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Abortion

Exodus 21:22-23 KJV If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart *from her*, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges *determine*. (23) And if *any* mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life,

Exodus 21:22-23 NLT “Now suppose two men are fighting, and in the process they accidentally strike a pregnant woman so she gives birth prematurely. If no further injury results, the man who struck the woman must pay the amount of compensation the woman’s husband demands and the judges approve. (23) But if there is further injury, the punishment must match the injury: a life for a life,

Antichrist

(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. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."

(John 5:43) I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.

(1 John 2:18) 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.

(1 John 2:22) Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

(1 John 4:3) and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

(2 John 1:7) 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.

The First Beast

Revelation 13:1-10

- (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 marveled 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.
- (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.

The Second Beast

Revelation 13:11-18

- (11) Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.
- (12) 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.
- (13) He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.
- (14) 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.
- (15) He was granted *power* to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast

should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

(16) He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads,

(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.

Apostasy

Also see verses in doctrine category.

Apostasy teaching and believing false doctrine(s)

1 Timothy 4:1-4

(1) Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

(2) speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

(3) forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

(4) For every creature of God *is* good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving;

1 Timothy 6:3-4

(3) If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness,

(4) he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions,

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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

(17) that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Atonement

PROPITIATION, n. propisia'shon.

1. The act of appeasing wrath and conciliating the favor of an offended person; the act of making propitious.

2. In theology, the atonement or atoning sacrifice offered to God to assuage his wrath and render him propitious to sinners. Christ is the propitiation for the sins of men. Rom 3. 1 John 2.

1 John 2:2 NKJV And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

1 John 2:2 AMP+ And He [*that same Jesus*] is the propitiation for our sins [*the atoning sacrifice that holds back the wrath of God that would otherwise be directed at us because of our sinful nature--our worldliness, our lifestyle*]; and not for ours alone, but also for [*the sins of all believers throughout*] the whole world.

1 Peter 3:18 NKJV For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

Backsliding

Backsliding by a Christian is the active resisting God, when a Christian resists God he knows what Gods will is, yet he follows his or her wants or desires

Deuteronomy 28:1 NKJV

(1) "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.

Joel 2:13 KJV And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he *is* gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

2 Corinthians 13:5 NKJV Examine yourselves *as to* whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.

2 Corinthians 13:5 AMP+ Test *and* evaluate yourselves *to see* whether you are in the faith *and* living your lives as [*committed*] believers. Examine yourselves [*not me*]! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves [*by an ongoing experience*] that Jesus Christ is in you--unless

indeed you fail the test *and* are rejected as counterfeit?

Baptism

Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV

(18) And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

(19) 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,

(20) teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even to the end of the age.*" Amen.

Acts 8:37-38 NKJV Acts 8:26-39

(37) Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

(38) So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.

1 Peter 3:21-22 NKJV

(21) There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism¹ (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

(22) who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

¹ See McGee, John McArthur, and Wuest's word study.

Character

Psalms 1:1-6 NKJV

- (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.

All of Proverbs Chapter 2

Christ

See Jesus also

Isaiah 9:6-7

- (6) For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- (7) Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

John 8:58-59

- (58) Jesus said to them, "**Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM.**"
- (59) Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

(John 17:5 NKJV) **And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.**

(John 18:37 NKJV) 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."

First Advent

In order to be the Messiah the promised one of God, certain prophecies had to be fulfilled such as a birthplace.

Micah 5:2 NKJV "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."

*The conclusion is the Messiah had to be born in **Bethlehem Ephrathah**, anybody born any place else would be excluded and could not be the Messiah period*

Psalms 22:1 NKJV **To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Deer of the Dawn." a Psalm of David.** My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? *Why are You so* far from helping Me, *And from* the words of My groaning?

Psalms 22:7 NKJV All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying*,

Psalms 22:16 NKJV For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet;

Psalms 22:18 NKJV They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.

Isaiah 53:1-12 NKJV

- (1) Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- (2) For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, *There is* no beauty that we should desire Him.
- (3) 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.
- (4) Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.
- (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.

(7) 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.

(8) 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.

(9) 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.

(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 labor of His soul, *and* be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities.

(12) 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.

Zechariah 12:10 NKJV "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; **then they will look on Me whom they pierced.** Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for *his* only *son*, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

Isaiah 61:1-2 NKJV "The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to *those who are* bound; (2) To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,

Return Of Jesus

The promise of His return

Revelation 1:7-8 NKJV

(7) Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

(8) "I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End,*" says the Lord, "who is and

who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

(Matthew 24:30 NKJV) 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.

(Luke 21:27 NKJV) Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Acts 1:9-11 NKJV

(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."

Just before His Return

Jesus and the angels in heaven prepare for His return at the end of the tribulation

Revelation 19:11-20 NKJV

(11) 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.

(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.

(13) He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God².

(14) And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

(15) 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.

² it is unique to Saint John the writer of the Book of Revelation, John, 1st John, 2nd John, 3rd John to refer to Jesus this is as the Word or the Word of God.

(16) And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

(17) Then I saw an angel standing in the sun; what happened 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.

(Ezekiel 43:2 NKJV) And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. His voice *was* like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with His glory.

(2 Thessalonians 1:8 NKJV) in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-4 NKJV

(1) Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you,

(2) not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come.

(3) 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,

(4) 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.

2 Peter 3:3-5 NKJV

(3) knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,

(4) and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation."

(5) For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,

At His Return

It will be unexpected by an unbelieving world.

(2 Peter 3:10 NKJV) But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, 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.

It will be so obvious, no one will not know what is taking place.

Revelation 1:7-8 NKJV

(7) Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

(8) "I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End*," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

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In Luke 4:18 Jesus proclaimed that He fulfilled this passage out of Isaiah except for the underlined

Isaiah 61:1-2 NKJV

(1) "The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to *those who are* bound;

(2) To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,

Zechariah 14:2-4 NKJV

(2) For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The

houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

(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.

Church

Matthew 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

(Acts 2:47) praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

(Acts 14:23) So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

(Romans 11:25) For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

(Galatians 3:28) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus

Hebrews 10:24-25

(24) And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,

(25) 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.

Comfort

Psalms 1:1-3 NKJV 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.

Psalms 119:114 NKJV You *are* my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word.

Matthew 6:25 "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"

Creation

Genesis 1:1 NKJV In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1 AMP In the beginning God (Elohim) created [*by forming from nothing*] the heavens and the earth. [read [Heb_11:3](#)]

Genesis 1:27 NKJV So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

John 1:1-3 KJV In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) The same was in the beginning with God. (3) All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.

(John 1:1 AMP) In the beginning [*before all time*] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself. [[Gen_1:1](#); [Isa_9:6](#)]

(John 1:2 AMP) He was [*continually existing*] in the beginning [*co-eternally*] with God.

(John 1:3 AMP) All things were made *and* came into existence through Him; and without Him not even one thing was made that has come into being.

Colossians 1:15-17 NKJV He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. (16) For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created

through Him and for Him. (17) And He is before all things, and in Him all things **consist**³.

Colossians 1:15-17 AMP He is the exact living image [*the essential manifestation*] of the unseen God [*the visible representation of the invisible*], the firstborn [*the preeminent one, the sovereign, and the originator*] of all creation. (16) For by Him all things were created in heaven and on earth, [*things*] visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities; all things were created *and* exist through Him [*that is, by His activity*] and for Him. (17) And He Himself existed *and* is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. [*His is the controlling, cohesive force of the universe.*] [[Pro 8:22-31](#)]

Colossians 1:15-17 NLT Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, (16) for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. (17) He existed before anything else, and he⁴ holds all creation together.

(Hebrews 11:3 NKJV) 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.

³ **Thayer Definition:**

1) to place together, to set in the same place, to bring or band together

1a) to stand with (or near)

2) to set one with another

2a) by way of presenting or introducing him

2b) to comprehend

3) to put together by way of composition or combination, to teach by combining and comparing

3a) to show, prove, establish, exhibit

4) to put together, unite parts into one whole

4a) to be composed of, consist

⁴ nouns or pronouns when we're referring to deity should be capitalized, he should have been He

(Hebrews 11:3 AMP) By faith [*that is, with an inherent trust and enduring confidence in the power, wisdom and goodness of God*] we understand that the worlds (universe, ages) were framed and created [*formed, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose*] by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

(Revelation 4:11 NKJV) "You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist and were created."

(Revelation 4:11 AMP) "Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they exist, and were created and brought into being." [Psa_19:1]

Crown of

The crown of rejoicing, is given to those who eagerly await the return of Jesus

(1 Thessalonians 2:19) For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Is it* not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

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that Day. See note on 2Ti 1:12.

His appearing. See notes on verse 2Ti 4:1; 1Ti 6:14.

The crown of righteousness

([2 Timothy 4:8 NKJV](#)) Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

2 Timothy 4:8

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The crown of rejoicing

([James 1:12](#)) Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

crown of life. This is best translated "the crown which is life." A crown was the wreath put on the victor's head after ancient Greek athletic events. Here, it denotes the believer's ultimate reward, eternal life, which God has promised to him and will grant in full at death or at Christ's coming (see notes on [2Ti 4:8](#); [Rev 2:10](#); cf. [1Pe 5:4](#)).

The crown of glory is given to pastors

(1 Peter 5:4) and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

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The Crown of Glory is given to those martyred

(Revelation 2:10) Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

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Death

In general, we all die

Job 14:1 NKJV "Man *who is* born of woman Is of few days and full of trouble.

Job 14:5 NKJV Since his days *are* determined, The number of his months *is* with You; You have appointed his limits, so that he cannot pass.

Job 14:5 NLT You have decided the length of our lives. You know how many months we will live, and we are not given a minute longer.

Job 14:14-17 NKJV If a man dies, shall he live *again*? All the days of my hard service I will wait, Till my change comes. (15) You shall call, and I will answer You; You shall desire the

work of Your hands. (16) For now You number my steps, But do not watch over my sin. (17) My transgression *is* sealed up in a bag, And You cover my iniquity.

Job 14:14-17 AMP+ "If a man dies, will he live again? I will wait all the days of my struggle Until my change *and* release will come. [[Jhn 5:25](#); [Jhn 6:40](#); [1Th 4:16](#)] (15) "[Then] You will call, and I will answer You; You will long for [*me*] the work of Your hands. (16) "But now You number [*each of*] my steps; You do not observe *nor* take note of my sin. (17) "My transgression is sealed up in a bag, And You cover my wickedness [*from Your view*].

Dispensation

Wikipedia

In theology, one meaning of the term dispensation is as a distinctive arrangement or period in history that forms the framework through which God relates to mankind.

Dispensation is a Bible word and when you're studying the Bible you need to study what a dispensation is and isn't.

My view of what a dispensation is varies from the traditional view of dispensationalism. In that traditionally it dispensationalist would have time periods usually like 7 equal time periods but thousand years. However i look at it in this way that the dispensation is the dispense like being dispensed such as a soap dispenser something is dispensed and each dispense in may be different and unequal to the last one.

Ephesians 1:10 NKJV

(10) that in the **dispensation** of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.

Here is the verse that shows dispensation where nobody would think to look for. But it can easily be found here in the word granted, think of a land grant, in the land grant there's an administrator. Here God is the administrator as he includes gentiles into repentance or that is to say salvation. It is God intervening in the affairs of mankind.

Acts 11:18 NKJV

(18) When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, "Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life."

Another example would be in the book of Daniel

Daniel 2:21 NKJV

(21) And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding.

Isaiah 61:1-2 NKJV

(1) "The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to *those who are* bound;

(2) To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,

finally, when thinking of dispensation think of something being dispensed and the dispenser who is the dispenser in biblical affairs it's none other than God. I have concluded that the doctrine of the Sovereignty of God and dispensationalism are not divisible. However, I've concluded that dispensationalism is a sub-category of the Sovereignty of God.

In Daniel 2:21 we saw that God not only changes the times and seasons, but He also decides who rules and when they rule. And we know from history that all rulers haven't been good. Well, how can that be you say, one of people is wicked God gives him a wicked ruler. In Acts 17:26 we can see that God also determines where people live and when they lived there and what the boundaries were there borders are.

Acts 17:26 NKJV

(26) And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,

Ephesians 3:2 NKJV

(2) if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you,

Doctrine

1 Corinthians 14:33 KJV For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all

churches of the saints.

(Acts 2:42 NKJV) And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

(Acts 2:42 AMP) They were continually *and* faithfully devoting themselves to the instruction of the apostles, and to fellowship, to eating meals together and to prayers.

Acts 17:11-12 KJV These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and **searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.** (12) Therefore many of them believed; also of honorable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.

Acts 17:11-12 AMP+ Now these people were more noble *and* open-minded than those in Thessalonica, so they received the message [*of salvation through faith in the Christ*] with great eagerness, **examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.** (12) As a result many of them became believers, together with a number of prominent Greek women and men.

(Romans 16:17 NKJV) Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them.

(Romans 16:17 AMP) I urge you, brothers and sisters, to keep your eyes on those who cause dissensions and create obstacles *or* introduce temptations [*for others*] to commit sin, [*acting in ways*] contrary to the doctrine which you have learned. Turn away from them.

(1 Corinthians 3:11 NKJV) For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 1:3-4 NKJV

(3) As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine,

(4) nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith.

(2 Timothy 2:15 NKJV) 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 AMP) Study *and* do your best to present yourself to God approved, a workman [*tested by trial*] who has no reason to be ashamed, accurately handling *and* skillfully teaching the

word of truth.

(2 Timothy 3:16 NKJV) 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 AMP) All Scripture is God-breathed [*given by divine inspiration*] and is profitable for instruction, for conviction [*of sin*], for correction [*of error and restoration to obedience*], for training in righteousness [*learning to live in conformity to God's will, both publicly and privately--behaving honorably with personal integrity and moral courage*];

Titus 1:16-2:2 KJV They profess that they know God; but in works they deny *him*, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate. (2:1) But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: (2) That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

Titus 1:16-2:2 NLT Such people claim they know God, but they deny him by the way they live. They are detestable and disobedient, worthless for doing anything good. (2:1) As for you, Titus, promote the kind of living that reflects wholesome teaching. (2) Teach the older men to exercise self-control, to be worthy of respect, and to live wisely. They must have sound faith and be filled with love and patience.

2 John 1:9-11 NKJV

(9) Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.

(10) If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;

(11) for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.

2 John 1:9-11 NLT Anyone who wanders away from this teaching has no relationship with God. But anyone who remains in the teaching of Christ has a relationship with both the Father and the Son. (10) If anyone comes to your meeting and **does not teach the truth about Christ, don't invite that person into your home** or give any kind of encouragement. (11) Anyone who encourages such people becomes a partner in their evil work.

Election

(John 5:21 NKJV) For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to *them*, even so the Son gives life to whom He will.

(Romans 9:11 NKJV) (for *the children* not yet being 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),

(Galatians 1:15 NKJV) But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called *me* through His grace,

(1 Thessalonians 1:4 NKJV) knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God.

(Titus 1:1 NKJV) Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness,

(Titus 2:11 NKJV) For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

(1 Peter 1:10 NKJV) Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace *that would come* to you,

Faith

Faith in Jesus

Jeremiah 33:3 NKJV 'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

Matthew 9:2 KJV And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; **Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.**

Matthew 9:2 NLT Some people brought to him a paralyzed man on a mat. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, **“Be encouraged, my child! Your sins are forgiven.”**

Matthew 16:13-17 NKJV

(13) When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

(14) So they said, "Some *say* John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

(15) He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

(16) Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

(17) Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 16:13-17 AMP+ Now when Jesus went into the ^{N1}region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" [[Mrk 8:27-29](#); [Luk 9:18-20](#)] (14) And they answered, "Some say John the Baptist; others, Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah, or [*just*] one of the prophets." (15) He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" (16) Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed), the Son of the living God." (17) Then Jesus answered him, "Blessed [*happy, spiritually secure, favored by God*] are you, Simon son of Jonah, because flesh and blood (mortal man) did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

John 6:67-69 NKJV Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" (68) But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. (69) Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

John 6:67-68 NLT Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, "Are you also going to leave?" (68) Simon Peter replied, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life.

Romans 1:17 NKJV

(17) For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

Romans 5:1 NKJV Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Romans 5:1 AMP+ Therefore, since we have been justified [*that is, acquitted of sin, declared blameless before God*] by faith, [*let us grasp the fact that*] we have peace with God [*and the joy of reconciliation with Him*] through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed).

Romans 9:32 KJV Wherefore? Because *they sought it* not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone;

2 Corinthians 13:5 NKJV Examine yourselves *as to* whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.

2 Corinthians 13:5 AMP+ Test *and* evaluate yourselves *to see* whether you are in the faith *and* living your lives as [*committed*] believers. Examine yourselves [*not me*]! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves [*by an ongoing experience*] that Jesus Christ is in you--unless indeed you fail the test *and* are rejected as counterfeit?

Ephesians 2:8 NKJV For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,

Ephesians 2:8 AMP+ For it is by grace [*God's remarkable compassion and favor drawing you to Christ*] that you have been saved [*actually delivered from judgment and given eternal life*] through faith. And this [*salvation*] is not of yourselves [*not through your own effort*], but it is the [*undeserved, gracious*] gift of God;

Hebrews 11:1 NKJV

(1) Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

False Teachers

See the section on doctrine.

A false teacher is one who manipulates the scriptures in order to support their position. Cult leaders are a good example, also controlling spouses, political leaders, or maybe someone attempting to talk you out of some of your money.

Key verse is 2Pe 2:1 NKJV But there were also false prophets among the people, even **as there will be false teachers among you**, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction.

Matthew 7:21-23 NKJV

(21) "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

(22) Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?'

(23) And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Matthew 24:5 NKJV For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.

John 8:44 NKJV You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Acts 20:29-31 NKJV For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. (30) Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. (31) Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

Acts 20:29-31 AMP+ I know that after I am gone, [*false teachers like*] ferocious wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; (30) even from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse *and* distorted things, to draw away the disciples after themselves [*as their followers*]. (31) Therefore be *continually* alert, remembering that for three years, night or day, I did not stop admonishing *and* advising each one [*of you*] with tears.

Galatians 1:6-8 NKJV I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, (7) which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. (8) But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

Colossians 2:18 NKJV Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in *false* humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

Colossians 2:18 AMP+ Let no one defraud you of your prize [*your freedom in Christ and your salvation*] by insisting on mock humility and the worship of angels, going into detail about *visions* [*he claims*] he has seen [*to justify his authority*], puffed up [*in conceit*] by his unspiritual mind,

1 Timothy 1:10 NKJV for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine,

1 Timothy 1:10 AMP+ for sexually immoral persons, for homosexuals, for kidnappers *and* slave traders, for liars, for perjurers--and for whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine,

2 Timothy 4:3 NKJV For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves

teachers;

Titus 1:7 NKJV For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money,

2 John 1:7-9 NKJV 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. (8) Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but *that* we may receive a full reward. (9) Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.

Forgiveness

Isaiah 53:6 NKJV 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.

John 8:10-11 NKJV

(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? Has no one condemned you?"

(11) She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

Free Will

(Genesis 3:6 NKJV) So when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make *one* wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

(Luke 12:8 NKJV) "Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God.

(John 3:16 NKJV) 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.

(Acts 2:21 NKJV) AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS THAT WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED.'

(Romans 8:30 NKJV) Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

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

(Matthew 28:19 NKJV) 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,

John 6:43-46 NKJV

(43) Jesus therefore answered and said to them, "Do not murmur among yourselves.

(44) No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

(45) It is written in the prophets, 'AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT BY GOD.' Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.

(46) Not that anyone has seen the Father, except He who is from God; He has seen the Father.

Giving

(Proverbs 3:9 NKJV) Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase;

God

The Trinity (Triunity) is revealed in the Old Testament

Isaiah 48:16 NKJV "Come near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; From the time that it was, I *was* there. And now the Lord GOD and His Spirit Have sent Me."

Whenever you think of God always think of the triune Godhead.

(Romans 1:20 KJV) For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and **Godhead**; so that they are without excuse:

Colossians 2:6-9 KJV

- (6) As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, *so* walk ye in him:
- (7) Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.
- (8) Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.
- (9) For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the **Godhead** bodily.

Genesis 1:1 NKJV In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

You curious thing here is the Hebrew word translated as God which is Elohim. Anytime in the Hebrew Bible that you see capital G small o small d it's from the Hebrew word Elohim.

Deuteronomy 4:35 NKJV To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD Himself *is* God; *there is* none other besides Him.

Deuteronomy 32:39 NKJV 'Now see that I, *even* I, *am* He, And *there is* no God besides Me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; Nor *is there any* who can deliver from My hand.

Deuteronomy 32:39 AMP+ 'See now that I, I am He, And there is no god besides Me; It is I who put to death and I who give life. I have wounded and it is I who heal, And there is no one who can deliver from [*the power of*] My hand.

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Jesus is God in the flesh, a mortal human.

Matthew 28:18 NKJV And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."

1 Corinthians 8:6 NKJV yet for us *there is* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom *are* all things, and through whom we *live*.

1 Corinthians 8:6 AMP+ yet for us there is but one God, the Father, ^{N1}who is the source of all things, and we *exist* for Him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, by whom are all things [*that have been created*], and we [*believers exist and have life and have been redeemed*] through Him. [[Mal 2:10](#)]

Gospel

See also the chapter "Salvation, The Plan Of"

John 1:12-13 NKJV 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.

John 1:12-13 AMP+ But to as many as did receive *and* welcome Him, He gave the right [*the authority⁵, the privilege*] to become children of God, *that is*, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name-- [[Isa 56:5](#)] (13) who were born, not of blood [*natural conception*], nor of the will of the flesh [*physical impulse*], nor of the will of man [*that of a natural father*], but of God [*that is, a divine and supernatural birth--they are born of God--spiritually transformed, renewed, sanctified*].

John 3:16-18 NKJV 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. (18) "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is

⁵ I think it would be better to say by the authority of Jesus, we have the privilege to become the children of God. We ourselves do not have that authority, salvation is of the Lord.

condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 NKJV Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, (2) by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. (3) For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, (4) and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

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2 Corinthians 5:11 NKJV Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

2 Corinthians 5:11 NLT Because we understand our fearful responsibility to the Lord, we work hard to persuade others. God knows we are sincere, and I hope you know this, too.

Galatians 6:1-10 NKJV

- (1) Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.
- (2) Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.
- (3) For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.
- (4) But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.
- (5) For each one shall bear his own load.
- (6) Let him who is taught the word share in all good things with him who teaches.
- (7) Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.
- (8) For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.
- (9) And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

(10) Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Galatians 6:1-10 AMP

(1) Brothers, if anyone is caught in any sin, you who are spiritual [*that is, you who are responsive to the guidance of the Spirit*] are to restore such a person in a spirit of gentleness [*not with a sense of superiority or self-righteousness*], keeping a watchful eye on yourself, so that you are not tempted as well.

(2) Carry one another's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the requirements of the law of Christ [*that is, the law of Christian love*]. [[Jhn 13:34](#)]

(3) For if anyone thinks he is something [*special*] when [*in fact*] he is nothing [*special except in his own eyes*], he deceives himself.

(4) But each one must carefully scrutinize his own work [*examining his actions, attitudes, and behavior*], and then he can have the personal satisfaction and inner joy of doing something commendable without comparing himself to another.

(5) For every person will have to bear [*with patience*] his own burden [*of faults and shortcomings for which he alone is responsible*].

(6) The one who is taught the word [*of God*] is to share all good things with his teacher [*contributing to his spiritual and material support*].

(7) Do not be deceived, God is not mocked [*He will not allow Himself to be ridiculed, nor treated with contempt nor allow His precepts to be scornfully set aside*]; for whatever a man sows, this *and* this only is what he will reap.

(8) For the one who sows to his flesh [*his sinful capacity, his worldliness, his disgraceful impulses*] will reap from the flesh ruin *and* destruction, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

(9) Let us not grow weary *or* become discouraged in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap, if we do not give in.

(10) So then, while we [*as individual believers*] have the opportunity, let us do good to all people [*not only being helpful, but also doing that which promotes their spiritual well-being*], and especially [*be a blessing*] to those of the household of faith (born-again believers).

Hebrews 9:27 NKJV And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

Heaven

1 Corinthians 2:9 NKJV But as it is written: "EYE HAS NOT SEEN, NOR EAR HEARD, NOR HAVE ENTERED INTO THE HEART OF MAN THE THINGS WHICH GOD HAS

PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."

Revelation 21:3-5

(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." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

Hell

Isaiah 33:14 NKJV The sinners in Zion are afraid; Fearfulness has seized the hypocrites: "Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?"

Isaiah 66:24 NKJV "And they shall go forth and look Upon the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, And their fire is not quenched. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.

Matthew 8:12 NKJV But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 10:28 NKJV 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.

Matthew 22:13 NKJV 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.'

Matthew 25:30 NKJV And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Matthew 25:41 NKJV "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:

Mark 9:48 NKJV where 'THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.'

Luke 16:23 NKJV And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

There is no neutral ground, a definite decision must be made.

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 NKJV in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. (9) These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power

Revelation 19:20 NKJV 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.

Revelation 20:11 NKJV 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.

Revelation 20:15 NKJV And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

Holiness

Galatians 6:9 NKJV And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

1 Peter 1:13-19 KJV

(13) Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

(14) As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your

ignorance:

(15) But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

(16) Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

(17) And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning *here* in fear:

(18) Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;

(19) But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

1 Peter 1:13-19 AMP+ So prepare your minds for action, be completely sober [*in spirit--steadfast, self-disciplined, spiritually and morally alert*], fix your hope completely on the grace [*of God*] that is coming to you when Jesus Christ is revealed. (14) [*Live*] as obedient children [*of God*]; do not be conformed to the evil desires *which governed you* in your ignorance [*before you knew the requirements and transforming power of the good news regarding salvation*]. (15) But like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves in all *your* conduct [*be set apart from the world by your godly character and moral courage*]; (16) because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY (set apart), FOR I AM HOLY." [[Lev 11:44-45](#); [Lev 19:2](#)] (17) If you address as Father, the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in [*reverent*] fear [*of Him*] *and* with profound respect for Him throughout the time of your stay *on earth*. (18) For you know that you were not redeemed from your useless [*spiritually unproductive*] way of life inherited [*by tradition*] from your forefathers with perishable things like silver and gold, (19) but [*you were actually purchased*] with precious blood, like that of a [*sacrificial*] lamb unblemished and spotless, *the priceless blood* of Christ. [[Lev 22:20](#)]

Holy Spirit

First mention of the Holy Spirit, the third member of the Trinity (Triune Godhead).

(Genesis 1:2 KJV) And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

First mention of the Triune Godhead also called "The Trinity".

(Isaiah 48:16 NKJV) "Come near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; From the time that it was, I *was* there. And now the Lord GOD and His Spirit Have sent Me."

The work and purpose of the Holy Spirit.

(John 14:26 NKJV) **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.**

John 16:7-8 NKJV

(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:

I AM's

(Exodus 3:7 NKJV) And the LORD said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows.

(Exodus 3:14 KJV) And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

(Exodus 3:14 NKJV) And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' "

(Mark 12:26 KJV) And as touching the dead, that they rise: have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him, saying, I *am* the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?

(John 6:35 KJV) And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

(John 8:12 KJV) Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth (follows) me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 8:56-59 NKJV

(56) Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad."

(57) Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?"

(58) Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM."

(59) Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

(John 10:7 KJV) Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

(John 10:9 KJV) I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

(John 10:11 KJV) I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

(John 10:14 KJV) I am the good shepherd, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine.

(John 14:6 KJV) Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(John 15:1 KJV) I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

(John 15:5 KJV) I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Before Abraham was, I Am

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(John 8:58 KJV) Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

(John 8:58 CJB) Yeshua said to them, "Yes, indeed! Before Avraham came into being, I AM!"

(John 8:58 NLT) Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I AM!"

(Revelation 1:8 NKJV) "I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End*," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Imminent Return

Imminent return refers to the belief that Jesus could return at any moment with no prophecies needed to be fulfill. John MacArthur uses these arguments to substantiate the pretribulation rapture view.

Matthew 24:42 NKJV Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24:44 NKJV Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Colossians 3:4 NKJV When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

1 Thessalonians 5:2 NKJV For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

1 Thessalonians 5:2 AMPC+ For you yourselves know perfectly well that the day of the [*return of the*] Lord will come [*as unexpectedly and suddenly*] as a thief in the night.

2 Timothy 4:8 NKJV Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

2 Timothy 4:8 AMPC+ [*As to what remains*] henceforth there is laid up for me the [*victor's*] crown of righteousness [*for being right with God and doing right*], which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me *and* recompense me on that [*great*] day--and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved *and* yearned for *and* welcomed His appearing (His return).

Titus 2:8 NKJV sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.

(Hebrews 10:25 KJV) Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

James 5:7 NKJV Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See *how* the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain.

1 Peter 4:7 NKJV But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.

1 Peter 5:4 NKJV and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

1 John 2:18 NKJV 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.

Revelation 1:1 NKJV The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified *it* by His angel to His servant John,

Revelation 3:11 NKJV Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

IMPRECATORY

Imprecatory Psalm or prayer would be invoking evil or curses on someone or something. Psalms 5, 10, 17, 35, 58, 59, 69, 70, 79, 83, 109, 129, 137, and 140 are imprecatory Psalms.

Psalms 109:6-10 NKJV

- (6) Set a wicked man over him, And let an accuser stand at his right hand.
- (7) When he is judged, let him be found guilty, And let his prayer become sin.
- (8) Let his days be few, *And* let another take his office.
- (9) Let his children be fatherless, And his wife a widow.

(10) Let his children continually be vagabonds, and beg; Let them seek *their bread* also from their desolate places.

Inspiration Of The Scriptures

Exodus 20:19-20 NKJV Then they said to Moses, "You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die." (20) And Moses said to the people, "Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin."

Deuteronomy 29:29 KJV The secret *things belong* unto the LORD our God: but those *things which are* revealed *belong* unto us and to our children forever, that *we* may do all the words of this law.

Isaiah 8:20 KJV To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, *it is* because *there is* no light in them.

Matthew 5:17-18 KJV Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. (18) 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 AMP "Do not think that I came to do away with *or* undo the Law [*of Moses*] or the [*writings of the*] Prophets; I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. (18) For I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke [*of the pen*] will pass from the Law until all things [*which it foreshadows*] are accomplished.

2 Timothy 3:15-17 NKJV and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. (16) All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, (17) that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:15-17 AMP and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings (Hebrew Scriptures) which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus [*surrendering your entire self to Him and having absolute confidence in His wisdom, power and goodness*]. (16) All Scripture is God-breathed [*given by divine inspiration*] and is profitable for instruction, for conviction [*of sin*], for correction [*of error and*

restoration to obedience], for training in righteousness [*learning to live in conformity to God's will, both publicly and privately--behaving honorably with personal integrity and moral courage*]; (17) so that the man of God may be complete *and* proficient, outfitted *and* thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Instruction

Psalms 119:99-100 NKJV

(99) I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies *are* my meditation.

(100) I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts.

(Proverbs 2:1 NKJV) My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you,

Israel

Noahic, Abrahamic, Davidic covenants

see Ryrie's Basic Theology

81. *God's Covenant with Abraham*

82. *God's Covenant with David*

These first 3 verses of the 12th chapter of genesis are God's threefold promise to Abraham. The first part of the promise is in verse 1, and that promise is a land their own. The second part is a nation of people which today did we call the Jewish people. And the third part is what benefits us gentiles and all nations of the world, and that blessing is the savior Jesus Christ.

Genesis 12:1-3 NKJV

(1) Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you.

(2) I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall

be a blessing.

(3) I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed⁶."

Genesis 12:1-3 AMP+

(1) Now [*in Haran*] the LORD had said to Abram, "Go away from your country, And from your relatives And from your father's house, To the land which I will show you; [[Heb 11:8-10](#)]

(2) And ^{N1}I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you [*abundantly*], And make your name great (exalted, distinguished); And you shall be a blessing [*a source of great good to others*];

(3) And I will bless (do good for, benefit) those who bless you, And I will curse [*that is, subject to My wrath and judgment*] the one who curses (despises, dishonors, has contempt for) you. And in you all the families (nations) of the earth will be blessed." [[Gal 3:8](#)]

Genesis 13:14-16 NKJV

(14) And the LORD said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward;

(15) for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever.

(16) And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, *then* your descendants also could be numbered.

Genesis 15:5 NKJV Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

Genesis 15:13 NKJV Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land *that is* not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years.

Genesis 15:18-21 NKJV

(18) On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates—

⁶ This blessing to all the earth refers to the Messiah Jesus Christ. Where there's no other blessing in the Bible that blesses all people.

- (19) the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites,
- (20) the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim,
- (21) the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."

Genesis 16:11-12 NKJV

- (11) And the Angel of the LORD said to her: "Behold, you *are* with child, And you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, Because the LORD has heard your affliction.
- (12) He shall be a wild man; His hand *shall be* against every man, And every man's hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."

Genesis 17:7-9 NKJV

- (7) And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.
- (8) Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."
- (9) And God said to Abraham: "As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations.

Genesis 17:18-19 NKJV

- (18) And Abraham said to God, "Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!"
- (19) Then God said: "No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, *and* with his descendants after him.

Exodus 3:7-8 NKJV And the LORD said: "I have surely seen the oppression of My people who *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. (8) So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.

1 Samuel 12:22 NKJV For the LORD will not forsake His people, for His great name's sake, because it has pleased the LORD to make you His people.

Isaiah 11:11-12 NKJV 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 66:8 NKJV Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? *Or* shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion was in labor, She gave birth to her children.

Jeremiah 31:8 NKJV 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.

Jeremiah 31:37 NKJV Thus says the LORD: "If heaven above can be measured, And the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel For all that they have done, says the LORD.

Ezekiel 36:23-24 NKJV And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I *am* the LORD," says the Lord GOD, "when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. (24) For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.

Daniel 9:8 NKJV "O Lord, to us *belongs* shame of face, to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, because we have sinned against You.

Daniel 9:27 NKJV 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. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."

Joel 3:1-2 NKJV

(1) "For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and

Jerusalem,

(2) I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.

Amos 9:14 NKJV I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; They shall build the waste cities and inhabit *them*; They shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; They shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them.

Amos 9:15 NKJV I will plant them in their land, And no longer shall they be pulled up From the land I have given them," Says the LORD your God.

Zechariah 14:2-4 NKJV For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. (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.

Notes From J Vernon McGee

This is the last siege of Jerusalem, and it is not a pretty picture that is given to us here. The enemy takes the city, and when Zechariah says "all nations," I am of the opinion that he means that each nation will have representatives there. You might ask how that could be. Well, we have that same thing today with the United Nations. At the time that I am writing this, there are United Nations troops in Israel again. The soldiers come from different nations, and they more or less serve as a buffer between Israel and the enemy. It will be different in that day, but it will be an army that is made up of those who represent all the nations. They will come against Jerusalem, and they're going to take that city.

Again, let me give you Dr. Unger's translation. It is a sad state: "And the city shall be captured and the houses plundered, and the women raped, and half of the city shall go into captivity, but the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city." Apparently, some will be able to escape. There are those, including myself, who believe that it will probably be the rock-hewn city of Petra to which they will go. Masada would also be a good place. That is where the Jews escaped to at the time of the invasion by Titus in A.D. 70. The only thing is that Masada would sure be a good target for bombers if they went there. I believe that the rock-hewn city of Petra could be the place.

This is a sad thing that is revealed to these people through Zechariah. The city is taken, the houses are plundered, and the women are raped. These are the three things that Zechariah mentions here.

Zechariah 14:12 NKJV And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, Their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, And their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.

Luke 21:6 NKJV "These things which you see—the days will come in which not *one* stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down."

Acts 17:26 NKJV And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their reappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,

Acts 17:26 AMPC+ And He made from one [*common origin, one source, one blood*] all nations of men to settle on the face of the earth, having definitely determined [*their*] allotted periods of time and the fixed boundaries of their habitation (their settlements, lands, and abodes),

Romans 9:1 NKJV I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit,

Romans 10:1 NKJV Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved.

Romans 10:14 NKJV How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

Romans 11:1 NKJV I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, *of* the tribe of Benjamin.

Romans 11:29 NKJV For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Revelation chapter 12 verses one through 6 speaks of Israel during the tribulation.

Revelation 12:1-6 KJV

- (1) And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:
- (2) And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.
- (3) And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.
- (4) And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.
- (5) And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and *to* his throne.
- (6) And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days.

John MacArthur write this Revelation 12:1

sign. A symbol pointing to something else. This is the first of seven signs in the last half of Revelation. Cf. verse [Rev 12:3](#); [Rev 13:13-14](#); [Rev 15:1](#); [Rev 16:14](#); [Rev 19:20](#).

a woman. Not an actual woman, but a symbolic representation of Israel, pictured in the OT as the wife of God ([Isa 54:5-6](#); [Jer 3:6-8](#); [Jer 31:32](#); [Ezk 16:32](#); [Hos 2:16](#)). Three other symbolic women appear in Revelation: (1) Jezebel, who represents paganism ([Rev 2:20](#)); (2) the scarlet woman ([Rev 17:3-6](#)), symbolizing the apostate church; and (3) the wife of the Lamb ([Rev 19:7](#)), symbolizing the true church. That this woman does not represent the church is clear from the context.

clothed with the sun ... moon under her feet ... twelve stars. Cf. [Gen 37:9-11](#). Being clothed with the sun speaks of the glory, dignity, and exalted status of Israel, the people of promise who will be saved and given a kingdom. The picture of the moon under her feet possibly describes God's covenant relationship with Israel, since new moons were associated with worship ([1Ch 23:31](#); [2Ch 2:4](#); [2Ch 8:13](#); [Ezr 3:5](#); [Psa 81:3](#)). The twelve stars represent the twelve tribes of Israel.

Jesus

[Micah 5:2 NKJV](#) "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.

Isaiah 9:6-7 NKJV For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (7) Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

The Trinity verse 15 I the I who is speaking is none other than Jesus.

Isaiah 48:15-17 KJV

(15) I, *even* I, have spoken; yea, I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous.

(16) Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there *am* I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

(17) Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I *am* the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way *that* thou shouldest go.

Isaiah 48:15-17 AMP

(15) "I, even I, have spoken; indeed, I have called Cyrus; I have brought him, and will make his way successful.

(16) "Come near to Me, listen to this: From the beginning I have not spoken in secret, From the time that it happened, I was there. And now the Lord GOD has sent Me, and His [*Holy*] Spirit."

(17) This is what the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel says, "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit (benefit), Who leads you in the way that you should go.

Isaiah 53:1-12

The complete chapter is prophetic. And it needs to be taken literally, because it was fulfilled literally, and not figuratively or symbolically.

Isaiah 61:1-2 KJV

(1) The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound;

(2) To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to

comfort all that mourn;

Matthew 7:28-29 KJV

(28) And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:

(29) For he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.

(Matthew 10:34 NKJV) "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.

Mat 13:54 NKJV When He had come to His own country, He taught them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished and said, "Where did this *Man* get this wisdom and *these* mighty works?

Mark 1:21-22 KJV

(21) And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.

(22) And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

Luke 4:16-21 KJV

(16) And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

(17) And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

(18) The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

(19) To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

(20) And he closed the book⁷, and he gave *it* again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes

⁷ Jesus here is quoting the book of Isaiah chapter 61 verses 1 and 2, however if you read from the Isaiah passage, you'll notice the Jesus slept out your last part of verse 2 and the day of vengeance of our Lord 2 for all who mourn. The first advent Jesus came as the Lamb Of God to seek and save, on his return Jesus will return as a Lion bringing justice and vengeance upon a Christ rejecting world.

of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

(21) And he began to say unto them, **This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.**

Joh 15:25 NKJV But *this happened* that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, **'THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE.'**

Judgment

Mat 10:26 NKJV Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

Rom 1:20 NKJV 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,

Rom 14:11-12 NKJV For it is written: "AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL CONFESS TO GOD." (12) So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

2Th 1:8-9 NKJV in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. (9) These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

Rev 20:11 NKJV 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.

Justice

(Deuteronomy 32:35 NKJV) Vengeance is Mine, and recompense; Their foot shall slip in *due* time; For the day of their calamity *is* at hand, And the things to come hasten upon them.'

(Psalms 119:53 NKJV) Indignation has taken hold of me Because of the wicked, who forsake Your law.

Isaiah 61:1-2 NKJV

(1) "The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to *those who are* bound;

(2) To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,

Romans 12:17-21 NKJV

(17) Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.

(18) If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

(19) Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

(20) Therefore "IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM; IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP COALS OF FIRE ON HIS HEAD."

(21) Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Hebrews 10:30-31 NKJV

(30) For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. And again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE."

(31) It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Justification

(Habakkuk 2:4 NKJV) "Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith.

Romans 1:16-17 NKJV

(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.

(17) For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

Romans 3:28 NKJV

(28) Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

(Albert Barnes) Romans 3:28

Therefore - As the result of the previous train of argument.

That a man - That all who are justified; that is, that there is no other way.

Is justified by faith - Is regarded and treated as righteous, by believing in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Without the deeds of the law - Without works as a meritorious ground of justification. The apostle, of course, does not mean that Christianity does not produce good works, or that they who are justified will not obey the Law, and be holy; but that no righteousness of their own will be the ground of their justification. They are sinners; and as such can have no claim to be treated as righteous. God has devised a plan by which, they may be pardoned and saved; and that is by faith alone. This is the grand uniqueness of the Christian religion. This was the special point in the reformation from popery. Luther often called this doctrine of justification by faith the article upon which the church stood or fell - *articulus stantis, vel cadentis ecclesiae* - and it is so. If this doctrine is held entire, all others will be held with it. If this is abandoned, all others will fall also. It may be remarked here, however, that this doctrine by no means interferes with the doctrine that good works are to be performed by Christians. Paul urges this as much as any other writer in the New Testament. His doctrine is, that they are not to be relied on as a ground of justification; but that he did not mean to teach that they are not to be performed by Christians is apparent from the connection, and from the following places in his epistles: [Rom 2:7](#); [2Co 9:8](#); [Eph 2:10](#); [1Ti 2:10](#); [1Ti 5:10](#), [1Ti 5:25](#); [1Ti 6:18](#); [2Ti 3:17](#); [Tit 2:7](#), [Tit 2:14](#); [Tit 3:8](#); [Heb 10:24](#). That we are not justified by our works is a doctrine which he has urged and repeated with great power and frequency. See [Rom 4:2](#), [Rom 4:6](#); [Rom 9:11](#), [Rom 9:32](#); [Rom 11:6](#); [Gal 2:16](#); [Gal 3:2](#), [Gal 3:5](#), [Gal 3:10](#); [Eph 2:9](#); [2Ti 1:9](#).

(Romans 5:1 NKJV) Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

(Romans 5:9 NKJV) Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

Galatians 3:10-11 NKJV

(10) For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT CONTINUE IN ALL THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO DO THEM."

(11) But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God *is* evident, for "THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

Latter Times

Or end times, or end of the age just prior to the return of Jesus.

Zechariah 12:3-6 NKJV

(3) And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.

(4) In that day," says the LORD, "I will strike every horse with confusion, and its rider with madness; I will open My eyes on the house of Judah, and will strike every horse of the peoples with blindness.

(5) And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, 'The inhabitants of Jerusalem *are* my strength in the LORD of hosts, their God.'

(6) In that day I will make the governors of Judah like a firepan in the woodpile, and like a fiery torch in the sheaves; they shall devour all the surrounding peoples on the right hand and on the left, but Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place—Jerusalem.

The "Olivet Discourse" is found in the synoptic gospels Matthew chapter 24, Mark chapter 13, and Luke chapter 21.

(Matthew 24:3 NKJV) Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

(Mark 13:3 NKJV) Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked Him privately,

(Luke 21:6 NKJV) "These things which you see—the days will come in which not *one* stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down."

1 Timothy 4:1-3 NKJV

- (1) Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,
- (2) speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,
- (3) forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

2 Timothy 3:1-9 NKJV

- (1) But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:
- (2) For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
- (3) unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,
- (4) traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,
- (5) having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!
- (6) For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts,
- (7) always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- (8) Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith;
- (9) but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

(2 Peter 3:3 NKJV) knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,

Law

The Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:2-17 NKJV

- (2) "I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
- (3) "You shall have no other gods before Me.
- (4) "You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth;

- (5) you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me,
- (6) but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.
- (7) "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold *him* guiltless who takes His name in vain.
- (8) "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- (9) Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
- (10) but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates.
- (11) For *in* six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that *is* in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.
- (12) "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.
- (13) "You shall not murder.
- (14) "You shall not commit adultery.
- (15) "You shall not steal.
- (16) "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
- (17) "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that *is* your neighbor's."

Galatians 3:24 NKJV Therefore the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

James 2:10-11 NKJV For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point*, he is guilty of all. (11) For He who said, "DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY," also said, "DO NOT MURDER." Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

Life

(James 4:14 NKJV) whereas you do not know what *will happen* tomorrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

Love

1st. Corinthians chapter 13 is known as the love chapter; in that it defines unselfish love. The 20th chapter of Exodus known as the 10 commandments defines love, in that if you love your neighbor you won't steal from him you won't kill him you won't covered what he has also you'll honor your mother and father. Every Christian life should be defined as a person who loves.

Matthew 5:43-44 NKJV

(43) "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.'

(44) But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

Matthew 5:43-44 NKJV

(43) "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.'

(44) But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

(John 14:15 NKJV) "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

(John 14:21 NKJV) 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."

(John 15:12 NKJV) This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

(John 16:27 NKJV) for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.

(Romans 13:9 NKJV) For the commandments, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY," "YOU SHALL NOT MURDER," "YOU SHALL NOT STEAL," "YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS," "YOU SHALL NOT COVET," and if *there is* any other commandment, are *all* summed up in this saying, namely, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

(1 Corinthians 8:3 NKJV) But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 NKJV

- (1) Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.
- (2) And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.
- (3) And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.
- (4) Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;
- (5) does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;
- (6) does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;
- (7) bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
- (8) Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away.
- (9) For we know in part and we prophesy in part.
- (10) But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.
- (11) When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.
- (12) For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.
- (13) And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love.

(Colossians 1:4 NKJV) since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints;

(1 Timothy 1:5 NKJV) Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, *from* a good conscience, and *from* sincere faith,

(2 Timothy 1:7 NKJV) For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

1 John 2:15-16 NKJV

(15) Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

(16) For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

(1 John 4:16 NKJV) And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

(John 3:16 NKJV) 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.

(Revelation 3:19 NKJV) As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

Marriage

(Genesis 2:24 KJV) Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Matthew 5:31-32 KJV

(31) It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:

(32) But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.

Matthew 19:3-11 KJV

(3) The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?

- (4) And he answered and said unto them, *Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female,*
- (5) *And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?*
- (6) *Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.*
- (7) They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away?
- (8) He saith unto them, *Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so.*
- (9) *And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except *it be* for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marries her which is put away doth commit adultery.*
- (10) His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with *his* wife, it is not good to marry.
- (11) But he said unto them, *All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given.*

Couples, husbands, wives, those engaged, your mindset is found in this passage from the Book of Philippians

Philippians 4:7-9 KJV

- (7) And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
- (8) Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.
- (9) Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

Colossians 3:18-23 NKJV

- (18) Wives, submit⁸ to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

⁸ J. Vernon McGee comments on “submit to your own husband” This is for the purpose of order in the home. This is not for the purpose of producing a browbeating husband. I do not believe that God intends for a wife to submit to an unsaved husband who beats her or orders her to do things contrary to her walk with the Lord.

- (19) Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.
- (20) Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.
- (21) Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.
- (22) Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God.
- (23) And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,

Husbands

The Book of Ephesians chapter 5 can be divided this way verses 1 to 21 speak of love in it's purest form. Verses 22 to 33 pertains to a Christ centered marriage.

(Ephesians 5:25 NKJV) Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

Cherish your wife

Ephesians 5:28-33 NKJV

- (28) So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.
- (29) For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church.
- (30) For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.
- (31) "FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH."
- (32) This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church⁹.
- (33) Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife *see* that she respects *her* husband.

A woman wrote to me and said that her husband was an unsaved man. When he would get drunk, he would beat her. She felt as a Christian she ought to stay with him. I advised her to leave him. I do not believe that God ever asks any woman to stay with a drunken husband. She loses her own personality; she loses her own dignity, and she will find herself being brought down to his level if she submits to that. She is to submit "as it is fit in the Lord."

⁹ As Jesus Christ loves the Church, we are to love our own wife.

Wives

Ephesians 5:22-24 NKJV

- (22) Wives, submit¹⁰ to your own husbands, as to the Lord.
- (23) For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.
- (24) Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything.

Proverbs 31:10-31 NKJV

- (10) Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth *is* far above rubies.
- (11) The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain.
- (12) She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.
- (13) She seeks wool and flax, And willingly works with her hands.
- (14) She is like the merchant ships, She brings her food from afar.
- (15) She also rises while it is yet night, And provides food for her household, And a portion for her maidservants.
- (16) She considers a field and buys it; From her profits she plants a vineyard.
- (17) She girds herself with strength, And strengthens her arms.
- (18) She perceives that her merchandise *is* good, And her lamp does not go out by night.
- (19) She stretches out her hands to the distaff, And her hand holds the spindle.
- (20) She extends her hand to the poor, Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy.
- (21) She is not afraid of snow for her household, For all her household *is* clothed with scarlet.
- (22) She makes tapestry for herself; Her clothing *is* fine linen and purple.
- (23) Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land.

¹⁰ As to the word submit J. Vernon McGee says This is for the purpose of order in the home. This is not for the purpose of producing a browbeating husband. I do not believe that God intends for a wife to submit to an unsaved husband who beats her or orders her to do things contrary to her walk with the Lord.

A woman wrote to me and said that her husband was an unsaved man. When he would get drunk, he would beat her. She felt as a Christian she ought to stay with him. I advised her to leave him. I do not believe that God ever asks any woman to stay with a drunken husband. She loses her own personality; she loses her own dignity, and she will find herself being brought down to his level if she submits to that. ~~She is to submit~~ "as it is fit in the Lord."

- (24) She makes linen garments and sells *them*, And supplies sashes for the merchants.
- (25) Strength and honor *are* her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come.
- (26) She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue *is* the law of kindness.
- (27) She watches over the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness.
- (28) Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband *also*, and he praises her:
- (29) "Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all."
- (30) Charm *is* deceitful and beauty *is* passing, But a woman *who* fears the LORD, she shall be praised.
- (31) Give her of the fruit of her hands, And let her own works praise her in the gates.

Pastoral Qualifications

1st Timothy, 2nd Timothy, Titus are called the "Pastoral Epistles".

Pastor or Bishop are just different words of the same office.

(Titus 2:1 KJV) But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

1 Timothy 3:1-7 KJV

- (1) This *is* a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desires a good work.
- (2) A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach;
- (3) Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;
- (4) One that rules well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;
- (5) (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)
- (6) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.
- (7) Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

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

Titus 1:5-8 KJV

- (5) For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting,

and ordain elders in every city, as I had appointed thee:

- (6) If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.
- (7) For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;
- (8) But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

1 Peter 5:1-4 KJV

- (1) The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:
- (2) Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight *thereof*, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;
- (3) Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.
- (4) And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

1 Peter 5:1-4 NLT

- (1) And now, a word to you who are elders in the churches. I, too, am an elder and a witness to the sufferings of Christ. And I, too, will share in his glory when he is revealed to the whole world. As a fellow elder, I appeal to you:
- (2) Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God.
- (3) Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example.
- (4) And when the Great Shepherd appears, you will receive a crown of never-ending glory and honor.

Perseverance

Perseverance can also be thought of as persistence. Often perseverance is used in this sense of your salvation is being eternally secure or simplified to “Once saved, always saved”. However, I don't really like the term once saved always saved, because did you ever really know Christ as your savior, did anybody ever ask you who Jesus was, do you know what he taught.? And then tells me. Remember the “Great Commission” says Matt 28:19 to make disciples.

Jeremiah 17:7-8 NKJV

(7) "Blessed *is* the man who trusts in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD.

(8) For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

2 Corinthians 11:23-26 NKJV

(23) Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I *am* more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often.

(24) From the Jews five times I received forty *stripes* minus one.

(25) Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep;

(26) in journeys often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils of *my own* countrymen, *in* perils of the Gentiles, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren;

Prayer

1 Kings 3:6-12 Solomon prays for wisdom.

(1 Kings 3:6 NKJV) And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day.

Solomons prayer for the Temple

1 Kings 8:22-53 NKJV (Too long to include, use your own Bible)

(Isaiah 59:2 NKJV) But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden *His* face from you, So that He will not hear.

(Jeremiah 33:3 NKJV) 'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

(Matthew 5:44 NKJV) But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,

Matthew 6:5-9 NKJV

(5) "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

(6) But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place*; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

(7) And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen *do*. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

(8) "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

(9) In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

Luke 11:1-4 NKJV

(1) Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, *that* one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples."

(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."

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 NKJV

(17) pray without ceasing,

(18) in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

James 5:13-20 NKJV

(13) Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms.

(14) Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

(15) And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

(16) Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

(17) Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

(18) And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

(19) Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back,

(20) let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

Prophecy

I am working on it

Propitiation

I am working on it

Rapture

I am working on it

Repentance

MORE TO COME

Repentance is anything that conforms to Biblical precepts or commands or laws. Repentance has different meanings to different people. Repentance in the sense rituals, baptism, church membership, or any other effort to merit salvation is a tragic mistake (Eph2:8-9). Repentance in the sense of changing your mind and your lifestyle is what I call a reasonable response to the grace of God salvation. See Strongs G4100 and G 4102 also G3982

(John 6:44 KJV) No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw (convince or persuade) him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Ephesians 2:8-9 NKJV

(8) For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,

(9) not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Note: one can turn to any page in the Bible and find how one is to conduct themselves before God and man.

(Acts 11:18 NKJV) When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, "Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life."

(Acts 11:18 AMP+) When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified *and* praised God, saying, "Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance *that leads to eternal life* [*that is, real life after earthly death*]."

(Acts 11:18 NLT) When the others heard this, they stopped objecting and began praising God. They said, "We can see that God has also given the Gentiles the privilege of repenting of their sins and receiving eternal life."

(Romans 2:4 NKJV) Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

(Romans 2:4 AMP+) Or do you have no regard for the wealth of His kindness and tolerance and patience [*in withholding His wrath*]? Are you [*actually*] unaware *or* ignorant [*of the fact*] that God's kindness leads you to repentance [*that is, to change your inner self, your old way of thinking--seek His purpose for your life*]?

(Romans 12:2 NKJV) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

(1 Corinthians 6:9 NKJV) 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,

(1 Corinthians 6:10 NKJV) nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

(1 Corinthians 6:11 NKJV) And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

(1 Corinthians 6:9 AMP) Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit *or* have any

share in the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate [*by perversion*], nor those who participate in homosexuality, (1 Corinthians 6:10 AMP) nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers [*whose words are used as weapons to abuse, insult, humiliate, intimidate, or slander*], nor swindlers will inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God.

(1 Corinthians 6:11 AMP) And such were some of you [*before you believed*]. But you were washed [*by the atoning sacrifice of Christ*], you were sanctified [*set apart for God, and made holy*], you were justified [*declared free of guilt*] in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the [Holy] Spirit of our God [*the source of the believer's new life and changed behavior*].

What would Jesus do?

(Ephesians 5:1 NKJV) Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.

(Ephesians 5:1 AMP) Therefore become imitators of God [*copy Him and follow His example*], as well-beloved children [*imitate their father*];

(Ephesians 5:10 NKJV) finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

(Ephesians 5:10 AMP) trying to learn [*by experience*] what is pleasing to the Lord [*and letting your lifestyles be examples of what is most acceptable to Him--your behavior expressing gratitude to God for your salvation*].

(Hebrews 13:5 NKJV) Let your conduct *be* without covetousness; *be* content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU."

(Hebrews 13:5 AMP) Let your character [*your moral essence, your inner nature*] be free from the love of money [*shun greed--be financially ethical*], being content with what you have; for He has said, "I WILL NEVER [*under any circumstances*] DESERT YOU [*nor give you up nor leave you without support, nor will I in any degree leave you helpless*], NOR WILL I FORSAKE or LET YOU DOWN or RELAX MY HOLD ON YOU [*assuredly not*]!" [Jos 1:5]

Resurrection

Websters Dictionary 1828

RESURREC'TION, *n.* *s* as *z*. [*L. resurrectus, resurgo; re and surgo, to rise.*]

A rising again; chiefly, the revival of the dead of the human race, or their return from the grave,

particularly at the general judgment. By the resurrection of Christ we have assurance of the future resurrection of men. 1 Pet 1.

In the resurrection, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage. Mat 22.

(Matthew 22:23 NKJV) The same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him and asked Him,

Matthew 22:29-32 NKJV

(29) Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.

(30) For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.

(31) But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was spoken to you by God, saying,

(32) 'I AM THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, THE GOD OF ISAAC, AND THE GOD OF JACOB' ? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."

Matthew 28:6-7 NKJV

(6) He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

(7) 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."

(Matthew 28:10 NKJV) Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go *and* tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

(Luke 7:22 NKJV) Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that *the* blind see, *the* lame walk, *the* lepers are cleansed, *the* deaf hear, *the* dead are raised, *the* poor have the gospel preached to them.

Luke 11:25-27 NKJV

(25) And when he comes, he finds *it* swept and put in order.

(26) Then he goes and takes with *him* seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first."

(27) And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, "Blessed *is* the womb that bore You, and *the* breasts which nursed You!"

John 11:25-27 NKJV

(25) Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

(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."

(John 12:1 NKJV) Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead.

(Acts 4:10 NKJV) let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.

(Acts 23:8 NKJV) For Sadducees say that there is no resurrection—and no angel or spirit; but the Pharisees confess both.

1 Corinthians 15:1-8 NKJV

(1) Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,

(2) by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

(3) For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

(4) and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

(5) and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.

(6) After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.

(7) After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles.

(8) Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

(1 Corinthians 15:20 NKJV) But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:27-28 NKJV

(27) For "HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIS FEET." But when He says "all things are put under *Him*," *it is* evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted.

(28) Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.

(1 Thessalonians 1:10 NKJV) and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

(2 Timothy 2:8 NKJV) Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel,

Revelation 20:5-6 NKJV

(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.

Revelation 20:11-15 NKJV

(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.

Righteousness

I am working on it

Sabbath

I am working on it

SALVATION, THE PLAN OF

Believe in Jesus

Think about this, what do you attribute your “salvation” to? Is it something you do, something you did, is it something you are doing. If someone was to ask you if you are saved, how would you answer?

It's not by our works.

Salvation is not based on the church rituals we do, or our ability to not sin, or church membership. Salvation is based on what we believe.

Ephesians 2:8-9 NKJV

(8) For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,

(9) not of works, lest anyone should boast.

(Titus 3:5 NKJV) not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

Why do we need to be saved?

The Bible speaks of his salvation from the fiery torments of hell, and that's what you're being saved from. See chapter on hell.

(Isaiah 53:6 NKJV) 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.

(Romans 3:23 NKJV) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

(Romans 3:10 NKJV) As it is written: "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NO, NOT ONE;(1 John 1:8 NKJV) If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Repent (Change your mind)

To draw someone is to persuade, convert, sway, influence, convince them. That is to say, that one has had their minds changed as in John 6:44. You will have different conclusions.

(John 6:44 NKJV) No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.

Repentance does involve emotions but it's after one change their mind, or you might say reconsiders what they believe and conforms to the precepts and teachings of Jesus.

(Mark 1:15 NKJV) and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

(Luke 13:3 NKJV) I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

(John 3:3 NKJV) Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Salvation is already prepared.

*Salvation is not a do-it-yourself task, or is it ritual based, it is a **free gift from God**, if you believe, you should ask in prayer to be saved.*

(Romans 6:23 KJV) For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ephesians 2:8-9 NKJV

(8) For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,

(9) not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Galatians 2:16 NKJV 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.

Believe Jesus will save you

The Bible teaches BELIVERS are rewarded and UNBELIVERS are punished.

John 3:16-19 KJV

(16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

(17) For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

(18) He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

(19) And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Remember Jesus is the savior and you're the saved sinner.

(Hebrews 12:2 NKJV) 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

Rely on Christ to save you

Romans 10:9-10 KJV

(9) That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

(10) For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

A decision required

(2 Corinthians 6:2 NKJV) For He says: "IN AN ACCEPTABLE TIME I HAVE HEARD YOU, AND IN THE DAY OF SALVATION I HAVE HELPED YOU." Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.

(Hebrews 3:15 NKJV) while it is said: "TODAY, IF YOU WILL HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS IN THE REBELLION."

The mistake of unbelief

(Matthew 25:41 NKJV) "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:

(Revelation 20:15 NKJV) And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

(John 5:28 NKJV) Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice

Examine yourself,

(2 Corinthians 13:5 NKJV) Examine yourselves *as to* whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.

Assurance of salvation

Romans 11:29 NKJV For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Ephesians 1:13 NKJV In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

(1 John 1:7 NKJV) But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Jude 1:1 NKJV Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ:

1 John 5:13 NKJV These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God.

For the saved

John MacArthur *“This parable depicts the teaching of the gospel throughout the world and the various responses of people to it. Some will reject it; some will accept it for a brief time, but then fall away; yet, some will believe and will lead others to believe.”*

Verse 8 describes born again believers, David Guzik writes in his commentary” This parable depicts the teaching of the gospel throughout the world and the various responses of people to it. Some will reject it; some will accept it for a brief time, but then fall away; yet, some will believe and will lead others to believe.”

Mark 4:1-9 NKJV

(1) And again He began to teach by the sea. And a great multitude was gathered to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat *in it* on the sea; and the whole multitude was on the land facing the sea.

(2) Then He taught them many things by parables, and said to them in His teaching:

(3) "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow.

(4) And it happened, as he sowed, *that some seed* fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it.

(5) Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth.

(6) But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away.

(7) And some *seed* fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop.

(8) But other *seed* fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

(9) And He said to them, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

Helpful Verses

(Acts 3:19 NLT) Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away.

(Acts 4:12 NKJV) Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

(Acts 11:18 NKJV) When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, "Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life."

Scriptures

Psalms 119:99-100 NKJV

(99) I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies *are* my meditation.

(100) I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts.

(Psalms 119:105 KJV) NUN. Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Sufficiency of scripture

(Proverbs 3:5 KJV) Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 KJV

(16) All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

(17) That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Sovereignty of God

When thinking of God think of the Trinity (Triunity)

Psalms 115:3 NKJV But our God *is* in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.

Acts 2:23 NKJV Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;

Romans 14:11-12 NKJV For it is written: "AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL CONFESS TO GOD." (12) So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

Colossians 2:9-10 NKJV For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; (10) and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

Philippians 2:10 NKJV that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

In Your Life

(Job 14:5 KJV) Seeing his days *are* determined, the number of his months *are* with thee, thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;

(Job 14:5 NLT) You have decided the length of our lives. You know how many months we will live, and we are not given a minute longer.

(Psalms 139:16 KJV) Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all *my members* were written, *which* in continuance were fashioned, when *as yet there was* none of them.

(Psalms 139:16 NLT) You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

Exodus 20:12 NKJV "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

National Borders / Ethnic groups

Everybody and every nation, and every ethnic group or tribe is where they belong at the time God has determined.

(Acts 17:26 KJV) And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

(Acts 17:26 CJB) "From one man he made every nation living on the entire surface of the earth, and he fixed the limits of their territories and the periods when they would flourish.

National Leaders

God changes not only the times that we live in, but our leaders such as presidents and kings and governors and senators and even the dog catcher.

Daniel 2:21 NKJV And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding.

Daniel 2:21 NLT He controls the course of world events; he removes kings and sets up other kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars.

Teachers

To tell people about Jesus, is to teach people about Jesus. Mark chapter 16 verse 15 is often called the Great Commission. If you notice it's not a suggestion, it's a command to Christians.

Mark 16:14-15 KJV

(14) Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

(15) And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**

How long have you been studying the Bible; how well do you know it?

Hebrews 5:11-12 KJV

(11) Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing.

(12) For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

Hebrews 5:11-12 NLT

(11) There is much more we would like to say about this, but it is difficult to explain, especially since you are spiritually dull and don't seem to listen.

(12) You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food.

(Romans 10:14 CJB) But how can they call on someone if they haven't trusted in him? And how can they trust in someone if they haven't heard about him? And how can they hear about someone if no one is proclaiming him?

Times of the Gentiles

The prophecies concerning "The Times Of The Gentiles" is based on the book of Daniel, chapter 2 where the prophet Daniel interprets the dream of king nebuchadnezzar. Daniel lived about 600 BBC. The critics of the Book of Daniel denied that it was written during that time. However, Jesus himself quotes Daniel, the strongest possible evidence to the authenticity of the book of Daniel. Also amongst the Dead Sea Scrolls is a copy of Daniel which dates to at least 150 BC.

Luke 21:24 NKJV *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 Gentiles¹¹ are fulfilled¹².*

The times of the gentiles start off with king Nebuchadnezzar and continue until the return of

¹¹ (John MacArthur) **Luke 21:24 the times of the Gentiles.** This expression is unique to Luke. It identifies the era from Israel's captivity (c. 586 B.C. to Babylon; cf. 2 Kin. 25) to her restoration in the kingdom ([Rev 20:1-6](#)). It has been a time during which, in accord with God's purpose, Gentiles have dominated or threatened Jerusalem. The era has also been marked by vast spiritual privileges for the Gentile nations (cf. [Isa 66:12](#); [Mal 1:11](#); [Mat 24:14](#); [Mrk 13:10](#)).

¹² (Commentary by David Guzik) b. **Until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled:** When these **times of the Gentiles** are completed, the author believes that the remaining seven-year period appointed to the Jewish people in Daniel 9 begins. The calamities described in following verses will come in this period.

Jesus.

Daniel 2:21 NKJV And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise And knowledge to those who have understanding.

Daniel 2:38 NKJV and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given *them* into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all—you *are* this head of gold.

Daniel 9:24 NKJV "Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.

Daniel 9:27 NKJV 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. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."

Romans 11:25 NKJV For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

Tithes and Offerings

I am working on it

Tribulation

I am working on it

Trinity

I am working on it

Trust

I am working on it

Victory

I am working on it

Wisdom

I am working on it

Witnessing

Matthew 28:16-20 Is known as the "Great Commission".

Matthew 28:16-20 NKJV

(16) Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them.

(17) When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted.

(18) And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

(19) 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,

(20) teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

(Romans 10:14 NKJV) How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

(Romans 10:14 NLT) But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?