

The BIBLE



fact or fancy

Why do so many believe in the Bible? What is their rationale—or is there any logical reason for what others may feel is illogical? We will endeavor to bring some reasonable answers to these questions.

A PERSONAL PRESENTATION

- I may be introducing you to new concepts
- Or to a challenging thought or provocative notion;
- May be reuniting you to an 'old friend';
- Yet, I would be delighted if you could give me your rapt attention to what has become to me a 'valued friend' in my journey through life.
- Without a doubt, this is nowhere near complete, but an overview of what is available through the Study of the Word of God

This is Exciting! Keep track of how many Concepts, as well as Many Facts, that will be made available to us as we Study Together

To Be Certain. . .

One cannot expect to think that one can put 'God' —if there is such a being— into a test-tube; someone that by the very nature of His title has mental capacities far above anything we even begin to understand. But we certainly can look at 'obviously verifiable indicators' of His existence; and that the Bible might be a revelation of this God.



VERIFIABLE INDICATORS OF TRUTH

**Man as Scribes—They Were:
Those Who Wrote Down What They Were Told or
Hand Copied Existing Scripts**

Anything that man has part in will also show some evidence of flaws. Yet, to the one who is really searching, we **CAN BE 'CERTAIN'** of GOD'S existence and the Veracity of the Bible that claims such a God. Here we will look at "indicators".

—Evidences that can help show us the
Way of Enlightenment!



What Makes the Bible Unique compared to other—what are considered—holy books?

Other Writings: Facts at the time of this Writing

Confucius' 551-479 BCE=72

Language: Chinese dialects

Buddhism' a. 500 BCE

Language: From India originally

Hindu Writings a. 500 BCE-300 CE (Yoga)=800 Rather Mystical

Language: Hindi or dialects

Quran 609-632 AD (CE common era) (Mohamed)=23

Language: Arabic

Shintoism; Nihon-gi 702 CE; Kojiki 712 CE

Language: Japanese dialects

Few if any have specific, verifiable passages (Prophecies) that can be tested and tried by Verifiable World History—or Archeology—They seem to Lack Specificity!

Other Writings



Let's Look at The
Scope of Biblical History

- A period of approximately 6000* years (not including glimpses into things that happened before it came to be), and approximately a 1000 years after.
- The proven accuracy of large portions of its history with no proven inaccuracies in its historical record. (verifiably accurate from 606 BCE to today's world events)

Might it actually be His-Story—(GOD's)

Let Us Look Further

*Matthew 1:1 Abraham to Christ (Joseph's Line); Luke 3:23-38 From Christ back to son of God —Adam (Mary's Line)

Portraits of God's Love

Approximately 6,000 Years

ABRAHAM

MESSIAH
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Verbal Word of God - Written Word of God - Bible

The Holy BIBLE

Is the Oldest of Sacred Writ

Verifiable Verbal Communication – 2600 years/ genealogies;

Written over a 1500 year period

Old Testament –started a.1400 BC-400 BC Moses/ wrote in Hebrew,

New Testament –started a. 30 AD - 96 AD; Messiah a. 30 yers. @

Baptism – Luke 3:23 Jesus Christ born 4/5 BCE –Died 33 1/2 years later.

Yet the 2 Testaments are intimately tied together by

PROPHECY!

(Foretelling the Future)

The Old Testament made claims that were verified in the New Testament
and/or

World History –Very Specific!



This study will cover the “God of Prophecy” & four other areas that indicate a ‘God’ that is real

**The 'Trademark' of the
True God
IS THE ABILITY
TO TELL THE FUTURE!!**

**NOTE Isaiah 46:9-10. "Remember the former things of old:
for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is
none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and
from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying,
My, COUNSEL SHALL STAND and I will do all my pleasure."**

**While on Earth, Christ Echoed the Same
"Tell you before. . . so that you might believe"**

John 13:19

Is this arrogance or fact?

***UNIQUE
TRADEMARK!!***

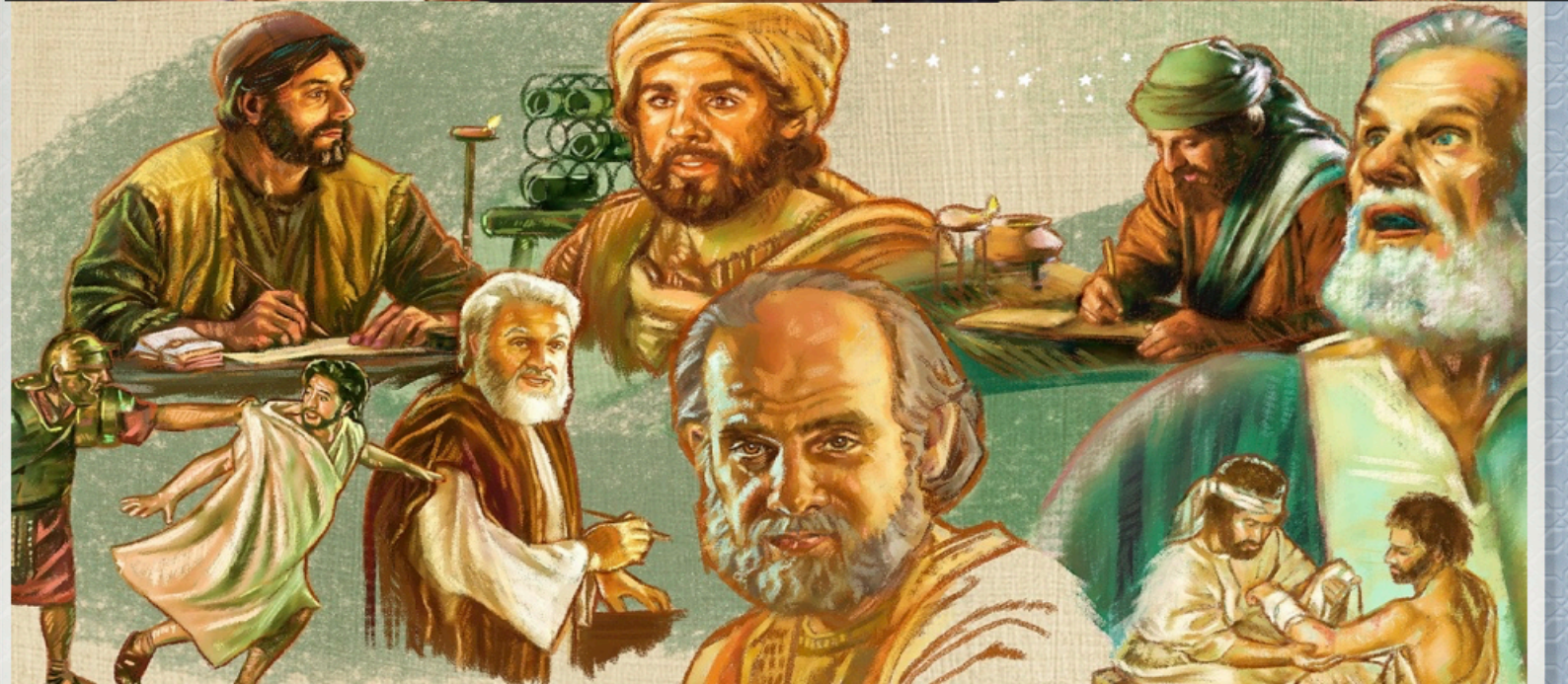
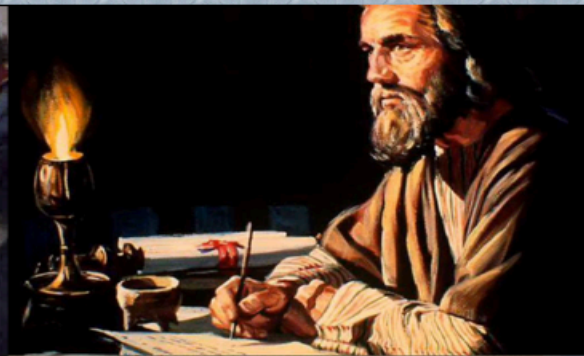
Bible Had approximately 40 writers,
Most did not have contact with each
other;

Many different walks of life;

Yet it is a cohesive work:

**Logically, someone had to oversee
it!!!**

Merchant/Business Man; Farmer; Shepherd; Kings,
Scribe; Statesman; Prophets; Fisherman; Tax collector;
Philosopher; Doctor; General/heir to the Throne; Servant
(Joshua); Cupbearer; Priest/Historian;



But the Most Amazing Is the Prophecy of the Virgin Birth and life of Jesus, (Yeshua) the Messiah

- **Old Testament Prophecy of Jesus (333) Fulfilled in New Testament**
- **Genesis 3:15** **The Promised Seed** **Galatians 4:4, 5**
- **Isaiah 7:14** **Virgin Birth/Mother** **Matthew 1:18-23**
- **Micah 5:2** **Birthplace** **Matthew 2:1**
- **Genesis 49:10** **Tribe** **Hebrews 7:14**
- **Isaiah 11:1** **Family** **Revelation 22:16**
- **Hosea 11:1** **Out of Egypt** **Matthew 2:13-15**
- **Daniel 9:25** **The Time** **Mark 1:14, 15**
- **Career Outlined (Ask for List)**
- **Isaiah 61:1-3** **His Work** **Luke 4:16-21**
- **Isaiah 53:4** **A Healer** **Matthew 8:16-17**
- **Psalms 78:2** **Taught in Parables** **Matthew 13:34-35**
- **Isaiah 53:3** **Rejection** **John 1:10-11**
- **Isaiah 49:26; 43:3** **Known as Savior** **Acts 13:23**
- **Zechariah 9:9** **Triumphant Entry** **Matthew 21:1-11**

Virgin Birth continued:

- **Psalms 41:9** **Betrayer** **John 13:18-19, 26**
- **Zechariah 11:12** **Price Sold For** **Matthew 26:14-16**
- **Isaiah 53:7** **Silent before Persecutors** **Matthew 27:12-14**
- **Zechariah 13:7** **Disciples Forsook** **Mark 14:15**
- **Closing Scenes and Death**
- **Zechariah 12:10** **Manner of Death** **John 19:18**
- **Psalms 22:19** **Location of Wounds** **John 20:25**
- **Daniel 9:26; Exodus 12:6** **Year, Day, Hour of Death** **Matthew 27:45-50**
- **Psalms 22:18** **His Garments** **John 19:22, 23**
- **Psalms 34:20; Exodus 12:46** **No Bones Broken** **John 19:36**
- **Isaiah 53:9** **His Burial** **Matthew 27:57-60**
- **Psalms 16:10** **His Resurrection** **Acts 2:30, 32**
- **Hosea 6:2** **The Third Day** **Luke 24:19-21**
- **Psalms 24:7-10** **His Ascension** **1 Peter 3:22**
- **Zechariah 6:13** **To Throne as Priest** **Hebrews 8:1-2**

CONSIDER THIS FOR A MOMENT!!

Chances of 8= 10 to the 21st power; Chances of 48 =1 in 10 to the 157th power



More of the Bible's Amazing Prophecies

- Written hundreds of years prior to their fulfillment, which give incredible detail that could not be recreated to make the prophecy true. (Dan. 2, 7, & 9 (3 of many))
- Daniel 2—a verifiable account of history from 606 BC through today. [can be studied later]
- Daniel 7 + Rev. 13 Amazing detail of the time of Daniel through the reformation & Tyranny of Rome
- Daniel 9:24 Taken from Dan 8:14 A seventy week prophecy that pinpoints the coming of the Messiah with perfect accuracy both from history & Scripture



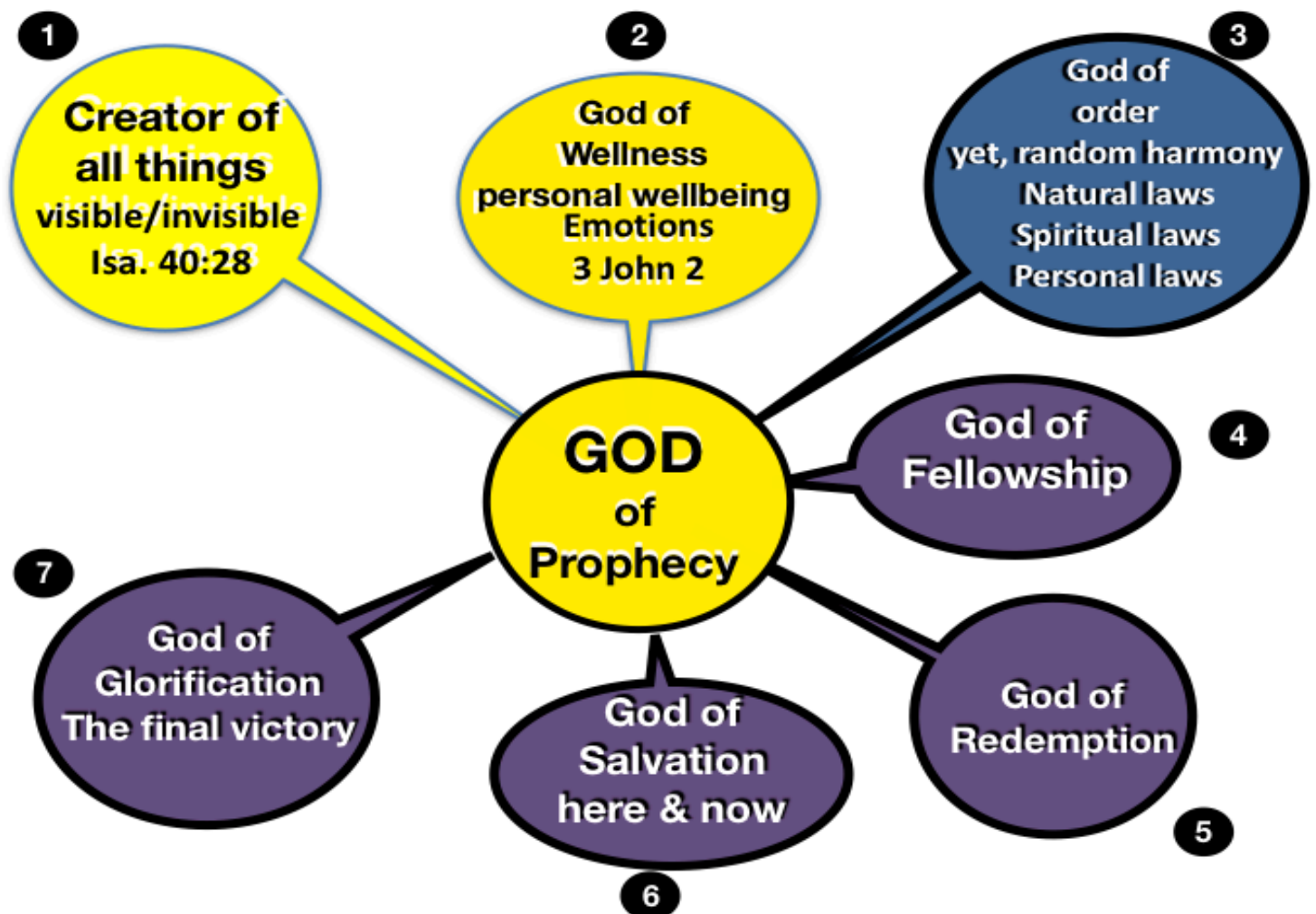
Daniel 2



Daniel 7

God's Word Will Never Pass A Way

- As the Bible says itself: Though heaven and earth will pass away, my Word will not pass away. Mark 13:31
- The Bible has been attacked from within and without the church for nearly 2000 years, but it still stands firm. (French Revolution—Bibles burned)
- Is the best selling, most translated text in the world.



Many Scientific Facts & Concepts

REGARDING:

- Creation of the universe Genesis 1-2 (Wall Street Journal Article- Dec. 25, 2014, SETI=Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence
- Modern medicine—anesthesia, incision, extraction, suture, clone (a.6000 yrs. ago) Genesis 2:21
- Health, Hygiene, —taking care of mold, leprosy, Leviticus13; 14:33-49,
- Disease Control —excretions, waste, Deuteronomy 23:13 Leviticus 11, separation; Numbers 5:2, Leviticus 13:3, 45-46; Bubonic Plague=75-100million in Europe, Russia, Middle East
- Nutrition & Wellness, (Paper of Health Facts from Scripture)
- Poisonous herbs, — Deuteronomy 29:18

Science Continued:

- Social Conduct, —Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 22:37-40
- Mental Health (James),) (Daniel 1-6) Proverbs 17:22 Merry heart...; inhabits the praises of Israel Psalms 22:3
- Astronomy (Job-38:31, 32), Pleiades, Bands of Orion, Arcturus, could only know about these astronomical facts if the ‘Master Astronomer’ showed him.
- Archeology (Dead Sea Scrolls—181 parts of Bible found between 1946-1956); Battle of Qarqar 853 B.C; Also Daniel 5-Transition
- Atmosphere, weather cycles and seasons, Matthew 16:2-3
- Life Cycles, to name a few; all written hundreds and thousands of years before their “discovery” in the lab; and many times by scientists that believed in the Bible and took their hypothesis from its pages, as well as those that set out to disprove its counsel. This is just a few of the points & FACTS

Intelligence

Man is made up of 'matter'

Matter defined:

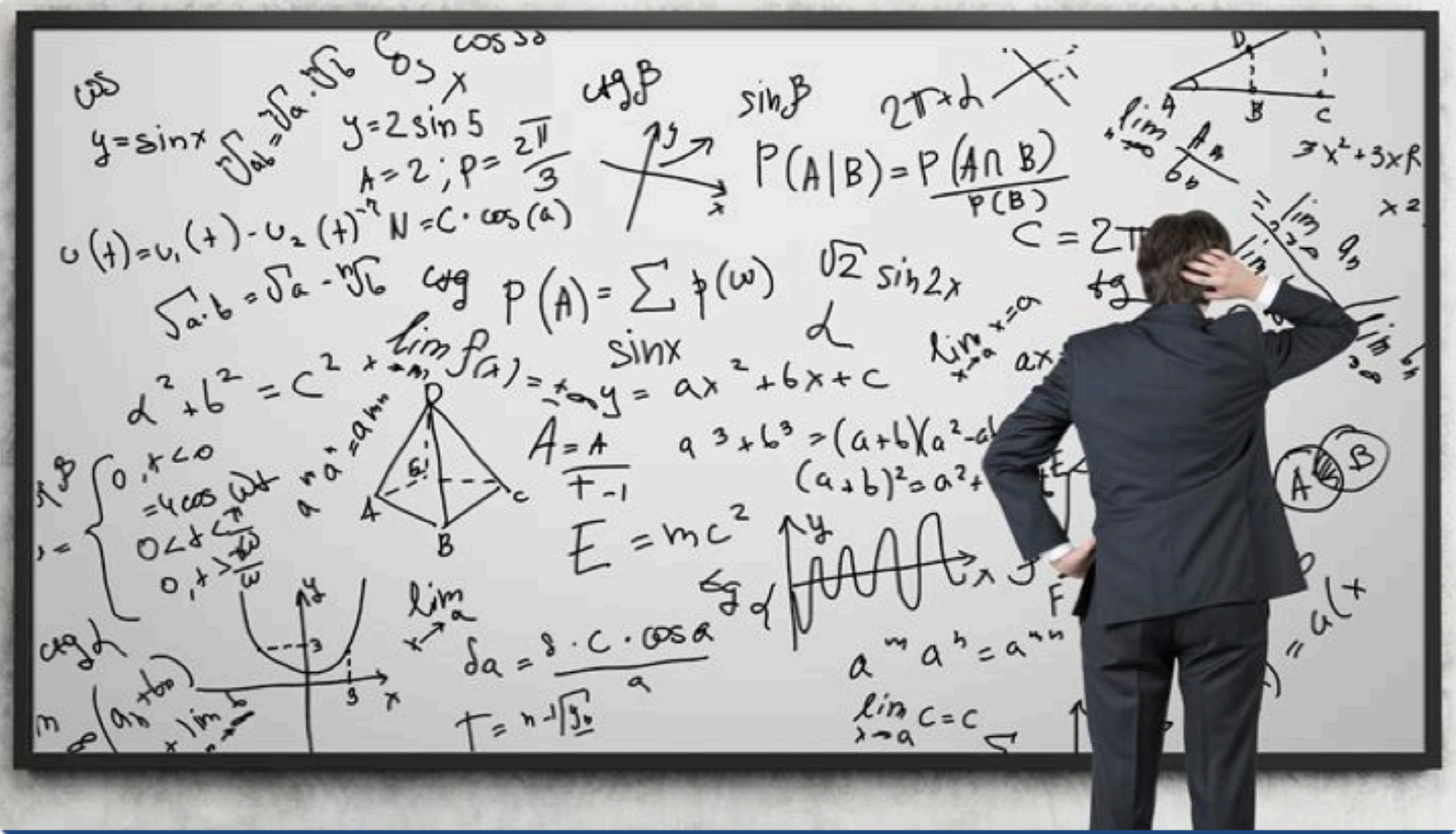
a: the substance of which physical object is composed, b: material substance that occupies space, has mass, and is composed predominantly of atoms consisting of protons, neutrons, and electrons, that constitutes the observable universe, and that is interconvertible with energy. $E=mc^2$ Theory of Relativity

How then does man have consciousness? Intelligence? Feelings? Emotions?

The Bible pages suggest the only intelligent, reasonable, explanation of why we exist (made in God's Image-Gen.1); Where consciousness came from; where the seven day cycle came from Circadian / Circaseptan Rhythms/ (Gen. 1 & 2) (Year-earth/sun; Month/moon-earth); why we have had marriage between a man and woman for so many millenniums (Gen. 2:24); why our instinctive need to know our parents/family; and even some trivial questions such as what came first, the chicken or the egg?

Bible Deals With Human Nature

- The way the Bible reveals human nature both at its best and at its worst.
- Daniel, Job, Joseph; the very best!
- Balaam, The most insightful story into the way mankind relates to 'lust': named as one of the worst enemies of God's people. Eve fell to lust. Numbers 22-24 (2 Peter 2:15-16; Jude 11; Revelation 2:14)



The Very Best
Joseph in Egypt

Human Nature



The Worst
Balaam in Canaan

WELLNESS! EMOTIONAL HEALTH! 3 JOHN 2

PERFECT HEALTH DEPENDS ON PERFECT CIRCULATION



NOTE: If God is so loving & kind, wouldn't He want us to know!! Thus the need of the BIBLE.

King James Version

Translated in the year 1611

- **‘Manual’ for Living a Harmonious life.**
- **The Bible that we now have in the King James Version, was primarily taken from Hebrew, Aramaic, Tyndale’s translation, and the Greek Septuagint.**
- **The Old Testament, Christ quoted from and knew whole sections perfectly and stated that from Moses and throughout the Prophets, these Scriptures testified of Him. Luke 24:27**
- **Purpose was to put the Bible into the language of the common people—not to prove doctrine!!**



God of Order
Random Harmony
Natural Laws

The Perfect Life Code—Ex. 20:3-17; 24:12; 31:18

Ten Commandments

2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; 6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 10 But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

12 Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

13 Thou shalt not kill.

14 Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 Thou shalt not steal.

16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

TEN COMMANDMENTS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

1. "Thou shalt worship at the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." Matthew 4:10.

2. "'Little children keep yourselves from idols.'" 1 John 5:21 "Forasmuch then we are the offspring of God. we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device." Acts 17:29.

3. "Thou shalt worship at the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." Matthew 4:10.

4. "For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest on the seventh day from all his works." "There remaineth therefore a rest ["keeping of a Sabbath." margin] to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works. as God did from his." Hebrews 4:4, 9-10

5. "Honor thy father and thy mother." Matthew 19:19.

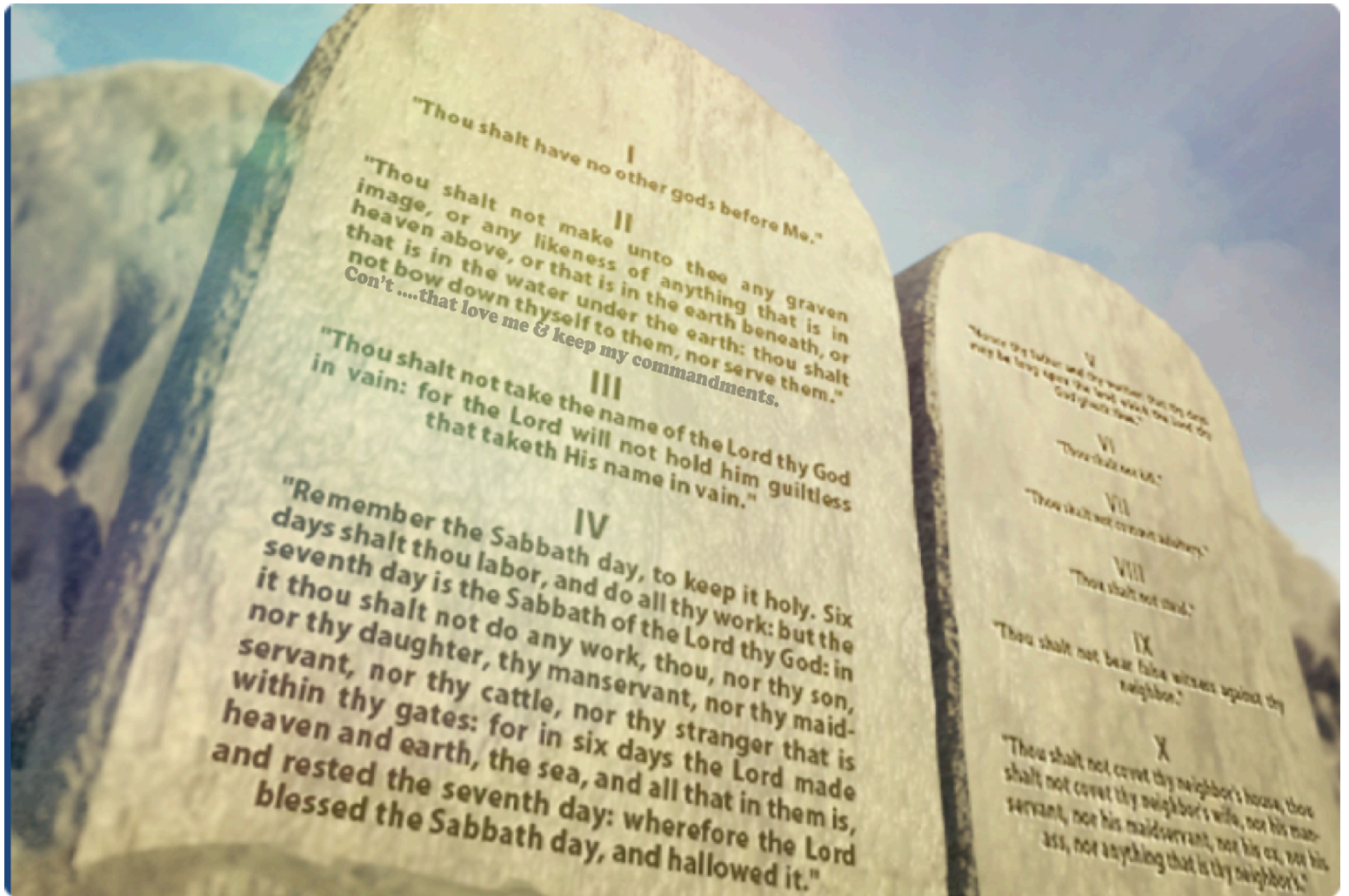
6. "Thou shalt not kill. Romans 13:9

7. "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Matthew 19:18; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

8. "Thou shalt not steal." Romans 13:9

9. "Thou shalt not bear false witness ." Romans 13:9

10. "Thou shalt not covet." Romans 7:7



The Perfect Summation!!

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. Matthew 22:37-40 ; James 2;10-12



Additional Notes of an Amazing God!:

- Some have challenges with the Old Testament's apparent stern manner God seemed to deal with the people who were taken off the land God gave to the Hebrews, and what appears to be the harsh manner He dealt with His people. (sometimes over centuries)
- This is understandable if we miss one very important point which is the basis of all the Old Testament up to about 400 years before Christ.

What Is That Point?

- The Old Testament time was a **Theocracy**.
- Theocracy Defined: **government managed by Immediate Divine Guidance.**
- How do I know this? “And the Lord [God] spake unto Moses saying,
....
- And let them make me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them.”
Exodus 25:1 & 8 (They saw light of His Presence)
- **The very God of the Universe wanted to make His Home with His People!!**



What A Privilege for Those Who Loved God & His Ways!!

- But this posed a challenge to God: For God LOVES the SINNER But HATES the SIN that HURTS & DESTROYS the Sinner
- Sin is the transgression of the Law of God: That beautiful Code, that rightly kept, brings happiness and peace to ALL. 1 John 3:4
- This sin may be anything that causes disease, or pain, or sorrow!!
- When viewed from this perspective, the Old Testament reveals a loving God trying to protect His People—and all those who want to know Him! This arrangement ended when the women of the Jews took on themselves to make the sacrifices to the god or queen of heaven (a false god). - a.590 years BC. Jeremiah 44:17. This essentially ended the Theocracy! Yet, God still sent messages to His Prophets until a. 400 BC. This ended the Old Testament.

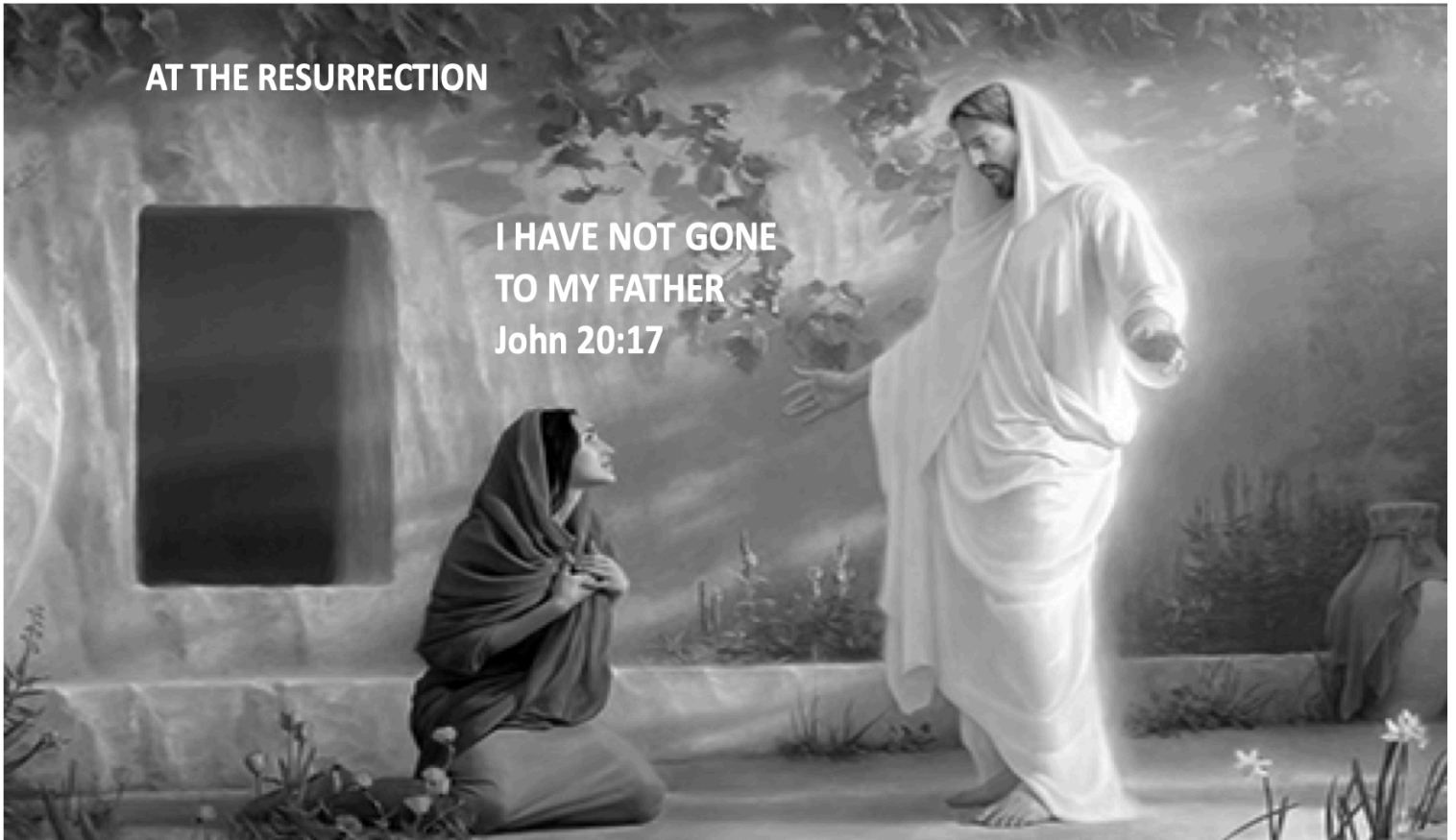
The New Testament

- **Had that God of the Old Testament Come to Live With Them in Human Form?—Jesus Christ?—The Messiah; John 1:1-3, 14 made clear in Study #2**
- **Indeed, It certainly seems so!**
- **With the Theocracy gone, the NT is now subject to the civil authorities as in kings, prime ministers, presidents, dictators or worse, EXCEPT if THAT AUTHORITY demands something that personally goes against God's requirements in the 10 COMMANDMENTS.**
- **It also TRUSTS GOD to take care of the serious infringements to the ultimate commands of God's Laws in His all-knowing way at the right time. Romans 12:19; Hebrews 10:30. "Vengeance is Mine"**

THROUGH CHRIST,
GOD SHOWS US THE BEST WAY

AT THE RESURRECTION

I HAVE NOT GONE
TO MY FATHER
John 20:17



Psalm 24:7-10

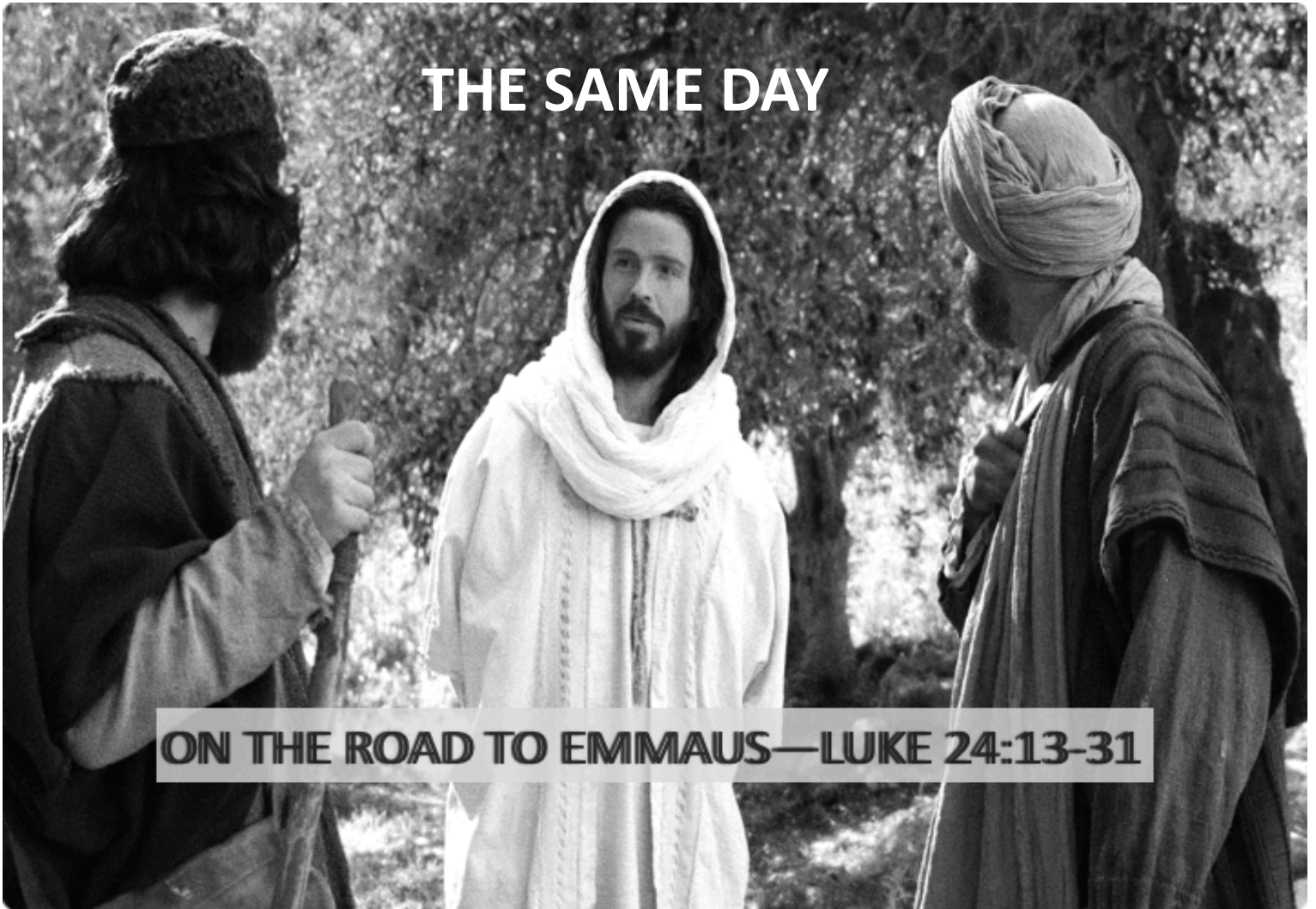
“Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. ⁸Who is *this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.* ⁹Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. ¹⁰Who is *this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory*”.

What a Celebration!! Ran into His Father's Throne Room; You see, Our Children are Graven into the palms of My Hands!

Isaiah 49:16

*Yes, Someone Was On His Mind! We were-the little flock on earth!
Luke 12:32 Fear not little flock for it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom!*

THE SAME DAY



ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS—LUKE 24:13-31

What Did Christ Do to Establish His Little Flock?
He Turned Their Minds to the Scriptures!
Luke 24:27, 44-53

“And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.”

“These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.” *Fast Facts—48 Prophecies of the Messiah*

Yes—A Picture of a Gracious God

The Bible Most Importantly Claims an all knowing, all wise, and all powerful God, that though He made the vast universe, is personally interested and involved in my life. He loves me with an everlasting love; desires my happiness, peace, prosperity, and harmonious life, to forever be with Him in a place that looks like, feels like, and proves to be Paradise. John 14:1-3

1 Let not your heart be troubled: Ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: If it were not so, I would have told you. I go and prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:1-3

The Word of God Has
!!Amazing Credentials!!

*This is His plan;
This is His book.*

*I heartily recommend it to you
because it's proven to me to be
ALL IT CLAIMS TO BE!*

The Word of God?



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The Beauties of Creation!!



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