What is the Bible??? Common Misconceptions

- 1) A "good" book A "holy" book
- 2) B.I.B.L.E. Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth
- 3) A fabrication (lie)
- 4) A corrupted ancient text, can't be trusted, contains outdated morals

Denominational Church says . . .

Don't try reading the Bible because you can't understand it. You must rely on the Priest to explain it.

What Does God Say

1 Cor. 2:11-14 -- Is there anyone who can understand his own thoughts except his own inner spirit? In the same way, no one can know the thoughts of God except God's Spirit. Now, we have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who comes from God, so that we can understand the things that were freely given to us by God. We don't speak about these things with words taught us by human wisdom, but with words taught by the Spirit, as we explain spiritual things to spiritual people. A person who isn't spiritual doesn't accept the things of God's Spirit, for they are nonsense to him. He can't understand them because they are spiritually evaluated.

John 14:26, John 16:13 – The Holy Spirit is our resident 'Truth Teacher'

Eph. 4:11-12 – Teaching Pastors given to equip the saints

Or, they say,

You don't need to read/study the Old Testament. The Old is:

The Law
The History of Israel
Old Covenant

What Does God say??? **Rev. 19:10** (b) - for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. Luke 24:27 -- And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

What Does God Say???

John 5:46 -- For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for *he wrote of me*.

Act 10:43 -- To him *all the prophets bear witness* that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Yeah but...Isn't Just Written By Men

2 Pet. 1:21 -- For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Acts 28:25 -- "The *Holy Spirit* was right in saying to your fathers *through* Isaiah the prophet:

Plenary Verbal Inspiration

<u>*Plenary*</u>: "complete or full"

plenary means that all parts of the Bible are equally of divine origin and equally authoritative.

Verbal: every word of Scripture God-breathed

Every word, word form, and word placement found in the Bible's original manuscripts was divinely and intentionally written.

Of Supernatural Origin

Time itself is a created property of physics: varies with mass, acceleration, and gravity. God authenticates this book as being from outside of time by writing history in advance. We call it prophecy. If it's from outside of time, man could not have written it. (M.R. DeHaan)

Purpose The Living Word (Jesus): Revealing the Father (Jn 14:9) The <u>Written</u> Word: Revealing the Son (John 5:39) **Holy Spirit Reveals the Word** 1 Cor. 2:10; 2 Tim. 3:16

Forty authors over thousands of years but with one message: The promised "seed of the woman" in Genesis 3:15.

One Book with One Subject

• The redeemer (buy back at the price of a slave)

The True King and His Coming Kingdom

The Key

The person and work of Jesus Christ are the key to Divine Revelation. The Bible cannot be properly interpreted and applied outside that scope.

Divided into Two Testaments

Hebrew Breakdown

TaNaK

Torah: Law Nevi'im: Prophets Ketuvim: Writings (Hagiographa)

The Jewish Scriptures (Tanakh)

The Law	The Prophets	The Writings
Torah (Pentateuch)	Former Prophets	Poetry
Genesis	Joshua	Psalms
Exodus	Judges	Proverbs
Leviticus	Samuel (1 & 2)	Job
Numbers	Kings (1 & 2)	
Deuteronomy		Five Rolls
	Latter Prophets	Song of Songs
	Isaiah	Ruth
	Jeremiah	Lamentations
	Ezekiel	Esther
	The Twelve (Minor Prophets)	Ecclesiastes
		Historical
		Daniel

Daniel Ezra-Nehemiah Chronicles (1 & 2)

Overview

Old Testament: The King & His Kingdom: Promise, Prophecy, Type. Gen. 1-11: History of man Gen. 12-50: Birth of a nation Pentateuch, Joshua, Judges, Kings, major/minor prophets.

New testament

The Gospels: The King has come, proclaimed by John the Baptist & Jesus Himself, verified by His Words and Works.

The Kingdom is rejected and King crucified.

Acts of the Apostles (or is it H.S.)

- •Transition: from Kingdom to Church
- •Peter offers Kingdom to Israel (2nd time)
- Rejected again, Stephen stoned, Peter imprisoned
- •Paul chosen, called, commissioned pronounces third and final sentence of judicial blindness against Israel (Acts 28).

The way Acts ends as it does gives us context as its true purpose (not a history of Paul/Apostles)

What Kingdom???

HEBREWS 2:7-8 -- YOU HAVE MADE HIM FOR A LITTLE WHILE LOWER THAN ANGELS; YOU HAVE CROWNED HIM WITH GLORY AND HONOR; YOU HAVE PUT EVERYTHING IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET."

For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him. *But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him*.

Delayed but not Denied

The Kingdom is in a "time-out" But NOT permanently replaced by the church.

The Epistles

The King is exalted – made head over all things the Church.

From a national witness/priesthood (Israel/Levi), to, His Body as witness and royal priesthood (1 Peter 2:9).

Revelation - The unveiling Ch. 1 -The King in Judgment Ch. 2-3 – Judges His Church Chaps. 4-5 – Rewards/Title Deed Chaps. 6-18–Judges Israel/the world Chap. 19 – The King Returns Chaps. 20-22 – Millennium, White Throne, New Heavens/Earth, on into Eternity

Who Reigns

Gen. 37:8 – Shalt thou indeed reign over us? (Joseph as type of Christ) Psalm 2:2-3 – Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. (mystery of lawlessness)

Luke 19:14 -- But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this *man* to reign over us.

Macro-themes

Rev. 11:15 -- and the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Genesis presents...

Joseph as a type of Christ

Gen. 37:8 – shall you indeed rule over us?

Suffering leads to glory

Exodus 2:14

Moses as a type of Christ

Exodus 2:14 - Two Hebrews ask who made thee a ruler and judge over us?

Leviticus

Four-fold view of the death of Christ (sacrificial system) like Gospels give us four-fold view of His life.

Numbers

The 'Serpent on a pole' Water from the Rock Bread from Heaven a 'star to arise out of Jacob'

Deuteronomy

The coming prophet from among your people like unto Moses (18:15; Acts 7:23-26)

The Rock & Refuge (32:4; 33:27)

Joshua

Gr. = Jesus (Jeshua Saves) Captain of the Lord's Host (5:13-15; Hebrews 2:10; 12:2)

Rahab's scarlet thread (2:12-20)

Judges

The Covenant Angel whose name is "secret" ("wonderful"), [13:18], Isaiah 9:6 uses the same Hebrew word for 'Wonderful'

Ruth

Kinsman Redeemer (Revelation 5) Boaz = ChristRuth=Gentile Bride Naomi=Israel Compare Ruth 2:10 with Isaiah 56:8

God's Word

Psalm 138:2 - for thou hast magnified *thy word* above all thy name.

Phil. 2:9-11 - Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Don't Be Deceived

James 1:19-25 -- You know *this*, my beloved brothers and sisters. Now everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger; ²⁰ for a man's anger does not bring about the righteousness of God. Therefore, ridding yourselves of all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.

Don't Be Deceived

James 1:19-25 -- ²² But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not just hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for *once* he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.

Don't Be Deceived James 1:19-25 -- ²⁵ But one who has looked intently at the perfect law, the *law* of freedom, and has continued in it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an active doer, this person will be blessed in what he does.