



PRESENT DAY TRUTH

A Biblical Study Guide for the Seeking Christian

"If ye love me, keep my commandments."

— **John 14:15**

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

— **Isaiah 8:20**

OLD & NEW TESTAMENT EVIDENCE · VERSE BY VERSE · NOTHING BUT SCRIPTURE (KJV)

The Bible itself invites investigation — it stakes everything on verifiable claims: real people, real places, datable prophecies, observable design. So here is our only request: read the evidence honestly, then weigh the message it points to. "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine" (John 7:17).

PART I — THE EVIDENCE: CAN THIS BOOK BE TRUSTED?

I Why This Book Deserves an Honest Hearing

Whatever you currently believe about the Bible, it makes one claim no honest person can ignore: it claims to be the **Word of God** — and it tells you to **test that claim**. Unlike any other religious text, it names names, dates, cities, and empires that can be checked. It has been translated into more languages, survived more attempts to destroy it, and been printed more times than any book in history. That alone demands explanation.

Isaiah 1:18

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD." God's first word to the skeptic is an invitation to reason — not a demand for blind faith.

Isaiah 41:21–22

"Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons... shew us what shall happen... **that we may know that ye are gods.**" God's own challenge: no idol can predict the future — He can.

Acts 17:11

The Bereans were praised as "more noble" because they **"searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so"** — they fact-checked a preacher. You are invited to do the same.

2 Timothy 3:16

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

1 Thessalonians 5:21

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." The Bible commands you to test it.

John 7:17

"If any man will do his will, **he shall know of the doctrine,** whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." Honest willingness is the only prerequisite.

2 Peter 1:16

"We have **not followed cunningly devised fables...** but were **eyewitnesses** of his majesty." The Bible's writers claimed evidence, not mysticism.

Psalms 34:8 · John 5:39

"O taste and see that the LORD is good." **"Search the scriptures;** for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."

Consider the book itself: written by ~40 authors over ~1,500 years — shepherds, kings, a fisherman, a physician, a tax collector — on three continents, in three languages — yet telling one seamless story from "In the beginning" (Genesis 1:1) to "I make all things new" (Revelation 21:5). The first book ever printed (Gutenberg, ~1455). The best-selling book of every year since. Translated into more than 700 languages (over 3,700 with portions). Empires have tried to burn it out of existence; the ashes of its critics are gone, and the book remains: "The word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isaiah 40:8).

II The Bible and Science — Written Thousands of Years Ahead of Its Time

The Bible is not a science textbook — but wherever it touches the physical world, it says things no human writer of its era could have known. While surrounding cultures taught that the earth sat on elephants, turtles, or the shoulders of Atlas, the Bible quietly stated facts science would not confirm for **thousands of years**.

Job 26:7 — Earth floats in space

"He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing".

Ecclesiastes 1:7 · Job 36:27–28 — The water cycle

"All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; **unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.**" "For he maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to **the vapour** thereof." Evaporation, condensation, precipitation — not scientifically established until the 1600s.

Leviticus 17:11 — Life is in the blood

"For **the life of the flesh is in the blood.**" Written ~3,400 years before medicine understood circulation and oxygen transport — and while doctors were still practicing bloodletting (which killed patients as late as George Washington, 1799).

Jeremiah 33:22 · Genesis 15:5 — Uncountable stars

"As **the host of heaven cannot be numbered.**..." Ancient astronomers counted the stars — Ptolemy's catalog listed 1,022. The Bible said they are uncountable; telescopes now reveal countless billions.

Job 38:31 — Pleiades bound, Orion loosed

"Canst thou **bind** the sweet influences of **Pleiades**, or **loose the bands of Orion?**" Telescopes reveal the Pleiades are a gravitationally bound star cluster — while Orion's stars are drifting apart. Invisible to the naked eye; stated 3,500 years ago.

Isaiah 40:22 — A round earth

"It is he that sitteth upon the **circle of the earth**... that **stretcheth out the heavens** as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in." Written ~700 BC.

Psalms 8:8 · Ecclesiastes 1:6 — "Paths of the seas"

"The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through **the paths of the seas.**" Matthew Fontaine Maury — the "Father of Oceanography" — read this verse, concluded the oceans must contain currents, and went on to chart them. His monument in Virginia reads: "His inspiration, Holy Writ — Psalm 8:8; Ecclesiastes 1:6" ("the wind returneth again according to his circuits" — global wind circulation).

Leviticus 13:45–46 · Numbers 19:11–12 — Quarantine and germs

The infected must "**dwell alone; without the camp,**" cover the upper lip, and cry "Unclean"; those touching the dead must wash and isolate seven days. Moses prescribed quarantine, isolation, and washing **3,300 years before germ theory**

Psalms 102:25–26 — A universe wearing out

"Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth... They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, **all of them shall wax old like a garment.**" Everything runs down — what physics now calls the second law of thermodynamics.

III The Bible and History — Archaeology Confirms the Record

For two centuries, critics claimed the Bible's people and places were legends — David, the Hittites, Pontius Pilate, Belshazzar. Then the shovels started digging. Discovery after discovery has vindicated the Bible.

The Dead Sea Scrolls (1947) — Isaiah 40:8

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but **the word of our God shall stand for ever.**" The Great Isaiah Scroll (~125 BC) is over 1,000 years older than the oldest Hebrew copy previously known — and essentially identical to it. The text you can read today is the text they read before Christ.

Belshazzar — Daniel 5:1, 16

"Belshazzar the king" was known **only from the Bible** until Babylonian cuneiform (the Nabonidus Cylinder, 1854) confirmed him as co-ruler with his father — explaining a detail critics once mocked: Daniel was offered only **third** place in the kingdom, because Belshazzar was second.

The Pools of Bethesda and Siloam — John 5:2 · 9:7

John's pool "having **five porches**" was dismissed as fiction — until excavators found it, with exactly five porticoes. The Pool of Siloam was uncovered in 2004, exactly where John's Gospel places it.

The Hittites — 2 Kings 7:6

Critics denied the Hittite empire ever existed — the Bible alone mentioned "the kings of the **Hittites.**" Then their capital, Hattusa (in modern Turkey), was excavated, with thousands of cuneiform tablets. An entire empire the scholars laughed at.

Hezekiah's Tunnel — 2 Kings 20:20 · 2 Chronicles 32:30

The Bible says Hezekiah "made a pool, and a conduit, and brought water into the city." The 1,750-foot tunnel still carries water under Jerusalem — with its own ancient inscription describing two crews digging toward each other. Hezekiah's royal seal has also been found: "Belonging to Hezekiah, [son of] Ahaz, king of Judah."

Also: the Merneptah Stele (~1208 BC) — Pharaoh's boast "Israel is laid waste" is the earliest mention of Israel outside the Bible, proving Israel was a nation in Canaan exactly when the Bible says · the Mesha Stele names Omri's dynasty · Assyrian and Babylonian records confirm biblical kings — Hezekiah, Manasseh, Jehoiachin (whose ration tablets were found in Babylon), Nebuchadnezzar · the Cyrus Cylinder records the Persian policy of returning exiles (Ezra 1:1–4). Renowned archaeologist Nelson Glueck summarized decades of excavation: "No archaeological discovery has ever controverted a Biblical reference." **The pattern of 200 years:** the critics doubt; the spade confirms. This book is rooted in real geography, real rulers, real events — checkable history, not myth.

IV Fulfilled Prophecy — History Written Before It Happened

Tyre — Ezekiel 26:3–5, 12, 14 (written ~590 BC)

Seven predictions against the world's greatest port city: **many nations** would come against her "as the sea causeth his waves to come up"; **Nebuchadnezzar** first (his 13-year siege, 586–573 BC); the city scraped "**like the top of a rock,**" with "thy **stones and thy timber and thy dust**" laid "in the **midst of the water**" — exactly fulfilled when Alexander the Great (332 BC) hurled the mainland ruins into the sea to build his causeway to the island; "**a place for the spreading of nets**"; and "thou shalt be **built no more.**" The ancient mainland site has never been rebuilt; fishermen spread their nets there to this day.

Cyrus named 150 years early — Isaiah 44:28; 45:1

Written ~700 BC: "That saith of **Cyrus**, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, **Thou shalt be built.**" A king not yet born was named, and his conquest of Babylon described, a century and a half in advance. Cyrus took Babylon in 539 BC and freed the Jewish exiles in 538 BC (Ezra 1:1–4) — and the Cyrus Cylinder, displayed in the British Museum, records his repatriation policy.

Babylon's permanent ruin — Isaiah 13:19–20

"And Babylon, **the glory of kingdoms**... shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. **It shall never be inhabited**, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation." The superpower city of the ancient world fell in 539 BC and slowly emptied — and despite Saddam Hussein's 1980s rebuilding attempt, its site remains uninhabited ruins.

Four empires in exact order — Daniel 2:38–44; 7

Written in Babylon's heyday (~600 BC): **Babylon → Medo-Persia → Greece → Rome**, then a **divided** Europe that would never reunite — "they shall **mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another**" (Daniel 2:43). Charlemagne, Napoleon, and Hitler all tried to reunite it. All failed — exactly as written. And one kingdom remains: "the God of heaven [shall] **set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed**" (2:44).

The odds — Isaiah 46:9–10

"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." In *Science Speaks*, mathematician Peter Stoner applied probability theory to the messianic prophecies: the odds of one man fulfilling just **eight** of them by chance — 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000 (10¹⁷). There are over 300.

Seventy years, to the year — Jeremiah 25:11–12

"These nations shall serve the king of Babylon **seventy years**." First deportation: 605 BC. The return: 536 BC. Seventy years.

The Messiah foretold — centuries before his birth

Born in **Bethlehem** (Micah 5:2) · riding a donkey (Zechariah 9:9) · sold for **thirty pieces of silver**, thrown "to the potter in the house of the LORD" (Zechariah 11:12–13) · "they **pierced my hands and my feet**" and "cast lots upon my vesture" (Psalm 22:16–18 — written ~1,000 BC, before crucifixion was even invented) · "cut off, but not for himself" (Daniel 9:26, on a prophetic timetable landing in Jesus' very generation) · "wounded for our transgressions... the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all," buried "with the rich in his death" (Isaiah 53:5–9) · yet his body would not decay: "neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to **see corruption**" (Psalm 16:10) · "not one of them is broken" (Psalm 34:20).

Why God does it — John 14:29

"And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, **when it is come to pass, ye might believe**.

V Jesus of Nazareth — The Man History Cannot Ignore

You don't need the Bible to know Jesus lived and was crucified — **Roman and Jewish historians who opposed his movement** recorded it. The real question isn't whether he existed. It's who he was.

Tacitus — Roman historian, c. AD 116

"Christus, from whom the name had its origin, **suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilatus**" (*Annals* 15.44). Rome's greatest historian — no friend of Christianity — confirms the crucifixion.

Pliny the Younger — Roman governor, c. AD 112

Reporting to the emperor, he describes Christians who met on a fixed day and "**sang a hymn to Christ, as to a god**" — and who bound themselves to honest living. Within 80 years of the cross, Jesus was worshiped as divine by people willing to die rather than deny him.

The best-attested book of the ancient world

The New Testament survives in ~5,700 **Greek manuscripts** — over 20,000 with early translations — with fragments dating within one generation of the apostles. Homer's *Iliad*, the next best-attested ancient work, has fewer than 2,000 copies and a ~1,500-year gap to its oldest complete text. If we can know anything from antiquity, we can know this.

The resurrection — 1 Corinthians 15:3–8

Written ~AD 55, quoting a creed scholars date within 3–5 years of the cross itself: "Christ died for our sins... he was buried, and... **he rose again the third day**: and... he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: after that, he was seen of **above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present**" — an open invitation to interrogate living eyewitnesses.

Josephus — Jewish historian, c. AD 93

"Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man... **a doer of wonderful works**... when Pilate... **had condemned him to the cross**... the tribe of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct at this day" (*Antiquities* 18.3.3). He also records the execution of "James, the brother of Jesus who was called Christ."

Even his enemies — Babylonian Talmud, Sanhedrin 43a

"On the **eve of the Passover** Yeshu was hanged" — hostile sources admit his existence, his execution, the Passover timing, and even his wonders (which they could only explain as sorcery). No ancient source — friend or foe — ever claimed he didn't exist.

Eyewitness claims — Luke 1:1–4 · 2 Peter 1:16

Written by men who staked their lives on having been there: "which from the beginning were **eyewitnesses**" — "we have **not followed cunningly devised fables**" — "which we have heard, which we have **seen with our eyes**... and our **hands have handled**" (1 John 1:1). "This thing was **not done in a corner**" (Acts 26:26).

The facts no one could suppress — Matthew 28:6

"He is not here: for he is risen." The tomb was empty; the authorities — who had every motive and the guards to do it — never produced a body. The disciples who fled in terror at his arrest soon faced prison, torture, and death insisting they had seen him alive. Saul, the church's fiercest enemy, and James, Jesus' own skeptical brother, both became its leaders — each claiming to have seen the risen Christ. "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain... **But now is Christ risen from the dead**" (1 Corinthians 15:14, 20).

Even the skeptics concede the foundation: secular scholar Bart Ehrman affirms that Jesus certainly existed; John Dominic Crossan calls his crucifixion "as sure as anything historical can ever be." So the question shifts from *Did he live?* to *Who was he?* He claimed to be God in the flesh — "Before Abraham was, I AM" (John 8:58); "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30); "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). A man who said those things cannot be merely a nice moral teacher. He is either who he claimed to be — or history's most successful fraud. His sinless life, his unmatched teaching, his fulfilled prophecies, his empty tomb, and the unstoppable explosion of his church all argue for the former. And if he is who he claimed to be — then what he said about you matters more than anything else in this booklet.

VI The Great Controversy — The Conflict Behind All History

Every honest person eventually asks: if there is a God, why is the world like **this**? The Bible's answer is not a philosophy — it's a war. A real rebellion began in heaven, moved to earth, and explains everything from war to cancer to the ache in your own chest. Earth is the battlefield — and you are on it.

Isaiah 14:12–14 · Ezekiel 28:14–17 <i>"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!... thou hast said, I will be like the most High." A perfect angel — "the anointed cherub," "perfect in thy ways... till iniquity was found in thee" — chose pride, and became Satan.</i>	Revelation 12:7–9 <i>"And there was war in heaven... the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."</i>
Genesis 3:4 · Romans 5:12 <i>The serpent's first lie — "Ye shall not surely die" — introduced sin through deception. "By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men." Death was never part of the design; it is an invader.</i>	Revelation 12:10 · Job 1:6–11 · 1 Peter 5:8 <i>Satan is "the accuser of our brethren... which accused them before our God day and night" — and "a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." Evil is not abstract; it is personal, intelligent, and hostile.</i>
1 Corinthians 4:9 · Ephesians 3:10 <i>"We are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men." Earth is the theater of the universe — God's character itself is on trial, and every human life is evidence in the case.</i>	Genesis 3:15 · Colossians 2:15 · Hebrews 2:14 <i>God promised a Deliverer in Eden — the serpent would bruise his heel, but the Deliverer would bruise his head. At the cross, Christ "spoiled principalities and powers... triumphing over them" — "that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil."</i>

Also: Rev 12:4 — a third of the angels fell with him · Lk 10:18 — "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven" · 2 Pe 2:4; Jude 6 · Rom 8:22 — "the whole creation groaneth" · Jn 8:44 — "a murderer from the beginning... a liar, and the father of it" · Rev 12:12 — "he knoweth that he hath but a short time." **His end is written:** "I will bring thee to **ashes**... and **never shalt thou be any more**" (Ezekiel 28:18–19); "cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:10). The war explains the world — and God's victory guarantees its end.

VII The Nature of Humanity — You Are Not an Accident

What are you? Chemistry and chance — or something more? The Bible's answer: you are a deliberate creation, made in the **image of God** — a whole living being, body and breath together, fearfully and wonderfully made. And that is why death feels so wrong: you were built for eternity, and death is the intruder.

Genesis 1:26–27 <i>"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." Your worth is not earned — it is inherited from your Maker.</i>	Psalms 139:14 · 8:4–6 <i>"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?... thou hast crowned him with glory and honour."</i>
Genesis 2:7 <i>"The LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Body + breath = a living being. You don't have a soul; you are one — a whole person, body and life together.</i>	Ezekiel 18:4 · 1 Timothy 6:16 <i>"Behold, all souls are mine... the soul that sinneth, it shall die." God is the One "who only hath immortality" — we are not born with it; we are offered it.</i>
Romans 5:12 · 6:23 <i>"By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."</i>	1 Corinthians 15:53–54 · Romans 2:7 <i>Immortality is not natural — it is a gift to be "put on" at the resurrection, granted "to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for... immortality, eternal life."</i>

Why this matters: if you are an accident of atoms, your life has no intrinsic value, your morality is opinion, and your death is erasure. But if you are made in God's image, then your dignity is real, right and wrong are real, and your longing for more than this life is not a glitch — it is a homing signal. "The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD" (Proverbs 20:27). You were made for eternity — and God offers it back to you.

VIII What Happens When We Die — The Bible's Surprising Answer death is a sleep — not torment, not wandering

Few questions cut deeper. Nearly every religion and movie assumes the dead are consciously alive somewhere right now — watching, suffering, wandering. The Bible says something far more humane: death is an unconscious **sleep** until the resurrection. No one is suffering. No one is watching. The dead rest.

Ecclesiastes 9:5–6, 10 <i>"The living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing... their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished... there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave."</i>	Job 14:10–12, 21 <i>"Man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep... His sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not."</i>
Psalms 146:4 · 6:5 · 115:17 <i>"His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish." "In death there is no remembrance of thee." "The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence."</i>	John 11:11–14, 24 <i>Jesus: "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep... Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead." Martha already knew the hope: "he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day."</i>

Daniel 12:2 · John 5:28–29

"Many of them that **sleep in the dust** of the earth shall **awake**." "All that are **in the graves** shall hear his voice, and shall come forth." The dead wake at the resurrection — not before.

Acts 2:29, 34 · 1 Thessalonians 4:13–16

David — "a man after God's own heart" — "is both **dead and buried**... **is not ascended into the heavens**." And "the dead in Christ shall **rise first**" when the Lord descends — they rise then, not at death.

Why this is good news: your loved ones who have died are not watching you suffer, not burning, not lost between worlds — they rest in perfect peace, and their very next conscious moment will be the voice of Jesus at the resurrection. And this truth is also protection: if the dead are truly asleep, then every "message from the dead" — every séance, every apparition, every "ghost" — is a deception (2 Corinthians 11:14; Isaiah 8:19–20). The Bible's comfort: "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25). Death is not a doorway. It is a pause — and Jesus holds the alarm clock.

IX The End of the Wicked — Will God Torture People Forever? *no — and the Bible never said he would*

For many, this is the single biggest stumbling block: **how can a God of love burn people for eternity?** The Bible's answer: he doesn't. That picture came from medieval tradition, not Scripture. The wages of sin is **death** — real, final, mercifully complete — not eternal life in agony.

Romans 6:23

"The wages of sin is **death**; but the gift of God is **eternal life**." Two opposite outcomes — never two kinds of eternal life (one in bliss, one in flames). Eternal life is a gift given only to the saved.

Malachi 4:1, 3 · Psalm 37:10, 20

"The day that cometh shall **burn them up**... that it shall leave them **neither root nor branch**... **ashes** under the soles of your feet." "The wicked **shall not be**... into **smoke** shall they consume away." The fire consumes; it does not preserve.

Matthew 10:28 · Obadiah 16

"Fear him which is able to **destroy both soul and body** in hell." The wicked "shall be as though **they had not been**." Destroyed — the opposite of kept alive forever.

Ezekiel 28:18–19 · Nahum 1:9

Even Satan himself: "I will bring thee to **ashes** upon the earth... and **never shalt thou be any more**." "**Affliction shall not rise up the second time**" — sin ends, permanently, for the whole universe.

Revelation 20:14–15 · 21:8

"And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. **This is the second death**." The lake of fire is the end of death itself — not a chamber where death is kept alive forever.

Jude 7 · 2 Peter 2:6 · Jeremiah 17:27

The hard phrases explained: Sodom suffered "the vengeance of **eternal fire**" — and became **ashes**; the fire was eternal in result, not in duration. "Unquenchable" fire (Jeremiah 17:27) means no one can put it out until its work is done — Jerusalem burned "unquenched," and is not burning today.

Ezekiel 33:11 · Lamentations 3:33

"As I live, saith the Lord GOD, **I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked**; but that the wicked turn from his way and live." "He doth **not afflict willingly** nor grieve the children of men."

1 John 4:8 · Revelation 21:4

"God is love." And his promise for eternity: "**no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain**." A universe with no torture chamber — anywhere.

The logic: eternal torment requires immortal souls — but "the soul that sinneth, it shall **die**" (Ezekiel 18:20), and God "only hath immortality" (1 Timothy 6:16). Eternal torment also contradicts God's own character — "his mercy endureth for ever" (Psalm 136); "he delighteth in mercy" (Micah 7:18); destruction is called his "strange work" (Isaiah 28:21), foreign to his heart. Justice will be real and final — sin, Satan, and death itself will end forever — and then "God shall wipe away all tears." The God of the Bible is not a torturer. He is a Savior holding the door open as long as he can.

PART III — THE RESCUE: WHAT GOD HAS DONE ABOUT IT

X Salvation Is Found in Jesus Christ Alone

Here is the center of everything. You cannot fix yourself — and you were never asked to. Eternal life is a **gift**, found in a Person: received by grace, through faith, without works. Religion says climb. The gospel says come.

John 3:16

"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**." Whosoever — that includes you.

John 14:6 · Acts 4:12

"I am **the way, the truth, and the life**: no man cometh unto the Father, **but by me**." "There is **none other name under heaven** given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Ephesians 2:8–9

"By **grace** are ye saved **through faith**; and that not of yourselves: it is the **gift of God** — **not of works**, lest any man should boast." You can't earn it. You can only receive it.

Romans 5:8 · 6:23

"God commendeth his love toward us, in that, **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us**." "The wages of sin is death; but the **gift of God is eternal life** through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Isaiah 53:5–6 · 2 Corinthians 5:21

"He was **wounded for our transgressions**... and the LORD hath laid on him **the iniquity of us all**." "He hath made him to be **sin for us**, who knew no sin; that we might be made **the righteousness of God in him**." The great exchange: he took your record; you are offered his.

1 John 5:11–13

"God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that **hath the Son hath life**... These things have I written unto you... that ye may **know that ye have eternal life**." Not hope-so. Know-so.

Romans 10:9, 13

"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." "**Whosoever** shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Revelation 3:20

"Behold, **I stand at the door, and knock**: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him." He does not break in. He knocks — and waits for you.

Also: 1 Jn 2:1 — "if any man sin, we have an **advocate** with the Father" · Jn 1:12 — "as many as **received** him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God" · Titus 3:5 — "not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his **mercy** he saved us" · Rom 4:5 — "to him that **worketh not, but believeth**" · Isa 64:6 — "all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" · Heb 7:25 — "he is able also to save them **to the uttermost** that come unto God by him." **The bottom line**: salvation is not a system, a church, or a performance. It is a Person. "He that hath the Son hath life."

XI He Is Coming Back — Literally, Visibly, Soon *"every eye shall see him"*

The Bible does not end with death — it ends with a **return**. The same Jesus who walked out of a tomb promised to walk back through the sky. Not secretly, not symbolically — audibly, visibly, gloriously

John 14:1–3

"Let not your heart be troubled... In my Father's house are many mansions... **I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.**" His own promise, his own words.

Acts 1:11

"This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, **shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven**" — bodily, visibly, in clouds.

Revelation 1:7 · Matthew 24:27, 30

"Behold, he cometh with clouds; and **every eye shall see him.**" "As the **lightning** cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

1 Thessalonians 4:16–17

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a **shout**, with the voice of the archangel, and with the **trump of God**: and **the dead in Christ shall rise first**: then we which are alive... shall be **caught up together with them** in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and **so shall we ever be with the Lord.**"

1 Corinthians 15:51–53

"We shall not all sleep, but **we shall all be changed**, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye... this mortal shall **put on immortality.**" The resurrection and transformation of everyone who is his.

Titus 2:13 · Hebrews 9:28

"Looking for that **blessed hope**, and the **glorious appearing** of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." "Unto them that look for him shall he appear the **second time** without sin unto salvation."

Why it matters to you: history is not random, and this world is not your final home. A day has been appointed (Acts 17:31) when every wrong is righted, every tear answered, every grave opened. "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly" (Revelation 22:20). The question is not whether he comes — it is whether you will be ready when he does: "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 24:44).

XII The New Earth — Where the Story Ends

The Bible's final pages are not fire and gloom — they are **restoration**. God will not abandon this broken planet; he will remake it. A real earth, a real city, real life, no more death — and God himself moves in. This is the hope the whole book has been building toward.

Revelation 21:1–5

"And I saw a **new heaven and a new earth**... And God shall **wipe away all tears** from their eyes; and there shall be **no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying**, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, **Behold, I make all things new.**"

Revelation 21:2–3

"I John saw the holy city, **new Jerusalem, coming down from God**... Behold, the **tabernacle of God is with men**, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and **God himself shall be with them.**"

Matthew 5:5 · Psalm 37:11, 29

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall **inherit the earth.**" "The righteous shall inherit the land, and **dwell therein for ever.**" Eternity is not clouds and harps — it is a renewed, physical, joyful world.

Isaiah 65:17, 21–22 · 11:6–9

"Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth." "They shall **build houses, and inhabit them**... plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them... mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands." "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb... They shall not hurt nor destroy."

Revelation 22:1–5, 14

"The **river of water of life**... the **tree of life**... And there shall be **no more curse**... and they shall **see his face**... and they shall **reign for ever and ever.**" "Blessed are they... that they may have right to the tree of life."

1 Corinthians 2:9 · Nahum 1:9

"**Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard**... the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." And the guarantee it lasts: "**affliction shall not rise up the second time.**" Sin will never return.

Also: Jn 14:2–3 — "I go to prepare a place for you" · 2 Pe 3:13 · Isa 35:10 — "everlasting joy upon their heads... sorrow and sighing shall flee away" · Ps 16:11 — "in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" · Dan 12:3 — "they that be wise shall shine... as the stars for ever and ever" · Ro 8:18 — "the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." **The end of the story**: Eden restored — but better. No serpent, no curse, no graves, no goodbyes. Every tear, wiped away by the hand of God himself. And the most astonishing line in the whole book: "**God himself shall be with them.**"

PART IV — THE DECISION: WHAT WILL YOU DO?

XIII The Seventh Day Is the Sabbath — Saturday, Not Sunday

God blessed **one day** at Creation — the seventh — before any Jew existed. Jesus and the apostles kept it **after the cross**. Scripture never moves it to the first day: the word "Sunday" never appears in the Bible, and no verse commands first-day observance.

Genesis 2:2–3 <i>"God rested on the seventh day... And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it."</i> <i>No other day in Scripture receives this blessing.</i>	Exodus 20:8–11 <i>"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy... the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy God."</i> "Remember" — it already existed.
Mark 2:27–28 <i>"The sabbath was made for man" (mankind, not only Jews) — "the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath."</i> He is never called Lord of Sunday.	Luke 4:16 · Acts 17:2 · 18:4 <i>"As his custom was..." — Jesus. "Paul, as his manner was... reasoned every sabbath,"</i> <i>for 18 months in Corinth.</i>
Luke 23:56 <i>After the crucifixion, the women "rested the sabbath day according to the commandment."</i> The cross changed nothing.	Luke 24:1 <i>"Upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning," the women came to the tomb to work — after resting the Sabbath. The calendar confirms Sunday is the first day; Scripture never sanctifies it.</i>
Acts 13:42–44 <i>The Gentiles besought Paul to preach "the next sabbath" — and "almost the whole city" came. He did not say, "Come back tomorrow, on Sunday."</i>	Hebrews 4:9 <i>"There remaineth therefore a rest [Greek: sabbatismos, a Sabbath-keeping] to the people of God."</i>

Also: Ex 31:16–17 — "a perpetual covenant... a sign... for ever" · Ezk 20:12, 20 · Mt 5:17–19 · 24:20 — Jesus prophesying AD 70 still honored the Sabbath · Mt 12:12 — "lawful to do well on the sabbath" · Acts 16:13 · 15:21 · Isa 56:2, 6–7 — foreigners included. **All eight "first day" texts examined:** Mt 28:1; Mk 16:2, 9; Lk 24:1; Jn 20:1 — resurrection accounts, no command · Jn 20:19 — disciples hiding "for fear," not worshipping · Ac 20:7 — a Saturday-night farewell meal; Paul walked ~19 miles Sunday morning · 1 Co 16:2 — private storing "by himself," at home. None call Sunday holy; none transfer the Sabbath. **The Sabbath is eternal:** Isa 66:22–23 — "from one sabbath to another, **all flesh** shall come to worship." **The stakes:** Jas 2:10; Rev 14:12; 12:17.

XIV The Full Sabbath Day Is for Rest *His day — not ours*

The command is comprehensive: **no work, no commerce, no "own pleasure"** — the whole household rests, even the animals. Yet it is a gift, not a cage: God bids us call the day a **delight**.

Exodus 20:10 · Deuteronomy 5:14 <i>"In it thou shalt not do any work — thou, thy son, thy daughter, thy manservant, thy maidservant, thy cattle, the stranger within thy gates."</i> Everyone rests — even the animals.	Exodus 34:21 <i>"Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in earing time and in harvest thou shalt rest."</i> Even the most urgent economic seasons are no excuse.
Isaiah 58:13–14 <i>Turn from "thine own ways... thine own pleasure... thine own words" on my holy day — and "call the sabbath a delight... then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD."</i> His day, not ours — yet a delight, not a burden.	Nehemiah 10:31 · 13:15–19 <i>No buying, no selling, no treading winepresses, no hauling goods — Nehemiah shut the city gates "when the gates... began to be dark before the sabbath."</i>
Exodus 16:23–30 <i>The manna test — bake and boil on the sixth day; none falls on the seventh; "let no man go out of his place on the seventh day."</i>	Numbers 15:32–36 · Exodus 35:2–3 <i>The man gathering sticks was judged — even small self-directed labor breaks the day's principle. "Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath day."</i>
Matthew 12:12 · Mark 3:4 · Luke 13:15–16 <i>"It is lawful to do well on the sabbath days."</i> Healing, mercy, freeing the bound — "ought not this woman... be loosed... on the sabbath day?"	Leviticus 23:3 · Luke 4:16 <i>The Sabbath is a "holy convocation" — rest plus worship, "as his custom was" in the synagogue.</i>

Also: Amos 8:5 — merchants who couldn't wait for the Sabbath to end · Jer 17:21–27 — Jerusalem fell partly over Sabbath profanation · the land itself rested every 7th year (Lev 25:4), and exile made up the lost rests (2 Chr 36:21) · Mt 12:5 — priests serving in the temple "profane the sabbath, and are blameless" · Jn 7:22–23 · Lk 14:5 · Acts 1:12 — short "sabbath day's journey" for worship · Isa 56:2, 4–6 — "blessed is the man... that keepeth the sabbath." **The principle:** "The sabbath was **made for man**" (Mk 2:27) — a gift of twenty-four hours in which the world stops being yours and becomes his. Rest from your work, your commerce, your entertainment, your agenda — and "call the sabbath a delight." "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God" (Heb 4:9).

XV The Signs of the Times — Why This Matters Now

Jesus gave a specific list of end-time conditions and one rule for reading them: not *one* sign — **all of them, together**. "When ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors" (Matthew 24:33). Look at the evening news through his list.

Wars & rumors of wars (Mt 24:6–7) — 65 state-based conflicts in 2025, the most since WWII; interstate wars doubled in one year — the most since records began in 1946; ~244,600 conflict deaths, the highest since 1994 (Uppsala Conflict Data Program).	Earthquakes & disasters (Mt 24:7; Lk 21:25) — recorded disaster events doubled: 14,348 in 2020–24 vs. 5,664 the prior five years; \$8.65 trillion in losses since 2000; people needing humanitarian aid rose from 192 million to 433 million in five years.
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Pestilences (Lk 21:11) — COVID-19, the century's worst pandemic; mpox emergencies; H5N1 spreading into mammals; the WHO warns drug-resistant infections could kill 10 million a year by 2050.	Moral collapse (2 Tim 3:1–5) — since 2001, moral acceptance of out-of-wedlock birth +22 points; 55% of Americans say right and wrong "depend on the situation"; 68% say morality needs no God (Gallup/Pew). "Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God."
Faith draining away (2 Th 2:3) — Christianity fell from 78% to 63% of U.S. adults in sixteen years; the religiously unaffiliated nearly doubled to 29% (Pew). "A falling away" — predicted.	Knowledge increased (Dan 12:4) — "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased": instant global communication, AI, worldwide travel — a 2,500-year-old description of the modern age.
The gospel to all nations (Mt 24:14) — the Bible now reaches virtually every nation and language on earth. "And then shall the end come."	Scoffers (2 Pe 3:3–4) — "There shall come in the last days scoffers, saying, Where is the promise of his coming?" Even the mocking was predicted.

Jesus' own conclusion: "And when these things **begin** to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28). The point of the signs is not fear — it is urgency and hope. The same book that predicted the rise and fall of empires, named Cyrus 150 years early, and foretold Messiah's death to the generation is the book telling you the world is approaching its climactic moment. Its track record is unbroken. The only question left is personal: which side of it will you be on?

XVI The Invitation — and It Is Open to You Right Now

*"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and **I will give you rest**. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

— **Matthew 11:28–30**

You have seen the evidence. You have heard the claims. Now the only question left is the one this whole booklet was written for: **what will you do with Jesus?** The invitation is not to join a system or clean yourself up first. It is to come — exactly as you are — to a Person who has been waiting for you.

Revelation 22:17 <i>"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."</i> <i>Whosoever will. No exceptions, no fine print.</i>	John 6:37 <i>"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."</i> <i>You cannot come too late, too broken, or too far gone. He has never turned anyone away.</i>
Isaiah 1:18 <i>"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool."</i>	1 John 1:9 <i>"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."</i> <i>Total forgiveness — not partial, not probationary.</i>
2 Corinthians 6:2 <i>"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."</i> <i>Not when you feel ready. Not someday. Now — because none of us is guaranteed tomorrow.</i>	Philippians 1:6 · Jude 24 <i>"He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."</i> <i>"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless... with exceeding joy."</i> <i>You don't hold on by your own strength — he holds you.</i>
John 10:27–29 · 1 John 5:13 <i>"My sheep hear my voice... And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."</i> <i>You may "know that ye have eternal life."</i>	Ezekiel 33:11 <i>"Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die?"</i>

How simple is it? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). "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" (Romans 10:9). You can do it right now, right where you are — tell him you believe, tell him you're sorry, ask him in. He has been knocking (Revelation 3:20). The door opens from your side.

"He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly.
*Amen. **Even so, come, Lord Jesus.**"*

— **Revelation 22:20**

XVII Your Next Step — What God Asks of Those Who Believe

If something in these pages has stirred you, the Bible tells you exactly what to do with it. The response God asks for is simple, public, and life-changing: **believe, repent, and be baptized** — buried with Christ, and raised to a brand-new life.

Acts 2:38 <i>"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."</i>	Mark 16:16 <i>"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."</i> <i>Belief first — then the public step of baptism.</i>
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Romans 6:3–4

"We are **buried with him by baptism** into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should **walk in newness of life.**"

Baptism is your burial of the old life — and your birthday into a new one.

Acts 8:36–39

The Ethiopian official, after one Bible study: "See, here is water; **what doth hinder me to be baptized?**" They "went down both into the water" — and "he went on his way **rejoicing.**"

Galatians 3:27 · 1 Peter 3:21

"As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have **put on Christ.**" Baptism is "not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but **the answer of a good conscience toward God**" — your public yes to him.

Acts 22:16

"And now **why tarriest thou?** arise, and be baptized, and **wash away thy sins**, calling on the name of the Lord."

Start today: (1) Talk to God — he hears sincere prayer, however unpolished (Psalm 34:17–18). (2) Open the Bible — start with the Gospel of John, then read a Psalm and a chapter a day (Psalm 119:105). (3) If you believe, take the step of baptism by immersion, as Jesus did (Matthew 3:13–16). (4) Find believers who teach straight from Scripture, and grow (Hebrews 10:25; 2 Peter 3:18). "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). We would be honored to help you with any of these — reach us below.

*"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be **no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying**, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away... **Behold, I make all things new.**"*

— **Revelation 21:4–5**

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