biblical Timeline	Old Testament				1898 BC	Joseph's Dreams and Betrayal	Genesis 37
						1898 BC	Joseph Sold into Slavery	Genesis 37:25
			1898 BC	Tamar deceives Judah	Genesis 38			
			1898 BC	Joseph Prospers Under Potiphar	Genesis 39			
			1889 BC	Potiphar's Wife Accuses Joseph	Genesis 39:7			
			1889 BC	Joseph Imprisoned	Genesis 39:20			
			1887 BC	The Cupbearer and the Baker's Dreams	Genesis 40			
			1886 BC	Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dreams	Genesis 41			
			1886 BC	Joseph Put in Charge	Genesis 41:33			
			1886 BC	Seven Years of Plenty Begin	Genesis 41:47			
			1875 BC	Famine Begins	Genesis 41:53			
			1875 BC	Joseph's Brothers Sent to Egypt	Genesis 42			
			1875 BC	Simeon Detained by Joseph	Genesis 42:24			
			1875 BC	The Return with Benjamin	Genesis 43			
			1875 BC	Benjamin and the Silver Cup	Genesis 44			
			1875 BC	Joseph Reveals His Identity	Genesis 45			
			1875 BC	Joseph Sends for Jacob	Genesis 45:9			
			1875 BC	Jacob and Family to Egypt	Genesis 46			
			1875 BC	Jacob to Goshen	Genesis 47			
			Christianity	Biblical Timeline	Old Testament	1859 BC	Jacob's Illness	Genesis 48
1859 BC	Jacob's Blessing and Death	Genesis 49						
1859 BC	The Burial of Jacob	Genesis 50						
1806 BC	The Death of Joseph	Genesis 50:26						
1800 BC	Jacob's Family Stays in Egypt	Exodus 1						
1700 BC	Israelites Multiply in Egypt	Exodus 1:6						
1600 BC	Israelites Oppressed by New King	Exodus 1:8						
1539 BC	Pharaoh's Order to Kill Firstborn	Exodus 1:22						
1525 BC	The Birth and Adoption of Moses	Exodus 2						
1486 BC	Moses Flees into Midian	Exodus 2:11						
1446 BC	Israelites Groan in Slavery	Exodus 2:23						
1446 BC	Moses Sent to Deliver Israel	Exodus 3 - 6						
1446 BC	The Ten Plagues on Egypt	Exodus 7 - 12						
1446 BC	The Exodus Begins	Exodus 13 - 18						
1446 BC	The Israelites At Mount Sinai	Exodus 19						
1446 BC	Moses Receives the Commandments	Exodus 20						
1446 BC	Moses Receives the Law	Exodus 21 - 24						
1446 BC	Preparations for the Tabernacle	Exodus 25 - 31						
Christianity	Biblical Timeline	Old Testament				1446 BC	The Golden Calf and Moses' Anger	Exodus 32
						1446 BC	The Journey Resumes	Exodus 33 - 39
			1445 BC	The Tabernacle is Erected and Filled	Exodus 40			
			1445 BC	Laws for Sacrifices and Offerings	Leviticus 1 - 7			
			1445 BC	Aaron and His Sons Consecrated	Leviticus 8, 9			
			1445 BC	The Sin of Nadab and Abihu	Leviticus 10			
			1445 BC	Laws of Purity	Leviticus 11 - 19			
			1445 BC	Punishments and Regulations	Leviticus 20 - 22			
			1445 BC	Feasts and Jubilee	Leviticus 23			
			1445 BC	Census, Tribes, Duties	Numbers 1 - 6			
			1445 BC	Tabernacle Dedication	Numbers 7 - 10			
			1445 BC	The People Complain	Numbers 11, 12			
			1445 BC	The Twelve Spies	Numbers 13			
			1445 BC	People Murnur at the Spies' Report	Numbers 14, 15			
			1426 BC	Korah's Rebellion	Numbers 16			
			1426 BC	Aaron's Staff Buds	Numbers 17			
			1426 BC	Priests, Red Heifer, Cleansing	Numbers 18, 19			
			1407 BC	Water from the Rock at Meribah	Numbers 20			
			1407 BC	Aaron's Death	Numbers 20:22			
			1407 BC	The Bronze Snake	Numbers 21			
1407 BC	Balaam and the Angel	Numbers 22 - 25						
1407 BC	The Second Census	Numbers 26						

Christianity	Biblical Timeline	Old Testament	1407 BC	The Daughters of Zelophehad	Numbers 27
			1407 BC	Joshua Chosen to Succeed Moses	Numbers 27:18
			1407 BC	Special sacrifices and holy days	Numbers 28, 29
			1407 BC	Vows of women	Numbers 30
			1407 BC	Conquest of Midian	Numbers 31
			1407 BC	Division of Transjordan	Numbers 32
			1407 BC	Summary of Israel's Journey	Numbers 33
			1407 BC	Apportionment of Canaan	Numbers 34
			1407 BC	Borders and Cities of Refuge	Numbers 35
			1407 BC	Zelophehad's Daughters Marry	Numbers 36
Christianity	Biblical Timeline	Old Testament	1407 BC	Psalms of Moses	Psalm 90
			1407 BC	Moses' Summary of Israel's History	Deuteronomy 1 - 4
			1406 BC	Recapitulation of the Law	Deuteronomy 4:44 - 31
			1406 BC	The Song of Moses	Deuteronomy 32
			1406 BC	Moses Blesses the Twelve Tribes	Deuteronomy 32:48
			1406 BC	Blessings of Moses	Deuteronomy 33
			1406 BC	The Death of Moses	Deuteronomy 34
			1406 BC	God Commissions Joshua	Joshua 1
			1406 BC	Rahab Welcomes the Spies	Joshua 2
			1406 BC	The Israelites Cross the Jordan	Joshua 3 - 5
Christianity	Biblical Timeline	Old Testament	1406 BC	Conquer of Jericho and Ai	Joshua 6 - 8
			1405 BC	Kings Join against Israel	Joshua 9
			1405 BC	The Sun Stands Still	Joshua 10
			1405 BC	Northern Palestine Defeated	Joshua 11, 12
			1399 BC	Land allotted among the Tribes	Joshua 13 - 22
			1375 BC	Joshua's Farewell Address	Joshua 23, 24
			1375 BC	Micah's Idolatry	Judges 17
			1375 BC	Danites Settle in Laish, Take Micah's Idols	Judges 18
			1375 BC	A Levite's Concubine Degraded	Judges 19
			1375 BC	Israelites Defeat the Benjamites	Judges 20
Christianity	Biblical Timeline	Old Testament	1375 BC	Wives for the Benjamites	Judges 21
			1374 BC	Israelites Capture Jerusalem, Hebron	Judges 1
			1374 BC	Israel Rebuked and Defeated	Judges 2
			1374 BC	Israel's idolatry and Servitude; Othniel	Judges 3
			1334 BC	Eglon	Judges 3:12
			1316 BC	Ehud	Judges 3:15
			1235 BC	Deborah and Barak	Judges 4
			1235 BC	The Song of Deborah and Barak	Judges 5
			1169 BC	Gideon and the Midianites	Judges 6 - 8
			1140 BC	Naomi, Ruth and Boaz	Ruth 1 - 4
Christianity	Biblical Timeline	Old Testament	1129 BC	Abimelech Conspires to Become King	Judges 9
			1126 BC	Plot against Abimelech	Judges 9:22
			1126 BC	Abimelech is Slain	Judges 9:50
			1118 BC	Tola, Jair	Judges 10
			1100 BC	Birth of Samuel	1 Samuel 1
			1100 BC	Hannah's Song	1 Samuel 2
			1097 BC	Jephthah's Covenant with the Gileadites	Judges 11
			1090 BC	Jephthah, Ephraim, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon	Judges 12
			1090 BC	Israel Oppressed by the Philistines	Judges 13
			1075 BC	Samson's Marriage and Riddle	Judges 14
Christianity	Biblical Timeline	Old Testament	1075 BC	Samson Burns the Philistine Crops	Judges 15
			1075 BC	Samson and Delilah	Judges 16
			1070 BC	Battle of Shiloh	1 Samuel 3
			1070 BC	Philistines Take the Ark	1 Samuel 4, 5
			1070 BC	Philistines Return the Ark to Israel	1 Samuel 6
			1070 BC	Ark brought to Abinadab's House	1 Samuel 7
			1050 BC	Israelites Repent at Mizpeh	1 Samuel 7:3
			1043 BC	Saul Becomes King	1 Samuel 8 - 10
			1042 BC	Saul Defeats the Ammonites	1 Samuel 11, 12
			1041 BC	Saul's War with the Philistines	1 Samuel 13
Christianity	Biblical Timeline	Old Testament	1041 BC	Jonathan's Miraculous Victory	1 Samuel 14
			1028 BC	Saul's Disobedience and Samuel's Rebuke	1 Samuel 15
			1024 BC	Samuel Anoints David at Bethlehem	1 Samuel 16
			1024 BC	David Kills Goliath	1 Samuel 17
			1015 BC	Jonathan's Friendship with David	1 Samuel 18
			1014 BC	David Protected from Saul	1 Samuel 19
			1013 BC	David and Jonathan's Covenant	1 Samuel 20
			1013 BC	David's Psalm of Deliverance (1Sa 20)	Psalm 59
			1012 BC	David at Nob and Gath	1 Samuel 21
			1012 BC	David's Psalm Fleeing Saul (1Sa 21)	Psalm 52
Christianity	Biblical Timeline	Old Testament	1012 BC	David's Psalm Before Ahimelech (1Sa 21)	Psalm 34
			1011 BC	David's Psalm at Gath (1Sa 21)	Psalm 56
			1011 BC	Saul Slays the Priests of Nob	1 Samuel 22
			1011 BC	David's Psalms in the Cave (1Sa 22)	Psalms 57, 142
			1011 BC	David Flees Saul	1 Samuel 23
			1011 BC	David's Psalm at Keilah (1Sa 23)	Psalm 54
			1011 BC	David Spares Saul's Life	1 Samuel 24
			1011 BC	Samuel Dies	1 Samuel 25
			1011 BC	David Spares Saul a Second Time	1 Samuel 26
			1010 BC	David Flees to the Philistines	1 Samuel 27
Christianity	Biblical Timeline	Old Testament	1010 BC	Saul and the Witch of Endor	1 Samuel 28
			1010 BC	Achish Sends David Away	1 Samuel 29
			1010 BC	David Destroys the Amalekites	1 Samuel 30
			1010 BC	Saul and His Sons Killed	1 Samuel 31
			1010 BC	David Mourns for Saul and Jonathan	2 Samuel 1
			1010 BC	David Made King over Judah	2 Samuel 2
			1008 BC	Civil War Between Abner and Joab	2 Samuel 2:12
			1006 BC	House of David Strengthened	2 Samuel 3
			1005 BC	Joab murders Abner	2 Samuel 3:22
			1004 BC	The Murder of Ish-bosheth	2 Samuel 4
Christianity	Biblical Timeline	Old Testament	1003 BC	Genealogies of the Israelites	1 Chronicles 1 - 9
			1003 BC	Saul's Overthrow and Defeat	1 Chronicles 10
			1003 BC	David Reigns over All Israel	2 Samuel 5, 1 Chronicles 11
			1002 BC	David's Army Grows	1 Chronicles 12
			1000 BC	David fetches the ark	1 Chronicles 13
			1000 BC	David's Family Grows	1 Chronicles 14

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1000 BC	The Ark is Brought to Jerusalem	2 Samuel 6, 1 Chronicles 15
1000 BC	David Plans a Temple	2 Samuel 7
998 BC	David Defeats the Philistines	2 Samuel 8
998 BC	David's Psalm of Victory (2Sa 8)	Psalms 60
998 BC	David's Psalm of Zion	Psalms 15
998 BC	David's Psalm of Glory to God	Psalms 24
998 BC	David's festival sacrifice	1 Chronicles 16
998 BC	Psalms of Praise (1Ch 16)	Psalms 96, 105, 106
997 BC	David Purposes to build a Temple	1 Chronicles 17
996 BC	David Strengthens His Kingdom	1 Chronicles 18
995 BC	David and Mephibosheth	2 Samuel 9
995 BC	David Defeats Ammon and Aram	2 Samuel 10, 1 Chronicles 19
995 BC	The Capture of Rabbah	1 Chronicles 20
993 BC	David and Bathsheba	2 Samuel 11
991 BC	Nathan Rebukes David	2 Samuel 12
991 BC	David's Psalm of Repentance (2Sa 12)	Psalms 51
990 BC	Solomon is Born	2 Samuel 12:24
990 BC	Amnon and Tamar	2 Samuel 13
990 BC	Amnon Killed by Absalom	2 Samuel 13:23
988 BC	The Widow of Tekoa	2 Samuel 14
980 BC	Absalom Recalled	2 Samuel 14:21
979 BC	Psalms of David	Psalms 2 - 145 (Assorted)
979 BC	Psalms of Korah	Psalms 42 - 44, 84, 85, 87, 88
979 BC	Psalms of Asaph	Psalms 50, 73, 75 - 78, 80 - 83, 89
979 BC	Psalms of Unknown Authors	Psalms 1 - 150 (Assorted)
979 BC	David Forces a Census	1 Chronicles 21
979 BC	Preparation for building the Temple	1 Chronicles 22
979 BC	Preparation of Priesthood	1 Chronicles 23
979 BC	Divisions of Levites	1 Chronicles 24
979 BC	Preparation of sanctuary singers	1 Chronicles 25
979 BC	Preparation of gatekeepers, treasurers	1 Chronicles 26
979 BC	Preparation of government	1 Chronicles 27
976 BC	Absalom's Conspiracy	2 Samuel 15
976 BC	David Flees Jerusalem	2 Samuel 15:13
972 BC	David and Ziba, Shimei	2 Samuel 16
972 BC	Shimei Curses David	2 Samuel 16:5
972 BC	David's Psalm of Thirst for God (2Sa 16)	Psalms 63
972 BC	Hushai's Warning Saves David	2 Samuel 17
972 BC	David Psalms of Deliverance (2Sa 17)	Psalms 41, 55
972 BC	Absalom Slain by Joab	2 Samuel 18
972 BC	Joab Comforts David	2 Samuel 19
972 BC	Sheba Rebels Against David	2 Samuel 20
970 BC	The Gibeonites Avenged	2 Samuel 21
970 BC	David's Song of Deliverance	2 Samuel 22
970 BC	David's Last Song	2 Samuel 23
970 BC	David's Psalm of Steadfastness (2Sa 23)	Psalms 108
970 BC	David Counts the Fighting Men	2 Samuel 24
970 BC	David's Last Days	1 Chronicles 28, 29, 1 Kings 1, 2
970 BC	David's Psalm of Salvation (1Ki 2)	Psalms 37
967 BC	Psalm for Solomon (2Ch 1)	Psalms 72
967 BC	Solomon Asks for Wisdom	2 Chronicles 1, 1 Kings 3
967 BC	Psalm of Korah (1Ki 3)	Psalms 45
967 BC	Solomon's Wisdom	1 Kings 4
967 BC	Solomon's Preparations for the Temple	1 Kings 5
966 BC	The Building of Solomon's Temple	1 Kings 6
966 BC	The Building of Solomon's Palace	1 Kings 7
966 BC	The Ark Brought to the Temple	1 Kings 8
966 BC	God's covenant with Solomon	1 Kings 9
966 BC	Solomon Prepares for a Temple and Palace	2 Chronicles 2
966 BC	Solomon Builds the Temple in Jerusalem	2 Chronicles 3
966 BC	Temple Furnishings	2 Chronicles 4
959 BC	Ark Brought into the Temple	2 Chronicles 5
959 BC	Solomon's Prayer of Temple Dedication	2 Chronicles 6
959 BC	God's Glory in the Temple	2 Chronicles 7
959 BC	Psalms of Solomon (2Ch 7)	Psalms 135, 136
959 BC	Solomon's buildings	2 Chronicles 8
950 BC	Solomon Psalm of Blessing	Psalms 127
950 BC	The Proverbs of Solomon	Proverbs 1 - 29
950 BC	The Words of Agur	Proverbs 30
950 BC	King Lemuel's Proverb	Proverbs 31
950 BC	Solomon's Song of Songs	Songs 1 - 8
946 BC	Mutual Presents of Solomon and Hiran	1 Kings 9:10
946 BC	The Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon	1 Kings 10, 2 Chronicles 9
939 BC	Solomon's Wives and Idolatry	1 Kings 11
937 BC	Ecclesiastes Words of the Preacher	Ecclesiastes 1 - 12
931 BC	Solomon's Death	1 Kings 11:40
931 BC	The Kingdom is Divided	1 Kings 12, 13
930 BC	Israelites Rebel against Rehoboam	2 Chronicles 10
930 BC	Rehoboam's Reign over Judah	2 Chronicles 11
927 BC	Rehoboam's sin	2 Chronicles 12
925 BC	Ahijah's Prophecies against Jeroboam	1 Kings 14
913 BC	Rehoboam's Wicked Reign	1 Kings 14:21
913 BC	Abijah's wicked reign	1 Kings 15
913 BC	Civil War against Jeroboam	2 Chronicles 13
913 BC	Asa Destroys Idolatry	2 Chronicles 14
909 BC	Jehu's prophecy against Baasha	1 Kings 16
895 BC	Asa's Reforms	2 Chronicles 15
894 BC	Hanani's rebuke	2 Chronicles 16
886 BC	Elah, Zimri, Omri	1 Kings 16:5
874 BC	Ahab's wicked reign	1 Kings 16:27
869 BC	Jehoshaphat Succeeds Asa	2 Chronicles 17
863 BC	Elijah Prays for Drought	1 Kings 17
863 BC	Elijah Fed by Ravens	1 Kings 17:3
863 BC	The Widow at Zarephath	1 Kings 17:7
863 BC	Elijah on Mount Carmel	1 Kings 18
858 BC	Elijah Flees Jezebel	1 Kings 19

858 BC	Elisha Called	1 Kings 19:19
857 BC	Ben-Hadad Attacks Samaria	1 Kings 20
857 BC	Ahab Defeats Ben-Hadad	1 Kings 20:14
855 BC	Ahab Takes Naboth's Vineyard	1 Kings 21
853 BC	Israel and Judah against Syria	1 Kings 22
853 BC	The Vision of Obadiah	Obadiah 1
853 BC	Jehoshaphat Allies with Ahab	2 Chronicles 18
853 BC	Jehosaphat's deeds	2 Chronicles 19
853 BC	War with Ammon and Moab	2 Chronicles 20
852 BC	Jehoram's Wicked Reign in Judah	2 Chronicles 21
852 BC	Moab Rebels	2 Kings 1
851 BC	Elijah Taken up to Heaven	2 Kings 2
851 BC	Elisha Succeeds Elijah	2 Kings 2:12
850 BC	Jehoram Meets Moab Rebellion	2 Kings 3
849 BC	The Widow's Oil	2 Kings 4
849 BC	Elisha Raises The Shunammite boy	2 Kings 4:8
849 BC	The Healing of Naaman	2 Kings 5
848 BC	Elisha Floats an Axhead	2 Kings 6
848 BC	Elisha Promises Plenty in Samaria	2 Kings 7
847 BC	The Shunammite's Land	2 Kings 8
841 BC	Jehu Reigns in Israel	2 Kings 9
841 BC	Jehu Kills Joram	2 Kings 9:11
841 BC	Ahab's Family Killed	2 Kings 10
841 BC	Baal Worshipers killed	2 Kings 10:18
841 BC	Joash escapes Athaliah	2 Kings 11
841 BC	Ahaziah Succeeds Jehoram in Judah	2 Chronicles 22
841 BC	Jehoiada Makes Joash King	2 Chronicles 23
835 BC	Joash Reigns Well	2 Chronicles 24, 2 Kings 12
835 BC	The Word of the LORD to Joel	Joel 1 - 3
812 BC	Joash Orders Temple repairs	2 Kings 12:6
812 BC	Jehoahaz's wicked reign	2 Kings 13
796 BC	Amaziah's good reign	2 Kings 14, 2 Chronicles 25
790 BC	Azariah's good reign	2 Kings 15
790 BC	Uzziah Reigns in Judah	2 Chronicles 26
766 BC	The Words of Amos	Amos 1 - 9
760 BC	Jonah Sent to Nineveh	Jonah 1 - 4
753 BC	Hosea's Prophecies	Hosea 1 - 14
750 BC	Jotham Succeeds Uzziah	2 Chronicles 27
742 BC	Wicked Reign of Ahaz	2 Chronicles 28, 2 Kings 16
739 BC	Isaiah Complains of Zion's Corruption	Isaiah 1 - 5
739 BC	Isaiah's Vision and Commission	Isaiah 6
735 BC	Isaiah's Prophecy of Immanuel	Isaiah 7
735 BC	The Word of the LORD to Micah	Micah 1 - 7
734 BC	Uriah and Zechariah	Isaiah 8
730 BC	Isaiah Prophecies a Child Is Born	Isaiah 9
730 BC	Isaiah Prophecies Judgments Upon Israel	Isaiah 9:8
730 BC	Isaiah Prophecies Judgment on Assyria	Isaiah 10
730 BC	Isaiah Prophecies The Root of Jesse	Isaiah 11
730 BC	Isaiah's Joyful Thanksgiving	Isaiah 12
725 BC	Isaiah Prophecies against the Nations	Isaiah 13 - 22
725 BC	Isaiah's Valley of Vision	Isaiah 22
725 BC	Isaiah's Burden of Tyre	Isaiah 23
725 BC	Devastation on the Earth	Isaiah 24
725 BC	Isaiah's Songs of Praise	Isaiah 25 - 27
725 BC	Isaiah's Further Warnings	Isaiah 28 - 32
725 BC	Isaiah Prophecies a King Shall Reign	Isaiah 32
725 BC	Isaiah Declares God's Judgments	Isaiah 33, 34
725 BC	Isaiah Declares the Joyful Will Flourish in Zion	Isaiah 35
725 BC	Hoshea the Last King of Israel	2 Kings 17
722 BC	Israel Led into Captivity	2 Kings 17:6
721 BC	Strange Nations Transplanted into Samaria	2 Kings 17:24
716 BC	Hezekiah's Good Reign	2 Chronicles 29
715 BC	Hezekiah proclaims a solemn Passover	2 Chronicles 30
715 BC	Idolatry is Destroyed	2 Chronicles 31
712 BC	Hezekiah's Illness and Healing	2 Kings 20, Isaiah 38
711 BC	Hezekiah Shows Treasures	2 Kings 20:12, Isaiah 39
711 BC	Isaiah Prophecies Captivity and Restoration	Isaiah 40 - 66
701 BC	Sennacherib Threatens Jerusalem	2 Kings 18, Isaiah 36, 2 Chronicles 32
701 BC	Korah's Psalms of Refuge (2Ch 32)	Psalms 46 - 48
701 BC	Hezekiah's Prayer	2 Kings 19, Isaiah 37
697 BC	The Vision of Nahum	Nahum 1 - 3
687 BC	Manasseh's Wicked Reign	2 Kings 21, 2 Chronicles 33
640 BC	Josiah's good reign	2 Kings 22, 2 Chronicles 34
638 BC	The Word of the LORD to Zephaniah	Zephaniah 1 - 3
627 BC	The Call of Jeremiah	Jeremiah 1
627 BC	Jeremiah Declares Judah Forsakes God	Jeremiah 2 - 6
627 BC	Jeremiah's Message at the Temple Gate	Jeremiah 7 - 10
625 BC	The Oracle to Habakkuk	Habakkuk 1 - 3
622 BC	Jeremiah Proclaims God's Covenant	Jeremiah 11, 12
621 BC	Josiah Prepares for Temple Repair	2 Kings 22:3
621 BC	Hilkiah finds the lost Book of the Law	2 Kings 22:8
621 BC	Josiah Celebrates the Passover	2 Kings 23, 2 Chronicles 35
609 BC	Jehoiakim's wicked reign	2 Chronicles 36
609 BC	Jeremiah Proclaims Covenant Is Broken	Jeremiah 13 - 20
609 BC	Jeremiah Prophecies against Egypt	Jeremiah 46
609 BC	Jeremiah Prophecies against Philistia	Jeremiah 47
605 BC	Daniel Refuses the King's Portion	Daniel 1
604 BC	Daniel Interprets Nebuchadnezzar Dream	Daniel 2
601 BC	Rebellion of Jehoiakim	2 Kings 24
597 BC	Jehoiachin exiled	2 Kings 24:10
597 BC	Zedekiah reigns in Judah	2 Kings 24:18
594 BC	Jeremiah Prophecies against Moab	Jeremiah 48
594 BC	Jeremiah Prophecies against Ammon	Jeremiah 49
593 BC	Ezekiel's Prophecy at Chebar	Ezekiel 1
593 BC	Ezekiel's Calling and Instruction	Ezekiel 2
593 BC	Ezekiel Eats the Scroll	Ezekiel 3

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		593 BC	Ezekiel's Vision of the End	Ezekiel 6, 7
		592 BC	Ezekiel's First Temple Vision	Ezekiel 8 - 19
		591 BC	Ezekiel Sees God Refuse the Elders	Ezekiel 20
		591 BC	Ezekiel Prophecies against Jerusalem	Ezekiel 21, 22
		591 BC	Ezekiel Prophecies against two Sisters	Ezekiel 23
		588 BC	Siege of Jerusalem Begins	2 Kings 25
		588 BC	Jeremiah's Conflicts	Jeremiah 21 - 33
		588 BC	Jeremiah Prophecies Judgment on Judah	Jeremiah 34 - 45
		588 BC	Siege of Jerusalem Begins	Ezekiel 24
		587 BC	God's Vengeance on Ammon and Edom	Ezekiel 25
		586 BC	The Fall of Jerusalem	2 Kings 25, Jeremiah 52
		586 BC	Psalms of Desolation (Jer. 52)	Psalms 74, 79
		586 BC	Jeremiah Prophecies against Babylon	Jeremiah 50, 51
		586 BC	Jeremiah's Lamentations	Lamentations 1 - 5
		586 BC	Ezekiel Pronounces Judgment on Tyre	Ezekiel 26 - 28
		586 BC	Ezekiel Prophecies against Egypt	Ezekiel 29 - 32
		586 BC	Ezekiel the Watchman	Ezekiel 33
		585 BC	Ezekiel Explains Jerusalem's Fall	Ezekiel 33:21
		585 BC	Ezekiel Foresees Reproof and Restoration	Ezekiel 34 - 36
		585 BC	Ezekiel Sees Resurrection of Dry Bones	Ezekiel 37
		585 BC	Ezekiel Sees Future battle	Ezekiel 38
		585 BC	Ezekiel Sees God's judgment upon Gog	Ezekiel 39
		585 BC	Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego	Daniel 3
		582 BC	Nebuchadnezzar's Dream	Daniel 4
		582 BC	Daniel Interprets Nebuchadnezzar's Dream	Daniel 4:19
		573 BC	Ezekiel's Second Temple Vision	Ezekiel 40 - 48
		539 BC	Daniel Interprets Handwriting on the Wall	Daniel 5
		539 BC	Daniel Survives the Lions' Den	Daniel 6
		539 BC	Daniel's Vision of Four Beasts	Daniel 7
		539 BC	Daniel's Vision of the Ram and Goat	Daniel 8
		539 BC	Daniel's Prayer and Gabriel's Answer	Daniel 9
		539 BC	Daniel Comforted by the Angel	Daniel 10
		539 BC	Daniel Prophecies Overthrow of Persia	Daniel 11
		539 BC	Daniel Prophecies Deliverance for Israel	Daniel 12
		537 BC	The Proclamation of Cyrus	Ezra 1
		537 BC	The Exiles Return	Ezra 2
		535 BC	Temple Work Begins	Ezra 3
		534 BC	Adversaries Hinder Temple Work	Ezra 4
		534 BC	Artaxerxes Orders Work Stopped	Ezra 4:17
		520 BC	Tattenai's Letter to Darius	Ezra 5
		520 BC	The Word of the LORD by Haggai	Haggai 1, 2
		520 BC	The Word of the LORD to Zechariah	Zechariah 1 - 14
520 BC	Temple Work Resumed by Darius' Decree	Ezra 6		
515 BC	Completion and Dedication of the Temple	Ezra 6:16		
483 BC	Queen Vashti Deposed	Esther 1		
478 BC	Esther Becomes Queen	Esther 2		
478 BC	Mordecai Thwarts a Conspiracy	Esther 2:21		
474 BC	Haman Seeks Revenge on the Jews	Esther 3		
473 BC	Mordecai Informs Esther of Haman's Plot	Esther 4		
473 BC	Esther Prepares a Banquet	Esther 5		
473 BC	The King Honors Mordecai	Esther 6		
473 BC	Haman Is Hanged	Esther 7		
473 BC	Xerxes' Edict on Behalf of Esther and Jews	Esther 8		
472 BC	Purim Instituted	Esther 9		
472 BC	Xerxes' Tribute to Mordecai	Esther 10		
458 BC	Ezra Journeys to Jerusalem	Ezra 7		
458 BC	Ezra Commissioned by Artaxerxes	Ezra 7:11		
457 BC	Families Return to Jerusalem with Ezra	Ezra 8		
457 BC	Ezra's reforms	Ezra 9		
456 BC	Ezra's Prayer About Intermarriage	Ezra 10		
445 BC	Nehemiah's Prayer for the Exiles	Nehemiah 1		
444 BC	Artaxerxes Sends Nehemiah to Jerusalem	Nehemiah 2		
444 BC	Builders of the Walls Named	Nehemiah 3		
444 BC	Builders Overcome Ridicule	Nehemiah 4		
444 BC	Nehemiah Abolishes Debt and Bondage	Nehemiah 5		
444 BC	Sanballat's Plot	Nehemiah 6		
444 BC	Completion of the Wall	Nehemiah 6:15		
444 BC	Census of Returned Exiles	Nehemiah 7		
444 BC	Ezra Reads the Law	Nehemiah 8		
444 BC	Israelites Fast and Repent	Nehemiah 9		
444 BC	Israelites Seal the Covenant	Nehemiah 10		
444 BC	People Settle in Jerusalem	Nehemiah 11, 12		
432 BC	Nehemiah Restores Laws	Nehemiah 13		
430 BC	The Word of the LORD by Malachi	Malachi 1-4		
<b>New Testament</b>				
Christianity	Biblical Timeline	6 BC	Birth of John the Baptist	Luke 1, John 1:6
		6 BC	Augustus Taxes the Roman Empire	Luke 2
		5 BC	Birth of Jesus	Matthew 1, Mark 1, Luke 2:6, John 1:14
		5 BC	Visit of the Magi	Matthew 2
		5 BC	Escape to Egypt	Matthew 2:13
		4 BC	Slaughter of Infants	Matthew 2:16
		4 BC	Return to Nazareth	Matthew 2:23
		8 AD	The Boy Jesus at the Temple	Luke 2:41
		26 AD	John the Baptist Prepares the Way	Matthew 3, Mark 1:4, Luke 3, John 1:15
		26 AD	The Baptism of Jesus	Matthew 3:13, Mark 1:9, Luke 3:21
		27 AD	Temptation of Jesus	Matthew 4, Mark 1:12, Luke 4
		27 AD	Jesus Calls his First Disciples	Matthew 4:18, Mark 1:16, Luke 5
		27 AD	Wedding at Cana	John 2
		27 AD	Jesus Teaches Nicodemus	John 3
		27 AD	Jesus Testifies to the Samaritan Woman	John 4
		27 AD	Sermon on the Mount	Matthew 5 - 7
		28 AD	Instructions on Prayer	Luke 11
28 AD	Jesus Ministers in Galilee	Matthew 8, Mark 2, Luke 4:14		
28 AD	The Pool of Bethesda	John 5		

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			28 AD	Jesus Answers John's Disciples	Matthew 11, Luke 7			
			28 AD	Jesus Speaks Many Parables	Matthew 13, Mark 4, Luke 8			
			28 AD	Jesus Heals a Demoniac	Matthew 8:28, Mark 5, Luke 8:26			
			28 AD	Jesus Heals a Paralytic	Matthew 9			
			29 AD	Jesus Sends out His Twelve Apostles	Matthew 10, Mark 6			
			29 AD	John the Baptist Beheaded	Matthew 14, Mark 6:14			
			29 AD	Jesus Feeds the 5,000	Matthew 14:15, Mark 6:30, Luke 9, John 6			
			29 AD	Teachings on Clean and Unclean	Matthew 15, Mark 7			
			29 AD	Peter's Confession of Christ	Matthew 16, Mark 8, Luke 9:18			
			29 AD	The Transfiguration	Matthew 17, Mark 9, Luke 9:28			
			29 AD	Greatest and Least in the Kingdom	Matthew 18			
			29 AD	Jesus Sends out the Seventy-two	Luke 10			
			29 AD	Jesus Teaches at the Feast of Tabernacles	John 7			
			29 AD	The Woman Caught in Adultery	John 8			
			29 AD	Jesus Affirms He is the Son of God	John 9			
			29 AD	The Shepherd and His Flock	John 10			
			30 AD	Jesus Speaks More Parables	Luke 12 - 16			
			30 AD	Jesus Cleanses the Ten Lepers	Luke 17			
			Christiansity	Biblical Timeline	New Testament	30 AD	Jesus Raises Lazarus	John 11
30 AD	Final Journey to Jerusalem	Matthew 19, 20, Mark 10, Luke 18						
30 AD	The Triumphal Entry	Matthew 21, Mark 11, Luke 19, John 12						
30 AD	Closing Ministry in Jerusalem	Matthew 22-25, Mark 12, 13, Luke 20, 21						
30 AD	Thursday Before Passover	Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, John 13						
30 AD	Jesus Comforts His Disciples	John 14						
30 AD	Jesus the True Vine	John 15						
30 AD	Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit	John 16						
30 AD	Jesus' Intercessory prayers	John 17						
30 AD	Jesus' Betrayal, Trial, Crucifixion	Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 18, 19						
30 AD	Jesus' Resurrection	Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20, 21						
30 AD	The Ascension	Acts 1						
30 AD	Matthias Chosen by Lot	Acts 1:12						
30 AD	The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost	Acts 2						
30 AD	Peter Heals and Preaches	Acts 3						
30 AD	Peter and John Arrested and Released;	Acts 4						
30 AD	Believers Share All	Acts 4:32						
30 AD	Deaths of Ananias and Sapphira	Acts 5						
30 AD	Apostles Preach and Heal	Acts 5:11						
Christiansity	Biblical Timeline	New Testament				31 AD	Stephen's Speech, Stoning and Death	Acts 6, 7
			31 AD	Saul Persecutes the Church	Acts 8			
			31 AD	Philip in Samaria	Acts 8:3			
			31 AD	Simon the Sorcerer	Acts 8:9			
			31 AD	Philip and the Ethiopian	Acts 8:26			
			34 AD	Saul's Conversion	Acts 9			
			37 AD	Peter Preaches to the Gentiles	Acts 10, 11			
			42 AD	Barnabas Sent to Antioch	Acts 11:22			
			42 AD	Peter Led from Prison by the Angel	Acts 12			
			44 AD	Herod Agrippa Dies	Acts 12:20			
			45 AD	James Writes his Letter	James 1 - 5			
			48 AD	Paul's First Missionary Journey	Acts 13			
			48 AD	Paul preaches in Pisidian Antioch	Acts 13:14			
			48 AD	Paul and Barnabas in Iconium	Acts 14			
			48 AD	Paul and Barnabas in Lystra and Derbe	Acts 14:8			
			48 AD	Paul and Barnabas Return to Syrian Antioch	Acts 14:21			
			48 AD	Return to Syrian Antioch	Acts 14:24			
			48 AD	The Council at Jerusalem	Acts 15			
			49 AD	Paul's Second Missionary Journey	Acts 15:36			
			Christiansity	Biblical Timeline	New Testament	49 AD	Paul in Philippi	Acts 16
49 AD	Paul in Thessalonica, Berea, Athens	Acts 17						
51 AD	Paul in Corinth	Acts 18						
51 AD	Paul Writes to the Thessalonians	1 Thess. 1 - 5						
52 AD	Paul Writes again to the Thessalonians	2 Thess. 1 - 3						
54 AD	Paul in Ephesus	Acts 19						
54 AD	Paul Writes to the Corinthians	1 Corinthians 1 - 16						
54 AD	Paul Writes to the Galatians	Galatians 1 - 6						
57 AD	Paul in Macedonia and Greece	Acts 20						
57 AD	Paul Writes to the Romans	Romans 1 - 16						
57 AD	Paul Writes again to the Corinthians	2 Corinthians 1 - 13						
59 AD	Paul Returns to Jerusalem	Acts 21 - 23						
60 AD	Paul imprisoned in Caesarea	Acts 24						
62 AD	Paul Before Festus	Acts 25						
62 AD	Paul Before Agrippa	Acts 26						
62 AD	Paul Sails for Rome	Acts 27						
62 AD	The Shipwreck	Acts 27:13						
62 AD	Paul Ashore at Malta	Acts 28						
62 AD	Paul Preaches at Rome	Acts 28:11						
Christiansity	Biblical Timeline	New Testament				62 AD	Paul Writes to the Ephesians	Ephesians 1 - 6
			62 AD	Paul Writes to the Philippians	Philippians 1 - 4			
			62 AD	Paul Writes to the Colossians	Colossians 1 - 4			
			62 AD	Paul Writes to Philemon	Philemon 1			
			63 AD	Paul Writes to Timothy	1 Timothy 1 - 6			
			64 AD	Peter Writes his First Letter	1 Peter 1 - 5			
			66 AD	Paul Writes to Titus	Titus 1 - 3			
			67 AD	Paul Writes Again to Timothy	2 Timothy 1 - 4			
			67 AD	Peter Writes his Second Letter	2 Peter 1 - 3			
			68 AD	Letter to the Hebrews	Hebrews 1 - 13			
			68 AD	Jude Writes his Letter	Jude 1			
			70 AD	The Temple Destruction				
			90 AD	John Writes his First Letter	1 John 1 - 5			
			92 AD	John Writes his Second Letter	2 John 1			
			94 AD	John Writes his Third Letter	3 John 1			
			95 AD	John's Revelation on Patmos	Revelation 1 - 22			
			The	<b>The Gap</b>				
				360	Mongols invade Europe			
			1095	First Crusades				



1348	The Black Death
1415	Battle of Agincourt
1455	War of the Roses
1509	Reign of Henry VIII
1517	Lutheranism / Protestantism Founded
1534	Anglican Communion Founded
1534	Calvinism Founded
1560	Presbyterianism Founded
1605	Baptist Churches Founded
1665	The Great Plague
1739	Methodism Founded
1830	Latter-day Saints Founded
1860	Seventh Day Adventists Founded
1865	Salvation Army Founded
1870	Jehovah's Witnesses Founded
1879	Christian Science Founded
1900	Pentecostalism Founded
1914	World War 1 Starts
1918	World War 1 Ends
1933	Start of the Holocaust
1939	World War II Starts
1945	World War II Ends, End of the Holocaust
1947	The Cold War Starts
1948	Israel becomes a nation, War of Israel's Independence
1956	Sinai War
1967	Six Day War, Start of the War of Attrition
1973	Yom Kippur War
1982	First Lebanon War
1989	Berlin Wall Comes Down
1991	The Cold War Ends
2006	Second Lebanon War
2008	Gaza War
2014	Operation Protective Edge
2020	Jews flock back to Israel due to COVID-19

### The Rapture Onwards

#### Future Events

The bible contains many references to the future prophecies, many of which have already been fulfilled. These can be found in the MASS DESTRUCTION > The Rapture section.