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## WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN SOLDIER'S 'BATTLE NOTES'

I have produced this book because it is *very much needed* in this Laodicean church age in which we are living. Generally speaking, *the church* is in a terrible state, and most Christians haven't a clue as to what is happening in these *last days* preceding the Rapture. Long gone are the days when real men, *instead of the effeminate ones we so often see in pulpits today*, got hold of God's Book and *preached, taught and lived it!* We are living in very *strange* times. (Luke 5v26)

The style and format of the book is that similar to a manual, as it is to be used frequently. *You should wear it out!*

It's a book that you need to get to know your way around, know where the relevant subjects are, so you can quickly turn to the specific pages for answers. It covers a lot of ground doctrinally, and if you **look up every Scripture**, you will increase your knowledge hugely. You will also become more *skilful* in the word of God (Heb 5v12-14). This book should become your companion, and you are encouraged to make your own notes throughout, adding to the information already there.

*This book* is packed with Scriptures for you to look up and get to know. I have taken much of the information from Ruckman's commentaries, among other sources. If I haven't given you the relevant credit for your work, I apologise now. I am only interested in getting the truth (ammo) out to those who need it, especially those on frontline ministry. I believe this book will be a valuable tool for you to use when dealing with all the heretics that *life* throws your way. I want to help all those **Christian soldiers** on the frontline, who are doing all they can in reaching lost sinners for Jesus Christ, while in combat with the enemy. Because of the work you are doing, the Devil will certainly send you some *false preachers, teachers and heretics* at times, trying to slow you down, and stop you from what you *should* be doing. These will come in the form of Calvinists, Post-Tribbers (aka 'Posties'), Hyper-Dispensationalists (aka 'Hyper-Diapers'), 'Tongue-speaking-fake-healing-Charismaniacs', Bible 'correctors' and rejectors, along with the usual atheists, agnostics & evolutionists etc. This is where these 'Battle Notes' will come into their own. *They* will give you the ammo you need to send these **heretics** on their way immediately. Don't get drawn into their debates, *or cross-fire*, give them a copy of *this book*, *or use it on them*, or even send them *my way* and I'll deal with them for you, **so you can focus on the ministry of reaching lost souls with the Gospel, as this is the most important work** (Prov 11v30). I'm doing what I can to save you time, so you don't get distracted. If you would like me to *add* sections to this book, just let me know, and I'll try to include them on the next print run. If you have other Scriptures you think would be good to add to a chapter, again, just let me know. You can email me ([john@timefortruth.co.uk](mailto:john@timefortruth.co.uk)). *Every Christian ought to have a copy of this manual!*

We are fighting some of the last battles *before* the Rapture. Don't quit, keep on fighting... the Lord Jesus Christ is coming again **very soon** to rescue us. Hold on no matter what, **stand your ground** and keep looking up. Make the most out of every day, and get something out of it for the Lord. Some of our family members and friends aren't saved, we need to earnestly pray for them, trying to reach them with the Gospel. Let's do it today, while we still have some time. **Hell is real folks!**



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This is a much needed book, especially as there are so many Christians who don't even know *where or what* the word of God is today. *Do you? Does your Bible have mistakes in it?* If it does, it certainly didn't come from God and you might as well discard it, throw it away. **I have a perfect Bible that I can trust 100%**, it's my Final Authority on all matters of faith and practice.

If you are reading the NIV, ESV, NKJV, ASV, RSV or one of the other 200+ 'bibles' that are available today, then you have been deceived, *ultimately by the Devil*, as all of those *bibles* have mistakes in them. So the first thing you want to do is get a **King James Bible** (KJV), also known as the **Authorized Version Bible**, don't get confused with the corrupt 'New King James' which is only a Satanic counterfeit. Once you have got yourself a KJV Bible, you have the perfectly preserved word of God (Psalm 12v6+7) in your hands (1 Thes 2v13), *your very own two-edged sword!* (Heb 4v12, Eph 6v17, Rev 19v15+21).

*To explain my comments*, let me give you a couple of examples regarding 'bibles' that have mistakes in them. Look up these verses and see the evidence for yourself.

**NIV (New International Version) – Omissions (they're not there!)** – Col 1v14 (Cf. with the KJV - *what's missing in this verse?*), Mat 17v21, 18v11, 23v14, Mark 7v16, 9v44+46, 11v26, 15v28, Luke 17v36, 23v17, John 5v4, Acts 8v37, 15v34, 28v29, Rom 16v24. **Errors** – Luke 2v33, Micah 5v2, 1 John 4v3, Luke 9v56, 11v2-4, Isa 9v3 (Num 11v25), Gal 2v20, Mark 1v1+2 (Mal 3v1), Dan 3v25, Eph 3v14, James 1v10, Mark 10v24, Acts 17v29. **Who killed Goliath?** – 2 Sam 21v19, 1 Sam 17v51, 1 Chron 20v5. **Who is the 'morning star?'** – 2 Pet 1v19 cf. Isa 14v12. **The NIV has 64,098 less words than the KJV.**

If you haven't been lazy, and you've looked up every verse listed here, you should be in total shock and ready to throw the NIV away. **Now compare the KJV with the NIV and see the total opposites...** Ps 10v4+5, Ecc 8v10, Col 2v18, Isa 9v1+3, Prov 26v22, Hos 11v12, Prov 25v23, Ps 55v18. Note also, **did Jesus sin?** – Mat 5v22. **Should you confess your sins to another sinner?** – James 5v16. Now have a look how the NIV has perverted 1 Cor 6v9. One last bow shot... **is it hard to enter the Kingdom of God?** – Mark 10v24. The NIV is based upon corrupt and perverted Greek texts. **The NIV is a Satanic counterfeit 'bible'.** If you haven't got a KJV / AV Bible then you *don't* have the perfectly preserved words of God, you've been duped. Every other version falls into the same category as the NIV, in other words, they are counterfeit 'bibles'.

**NKJV (New King James Version)** – This one is no better, look up the following verses in comparison with the KJV... Gen 22v8, Acts 12v4, Isa 9v3, 2 Tim 2v15, 2 Cor 2v17, 1 Tim 6v10+20, 1 Thes 5v22, Ezek 23v6, James 5v16, Rom 1v18, Col 3v1-3, Ecc 12v11, Ecc 5v8, Zech 13v6. The NKJV misses out the following words... Lord x66 times, God x51, Heaven x50, Repent x44, Blood x23, Hell x22.

**For further study follow these links...**

<http://www.timefortruth.co.uk/content/pages/documents/1300137286.pdf> - pages 2-8

<http://www.timefortruth.co.uk/content/pages/documents/1338668238.pdf> - page 17

I've given you just two examples, yet *every* 'bible' other than the **King James Bible** has errors throughout them.

Now you can see from the start that this book is going to be very *hard-hitting* and controversial. It will certainly stir up a *hornets nest* in the so-called 'modern day lukewarm church', **and this is exactly what it is intended to do!** Every leader of every church should have a copy, and so should

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everyone in the congregation.

I shall be covering a lot of different subjects throughout this book, but due to space, I can't go into any of them in much depth, however, I shall be giving you lots of Scriptures to look up and lots of links to follow. Our **Time for Truth!** website is packed full of information.

**Time for Truth!** is renowned in the UK and overseas, for standing upon the word of God (KJV) as perfect, and for *shooting from the hip*. We don't mince words, we pull no punches, *we just tell it like it is!* You may be offended by what you read in this book, *but that doesn't concern me in the slightest to be honest*, as **I am only interested in getting the truth out to the masses**. We are a frontline ministry which focuses on getting the Gospel out to sinners, unlike our Calvinistic, Hyper-Dispensational and Post-Tribulation 'friends' (enemies!) Up and down our land, churches know about us and the stand we take, we make no apology for that. I love the Lord Jesus Christ with all my heart and I am only interested in serving Him, no matter who that upsets, including my own family, friends, colleagues etc. I make mistakes like everyone, but I do the best I can with what the Lord gives me. Very soon, I shall be standing before Him... and that is a very sobering thought. He is my life, my everything, and He saved me from Hell. I love and worship Him, and I am so thankful for the opportunities He gives me.

**Time for Truth!** produces and distributes hundreds of thousands of Gospel tracts, booklets, books, sermon CD's and Bibles all over the world. We are concerned that **156,000+ people die daily**, with most of them going to Hell. We are doing what we can to reach those lost sinners with the Gospel. *What are you doing?* You may want to request our sample *tract pack*. We also produce a *very direct, straight-down-the-line*, newsletter called '**Time for Truth! NEWS**' – you can sign up to our **free mailing list** and receive it bi-monthly. <http://www.timefortruth.co.uk/tft-news/> (If you are *easily offended* please don't bother).

We also lead a small **Bible believing church** called **The Oaks Church in Harvington** (<http://www.timefortruth.co.uk/the-oaks-church/>) where we focus upon preaching and teaching the word of God. Most of our sermons are recorded and can be found on YouTube...

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPrCgH2QTa0WRZUFV3qriQ/videos>

The **Time for Truth! Team** also run a business which helps finance all of what we do. We are a dedicated team of committed Christians living for the Lord Jesus Christ. We are expecting His return anytime now, hence why we have such an urgency about us.

This book has been designed for the **Christian soldier** who is out there on the frontline needing answers (*ammunition*), to combat his enemy. It is therefore not intended to be read like a novel, but as it is stated, 'battle notes', **giving strategic answers** to questions raised, with information available at your fingertips. (1 Pet 3v15, Col 4v6, Ps 119v46, Acts 26v2, Mat 10v18+19, Acts 4v8, Acts 17v2, Acts 16v13, Acts 13v15+16). If you **look up every Scripture in this book**, you will find them a great encouragement, help and challenge to you I'm sure. You will also find that your faith will certainly be strengthened. Study this manual of *battle notes* and get to know it. Get to know your enemy too - 2 Cor 2v11, 1 Pet 5v8.

To get the **full benefit** of this book of 'battle notes', **you must look up every Scripture**. Each time you do, you are *reloading your gun*, or *unsheathing your two-edged sword*... *you are now ready for battle!*

*Enough said, let's get to it, brace yourself, as you're in for quite a ride...*



I would like to dedicate this book to **Peter S Ruckman** (1921-2016), a **true soldier of Jesus Christ** (2 Tim 2v3+4), who taught me so much... *and still does* (Heb 11v4). In my opinion, he was the greatest Bible teacher this world has ever known.

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## **THE HOLY BIBLE**

Let's start with the Christian's only offensive weapon, the word of God. Now either you have a perfect Bible or you have one with *errors* in it, *as I've already mentioned in the introduction*. If your God *can't* give you a perfect Bible, then He *isn't* worth serving. My God can, and did, by preserving His words in the **Authorized Version**, aka the **King James Bible** (KJV). How can **God's Book**, the Holy Bible, have *mistakes* in it? How can you say things like '*The original manuscripts were perfect*', when you don't *know* that, and certainly *can't prove it!* There are *no* original manuscripts existing today. God wrote one Book and He promised to preserve every word of it - Ps 12v6+7 (cf. with NIV) I have a copy of that Book in my hands right now, it's called the **King James Bible** and it has every single word perfectly preserved as God intended. Any other *translation or version* is inferior. If you haven't got a KJV Bible, make sure you get one.

Regarding the word of God, here's a great little study. **Look up every Scripture reference.** Get to know them, underline them in your Bible with a **005** pen (<http://www.timefortruth.co.uk/catalogue.php?item=37>)

Read Heb 4v12, Mat 4v1-11 and note verse 4

**What does the Bible say about itself?** – Prov 30v5+6, 1 Pet 1v23, Ps 119v89

**Who wrote the Bible?** – 2 Pet 1v21, 2 Tim 3v16+17

**What has God promised to do with His words?** – Ps 12v6+7, 1 Pet 1v25, Isa 40v8, Mat 5v18, Ps 119v160, Isa 30v8, Ps 119v152, Mat 24v35

**Answer the following questions...**

Is there a miracle too hard for God?

Was the creation too hard for God?

Was the worldwide flood too hard for God?

Was the parting of the Red Sea too hard for God?

Was the 40 years of manna too hard for God?

Was the virgin birth of Christ too hard for God?

Was the collection of 66 Books of the Bible, written over a period of 1,700 years too hard for God?

Was overcoming the *human nature* of the sinful writers too hard for God?

Is preserving those words too hard for God?

Is giving us a perfect Bible for today too hard for God?



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*Inspiration* is far harder to believe in than *preservation*, yet the majority of Christians today do not believe that the word of God is perfect, without error. Who taught them that I wonder?

**Can God lie?** – Titus 1v2, Num 23v19

**God has promised to magnify His word above what?** – Ps 138v2

**What has Satan been trying to do with the word of God?** – 2 Cor 2v17, 2 Cor 4v2, Gen 2v16+17, Gen 3v1-4, Jer 36v21+32

Satan is against God and Christians in every way possible, especially when it comes to deceiving the church into believing that all 'bibles' are the same... *they are not!*

There is one true God yet there are many 'gods' today!

One true Christ yet many 'christs' today!

One true Gospel yet many 'gospels' today!

One true 'religion', (Christianity), yet many false religions and cults today!

One true Bible yet many 'bibles' today!

**What does God say about His word?** – Deut 4v2, Prov 30v5+6, Rev 22v18+19, Ecc 3v14

**What should we do with the word of God?** – Phil 2v16, Luke 4v4

**Who are you trying to please?** – Gal 1v10, Acts 5v29, Acts 4v18-20, Rom 3v4, Mat 23v2-7, Heb 11v25-27

How about these two very interesting verses regarding the word of God – Job 23v12, Deut 30v10-14

**Questions for Bible 'correctors and rejectors'...**

Since you're smart enough to find 'mistakes' in the KJV, why don't you correct them all and give us a perfect Bible?

To you, *where* is the perfect, preserved word of God today? (*The 'originals' don't exist, therefore you've never seen them!*)

If God could overshadow sinful men to produce the perfect inspired *originals*, why couldn't He do it for the perfect preserved copies? Where does it say He can't?

I would also suggest you have a look at our tab on the **Time for Truth!** website called 'Why the AV (KJV) only?'

**History of the Bible**

Old Testament - 4000 BC – 400 BC

New Testament - 4 BC – 90 AD



If you are a Bible 'corrector/rejector' and you don't believe the Authorized Version Bible is perfect, perhaps you would answer the following questions...

- 1) Do you believe in the special providential preservation of the Holy Scriptures?
- 2) If not, how can you believe in infallible inspiration?
- 3) Would God give verbal inspiration if He did not intend to preserve them?
- 4) If you do believe in preservation — how? In popish monasteries or through usage of believers?
- 5) If preserved by believers, did preservation end with the invention of printing?
- 6) Did God preserve Scriptures at some times and not others?
- 7) If preservation did not cease with printing, was the Textus Receptus providentially guided?
- 8) If not, which New Testament text was providentially provided?

**The Answer Book - Question Number 7 by Sam Gipp**

**Question** – If there is a perfect Bible in English, doesn't there also have to be a perfect Bible in French, German, and Japanese etc?

**Answer** – No. God has always given His word to *one* people in *one* language to do *one* job; convert the world. The supposition that there must be a perfect translation in every language is erroneous and inconsistent with God's proven practice.

**Explanation** – This explanation comes in three parts: the OT, the NT and the entire Bible.

**One – The OT** – It is an accepted fact that, with the exception of some portions of Ezra and Daniel, the OT was written in Hebrew. It is also accepted that it was divinely given to the Jews. Thus God initiates His pattern of operation. He gave His words to *one* people in only *one* language. God apparently un-intimidated by modern scholarship did not feel obligated to supply His words in Egyptian, Chaldian, Syrian, Ethiopian, or any other of the languages in use on the earth at the time the OT was written. The OT was given exclusively to the Jews. Anyone desiring the word of God would have to convert to Judaism. Ample provision was made for such occurrences.

**Two – The NT** – It is also an accepted fact that the NT was written in Greek. Koine Greek to be exact. Again, the Lord apparently saw no reason to inspire a perfect original in all the languages of the world extant at that time. Only this time, instead of giving His Book to a nation, such as Israel, He simply gave it to Christians who were told to go out and convert the world - Mat 28v19. His choice of Greek as the language of the NT was obvious in that it was the predominant language of the world at that time.

**Three – The entire Bible** – It is obvious that God now needed to get both His OT and His NT welded together in a language that was common to the world. Only English can be considered such a language. The English language had been developing for many centuries until the late sixteenth century. About that time it finally reached a state of excellence that no language on earth has ever attained. It would seem that God did the rest. He chose this perfect language for the consummation of His perfect Book. First England and later on the USA swept the globe as the most powerful nations on earth, establishing English in all the corners of the globe as either a primary or secondary language. Today nations who do not speak English must still teach English to many of their citizens. Even nations antagonistic to the West such as Russia and China must teach English to their business and military personnel. Thus in choosing English in which to combine His two Testaments, God chose the only language which the world would know. Just as He has shown in His choosing only *one* language for the OT and only *one* language for the NT, He continued that practice

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by combining those two testaments in only *one* language.

### Proof that the Bible is the word of God.

The Bible is unlike *all* other 'sacred books' in that it bases its 'authenticity' and 'authority' on *prophecy*. All other 'sacred books' contain *no* predictions as to the future. If their authors had attempted to foretell future events, their non-fulfillment would discredit their writings and they would be classed as *liars and fraudsters*. Fulfilled prophecy is stronger evidence for the *inspiration* and 'authenticity' of the Scriptures than miracles. Prophecy is *not* a 'haphazard guess,' nor a 'probability' made up on uncertain data, *prophecy is history written in advance*. Two-thirds of the Scriptures are prophetic, either in type, symbol, or direct statement; and more than one-half of the OT prophecies, and nearly all of the NT, points to events that are future. It was because the religious leaders of Christ's day were *not* students of the prophetic Scriptures that they failed to recognize Him when He came. This is also true of Christians today who do not study prophecy – they too, will *not* be ready for the Lord's return at the Rapture. The 'requirements' for a *genuine prediction* i.e. prophecy are *five* in number...

- 1) It must have been made known *prior* to its fulfillment
- 2) It must be beyond all human foresight
- 3) It must give 'details' – *specific*
- 4) A sufficient time must elapse between its publication and fulfillment to exclude the prophet, or any interested party, from fulfilling it
- 5) There must be a clear and evident fulfillment of the prophecy

There were many specific predictions made by the OT prophets regarding the betrayal, trial, death and burial of the Lord Jesus. These were uttered by different prophets during the period from 1000 BC to 500 BC, yet they were all literally fulfilled in 24 hours in *one* person. Like I say, there is *no* book like the Bible. It has been said that there were 109 predictions *literally* fulfilled at Christ's *first* Advent in the flesh. One verse in every 30 in the NT refers to Christ's Second Coming. There are 20 times as many references in the OT to Christ's Second Coming as there are to His first Coming.

### Prophecies Fulfilled by the Lord Jesus Christ...See page 343

There are **31,102** verses in the King James Bible. Therefore there is no single middle verse. You cannot have a middle verse with an even number of verses. However there are *two* middle verses. These would be verses 15,551 and 15,552 (Psalms 103v1+2)

Ps 103v1 **Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

**2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:**

These are the middle *two* verses of the King James Bible. Both verses start with '**Bless the LORD, O my soul**'. v1 continues - and all that is within me, **bless his holy name**. v2 concludes with - and forget not all his benefits. These are powerful words coming from the two center verses of the Book.

**Now let's count the words in these two middle verses.** There are 28 (7x4).

Now let's see if we can find some middle words in the center of God's middle verses. Yes, I see four (**bless his holy name**.) There are 12 words on one side of this phrase and 12 words on the other side. So the King James Bible has **bless his holy name** right in the center of the two middle verses. This phrase also has exactly 12 words on each side of it.

What else would you expect in the center of God's Holy Bible? **Bless his holy name.**

## THE HOLY BIBLE

Total Books in the King James Bible	66
Total chapters in the King James Bible	1,189
Total verses in the King James Bible	31,102
Total books in the Old Testament	39
Total chapters in the Old Testament	929
Total verses in the Old Testament	23,145
Total books in the New Testament	27
Total chapters in the New Testament	260
Total verses in the New Testament	7,957
Middle book in the King James Bible	None – There are 2 – Micah and Nahum
Longest book in the King James Bible	Psalms
Shortest book in the King James Bible	2 John (verses) and 3 John (words)
Middle chapter in the King James Bible	Psalms 117
Longest chapter in the King James Bible	Psalms 119
Shortest chapter in the King James Bible	Psalms 117
Middle verse in the King James Bible	None – There are 2 – Psalms 103v1 and Psalms 103v2
Longest verse in the King James Bible	Esther 8v9
Shortest verse in the King James Bible	John 11v35

**Total verses - 31,102. (3+1+1+0+2 = 7)**

Total words in the 31,102 verses - 788,258

(Not including the Hebrew Alphabet in Psalms 119 or the superscriptions listed in some of the Psalms)

(Information taken from an article by Nic Kizziah)

**Rejecting the word of God** – Isa 5v24, Num 15v31, 2 Chron 36v16, Amos 2v4, 1 Sam 15v23, 2 Kings 17v15, Jer 6v19, 2 Kings 22v8+11+13 (2 Kings 23v1-3), (Ps 12v6+7), Ps 107v11, Jer 13v10, Jer 16v12.







## UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES

You will never understand the Bible unless you read it dispensationally, that's a fact, no matter who tells you otherwise. Unless you rightly *divide* the Scriptures (2 Tim 2v15) you won't understand God's Book. Calvinists, Post-Tribulation-Christians, Hyper-Dispensationalists, Pentecostals etc. are as *blind as bats* when it comes to understanding and rightly dividing the word of God. That may sound harsh, but that's the truth.

God deals with three different classes/types of people... **Jews, Gentiles and Christians** (1 Cor 10v32) and He directs the Scriptures at all of them in different ways at different times. If you take Scriptures that are aimed at the Jew and try to *apply them* to the Christian, then you'll mess up on your doctrine, e.g. 'Tongues' are *not* for today, as they are a sign for Israel (1 Cor 1v22, 1 Cor 14v22). There is a difference between gifts for the church and *sign-gifts* for Israel, if you don't understand that, you're going to mess up on your doctrine just like the Pentecostals do. If you think *healing and signs and wonders* are the same today as they were back in the apostolic era, then you are a very shallow student of the word of God. If you think that Acts 2v38 is the Gospel we should be preaching today, *you are so far off the radar it's frightening*. Acts 28v8 – this is the last miraculous healing ever performed in the NT. It's the end of the apostolic signs. Paul does not perform them at the end of his ministry – 1 Tim 5v23, 2 Tim 4v20. They are *not* in operation today.

There are **differences**, and there are **divisions** in the Scriptures, and you'd better get hold of these before preaching and teaching, otherwise you'll be led astray in error, and those you are speaking to.

**What is Dispensationalism?** In essence, it is God dealing with different people in different ways at different times. There are different Gospels in the Scriptures (1 Cor 15v3+4, Acts 2v38, Gal 3v8, Rev 14v6+7, Mat 4v23), they are *not* the same. The Kingdom of God is *not the same* as the Kingdom of Heaven. The Sabbath is not for the church *and never has been* – Num 15v32-36, John 1v17, Rom 10v4, Ezek 20v12+20. You are *not saved by grace through faith* (Eph 2v8+9) *under the law*, it was by faith **plus works** (Hab 2v4, Ezek 18v5-9+18+22+24), and you are *not saved by grace through faith* during Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week, aka the Tribulation, Jacob's Trouble – Rev 12v17, Rev 14v12. If you don't understand the *differences*, you'll never understand the Scriptures and you'll try to apply verses to yourself that are *not* directed to you. **Heresy is truth misplaced!** (Remember that). Not being able to *rightly* divide the word of truth is where Calvinists, Post-Tribbers, Hyper-Dispensationalists, Pentecostals etc. and all the cults go wrong. JW's are trying to bring in 'the kingdom' now. They have taken a truth and *misplaced* it, therefore they teach heresy. Mormons teach 'faith plus works' for *now*. They have taken Scriptures from James (notice to whom this book is written - James 1v1) and *put them* on the Christian in the Church Age, and they're not for us. One Scripture taken out of context can change everything.

There are *roughly* 8 dispensations (D)... (Some Bible teachers say *seven* & some say *nine*)

Creation to the fall – D of innocence – Gen 1v1 - Gen 3v22	Edenic dispensation – innocence
The fall of Noah – D of conscience – Gen 3v23 – Gen 8v19	Antediluvian dispensation – conscience
Noah to Abraham – D of human government – Gen 8v20 – Gen 11v32	Post-diluvian dispensation – human government
Abraham to the law of Moses – D of patriarchs – Gen 12v1 – Exo 19v7	Patriarchal dispensation – family / promise
The law of Moses to Christ – D of the Law – Exo 19v8 – Acts 9	Legal dispensation – Law
Christ to the Tribulation – D of grace	Ecclesiastical dispensation – Grace / Church Age
The Tribulation aka Jacob's Trouble, Daniel's 70 <sup>th</sup> Week	The Tribulation / Daniel's 70 <sup>th</sup> Week / Jacob's Trouble - Judgment
The Millennium to the eternal state – D of the fullness of times	Kingdom

Dispensations can overlap one another, with two different dispensations applying to two different groups of people. **Acts 21v20+21** – during this time the Jews *in* Israel were still under the Law... but in **Eph 3v2-5** – the Gentiles and Jews living *outside* of the land of Israel were already under grace, the dispensation committed to Paul.

Adam wasn't saved the same way as Moses, and Moses wasn't saved the same way as Paul. God dealt with them *differently*, at *different* times. No-one in the OT understood that the Son of God would leave Heaven, take the body of a human being and die on a cross, rising from the dead on the third day. **No-one in the OT was looking forward to the cross**, no matter what your pastor, teacher or preacher tells you. No-one in the OT was placed into the Body of Christ, or *spiritually circumcised* as they are today at conversion. You get *imputed righteousness* and *justification* as soon as you put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ for your sins forgiven, back then they received them at separate times e.g. Abraham got *imputed righteousness* in **Gen 15** and *justification* in **Gen 22**. The differences are in the dispensations, understand that.

To help locate these *time periods* you need to look at the different **covenants** in Scripture...

Edenic covenant – Gen 2-3	Edenic – 4000 BC – 3065 BC
Adamic covenant – Gen 3	Adamic – 3065 BC – 3000 AD
Noahic covenant – Gen 8-9	Noahic – 2450 BC – 3000 AD
Abramic covenant – Gen 12, 15, 17, 22	Abramic – 2000 BC – 3000 AD
Mosaic covenant – Exo 19-34	Mosaic – 1500 BC – 33½ AD (but returning for Israel in the T)
Davidic covenant – 2 Sam 7	Davidic – 1100 BC – 3000 AD (perhaps going into eternity)
Christian covenant – Mat 26 (Heb 9v15-17)	The NEW Covenant – 33½ AD off into eternity
Eternal covenant – Rev 21-22	The Eternal covenant – 3000 AD off into infinity

Covenants also overlap and some go right through other covenants while still in effect.

**This next section will really help to break it down for you...** No-one from Gen – Mal had anything more for a blood atonement and redemption, than the blood of bulls and goats (Heb 10v4). No-one in the OT was *cleared* of their sins, even *after* their sins were forgiven (Exo 34v7) and righteousness was imputed to them (Rom 4v1-6). No-one in the OT was placed into the Body of Christ. No-one

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in the OT was spiritually circumcised; none of them were born again, and none of them went to the third Heaven when they died (2 Cor 12v1-4). OT and NT salvation are certainly *not* identical. Not one man in the OT had his sins paid for permanently, or was redeemed (Rom 3v24, Heb 9v24), until *after* Mat 27. Up until Mat 27v50 everything is standing *doctrinally* in the OT. The NT is not even instituted until Mat 26v28, and even then, it was not in effect, for it cannot come into effect until the death of the testator (Heb 9v15-17). **Technically, Mat 1-27, Mark 1-15, Luke 1-23, John 1-19 are in the OT.** Note... everyone in those passages is under the OT Jewish Law and commandments, as given to Moses. Not one 'Christian' is anywhere to be found in the above verses/chapters of the Gospels. Not one 'Christian' was found on earth during Christ's lifetime or even in the first 10 chapters of Acts. The first early Christians in the Scriptures are nowhere in evidence *until* Acts 11v26 and then none of them are like any **disciple of Christ** before Acts 2. Christians are converted Gentiles who do not attend the temple (Acts 3v1), are not circumcised (all the apostles were), and they do not observe the Jewish Sabbath. (Rom 10v4). **Be very careful quoting Scripture, and building your doctrine on Pre-Crucifixion verses, as things changed *after* the Cross.**

**Any man in any dispensation is saved by doing what God tells him to do** – John 5v24, Acts 16v30+31, Acts 8v37, Gen 15v1-6, Gen 6v14 etc. God tells men *different* things, on *different* occasions.

The Lord Jesus Christ initially came *only* to Israel – Mat 15v24, but *knowing all that would happen*, He came to save Gentiles also – Luke 2v25-32.

The OT saint under the law must perform the works (Deut 28v14) as an evidence of his faith (James 2v21). These works do not justify him (Gal 3v11) unless faith accompanies them (Heb 11v39+40). He lives by *doing* (Ezek 18), and when he quits *doing* (Ps 51v11), *he has had it!* (Judg 16v20). God can take the Spirit from him permanently (Saul), or temporarily (Samson), or not at all (David), but even under the law exceptions are made (2 Sam 12v13). Grace is everywhere manifest in the life of Samson who never repents, confesses, or restores anything one time in a lifetime of continued transgression. But eternal security is unknown in the OT apart from the Psalms of David (Ps 91v14-16), who was given *sure mercies* (Acts 13v34) that other men were not given (2 Sam 7v14). Even in the OT 'the just' lives by faith, but it is **his** faith (Hab 2v4), whereas the NT believer is living by **the faith of the Son of God** (Gal 2v20). *The differences are in the dispensations.* You need to understand that. *Another example would be regarding forgiveness...* Read Mat 6v14+15 – here you are only forgiven *if* you forgive others, yet the Christian has already *been* forgiven of *all* his sins – Eph 4v32, Col 2v13. **Our salvation does not depend upon any form of works.** The key to understanding the Scriptures is to *rightly* divide them – 2 Tim 2v15.

### You will get things wrong regarding doctrine if you...

- 1) *Add* words to a verse that are not in the verse.
- 2) *Subtract* words from a verse that are in the verse.
- 3) **Take a verse out of context in which it appears.**
- 4) *Confine* the words in a verse to the context *only*, so it will have no application to anyone or anything, outside of its context e.g. *the Hyper-Dispensationalists do this, as they don't understand dual-application.*
- 5) Interpret a passage *allegorically* or *spiritually* to get rid of the doctrinal teaching found in the verse. *Calvinists do this all the time, along with Roman Catholics.*
- 6) Run to the 'original Greek' (*there isn't one*) or the 'original Hebrew' (*there isn't one*) to get rid of words or distort them.

### **The Book of Acts – a very *dangerous* Book to build your doctrine upon!**

Now if you get this, it will really help you in understanding the Bible... The Book of Acts (Note - **Acts of the Apostles**) is a book of *transition*, from Law to Grace; the Old Covenant to the New Covenant; from Nations to Individuals; from Israel to the Church. God begins to turn from the Jews in Acts 7, saved a Gentile in Acts 8, called the Apostle to the Gentiles in Acts 9, and in Acts 10, sent Peter into a Gentile household, although he was still clinging to a Jewish message. Acts is a Book that deals with 'signs and wonders' - 2 Cor 12v12. Did you get that, *signs of an apostle!* The Jews require a *sign* (1 Cor 1v22) and 'Tongues' are for a *sign* (1 Cor 14v22). Now this book of *transition* deals with **progressive revelation** in regard to the *new way* that God is dealing with people now, instead of under the law. His 'Body' has now been revealed and every person that gets saved is *baptised into it* and that has nothing to do with *water*, (1 Cor 12v13) yet Acts 2v38 is where every shallow Christian loses the plot. Now there are *no* 'healers' today and no-one speaks in tongues today, no matter what they say. Don't get me wrong, there are many deceived and deluded Christians who *think they do, but they don't!* Times have changed. *The differences are in the dispensations!*

### **The *difference* between OT and NT righteousness**

Eze 3v20 **Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.** Salvation in the Old Testament is a combination of *faith and works*. The *righteousness* of a *righteous man* here in Ezekiel is *personal righteousness which he has done*, not imputed righteousness which he has been *given* (Rom 4v1-8). There is a huge difference here and you need to understand it. (See the difference between these verses to help – Hab 2v4, Rom 1v17) In the NT there is no such thing as a 'righteous man' (Rom 3v10) apart from the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ (1 Cor 1v30). In the OT a man can forsake 'his righteousness' and 'die in his sins'. In the NT, a man dies *in his sins* when he does *not* trust Jesus Christ (John 8v24), and if he *has* trusted Jesus Christ, he *can't* die *in his sins* (Rom 8v29-39) because he has been regenerated and placed *into* Jesus Christ (Col 2v11+13). Now if you can get that you'd be way ahead of 95% of Christians who haven't a clue about *rightly dividing* the Scriptures. Have a look at these two verses also, and see the difference... Ezek 18v20, Deut 6v25.

**Tribulation Salvation is NOT Salvation by Grace Alone which Paul preached, which WE preach today.**

You should all know the difference between the Gospel of the 'Kingdom' & the Gospel of the 'Grace of God'. Salvation IN the Tribulation is NOT 1 Cor 15v1-4. Read Mat 24v45-51 – none of these verses are aimed at the Christian, you & me. These verses deal with 'SERVANTS'. After the resurrection, the Lord called His disciples 'FRIENDS' not 'servants' – John 15v13-15. Christ makes sure His 'friends' end up in Heaven (Gal 4v7) just like Him (Rom 8v29-39). The servants in Mat 24v45-51 have to 'endure unto the end' (v13) or they will end up in Hell (v51). That is NOT the way of salvation today! Salvation is certainly NOT the same in every dispensation, & the sooner you get that the more you'll understand the Bible. In the Tribulation, salvation is 'faith plus works' (Rev 12v17, 14v12), today salvation is faith ALONE (Eph 2v8+9).



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***T***hou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. (2 Timothy 2:3-4)

***F***or there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. (1 Timothy 2:5)

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