

Basic biblical

knowledge Starting down the
path to eternal life

I call heaven and earth to witness against you
today, that I have set before you life and
death, the blessing and the curse. So choose
life in order that you may live, you and your
descendants, by loving the Lord your God, by

obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.” Dt 30:19-20

1. The Bible is a book of covenants (promises)

- Since Adam, God has used covenants with His chosen people (Ps 89:3) to help them understand the importance of their relationship to Him & keeping His Words.

- **Old Testament/Covenant** - God's covenant with Israel (the Jews)

established through Moses • *Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep*

My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'

These are the

God

Covenant

words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel.” (Ex 19:5-6) Israel

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- After Israel broke their covenant (Hos 6:7), God sent the prophets to prophesy about how He would one day call a new people His people and make a new covenant (Hos 2:23, Jer 31:31-32).
 - Hundreds of years later, Jesus came and fulfilled the Old Testament (Jn 19:30), establishing the new covenant in his own blood (Lk 22:20, Heb 8:10-12) with those who believed in him.
 - **New Testament/Covenant** - God's covenant with Christians established by Jesus
- The New Covenant is finally fulfilled with the fulfillment of Revelation, which again promises that those who keep it will
- God**
- Covenant**

become God's kingdom and priests (Rv 1:1-3, 5-6).

Israel Christians

2. The Bible is God's Words

- God is the author of the Bible. It was His Spirit that inspired/commanded 35-40 different people over the course of ~1600 years to record His words.

- *All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; (2 Tm 3:16)*
- Because the Bible is God's Word, only His Spirit can help us understand, believe, and obey (1 Cor 2:9-13).

people

God

35-40

but just as it is written, “Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who

love Him.” For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words. **1 Cor 2:9-13**

3. The Bible contains four basic types of

content

1. **Moral teachings** (2 Tm 3:16) → training in righteousness
 2. **History** (1 Cor 10:11) → examples & warnings that we might not repeat the mistakes of the past
 3. **Prophecies** (Jn 14:29) → So we can recognize and believe in the fulfillment when it comes
 4. **Fulfillment** (Rv 21:6) → God accomplishing His work
- 4. The Bible relates the story of God's war with**

Satan

- From his first acts of deception in the Garden in Gn 3, the spirit we call Satan has been relentless in opposing God's every effort toward redemption and restoration of His creation Satan stole.
- This continues until we finally see God's ultimate victory over Satan in the book of Revelation (Rv 12:7-11) and Satan's end as he is thrown into the lake of fire forever (Rv 20).
- God and the spirits and flesh who belong to Him versus Satan and the spirits and flesh who belong to him ... This war includes both physical and spiritual wars, which we must discern.

5. The Bible's key content = prophecy & fulfillment

- As the true Creator, only God can prophesy and fulfill. Why? Rather than “seeing into the future,” God works to create what He promised.
- God fulfilled what He promised to Abraham at the time of Moses (Ex 12) and what He promised through the OT prophets (Jn 14:29).
- At the 1st coming (Jn 19:30). He will fulfill the NT prophecies at 2nd coming (Rv 21:6).
- The purpose of these prophecies is to help us discern God's words and work from those of the enemy and to help us believe (Dt 18:21-22, Jn

**Visions
of future
events**

Prophecies

God

Ex: Is, Jer, Ez, etc.

Prophets

You may say in your heart, ‘How will we know the word which the Lord has not spoken?’ When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not

come about or come true, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken.

The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.

Dt 18:21-22

Now I have told you before it happens, so that

**when it happens, you
may believe.**

Jn 14:29

6. Bible history in seven eras

1. Era of Genesis

2. Era of Exodus & the Law

3. Era of the Judges

4. Era of the Kings

5. Era of the Prophets

6. Era of the Gospel of the Kingdom of Heaven

7. Era of Re-creation and Revelation

And He was also saying to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘A shower is coming,’ and so it turns out. And when you see a

*south wind blowing, you say, ‘It will be a hot day,’ and it turns out that way. You hypocrites! You know how to analyze the appearance of the earth and the sky, but **why do you not analyze this present time?** “And why do you not even on your own initiative judge what is right? (Lk 12:54-57)*

7. Bible prophecies & fulfillment follow a pattern

- Because of the war between God and Satan, there is a consistent back and forth until God's final victory at the time of Revelation's fulfillment.
- This leads to a consistent three-step pattern to biblical prophecies and their fulfillment: apostasy (falling from faith) → destruction (uniting with Satan) → salvation (being restored to God)
- For example, after Adam was deceived and corrupted, God chose Noah and saved through him. After Israel was deceived and corrupted, God brought about salvation through Jesus.

Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to

Him, that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the **apostasy** comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of **destruction**, who opposes and exalts himself above every so called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

2 Thes 2:1-4

8. Bible's purpose = path back to eternal

life

- God's purpose in giving us the Bible was to help us discern between Him and His work and God's enemy and his work (Jn 5:39-40).
- By discerning, God wants to free us from both our past sins and

from our sinful nature so that we can be fully re-united to Him and receive the gift of heaven and eternal life (1 Jn 2:25, 1 Jn 5:13).

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**God's
Family
& Home
Eternal Life**



Summary & Conclusion

1. Bible = book of covenants

2. Bible = God's Word

3. Bible has 4 kinds of content

4. Bible = story of war

5. Bible's key content =

prophecy and fulfillment

6. Bible history in 7 eras

7. Bible prophecies and fulfillment follow a pattern

8. Bible's purpose is eternal life

Let's pray   