

# BIBLE STUDY TECHNIQUES

*A Study of the Importance and Methods of Bible Study*

## Lesson Five

Memory Verse: *Matthew 4:4*

Lesson Verse: *2Timothy 2:15*

**“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”**  
2Timothy 2:15

### I. Introduction

The disciple of Jesus Christ not only believes the word of God, but studies it, obeys it, and builds his or her life around it. This goal requires work, and study so that the Christian, *like a soldier*, is prepared to live life for the Lord! No soldier enters into combat however, without first knowing his weapons, and understanding how to use them effectively against his enemy.

The Bible is the Christian's weapon against sin and even Satan; and this lesson is intended to instruct him in how to study it, and then use it in his life.



### II. The Bible is Our Source for Truth – THE best reason to learn it from start to finish.

#### A. About God - About Ourselves - And basically, about all the unanswerable questions that cannot be found by science or reasoning

1. It tells you what you and I are really like on the inside – in our \_\_\_\_\_ (*Jer 17:9,10*).
2. It tells us what \_\_\_\_\_ is like (*John 4:24*).
3. It tells us clearly about heaven, about hell, about Satan, demonic activities.
4. It shows us what love actually is (*1Corinthians 13:1-8*). It's called “\_\_\_\_\_.”
5. It tells us about the future (*Isaiah 46:9,10*).
6. None of those things can be known unless GOD revealed them to us.
7. This Bible is an amazing Book, and MUST be studied and learned if you are going to know the truth about any of the above.

#### B. What's the Point?

1. If you don't take the time to actually learn what God wrote down for you, then you will be **deceived** by every other wind of doctrine and persuasion (*2Tim 4:2-4*).
2. First by your own heart
3. Then by the greatest liar ever... \_\_\_\_\_ (*John 8:44*).
4. And it will cost you, your family, and every nation to not know God's truth, or turn away from it (*Psalms 9:17*)!

#### C. Things Jesus said about the Bible

1. Jesus taught that EVERY word of Scripture in the Bible proceeded from **God** and was not from man. (*Matthew 4:4*)
2. He believed in the Genesis record of a six-day creation (in other words, He did not believe in evolution). (See *Matthew 19:4-6; Mark 10:6-8*)
3. He believed that the Flood of Noah actually occurred. (*Matthew 24:37-39*)
4. He believed Abraham actually lived and followed God and became the father of the Jewish nation. (*John 8:56*)
5. He believed \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were real cities that were destroyed by God by fire and brimstone. (*Matthew 10:15; 11:23-24*)
6. He believed Jonah was really swallowed by a \_\_\_\_\_. (*Matthew 12:39-41*)

7. He believed Lot's wife was a real woman who was turned into a real pillar of salt. (Luke 17:32)
8. He believed God gave \_\_\_\_\_ from heaven to Israel for almost 40 years in the desert. (John 6:31,49,58)
9. He taught the doctrine of the preservation of Scripture – that God protected the Scriptures from loss or error after they were written down. (Matthew 5:17-18; 24:35; Luke 6:17)
10. He taught that all the Old Testament Scriptures pointed to Him alone, and not to any other man or prophet. (Luke 24:27,44)
11. He taught the absolute authority of Scripture above all other authorities! (John 10:34-36)
12. He never corrected or criticized any Scripture. (John 17:17).

#### D. Things the Bible Claims about itself

1. That it is actually what \_\_\_\_\_ spoke (Ex 5:1) – not made up by people
2. That it is pure and perfect (Psalm 19:7; 12:6)
3. That it is preserved for all generations to have access to it (Psalm 12:7).
4. That it will stand all the tests we can throw at it (Isaiah 40:8).

#### E. This single Book has proven itself to be absolutely true and trustworthy

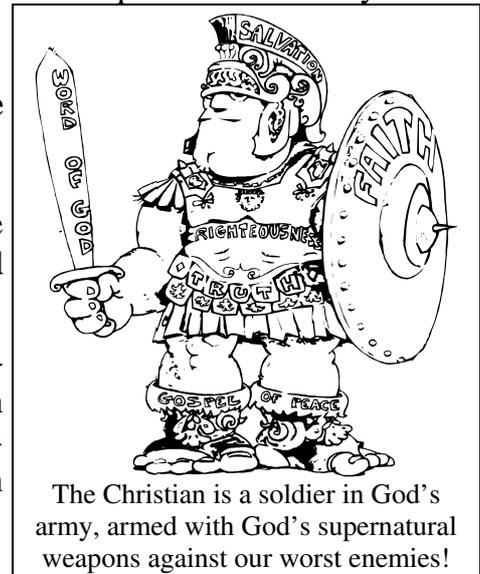
1. Science and philosophy constantly change and cannot find God (1Cor 1:21)
2. Even Religion cannot find God (Luke 10:21)
3. So, to find and know and actually understand God, it took GOD Himself revealing Himself through prophets, then the Bible and ultimately through God's Son (Hebrews 1:1,2). The only thing we lack is CHILD-LIKE faith to believe it!

### III. The Bible is the Christian's Greatest Weapon

- A. The Bible is a powerful Weapon against being deceived by the lies of the culture we grow up in (teaching that we are only a higher form of animal, and should act only like animals; that we are accidents; that the only life we have is here and now; that there is no God and no heaven and no hell; and that God would never send anyone to hell). Knowing the truth, overwhelms all the lies and half-truths of modern society.
- B. The Bible is our Weapon against the Devil
  1. What did Jesus use against the temptations and pressures of Satan? \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 4:4,7,10).
  2. Quoting and believing the TRUTH of a select Scripture instead of a fear or doubt, can enable you to \_\_\_\_\_ the devil, and make him flee from you (James 4:7).
- C. The Bible also is our Weapon against Sin and Temptation. The Bible is the Christian's primary *offensive* weapon against sin in his or her life, and against the temptations that our world attacks us with. How can it actually defeat sin?
  1. By replacing the lies we have believed since childhood with God's truth.
  2. By feeding our faith and confidence in God (Romans 10:17).
  3. By reminding us to humble ourselves and draw close to the only real power against Satan, which is God Almighty (James 4:6,7)!
  4. By using the words of God as a sword against everything that attacks you!
- D. The Apostle Paul lists seven powerful spiritual weapons available to the Christian in Ephesians 6:11-17, and refers to them as the "*whole \_\_\_\_\_ of God.*"
  1. Your loins (your nakedness) *girt about* (covered) with \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. The *breastplate* of \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Your feet *shod* (covered) with the preparation of the \_\_\_\_\_ of peace.
4. The *shield* of \_\_\_\_\_, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
5. The *helmet* of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The *sword* of \_\_\_\_\_, **which is the word of God.**
7. And, Praying always.
8. None of that may look like much, but the Apostle Paul says those things actually help us wrestle and win against the powers of darkness!

E. Only one of the above items can be used as an offensive weapon - "*the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit*", which is "*the \_\_\_\_\_ of God*" (Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12)! All others are there to protect you when under attack.



#### IV. Some More GREAT Reasons for Bible Study

- A. It is **commanded**..." \_\_\_\_\_ *to shew thyself approved unto God*" (2Tim 2:15). This verse is not a suggestion!
- B. Another reason is because it is **profitable** for the Christian (2Tim 3:16; Psalm 1:1-3) - not monetarily, but spiritually. The benefits are eternal!
- C. The truths of Scripture gives the Christian **victory**! As a powerful weapon, the very words of Scriptures will give you victory over sin and temptation (Ps 37:31; 119:11).
- D. The Bible is a *guiding* \_\_\_\_\_ to the Christian (Psalm 119:105). It provides instructions on *how* to go through life, *where* to go, *why* go a certain path, and even *when* to go (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8).
- E. Special blessings are promised for those who \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ the things written in the Bible (Revelation 1:3) - *not what another man says, or even what your church says!*
- F. The Bible is the *only* means to test religious teaching - "*If they speak not according to **this** \_\_\_\_\_ it is because there is no \_\_\_\_\_ in them*" (Isaiah 8:19,20). God gave His word to be the only basis for truth (John 17:17).

#### V. HOW to Study and Really Learn the Bible

##### A. Have a Personal Quiet Time

1. A quiet time is a Christian's personal time of talking to God in prayer, and listening to God by reading His words from the Bible.
2. King David said: "*I will \_\_\_\_\_ in thy precepts*" (Psalm 119:15; 1:1-2). That means King David took time out of his busy schedule to read, and think, and ponder, learn and then obey whatever God had said to do.
3. To have a *Quiet Time* you need to:
  - a. **Make time** to read and study the Bible *every day*.
    - 1) When reading your Bible, take time to ponder what is being said. In Acts 17:10,11, the people in Berea did not simply believe what the Apostle Paul taught, but rather tested what he said by the word of God said! "*They \_\_\_\_\_ the word with all \_\_\_\_\_ of mind, and searched the Scriptures \_\_\_\_\_*"



- 2) Choose a convenient time - decide when is the best time, and have it. Don't *wait* for a convenient time because it probably will never come!
  - 3) Be consistent - form a habit of doing it *every day*. You are going to have to make it as important as \_\_\_\_\_ and sleeping is (**Job 23:12**).
- b. Begin with **prayer**, asking God to speak to you, and show you His will for you daily (**Psalm 119:18**).
  - c. **Read** your Bible - like you would any other book, reading at least one chapter each time. If you are going to read through the Bible in one year, you will need to read at least four chapters a day.
  - d. When you find something that has special meaning to you, **underline** those verses with your pencil, or light coloured markers, and then copy a few select ones to the small pocket-sized note cards to memorize them later.
  - e. **Write** out your thoughts and conclusions in a notebook so that you can begin to apply the Scripture to your life. Think about how the verses relate to your life. Always ask yourself **5** questions as you read:

- 1) Who is doing the talking? *Is it Jesus, or Moses, or John, etc.*
- 2) Who is he or she talking to? *The disciples, Jews, etc.*
- 3) What is the subject being talked about? *Look at the context!*
- 4) Does that subject relate to me, and what I am going through?
- 5) How can I learn from this event in Scripture?

- f. **Obey** what you read. "*Be ye \_\_\_\_\_ of the word and not \_\_\_\_\_ only*" (**James 1:22**). The goal of Bible study is wrapped up in finding what the Bible says about a subject, and then doing what it says to do!
- g. Be careful to **pay attention to CONTEXT** (**Isaiah 28:9,10**). The Bible is not a list of do's and don'ts that can just be extracted at random, but rather a revealing description of God and His will that must be read **in context** - a verse is understood only in light of the meaning of the surrounding verses. See for example what happens when you read **Matthew 27:5** with **Luke 10:37**! So, the wrong kind of Bible study can be deadly, because you start making the Bible say what YOU want it to say - and that is how cults are established!
- h. As you study your Bible, use a sharpened pencil, or nice pen to **record your thoughts** in the margin of your Bible, or in a good notebook for further study later on (see Deeper Study, next).
- i. Finish in **prayer**, thanking God for speaking to your heart in such a wonderful, and personal way!

## B. Public Bible Study in Church, and Study Groups

1. Pastors are to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (**2Tim 4:2**). That means, a man is supposed to get in front of people, and boldly declare the truth from the Bible about sin, righteousness, the coming judgment, and Jesus the Lamb of God who can save any and all who come to God by Him!
2. To those who are saved, preaching in church is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (**1Cor 1:18**), and is a wonderful time for the Disciple to learn and grow from what is taught by a pastor. Don't be ashamed of straight-talk-preaching, when it comes from the Bible! It is more important than all the worship of all religions put together because, it is God's way of saving sinners (**1Cor 1:17,18,21**)!



Evangelist Billy Sunday boldly preached to crowds of 20,000 people!

3. As Christians, we are to receive the word with \_\_\_\_\_ like a thirsty man receives water (**James 1:21**). Never become unteachable, or unreachable, because preaching prepares you to serve and disciple others later! It takes a humble heart to receive instruction.
  4. **Bible study groups** are great places to learn the Bible. Remember to make sure, when looking for a group, that it is under the authority of a local church (i.e., that it is sponsored by a Bible believing church and pastor). Not everything that calls itself a Bible Study really is one.
- C. So, in summary, every believer should have a quiet time and every Christian family should have a family Bible time, and every Christian is to be in church, learning the Bible through preaching and teaching.

**VI. Bible Study Tools** - Things that can help you learn more in your Study Time

A. **Bible Cross-References.** Most Bibles have some sort of Cross Referencing system either in the centre column, or embedded in each verse. Use these references to help you understand what other portions of Scripture say about the subjects in the verse you are reading. An example can be found in **Genesis 1:1-3**,

Creation of the World	CHAPTER 1
1 <sup>a</sup> In the <sup>a</sup> beginning <sup>b</sup> God created the heaven and the earth.	1 <sup>a</sup> [John 1:1-3] <sup>a</sup> Acts 17:24
2 And the earth was <sup>a</sup> without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. <sup>b</sup> And the Spirit of God <sup>1</sup> moved upon the face of the waters.	2 <sup>a</sup> Jer. 4:23 <sup>b</sup> Is. 40:13, 14 <sup>1</sup> was hovering over
3 <sup>a</sup> And God said, <sup>b</sup> Let there be light: and there was light.	3 <sup>a</sup> Ps. 33:6, 9 <sup>a</sup> 2 Cor 4:6 <sup>a</sup> [Heb. 11:3]
4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.	5 <sup>a</sup> Ps. 19:2; 33:6; 74:16; 104:20; 136:5
5 And God called the light Day, and the <sup>a</sup> darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.	6 <sup>a</sup> Jer. 10:12 <sup>1</sup> expanse 7 <sup>a</sup> Prov. 8:27- <sup>a</sup> 9:1, 2, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100

also described in **John 1:1-3**, and **Acts 17:24**, and **2Cor 4:6**, etc. If your Bible does not have a similar system, then consider buying one that does because it is so helpful and easily accessible when you are reading and studying the Bible.

B. **Study Bibles** - Beyond the cross-referencing system, there are many Bibles that have *Study Notes* along with the Scripture that are designed to give the student more in-depth information about each verse and subject. These Bibles are very good to have, and are more often than not, the only Bible helps you need. Be sure to only use the notes as opinions, and not as absolute. They are not always going to be right!

C. **Concordances** - A Bible concordance is an alphabetical index of the words used in the Bible, listing where they appear. Some Bibles come with a mini-concordance in their back pages. But when a Christian wants to know what the entire Bible says about a subject or word, you need a Complete Concordance. A good one is the *Dr. James Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, which lists every word, and every place that each word occurs in the Bible!

JESUS (je'-zus) See also BAR-JESUS; CHRIST; JESUS; JOSHUA; JUSTUS.	
Mt 1:1	book of the generation of J. Christ, .... 2424
Mt 1:16	of whom was born J., who is called..... 2424
Mt 1:18	birth of J. Christ was on this wise:..... 2424
Mt 1:21	son, and thou shalt call his name J.: ... 2424
Mt 1:25	son: and he called his name J. .... 2424
Mt 2:1	when J. was born in Bethlehem of..... 2424
Mt 3:13	cometh J. from Galilee to Jordan..... 2424
Mt 3:15	J. answering said unto him, <b>Suffer</b> ..... 2424
Mt 3:16	J., when he was baptized, went up..... 2424
Mt 4:1	was J. led up of the spirit into the..... 2424
Mt 4:7	J. said unto him, <b>It is written</b> ..... 2424
Mt 4:10	saith J. unto him, <b>Get thee hence</b> ,..... 2424
Mt 4:12	J. had heard that John was cast ..... 2424
Mt 4:17	From that time J. began to preach, .... 2424
Mt 4:18	J., walking by the sea of Galilee, ..... 2424
Mt 4:23	J. went about all Galilee, teaching ..... 2424
Mt 7:28	when J. had ended these sayings, ..... 2424
Mt 8:3	J. put forth his hand, and touched ..... 2424

D. **Bible Atlas** - This is a handy set of maps of the lands in the Middle East where all the events of Scripture took place. They help you understand distances and terrain that people would have had to deal with back then.

E. **Commentaries, Study Guides and Bible Dictionaries**

1. The last thing a Christian may want to obtain for their library of tools is a set of **Bible Commentaries** and **Study Guides**. Commentaries usually are large volumes of writings by authors on each and every verse in the Bible. They bring together archaeology, history, various languages and other helpful tools into the understanding of Scripture.
2. Be aware that commentaries can be very destructive to the faith of young Christians. Some authors do not believe the Bible is the word of God. They usually spend

more time **questioning** the Scriptures instead of *commenting* on them! So, look hard for ones that help you grow in grace, and not in criticism of God's word.

- F. *Study Guides* are outlines of notes on Scripture. These are not as extensive as commentaries, but often more practical.
- G. *Bible Dictionaries* are reference books that contain definitions of words and proper names as found in the Bible, helping the student better understand the meaning and context of verses.
- H. There is a load of computer based Bible software available that can search and sort through every word and phrase in the Bible, as well as provide you access to hundreds of thousands of pages of research materials and commentaries. You have NO EXCUSE for not studying the Bible today!

## VII. A Deeper Study

- A. As you read each page of your Bible, when you notice something confusing, or something important, take time after you have finished reading the current chapter, to go back and **study** the portion of Scripture that got your attention for more insights.
  1. There are things in your Bible that should stand out, and make you think, like:
    - a. **S**ins to avoid (Col 3:5,6,8,9; 2:8; 1Cor 6:9,10).
    - b. **P**romises to claim (Jer 33:3; Philp 4:13,19).
    - c. **E**xamples to follow (1Pet 2:21-23).
    - d. **C**ommands to obey (Matt 28:19,20; Eph 5:18; 4:31,32).
    - e. **SW** – Scriptures about the Spiritual Warfare we are in (Eph 6:12; 1Pet 5:8).
  2. Mark verses using multi-coloured pencils, or lightly-coloured pens, and marking them like: **Blue** for Promises; **Red** for Warnings; **Green** or **Yellow** for Important Information; **Orange** for Prophecy; and any two-colour combination for other special identification. This helps you find the verses later when you need them.
  3. Take time to notice every important word in a Scripture, and **ponder its meaning**. An example would be to write out the words in Matthew chapter 5, and try to learn what each means - NOT just what you *think* they mean!
  4. Use a Concordance to **look up those words** to see what else the Bible has to say on that subject. Remember, the Holy Spirit may be trying to get your attention about something. If your Bible has cross-references in the margins, look those up too. Be sure to write down what you found in your notebook.
  5. One other practical way is to **write a Scripture down in your notebook in your own words**. It will show you what parts of a verse you may not really understand.

## VIII. Concerning *Which Bible* - The Differences in the English Versions

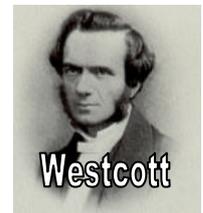
- A. Satan's primary attack has always been against the foundation of our faith, the Bible (Gen 3:1). His goal has always been to question and “\_\_\_\_\_” the Bible, so that its message gets changed (2Cor 2:17). What has happened is this: God wrote the Bible, and Satan seeks to "corrupt" its message by constantly redefining words, and ultimately, removing them, and even entire verses from what God said! A study of Satan's methods will only strengthen your faith in the Bible as the very word of God!
- B. **The Two Greek Manuscript Sets of the New Testament**
  1. The basis for all the different versions of the Bible are because of the existence of TWO sets of differing Greek "manuscripts": the Majority text, and the Westcott and Hort text.

2. The *Majority Text* is a group of about 5200 portions of Scripture in Greek that through the past 2,000 years has been accepted by Christians as authentic, and true. What follows is an example of what a passage in the Majority Text looks like, along with the English underneath. Note *verse 37* is present and marked. This is important because verse 37 **disappears** in the Westcott and Hort text!

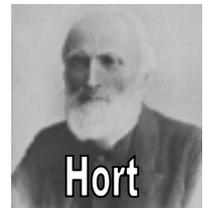
σοῦν. (36) ὡς δὲ ἐπορεύοντο κατὰ τὴν ὁδόν, ἦλθον ἐπὶ sus. And as they were going along the way, they came upon
τι ὕδωρ· καὶ φησὶν ὁ εὐνοῦχος, Ἴδου ὕδωρ· τί κωλύει a certain water, and says the eunuch, Behold water; what hinders
με βαπτισθῆναι; (37) Ἔειπεν δὲ ὁ Φίλιππος, Εἰ πιστεύεις ἐξ me to be baptized? And said Philip, If thou believest from
ᾧλης τῆς καρδίας, ἔξεστιν. Ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ εἶπεν, Πιστεύω whole the heart, it is lawful. And answering he said, I believe
τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ θεοῦ εἶναι τὸν Ἰησοῦν χριστόν." (38) Καὶ ἐκέλευ- the Son of God to be Jesus Christ. And he com-
σεν στήναι τὸ ἄρμα· καὶ κατέβησαν ἀμφότεροι εἰς manded to stand still the chariot. And they went down both to
τὸ ὕδωρ, ὁ τε Φίλιππος καὶ ὁ εὐνοῦχος· καὶ ἐβάπτισεν αὐτόν. the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him.

Majority Text of the Greek New Testament - Acts 8:36-38

3. The second primary Greek text is the *Westcott and Hort Text*. Brook Foss Westcott (1825-1903) and Fenton Hort (1828-1892) were two Anglican ministers who created *their own Greek text* from only **two** Greek manuscripts called the *Vaticanus* and *Sinaiticus*.
- Vaticanus showed up in a Vatican Library in 1481, and Sinaiticus was found in a the trash in a Monastery on Mt. Sinai in 1844.
  - These manuscripts were believed to be *older*, and *more accurate* (watch statements like that) than all the rest of the 5000 manuscripts of the Majority Text! Westcott and Hort rejected the authority of the Majority Text and chose rather to accept these *Roman Catholic* texts that now bears their name.
4. Notice the missing verse in the following *Westcott and Hort* text:



Westcott



Hort

What happened to verse 37?

(35) ἀνοίξας δὲ ὁ Φίλιππος τὸ στόμα And opening - Philip the mouth
αὐτοῦ καὶ ἀρχάμενος ἀπὸ τῆς γραφῆς ταύτης of him and beginning from this scripture
εὐηγγελίσατο αὐτῷ τὸν Ἰησοῦν. preached to him - Jesus.
(36) ὡς δὲ ἐπορεύοντο κατὰ τὴν ὁδόν, And as they were going along the way.
ἦλθον ἐπὶ τι ὕδωρ, καὶ φησὶν ὁ εὐνοῦχος· they came upon certain water, and says the eunuch:
Ἴδου ὕδωρ· τί κωλύει με βαπτισθῆναι; † Behold[,] water; what prevents me to be baptized?
(38) καὶ ἐκέλευσεν στήναι τὸ ἄρμα, καὶ And he commanded to stand the chariot, and
κατέβησαν ἀμφότεροι εἰς τὸ ὕδωρ, ὁ went down both into the water. -
τε Φίλιππος καὶ ὁ εὐνοῦχος, καὶ ἐβάπτισεν both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized

Westcott & Hort Greek Text of the New Testament - Acts 8:35-38

5. Did you notice what is *doctrinally* affected if you accept the Westcott and Hort over the Majority text? Satan will go to any length to confuse people by getting them to think **baptism** is the important thing, and not trusting in Christ alone (**2Peter 3:15,16; 2Cor 2:17; 4:2**)! The Westcott and Hort text attacks the Deity of Jesus Christ (that He is God), removes the importance of faith **before** baptism (as presented in **Acts 8:36-38**), waters down the clear teachings that are present only in the King James Bible.

6. The clear goal of Satan is to simply make a Bible contradict itself. If he can do that in the mind of a reader, then that reader will not trust it completely, and it makes God confusing, and ultimately a liar (1Cor 14:33)! One thing ought to be clear to the Bible believer, God is not the author of \_\_\_\_\_
7. The differences between these two sets of documents are so profound, that they cannot be ignored.

**C. The English Versions From the Two Manuscript Sets**

Comparing the English versions are very revealing. Notice how all the “new bibles” (left hand side) are from the Westcott and Hort text, and yet only the **King James Version** is from the Majority text. Therefore, the new versions are NOT revisions as they claim to be, but rather NEW bibles based upon completely different Greek texts than what historical Christianity accepted until 1881!

See all the “bibles” translated from the ‘2’ Westcott & Hort Greek Documents	Translated from the 5,200 Majority Greek Documents
Roman Catholic <i>Douay</i> version (1609) - Catholic Bible <i>The Revised Version (1881)</i> 1901 American Standard Version 1903 Ferrar Fenton, The Holy Bible <i>in Modern English</i> 1903 Weymouth, The New Testament <i>in Modern Speech</i> 1912 The Holy Bible An Improved Edition 1913 James Moffatt, A New Translation <i>in Modern Speech</i> 1924 The Centenary Translation of the New Testament 1926 A New Translation of the Bible Revised edition 1937 The New Testament <i>in the language of the people</i> 1946 Revised Standard Version New Testament 1948 New Testament <i>in modern English</i> 1951 Norlie, The New Testament <i>in Modern English</i> 1952 Revised Standard Version The Holy Bible 1952 Williams, A New Translation <i>in Plain English</i> 1958 J B Phillips, The New Testament <i>in Modern English</i> 1959 The Berkeley Version <i>in Modern English</i> 1961 The New English Bible New Testament 1962 The King James II Bible, 1971 1963 New American Standard New Testament 1965 The Amplified Bible 1966 Good News for Modern Man 1966 The Jerusalem Bible 1970 The New American Bible 1970 The New English Bible 1971 New American Standard Bible 1971 Kenneth N Taylor The Living Bible, Paraphrased 1972 The Bible in Living English 1972 Today's English New Testament 1973 New International Version 1976 Good News Bible: The Bible <i>in Today's English</i> Version 1976 The Holy Bible <i>in the Language of Today</i> 1978 New International Version 1985 The New Jerusalem Bible 1987 New Century Version 1989 The Revised English Bible with the Apocrypha 1990 New Revised Standard Version 1993 The Message: The Bible <i>in Contemporary English</i> 1994 21st Century King James Version 1994 The Inclusive New Testament - Political correctness bible 1995 An Understandable Version 1995 Contemporary English Version 1996 NIV Inclusive Language Edition 1996 Holy Bible, New Living Translation Etc, etc, etc!	<b>King James Version</b> (1611)
The “New” King James Version (1982) - A merge of both text sets	

- D. **Every major language has the two types of Bibles** - at least one from the Westcott and Hort texts, and the other from the Majority texts. In every language however, the Westcott and Hort versions are ALWAYS sold on the basis that they are supposedly EASIER to read, and not whether they are an honest translation from the correct texts. Is that always true????? Check out just a “few” of the supposed better words for our modern world...

BIBLE VERSE	NIV (Easier word?)	AV 1611
Isaiah 24:23	abashed	confounded
Ezekiel 40:18	abutted	over against
2 Chron 15:14	acclamation	voice
Isaiah 13:8	aghast	amazed
Ezek 40:13	alcove	little chamber
2 Chr 13:22	annotations	story
Num 31:50	armlets	chains
Acts 2:6	bewilderment	confounded
Ps 58:7	blunted	cut in pieces
Job 8:2	blustering	strong
Ex 35:22	brooches	bracelets
Dan 10:6	burnished	polished
Rev 4:3	carnelian	sardine
1 Ki 7:6	colonnade	porch
1 Ki 4:22	cors	measures
Ezek 13:22	disheartened	sad
Lk 20:23	duplicity	craftiness
Rom 2:20	embodiment	form
Mk 14:31	emphatically	vehemently
2 Chr 30:22	encouragingly	comfortably
Pro 23:10	encrouch	enter
2 Chr 17:14	enrollment	numbers
Ps 45:11	enthralled	greatly desire
Lk 9:34	enveloped	overshadowed
Jude 16	faultfinders	complainers
Ex 28:20	filigree	enclosings
Ps 89:47	fleeting	short
Acts 5:40	flogged	beaten
Is 59:13	fomenting	speaking

- E. The current trend among Bible publishers is to edit their bible translations, and bring them back closer to the King James Bible. This has resulted in “New” Versions being published, so they now include verses that they had first removed, making them not so different than the King James anymore - can you guess why they did this? Because the KJV sets the pace! The Bible believer however must not be deceived into thinking those ‘bibles’ are ok to read and study now – they may be getting closer to the word of God, but why trade what is perfect, for something that is in a constant state of evolution?!
- F. **Next are some Critical Scripture Changes to know about.** According to [Revelation 22:18,19](#), God warns us to never \_\_\_\_\_, or \_\_\_\_\_ away from His words, and yet look below! Notice the verses listed in the following table, and compare what *Westcott and Hort* versions say in the verse, and then what the *King James Bible* says. It will shock you! This is only a sampling of thousands!

## THE CORRUPTION LIST!

Matt 6:13	Last half of Christ's example prayer is removed
Matt 9:13	The need for sinners "to repent" is removed!
Matt 17:21	Prayer and fasting is evidently not necessary
Matt 18:11	The verse explains the very reason for Christ coming!
Matt 19:16,17	Jesus is not called "good", and so He is made to only talk <i>about</i> "good"
Matt 23:14	Somebody doesn't like attacks on money-hungry religious leaders
Matt 27:35	Last half of the verse is missing!
Mark 1:40,41	Was Jesus compassionate, or indignant?
Mark 7:16	Someone is attempting to remove Christ's plea to the sinner's free-will
Mark 9:24	The word "Lord" omitted (see also Luke 23:42)
Mark 9:44,46	See if your Bible has these verses, or questions their presence!
Mark 10:24	Someone doesn't like Jesus' remarks against trusting in riches!
Mark 11:26	Someone doesn't like God's warnings against our disobedience!
Mark 15:28	Someone doesn't like all the connections back to the O.T. prophecies
Mark 16:9-10	These verses are attacked, and declared untrustworthy
Luke 2:33	The word "father" is substituted for "Joseph" making him Jesus' father!
Luke 4:4	The words "every word of God" omitted
Luke 17:36	Just a small verse removed - yet it is necessary for the context!
Luke 23:17	This verse is clean gone as well
John 3:13	Jesus is not allowed to be in two places at the same time!
John 5:4	This missing verse explains why the people were gathered at the pool
John 7:53-8:11	This entire section is attacked, and rejected, and yet most important!
John 9:35	Jesus is no longer the Son of God!
Acts 1:3	The word "infallible" is watered down so as to not offend anyone!
Acts 4:27	Jesus is no longer God's <i>Son</i> , but rather <i>Servant</i> (no Deity)
Acts 8:37	Verse either missing or questioned, and yet critical to salvation!
Acts 15:34	Silas is missing!
Acts 24:7	Gone!
Acts 28:29	Also missing!
Rom 11:6	Last half of verse missing.
Rom 16:24	Paul's usual ending is deleted!
2Cor 2:17	The word of God no longer is being "corrupted"
Col 1:14	The 'blood' omitted - salvation no longer needs the blood of the Lamb!
1 Thes 5:22	We are to abstain from all <i>appearance</i> , not just <i>kinds</i> of evil
1Tim 3:16	'God' is changed to an unknown 'He' so that you can't tell He is God!
1Tim 6:5	Godliness is the means of gain? Paul is warning about just the opposite
1Tim 6:10	The love of money is not always bad anymore.
2Tim 2:15	We do not really have to STUDY our Bible anymore
James 5:16	All the new bibles now command us to confess our <i>sins</i> to each other!
1 John 4:19	They even took GOD away so that all we can do is "love"
1 John 5:7	Verse missing, with part of verse 8 made into verse 7!
Rev 22:18,19	Talk about changing verses! Notice how 'book' is changed to 'tree'

## G. Problems with the "New" King James Version (NKJV)

1. Changed Words = Changed Meanings (*You will need a copy of an NKJV for this*)
  - a. Is Jesus God's "Son" or God's "servant"? In Acts 3:26, the NKJV calls Jesus only God's "Servant." But the KJV correctly calls Him God's "Son." These are not the same. Which one is He? To the Muslim, Jesus is only God's servant. But the Bible says He is God's CHILD/Son. Changed words like this make a great deal of difference in how we understand a passage.

- b. Do we really need to change all the "thee's" and "thou's" to 'you' and 'you'?
- 1) Please decide what God is saying to Moses based on the NKJV:
    - a) "*And the LORD said to Moses, "How long do **you** refuse to keep My commandments and My laws?"* (Exodus 16:28, NKJV)
    - b) It looks like God is saying, "*Moses, **you** are continuing to refuse to keep My commandments and My laws.*" But look carefully at the accurate King James:
      - c) "*And the LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse **ye** to keep my commandments and my laws?"*
      - d) Now we understand! It was the people, not Moses, God was upset with
      - e) "**Ye**" and "**you**" mean more than one person. "**Thee**," "**thou**," "**thy**," "**thine**," "**doeth**," "**hast**," etc., only mean one person.
      - f) How do we know? The "y" is plural. The "t" is singular. It's that easy.
  - 2) Now you know what Jesus meant when He said to Nicodemus, "*Marvel not that I said unto **thee*** (Nicodemus, a single person), ***Ye*** (everyone, plural) *must be born again*" (John 3:7).
  - 3) What Jesus said was, "*Nicodemus, marvel not that I said unto thee, all of you need to be born again.*" This is very important. Not only Nicodemus needed to be saved. But everybody, including him, needed to be born again. That's why Jesus used the singular and the plural words!
2. Were many people "peddling" (selling) the word of God in Paul's day, or were they CORRUPTING it? (2Cor 2:17)
  3. Do people go to **hades** or **hell**? (Matt 16:18; Luke 16:23)
    - a. The NKJV claims to be "more accurate" because it leaves untranslated words like "**Gehenna**," "**Hades**" and "**Sheol**." What do they mean? You will know from the King James the exact meaning: "**hell**." We know what that means. Meaning is very important. When's the last time you heard someone told to "go to hades", or "see you in hades"?
    - b. The NKJV changes or removes the word HELL 22 times!!!
  4. Are people "Saved", or only "BEING Saved"? (1Corinthians 1:18; 2Cor 2:15)
  5. Are we supposed to "STUDY", or just "be diligent" so that you are not ashamed before God? (2Tim 2:15).
  6. What kind of a man holds onto riches and wealth? (Prov 11:16)
  7. Are we to set our "MIND" or our "HEARTS" on things above? (Col 3:2)
  8. See also Acts 4:27, 1Timothy 6:5; 1Cor 6:10; James 5:16 and compare with the 'old' King James Bible.

#### H. Missing Words in the NKJV:

1. The Name, "**JEHOVAH**" is gone!
  2. The word "REPENT" is taken out 44 times!
  3. "*Nevertheless I live*" is missing in Galatians 2:20!
- I. The Bible-believer settles once and for all whether we have the word of God, or not! ***If we do, then we live by it!*** If not, then God is a liar, and let's eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die, and who cares! But as we have seen, God does care - proven in the giving of the Son of God, and the very word of God!

**IX. The Superiority of the King James Bible of 1611 - The AV (Authorized Version).**

When the Bible believer examines the facts, the King James Bible of 1611 is found to be superior to any other English Bible because of the following four main reasons:

**A. The Source of the Translation.** The simple belief is that God **both** *inspired*, and then *preserved* His word without error (**Matthew 24:35; Psalm 12:6,7**).

1. The AV translators chose to use the available 5,200 agreeing Greek copies of the New Testament as the source of the King James Bible.
2. All other versions primarily use only **TWO** Greek copies of the New Testament to translate from - these two documents have over **35,000** differences between them and the AV copies, including deleted verses. That's a lot of differences.

**B. The Honesty and Accuracy of the Translation (2Cor 2:17; 2Pet 3:14-16)**

1. The AV translators took no *liberties* in translating the Bible the way they wanted. They did not attempt to paraphrase, or "interpret" hard passages. Most other Bibles attempt to "fix" problems with the meaning of the Greek and Hebrew by trying to figure God out. Thankfully the AV translators did not! If a passage of Scripture was hard to understand in Greek or Hebrew, then it was translated that way. If they needed to add a word to help the meaning, they put it in *italics* (words that are *slanted*) to show when they had to add specific words in English so that the reader could best understand the sense of the verse being translated.
2. By the way; the italicized words are just as much the word of God as the normal words (see and compare the words of **Deuteronomy 8:3** and **Mt 4:4**).
3. Notice the plain errors in the other versions – check these two out in other versions:
  - a. **2Sam 21:19** \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. **Heb 3:16** \_\_\_\_\_

**C. The Fruit of its Reading (Matthew 7:20)**

1. *Ease of Memorization* - The AV is much easier to memorize and retain because of the way it is written, and the way it impacts the heart.
2. *True Revivals* - No other Bible has brought about real revival (i.e., the closing of pubs and bars, the restoration of families, the fear of God instilled in entire communities) like the AV does! All other "bibles" water-down, and weaken the heart of the Christian from that of a strong soldier, to a lazy, lukewarm, and emotionally unstable compromiser.
3. *No confusion* - The AV is much clearer than the other versions, especially in areas of important doctrine. Look up the differences between the AV and another version in the following verses:
  - a. **1Cor 1:18** \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. **Acts 8:37** \_\_\_\_\_

**D. The Enemies of the Translation**

1. *The Roman Catholic Church* - The AV 1611 is considered to be "anti-Catholic" - which it is - and is usually not permitted to be read by Catholics.
2. *The Liberal branch of "Christianity"* - The AV 1611 is considered to be archaic, and a hindrance to today's modern "me" philosophy - *which it is!*
3. *The Lazy Christian* - The AV requires a person to *think* and *study* instead of having all their thinking done for them with paraphrases and easy to read 'bibles'!
4. *The Carnal Christian* - The AV makes worldly Christians uncomfortable because it does not compromise on God's clear hatred of sin and try and mix holiness with modern terminology!

## X. Concerning The Apocrypha

- A. The books called ‘Apocrypha’ (which mean *extra writings*) were later added to the Bible by Catholic “church councils,” and only show their ungodly desire to make the Bible into a complex, and contradicting book, instead of the perfect, and supernatural one that it always has been! Neither Jesus Christ, nor any New Testament author ever used, or even alluded to anything ever written in *any* of the Apocryphal books. This goes in the face of the fact that Christ and His apostles quote from every other Old Testament Book! The Apocrypha is made up of *1 & 2 Esdras, Tobit, Judith, Wisdom, Ecclesiasticus* (or *Sirach*), *Baruch*, and *1 & 2 Maccabees*.
- B. Here are some reasons the Apocrypha is rejected by Bible believers:
1. They are not included in the original Hebrew Old Testament preserved by the Jews. **Romans 3:1-2** states that God used the Jews to pen, and also to preserve His Word; therefore, we trust that He guided them in the rejection of the Apocryphal books from the canon of Scripture.
  2. They contain teachings contrary to the rest of the Bible, like:
    - a. **Praying for the dead**. The apocryphal book 2<sup>nd</sup> Maccabees teaches people to pray to the dead and make offerings to atone for the sins of the dead "*He also took up a collection... and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for a sin offering.... Therefore he made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin.*" (2 Maccabees 12:43-46).
    - b. **Mediators in heaven**. 2<sup>nd</sup> Maccabees also contains the heresy that dead saints intercede in heaven for those on earth (2 Maccabees 15:11-14). They do NOT.
    - c. **The Use of Magic**. A supposed good angel teaches the use of magic in Tobit! "*Then the angel said to him, 'Cut open the fish and take the heart and liver and gall and put them away safely.'* ... *Then the young man said to the angel, 'Brother Azarias, of what use is the liver and heart and gall of the fish?' He replied, 'As for the heart and the liver, if a demon or evil spirit gives trouble to any one, you make a smoke from these before the man or woman, and that person will never be troubled again. And as for the gall, anoint with it a man who has white films in his eyes, and he will be cured'"* (Tobit 6:4,6-8). The Bible clearly condemns magical practices such as this (consider **Deut 18:10-12; Lev 19:26,31; Jer 27:9**).
    - d. **Salvation through works** is taught in the book of Tobit. "*For almsgiving delivers from death, and it will purge away every sin*" (Tobit 12:9). "*So now, my children, consider what almsgiving accomplishes and how righteousness delivers*" (Tobit 14:11). **Leviticus 17:11** clearly says "*it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.*"
  3. None of these match any of the rest of the Bible, and were only added to confuse the reader and force them to look to the “church” for the truth!

## XI.A Survey of What is In the Bible...

The following section lists the basic information that you need to understand as you read and study God's word. It is intended to help you understand just what is the underlying "structure" of God's ways of doing things. It won't explain "everything," but will lay-out the framework of people and truths in the Bible.

- A. **The Main Events of the Bible** - what follows are the important events in history and prophecy as recorded in the Bible! Take careful note!

1. **The Creation.** The Bible teaches in [Genesis 1](#), and throughout the Scriptures that God "created" everything there is in six literal days, about 6,000 years ago, and that everything is currently wearing out, and not improving.
2. **The Fall.** God created two people, and placed them in a perfect garden called Eden. Satan in [Genesis 3](#) entered the garden with one purpose – lure Adam and Eve into disobeying God, and become cursed by God. Disobey they did, but God provided two lambs to take the place of Adam and Eve in death. From then on, God's promise was for a future Messiah to come who would one day "take away the sins of the world."
3. **The Flood.** About 4,600 years ago, a world-wide flood occurred that wiped-out all land-dwelling creatures, including mankind ([Genesis 6-8](#)). Everyone died except for Noah, and his family, who were saved because they obeyed God, and built an ark which contained two of every kind of land animal. It was the flood that fashioned the continents into their current shapes, and lifted the mountains to their current heights.
4. **The Calling out of Abraham.** Abraham is a cornerstone of the Old Testament. He lived in an ungodly city called Ur, but decided to obey God's word and leave Ur to follow God's will for his life. When God promised Abraham that He would give him as many children as the number of the stars, Abraham didn't doubt, but simply believed God, and became the father of the race of people called the Jews, who because of Abraham, are the people of God ([Genesis 12-25](#)).
5. **The Bondage in Egypt.** The descendants of Abraham were called Jews. These Jews went to dwell in Egypt, but were enslaved by the Egyptians for over 400 years ([Genesis 30](#) through [Exodus 3](#)).
6. **The Passover.** Just before Israel was set free from slavery in Egypt, God commanded that every believer get themselves a lamb, and to kill that lamb in their place. They were to then take the blood of that lamb, and place it visibly upon the outside doorposts of each home, and God promised to "*pass over*" them in His judgment ([Exodus 12](#))!
7. **The Promised Land.** Abraham had been promised a piece of land known as Canaan. It was over 400 years later when Joshua led the nation of Israel into Canaan and conquered all its inhabitants ([The Book of Joshua](#)). It is where Israel now dwells, and always will be Israel's.
8. **The Kingdom Age.** Israel became a kingdom under three great kings named Saul, David, and Solomon. Many other kings followed them ([1 Samuel – 2 Chronicles](#)).
9. **The Captivity.** After about 400 years in the Promised Land, the people of Israel lost interest in following the God of the Bible, and became totally idolatrous. God gave them over to their enemies, who came into their cities, and took all the healthiest, and strongest, and most beautiful away to distant lands as slaves again. Israel had gone full circle, and would have to wait for 70 years before they could begin to rebuild their lives back under God ([Jeremiah](#) and [Lamentations](#)).
10. **The Exile, and the Return from Exile.** The Book of [Esther](#) is a description of how God protected the Jewish people during captivity, and the Books of [Ezra](#) and [Nehemiah](#) describe the return of the people from Babylon back to their homeland.
11. **The Old Testament.** This set of 39 Books in the Bible contains the history of the world from Creation, up to about 400 years before the birth of Jesus. It was written in Hebrew, and pointed toward Christ.
12. **The Birth, and Life of Christ - His First Coming.** God became flesh and dwelt among us on earth 2,000 years ago. He lived a sinless life for 33 years, and then died as our substitute for sins on the cross to pay off our sin-debt to God. Everyone

of His day wanted Jesus to rule as King, but His first coming was not to rule, but to save (**Matthew – John**)!

13. **The New Testament.** This set of 27 Books in the Bible records the life of Christ, and presents the truths and freedoms that can transform any sinner into a true saint.
14. **The Rapture.** A catching away (**1Thes 4:16,17**) of the Christians from the earth just before the beginning of the time called the Tribulation. It occurs so fast that people won't know what happened!
15. **The Tribulation.** Seven years of disasters and troubles that will rock the very foundations of this planet (**Revelation 6-19**). It will result in 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the population of the earth dying.
16. **The Second Coming of Christ.** Christ Jesus, and all Christians are coming back again! Jesus promised that He will defeat Satan, and will establish a true kingdom of heaven on earth (**Revelation 19**). We don't know when it will happen, but look for it everyday expectantly!
17. **The Millennium.** This is the 1,000 year reign of Jesus Christ on this earth, who will return the earth back to what it was like in the Garden of Eden (**Revelation chapters 20,21**).
18. **The New Heaven and New Earth.** Once the Millennium is over, God will destroy this entire universe by fire, and start over with a perfect universe, and earth, with no more sin, or Satan around (**Rev 21 & 22**).

#### **B. The Main People of the Bible**

1. **Adam and Eve** (**Gen chapters 2,3**). These were the first humans on earth, and from them are all humans, and because of their disobedience to God, we have death, and sin, and separation from God.
2. **Cain and Able** (**Gen 4**). Here were two brothers, sons of Adam and Eve. Abel worshipped God with the sacrifice of lambs, and Cain with his own good efforts. When God only appreciated Abel's lamb, Cain ended up killing his brother out of envy, and became the first murderer!
3. **Noah** (**Gen 6-9**). Noah was the only man who followed and obeyed God in his day - the rest of the world was caught up in wickedness and violence. He was commanded to build a huge ark that would carry both himself, his family, and two of each kind of animal through the coming world-wide flood.
4. **Nimrod** (**Gen 10**). Nimrod began again false worship, and open rebellion to God's word. He built Babylon, and attracted all the world to worship his false gods, which are the basis for ALL the world's religions still (including Catholicism), except for Biblical Christianity!
5. **Abraham** (**Gen 12-25**). The father of the race of people called Israel, or the Jews. It was his faith in God that moved God to choose to use him to bring the promised Messiah into the world. It was his people that God would use to pen the Scriptures, and keep them from error.
6. **Isaac** (**Gen 21-35**). The miraculous born son of Abraham. This boy was the promised son of Abraham, and was born when Abraham was 100 years old, and his wife Sarah was 90!
7. **Jacob** (**Gen 25-49**). He is one of Isaac's sons. He is a trouble-maker, but gets converted, whose name gets changed to *Israel* by God because he finally surrenders to the Lord.
8. **The Children of Israel.** These are the descendants of Jacob/Israel, and are the people of God.
9. **Joseph** (**Gen 30-50**). Joseph was Jacob's favourite son, and ended up being hated most by his other brothers, and sold into slavery in Egypt. While in Egypt, he was

tested by temptations, and and trials, yet he remained faithful to God. Even while in prison, he honoured God and served others. And God brought him out top stand one day before Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, and foretold about the coming wealth, followed by a terrible famine that was to happen throughout the world. Pharaoh made Joseph second in command of all the empire, and became known as saviour of the world! Joseph is the greatest example of whate Jesus was going to be when he came to this world!

10. **Moses the Lawgiver.** God protects Moses from birth, when he is taken in by Pharaoh's daughter, and made into the adopted son of the king of Egypt. Moses later discovers that he is a Jew, and renounces his position so that he can be with his people which at the time were slaves. Moses ultimately leads Israel out of Egypt, and to the land promised them called Canaan, which is modern Palestine, where Israel is today. God uses Moses to pen the first five Books of the Bible, which are referred to as "the Law" of Moses ([Lk 24:44](#)).
11. **Joshua.** He leads Israel into their Promised Land, and defeats all the kingdoms of the land, allowing Israel to possess it in peace (see [the Book of Joshua](#)).
12. **The Judges.** These are leaders whom God uses to bring Israel back to God each generation after Moses and Joshua because they would spiritually drift away. They were before the time of kings in Israel (see [the Book of the Judges](#)).
13. **The Kings.** God set Israel up as a kingdom with Saul as its first king. After him was king David, followed by Solomon. After them, the kingdom splits in two, and each kingdom lasts for no more than 400 years before being taken captive by other countries.
14. **Job.** One of the most important books in the entire Bible, is that of **Job**, which deals with the reason for suffering, and tragedy, and shows God's hand in everything we go through.
15. **Daniel the prophet.** There were many prophets used by God to write much of the Bible, but Daniel stands out among them. He is used to write about the coming Messiah (Jesus), and the end times.
16. **Jesus the Saviour.** Jesus is the whole theme of the Bible - from the first lambs slain in the Garden of Eden, God has been pointing sinners to the only substitute acceptable - that of an innocent Lamb. God became flesh, gave His life freely on the cross, and was buried, but then after three days, rose again, and ascended to heaven victorious over both sin and death! That makes Him our only way to heaven, by faith!
17. **Satan, the devil.** Satan's name used to be *Lucifer*, an arch-angel, who turned away from God seeking to de-throne the Lord. He was kicked out of heaven, but still works destruction in God's creation. He only seeks to destroy what God has created, and set himself up **as** God. He is doomed to burn forever with his followers in the lake of fire ([Rev 20:10](#))!
18. **Devils.** Devils are what we call "demons" and were created by Satan to help him work against all that God does in the world.
19. **Angels.** Angels are spiritual beings that minister for God here on earth. They only do what God wants done, not what we want done.

### C. The Main Themes of the Bible

1. **The Depravity of Mankind.** At the start of the Bible, God shows that mankind, even in the most perfect of environments, will choose to go their own sinful way instead of God's way ([Isaiah 53:6](#)). God however, will not give-up on the work of redeeming us from sin's power and price. All humans, at their best, are still sinful, and unable to enter heaven, no matter how hard they try ([Psalm 39:5](#); [Isaiah 40:17](#)).

They MUST be "born-again" where their sins are completely forgiven, and their names are written in heaven, all by faith in Jesus Christ!

2. **The Intervention of God in Human Affairs.** In order to keep mankind from self-destruction, and total loss, God has had to intervene sometimes with disasters (like the world-wide flood of Noah's day, etc.), and with the coming of Jesus Christ. God is in no way ignoring our condition here on earth, but intervenes at the right times, in the right ways ([Gal 4:4,5](#); [Heb 1:1,2](#)). As a matter-of-fact, He intervenes in everyone's life *daily!*
3. **The Salvation of Sinners.** The primary reason for God's intervention is to restore what sin has ruined, and He does that one heart at a time in the lives of sinners who repent, and follow His Son, Jesus Christ ([Lk 19:10](#)). This theme is played-out over and over throughout the lives of all people throughout Scripture.
4. **The Coming Physical World-wide Kingdom of Christ.** The constant struggle with sin on this earth will NOT go on forever, but will climax with the return of Jesus Christ the second time. He thankfully comes again to destroy the works of the devil, and to rule as King of kings, and Lord of lords. No one knows when He is coming again, but we know He says it is imminent (soon)!

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