



## Understanding the Bible (*from a bird's eye view*)

The Bible is the written Word of God; it is a history (His – God's story) book of things that happened, are happening and will happen. It holds instructions for getting saved; the Word of Salvation. Salvation means receiving through Jesus Christ all the promises which were promised to Him. The victory over sin in man, and man getting saved from eternal punishment and destruction. Therefore to understand it and follow it is very important.

Looking at the Bible from a bird's eye view, it is made of two collections of books; the Old Testament and the New Testament. These are classified according to the times before Jesus and times from Jesus.

The Old Testament was written mostly in Hebrew, which was the most common language; later on Aramaic too became a common language. Therefore some texts are also in Aramaic. The New Testament also has a few texts in Aramaic but is mostly written in Greek.

These two collections of books may look different but they fit in perfectly. The Bible although written and bought together by man, the author of it is the Holy Spirit. The proof of this can be seen when you understand the books.

All scriptures in the Bible are true and not just facts. Facts can change according to the situation but truth does not. It is called the Word of God not Words of God for although there are many scriptures, they all interconnect to one another like a net. No two scriptures contradict each other but are all parallel to each other when understood. On the face of it there may be some text that may contradict each other but when understood in truth they all support each other. You need to understand each scripture, that understanding is called revelation; revelations give the truth.

In the Bible truth is best described as a pomegranate (fruit). The fruit is one but if opened has many sections and each sections hold small units which are in its self like a fruit. Each unit has its own seed, fleshy matter and skin. Each unit is unique in shape and does not fit in any other place. Revelations is like coming to know one side of each unit and when all sides of the unit is known the truth is known. Although it is only a small part of the real truth it still holds ground by its self and is the truth. Revelations are in different areas; the body, the heart and spirit. In many places it is written as 'soul' instead of 'heart'. The word 'soul' defines both heart and spirit individually or together (*to understand on this matter future refer to my teaching on the heart*). The Bible is more spiritual than natural therefore is more to do with the Kingdom of God than natural earth, although most is written about it.

### **Luke 13**

*<sup>20</sup>And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God?*

*<sup>21</sup>It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.*

Each revelation is very precious and true revelations come from God. As the Lord showed me; revelation as a beautiful diamond in the shape of a tear. The tear was very beautiful but its shape had a small difference unlike human tear, instead of one pointed top this one had three. A revelation is like a beautiful tear of joy which God (the Father, Son and Spirit together) put into your lap.

To understand the Bible in whole let me start with the Gospels. There are four Gospels and all are written on one topic that is about Jesus. If the topic is same why four were needed? To understand this we need to understand the writers.

I will give a brief of the writers of the four Gospels and the Bible not going too much deep.

**Matthew:** The writer Matthew is not the same Matthew who was one of the disciples (Apostles) of Jesus. If you see the style of writing of the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark and Luke are similar while the Gospel according to John is different. John was one of the Apostles while Matthew, like Mark and



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Luke was a teacher of the Word. Matthew wrote after studying many texts, like the 'Sayings of Jesus', known as 'Q' and believed to have referred to the Writings of Mark who's Gospel was among the first, but naturally he too was inspired by the Holy Spirit while writing.

You will understand this from the scriptures of the misreporting of the incident of the Man with a legion of spirits. In the Gospel according to Mathew it is written as two men not one, as written in the other Gospels. This error was purposely made to bring out the hidden truths on many factors. It was this text by which the Lord confirmed to me a few questions on the Church (*refer to my teachings - [Church - The Body of Christ] - [Solid Food]*).

### Mathew 8

<sup>28</sup>*When he arrived at the other side in the region of the Gadarenes, **two demon-possessed men** coming from the tombs met him.*

### Mark 5

<sup>1</sup>*They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. <sup>2</sup>When Jesus got out of the boat, **a man with an evil spirit** came from the tombs to meet him.*

### Luke 8

<sup>26</sup>*They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. <sup>27</sup>When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by **a demon-possessed man** from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs.*

**Mark:** Was the first to write the Gospel. Mark's real name was John. He was the son of Mary and the cousin of Barnabas.

### Acts 12

<sup>12</sup>*When this had dawned on him, he went to **the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark**, where many people had gathered and were praying.*

<sup>25</sup>*When Barnabas and Saul had finished their mission, they returned from Jerusalem, **taking with them John, also called Mark.***

In Acts, Mark was the reason of separation between Paul and Barnabas. At that time Mark was part of the team that helped understand the teachings of Jesus, this team included Luke, Silas, Barnabas, Aristarchus, Demas, Peter and Paul. Most of the input to this team came from Paul who was directly taught by the Lord through an Angel.

### 1 Peter 5

<sup>12</sup>*With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. <sup>13</sup>She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and **so does my son Mark.** <sup>14</sup>Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.*

### 2 Timothy 4

<sup>9</sup>*Do your best to come to me quickly, <sup>10</sup>for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup>**Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.** <sup>12</sup>I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup>When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, **and my scrolls, especially the parchments.***

### Acts 9

<sup>3</sup>*As he neared Damascus on his journey, **suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.***

<sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, **but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing**. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>**For three days he was blind**, and did not eat or drink anything.

<sup>11</sup>The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named **Saul, for he is praying**. <sup>12</sup>**In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.**"

<sup>13</sup>"Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

<sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to carry my name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel. <sup>16</sup>**I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.**"

<sup>19</sup>..... Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. <sup>20</sup>**At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God.** <sup>21</sup>**All those who heard him were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn't he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?"** <sup>22</sup>**Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Christ.**

Mark left the team half way, therefore his Gospel is incomplete.

### Acts 15

<sup>36</sup>Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit the brothers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing." <sup>37</sup>**Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them,** <sup>38</sup>**but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work.** <sup>39</sup>They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, <sup>40</sup>but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the brothers to the grace of the Lord.

The last scriptures of the last chapter, **chapter 16:9-20** of the Gospel according to Mark were added later and are not part of the original text (*put it in latter, also by the plan of the Holy Spirit*).

Paul and Barnabas later reconciled, this is projected in the letter of Paul to the Colossians and Philemon.

### Colossians 4:10

<sup>10</sup>*My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does **Mark, the cousin of Barnabas.** (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.)*

### Philemon 1

<sup>9</sup>*yet I appeal to you on the basis of love. **I then, as Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus***

<sup>23</sup>*Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends you greetings. <sup>24</sup>**And so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas and Luke, my fellow workers.***

**Luke:** Was the most dedicated among the three and this can be seen in his writing. You will find the maximum revelations coming from the Gospel according to Luke. Not that the others were not led by the Holy Spirit, it was just that Luke was more inclined to the voice of the Holy Spirit and was more hard working.



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He took up the work of writing, on finding the incomplete and inaccurate work of Mark and Matthew. There were many so called Gospels that were written during that time but all are not the works of the Holy Spirit.

### Luke 1

*<sup>1</sup>Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, <sup>2</sup>just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup>so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.*

It is also a belief that the Book of Acts is also written by Luke going by the first few lines. The word 'Theophilus' in Greek means 'Lover of God' and is in both books in the introduction.

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*<sup>1</sup>In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.*

**John:** He was the most beloved among the Apostles as written by John himself. Since He was an Apostle, the style and basis of writing is very different to Mathew, Mark and Luke. John concentrated on the more basic blocks of life; acknowledging Jesus as man, Lord and King, His love, His sacrifice, etc... Therefore you will find it as the most easy to read among all the Gospels.

When I recommend a new person to the Bible I ask them to start with John going backwards to Matthew, then all the letters, then the Old Testament and lastly the book of Revelations.

All the books in the Bible, both Old and New Testaments were not written only by the said persons, but most of them literally had a school of students or disciples with them who also helped them in their work. For instance John was uneducated therefore could not have written the Gospel himself. It is also pointed in some of the old manuscripts that the work was complete long after John died. The authors were the source, for God spoke or directed through them, the actual writers could have been their students or disciples.

Other examples are the books of Moses which was completed by another person after Moses died. Also it is believed that in the book of Isaiah chapter 65 onwards was completed later by his students after Isaiah died and not during Isaiah's life.

All the four Gospels give different viewpoints of the truth, therefore necessary to know the complete truth. Now, as far as the so called Gospels which are not listed here? They may have some truth in them but were not found worthy by the Lord to be included in the Bible. It is not only that the writer mattered also mattered was the leading by the Holy Spirit while writing and if it fitted in the grand design of the Book of Instructions – the Bible.

For example the oldest book in the Bible is the book of Job. In the book of Job, Job a man of great wisdom and understanding was called to be teacher like Matthew, Mark and Luke talks about a book he has written in which great details of the kingdom of Heaven are given. This book has not been added to the Bible, not because it did not hold the truth but because it did not fall in God's purpose and plan of the Bible.

### Job 19

*<sup>23</sup>Oh that my words were now written! oh that they were printed in a book!*

*<sup>24</sup>That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever!*

Like this the Bible also talks of many other books which are not part of the Bible (read Kings and Chronicles).

If you understand the books, you will find it as a perfect composition of book for the salvation of man. They can be broadly divided into four categories.

**Prophetic** – Word of God given through prophesies

*i.e. Books of Moses, Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Zechariah, Ezekiel etc..*

**Disclosures** – Written by teachers to give the understanding of the Kingdom of God or God's Word

*i.e. Job, Daniel, Revelation, Ecclesiastes, Songs of Solomon, Sirach, Wisdom, letter of James etc..*

**Historical** – Give testimonies of prophesies being fulfilled; testimonies of walking with the Lord and also of disobeying the Lord.

*i.e. Kings, Chronicles, Acts, Judges, Esther, Maccabees etc..*

**Apostolic** – They too give the understanding of the Word of God but unlike Disclosures concentrate on the basic foundation building of the Church.

*i.e. Letters of Paul, Letters of Peter, Letters of John etc..*

The Gospels are one set of Books that have a mix of all. The reason being they are on Jesus and Jesus had the complete image in Him. Therefore the Gospels give prophesies (*the Word of God*), give disclosures (*understanding of the Word - the teachings*), give testimonies (*prophesies coming true*) and also laid the foundation of the real Church.

Like the Gospels the book of Psalms too are a mix of books.

The whole Bible also called the Book of Instruction gives a complete picture and instruction from the start of this creation right till it being saved and receiving its rewards.

If you look at the whole Bible from a bird's-eye view you will surprisingly see a simple image of God of which we are made.

### **Old Testament – The Heart**

The two most important books the Pentateuch (*the books of Moses*) and the Psalms both are made of five books. The books of Psalms are arranged similar to the books of Moses (*read my teachings on The Heart part I, II and III*). They are made according to the heart.

- 1) The Conscience – The Book of Genesis – Psalms (1-41) The Genesis Book
- 2) The Mind – The Book of Exodus – Psalms (42-72) The Exodus Book
- 3) The Throne – The Book of Leviticus – Psalms (73-89) The Leviticus Book
- 4) The Nature – The Book of Numbers – Psalms (90-106) The Numbers Book
- 5) The Pump – The Book of Deuteronomy – Psalms (107-150) The Deuteronomy Book

In fact the whole Old Testament's most important topic is the heart; the change, the fall, its ups and down.

### **New Testament – The Spirit**

The Gospels and other books of the New Testament's core topic is the Spirit. It starts with the Lord who is Spirit yet became man (Jesus) in flesh and saves our spirits from eternal damnation. We receive the Spirit of God through the sacrifice of Jesus and the Spirit of God starts working in us and saves us.



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### The Body of Christ - the inner shield

The Bible in whole is about man being saved and becoming one in Christ; the marriage. We first become part of the body of Jesus Christ on earth and then of the Lord: the Son of God in Heaven.

#### On Earth

People called to serve the Church (Old Testament - the Levites)

- 1) Apostle
- 2) Prophet
- 3) Teacher
- 4) Administrator (Pastor)
- 5) Evangelist
- 6) Healer

And people called to be part of the church – the believers (Old Testament – the Israelites).

#### In Heaven

Those called to rule over Angles (Old Testament – Judah)

And those called to become Angles (Old Testament – Israel)

### The Temple - the outer shield

The Bible starts with God (the Father) dwelling with man and due to sin in man, stops. After sin in man is overcome and man has received his salvation, God the Father again comes and dwells with man. Finally the Temple of God (*the Holy City*) is in its full glory. Without the souls (*heart & spirit*) the Temple remains incomplete.

If you look there are four Gospels, four type of books and four purposes of the Bible. Numbers in the Bible are important. Like the number four, is the number forty. The word 'forty' in Hebrew '**arba'iyim** (*Strong's Number: 0705*) originates from '*multiple of*'. It is a number of choice in the Bible all for a reason.

A few of the important events connected with forty:-

- 1) Noah's Flood – forty days
- 2) Noah's waiting to get out of the Ark after the flood water subsided – forty days
- 3) Jacob's body embalmed and Egyptians mourning – forty days
- 4) Israel eating Manna – forty years
- 5) Israel wondering in the wilderness – forty years
- 6) Moses' age when he ran away from Egypt and Pharaoh – forty years
- 7) Period Moses spend in the wilderness before the Lord appeared to him – forty years
- 8) Moses in the mount – forty days
- 9) Moses' fasting on the mount – forty days
- 10) Moses' second fast after coming down the mount, for the sins of Israel – forty days
- 11) Forty sockets of silver in the Tabernacle
- 12) Moses again in the mount – forty days
- 13) Spies searching Canaan – forty days
- 14) Battle of Jericho – forty thousand soldiers
- 15) Caleb's age when he went to spy – forty years
- 16) Israel under Philistines rule – forty years
- 17) Goliath's challenge to Israel before David finished him – forty days
- 18) Saul's rule – forty years
- 19) David's rule – forty years
- 20) The length of Solomon's temple – forty cubits
- 21) Solomon's rule – forty years
- 22) Elijah fed by the Angel in the wilderness after running from Jezebel – forty days
- 23) Joash's rule – forty years

- 24) Egypt desolate – forty years
- 25) Ezekiel's temple length – forty cubits
- 26) Jonah's prophesy and the people of Nineveh's fast – forty days
- 27) Jesus' fast in the wilderness – forty days
- 28) Period Jesus spend between resurrection and ascending before the Apostles – forty days

Similarly there are many more that are linked with the number four. All things in the Bible have a spiritual meaning and are images of the Kingdom of Heaven like the numbers three, four, forty, seven, twelve among few. When probed further, give an understanding of the Heavens.

About the Bible being a collection of books written or chosen by man.

Man might have written or chosen the books but it was the Lord who orchestrated it. There is nothing that needs to be added to the Bible or can be subtracted from it. The warning in the book of Revelation is not only for that specific book but in fact for the whole Bible (*the word 'Bible' means 'book' in Greek*).

### **Revelation 22**

*<sup>18</sup>I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. <sup>19</sup>And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.*

The book of Revelation gives revelation to the scriptures that were previously prophesied both from the Old Testament and the Gospels. Changing anything from the book of Revelations means changing its origin, therefore the warning holds true to the whole book. The prophesied Word of God actually stops where Jesus finishes His final teaching on the mount in the four Gospels. After that it is just prophesies coming true.

### **Matthew 26**

*<sup>1</sup>When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples,*

Therefore nothing can be removed, nor added or be entertained if it goes contradictory to the existing text. Any thing parallel to it which helps you understand it or its background may be considered worth reading, after it has been authenticated.

There is also something that is a question to many people's minds about the two sets of Bibles the so called Catholic Bible and Protestant Bible; the Apocrypha books; Greek for 'concealed' or 'hidden' now referred to as 'set aside' or 'withdrawn'. I would have liked to avoid this topic for it can disturb many minds but the people who like to pursue the truth will not be affected. These books include Tobit, Judith, Wisdom of Solomon, Ecclesiasticus (Sirach), Baruch, Maccabees (I & II). Look at these books, do you find the prophesied Word of God in any of them? No. These are mostly historical books or disclosures. Read them if you like or do not read them, they do not affect you from receive the full Word, they will only help you understand the Word.

Why they are not considered? One reason given is that they were written during the time when the Jerusalem temple was burnt down and Israel was made captive. The reason is that some felt, the Holy Spirit was not active at that time (as prophesied) thus these are not the work of the Holy Spirit!

My dear, brother or sisters in Christ, what was the most important thing in the old temple? Was the Ark or the building?



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### **Matthew 23**

*<sup>16</sup>Woe to you, blind guides! You say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it means nothing; but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.' <sup>17</sup>You blind fools! **Which is greater: the gold, or the temple that makes the gold sacred?** <sup>18</sup>You also say, 'If anyone swears by the altar, it means nothing; but if anyone swears by the gift on it, he is bound by his oath.' <sup>19</sup>You blind men! **Which is greater: the gift, or the altar that makes the gift sacred?***

In the Old Testament was this the only time that Ark was taken away by the heathens? Just because all the destructions came together the Lord was not working? Do you not know that the Old Testament is just a shadow of the New Testament?

### **Hebrews 10**

*<sup>1</sup>The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming - not the realities themselves.*

And the New Testament too is a shadow of what we will receive as salvation in Heaven

### **Colossians 2**

*<sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.*

Had the Lord (Holy Spirit) not been working, Israel would not have survived so also would we have not been Christians. All these events were prophesied before and were due because of the sins of the descendants of Jacob. Its like saying when you are chastised the Lord is not with you, in fact been chastised is a proof that the Lord is with you and loves you, but hates what is in you therefore is correcting you.

The book of Maccabees is just the shadow of what will happen in the last days, days before the Judgment Day. Those days will be the true days when the Spirit of the Lord will be taken away from man. Meaning there will cease to be any Christ (anointed men or women of God).

If you find anything in these books which you feel go against the Word of God reject it. But first ask the Lord to help you discern it, do not do it with your own understanding.

**God Bless**