



## UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

### THE KING JAMES BIBLE IS SIMPLY A 7,000 YEAR HISTORY BOOK OF PURE FACTS.

It begins at creation (4,000 BC) and goes 1,000 years past the rapture (shortly to happen). It is **written by God** assisted by **44 earthly authors**, over **1600 years** on **three continents**.

The Bible declares **past, present** and **future** history.

One third of the Bible is **prophecy** that fore-tells of events **before** they happen.

It is a book crammed full of **facts** and **figures, dates, times, places, events, names, amounts, quantities, people**. All **factual** and **verifiable**.

In the Bible, God **declares** (states without contradiction) who he **was, is** and **will be**.

In the Bible, God states what he **has done**, what he **is doing** and what **he will do**.

This is despite what anyone thinks or believes.

He was, is, and will be, **judge, jury, executioner** and, of course, **the Saviour of the world**.

The Bible has **two** parts – the **Old Testament** and the **New Testament**. (A "testament" is simply a testifying or **declaration**.)

THE OLD TESTAMENT is about the nation of Israel with **three** basic promises **1. God's promise to Abraham** that in his seed all nations should be blessed. **2. God's covenant** (agreement) **with the Hebrew nation**, that if they would faithfully serve him, they would prosper as a nation. If they forsook him and served idols, they would be destroyed as a nation. **3. God's promise to David** that out of his family would come the great Messiah and Saviour of the world who would establish his universal kingdom without end. THE NEW TESTAMENT is about this Messiah and the world's Saviour, the man Jesus Christ.

#### 1. THE SUBJECT OF THE BIBLE IS JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ comes out of heaven **three** times

1. Jesus Christ has **already come the first time** as the Son of man and ending at the **cross**.
2. Jesus Christ will come **the second time** in the air at the **rapture** of all true Christians.
3. Jesus Christ will come **the third time**, at **Armageddon**, as the Son of man.

The **theme** of the Bible is the **return of Jesus Christ to sit on the Jewish throne of David** in Jerusalem. (See Revelation chapter 19)

Between the first and the third comings, there is a section in the middle of about **2,000** years.

This is commonly called the '**church**' **age**, the end of which, Christ appears at the **rapture**, with all true Christians being physically caught up to meet the Lord in the air.

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Shortly, there will be **the rapture**, where all true Christians will be taken off the earth to meet the Lord in the air, and a period of **7 years**, called the **Tribulation**, will follow, where God will pour out his wrath upon the earth. This ends at the **battle of Armageddon** in the North of Israel, where God rescues Israel from its enemies - all nations of the earth.

Christ then rules and reigns with all true believers for **1,000** years, after which the universe is **melted** and destroyed, and a **new heaven** and a **new earth**, along with a new universe, is created for ever more and preserved in a sinless state.

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