



# The BIBLE

“God’s Will Revealed”

Lesson 2

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## **KJV Bible Lesson Series: Lesson 2**

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It's not a fiction nor a novel book; neither is it just an ordinary storybook. It's a book that has living power. It's a book for which thousands of people have been imprisoned, beheaded, burned at the stake, their possessions destroyed, all because they just owned it. Its translators were hunted like deer, and many killed. But in vain did its adversaries seek to destroy it. After centuries of battle, it has stood like a mighty conqueror still preaching its mighty message that offers life, peace, and salvation to the world. This book is the Bible.

What do we have as a guide of truth? What does God use to speak to us His will and purpose for us? How do we know if our life is in harmony with God or not? What will reveal to us the way to life and salvation?

The Bible says in 2 Timothy 3:16,17, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

God has given the Holy Scriptures to reveal the way of life and salvation, to be our guide in doctrine and truth. It is here in the Holy Scriptures that the God of the universe communicates to us His will and purpose for us.

### **How was the Bible written?**

Read 2 Samuel 23:2; 2 Peter 1:21.

Write the Bible Answer:

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God spake His word through men who were filled with the Holy Spirit. These "spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." Every portion of the scriptures was written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit; therefore, it is the Holy Scriptures, the Word of God. As evidence of its Divine inspiration, the Bible was written in a period of about 1,500 years by forty different people, in which many never saw each other. Yet their message was the same, prophecy lined up with prophecy, story with story; all unified by the Almighty mind of God.

## What is the power of the word of God?

Read Isaiah 55:11.

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As God is true, faithful, and powerful the words that He speaks are true, faithful, and powerful. What He speaks will not return void; it will be accomplished.

The Holy Spirit is the One that makes this book a living book, full of power to transform lives into the revealed will of God. There is no other book like it in the world.

## What is the Power of the Bible?

### Power to Change lives

Read Psalms 119:9; James 1:21,22; John 17:17.

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The Bible reveals the way, the truth, and the life. Here we read that “Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God...” to offer to the world the gift of salvation and eternal life. (1 Peter 3:18) Here we are called to, behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world, and come to Him. Here in the Bible we are told, “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out...” Our sins are not blotted out by a penance nor through a priest, but by the humble prayer of the repentant sinner. (Acts 3:19) Here in the Bible we have the promise, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9. Here it is revealed that we must be found “not having mine own righteousness,” “but the righteousness which is of God by faith” of which we receive only through Jesus Christ. Without the Bible we would not understand the great gift of salvation that God offers us. There is no other book that can change one’s life who has been chained to addictive habits, to become a new man fulfilling the will of God and being a blessing to others. But in order to have this change, we must take heed to its words.

**Reveals the heart like a sword**

Read Hebrews 4:12.

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When a sinner reads the Bible, its words with the power of the Holy Spirit, goes to the heart of the reader. As he reads there is revealed to him things in his life that must be changed. He is pricked and convicted that there must be a change in his life. The purpose of this sword is to cut spiritually, and change the heart into the will of God and give life. An example of this is given in Acts 2:37. "Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?" After the pricking there are only two options that can be made, either they can allow the Sword, empowered by Christ, do its work of change which will give to them everlasting life, or they can reject it, and the Sword becomes their judge. (Read Matthew 21:44) Here in Acts 2:37 the people were pricked, and in answer to their conviction, they said, "what shall we do?" allowing the sword to do its work of change in their life.

**Testimony of Jesus**

Read John 5:39.

The Bible witnesses of Jesus and His ministry, that He is the Messiah, the Saviour of the world.

**Why did God give us the Bible?**

Read Romans 15:4.

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The things that were written are for our comfort and hope.

**How true is the Bible?**

Proverbs 30:5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their

trust in him.

Read also Hebrews 6:18; Psalms 119:140; Psalms 119:137-138; Psalms 12:6.

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God will never lie, so every one of His words are very pure. The Bible in Psalms 12:6 compares the words of God as to silver tried or in other words purified in a furnace, seven times. God uses seven in the Bible as a number of perfection and completeness. For example God made the earth in six days and on the seventh day the earth was complete, and He rested. So we see the Bible is complete in it purity.

**What is one of the strongest evidence of the truthfulness of the Bible?**

Read 2 Peter 1:19; Revelation 1:19.

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One of the greatest evidence of the truth and authority of the Bible is prophecy. Bible prophecy reveals events and things before they even happen with particular exactness!

An amazing example of this is given in the book of Isaiah. The people of Israel continually rebelled against their God. God gave them many messages of warning and reproof, "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land". - Isaiah 1:19. But these messages they rejected. So, God revealed through His prophets the result of continuing in rebellion: "But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it." - Isaiah 1:20. The prophecy was given, "...I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive into Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword. Moreover I will deliver all the strength of this city, and all the labours thereof, and all the precious things thereof, and all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, which shall spoil them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon." - Jeremiah 20:4,5. This prophecy was exactly fulfilled. The people were taken captive and brought to Babylon in 586 B.C., at the end of Zedekiah's

reign the last king of Judah, Jerusalem and the their dear temple was burned. Then the promise was given them, “For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.” And again the promise is given, “...after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.” - Jeremiah 30:3; Jeremiah 29:10. God who is merciful would bring them from their captivity. Would not that promise be enough to the people? Yes, but God gives even more on their return, and gives another amazing prophecy that gives us even more confidence in the Bible.

### **Cyrus By Name**

“Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things... That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built... That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.” Isaiah 44:24, 26, 28. Here God not only gives a prophecy that the people would again return to their land, but mentions the name of the king who would cause the people of Israel to return, Cyrus.

Another prophecy concerning Cyrus is given in Isaiah Chapter 45.

Read Isaiah 45:1-5.

Here God gives a prophecy that Cyrus was to loose the loins of kings and subdue nations. Here God calls him by name. Cyrus is even known in history as Cyrus the Great, king of the Medes and Persians. But the amazing thing is that this prophecy was given over 100 years before Cyrus was born.

This prophecy was exactly fulfilled when the Medes and Persians overthrew Babylon. Babylon was largely defeated. The river Euphrates traveled through the city, but its entrance to the city was guarded by a great iron gate. Within the city, walls went along the river which had gates. People thought Babylon was to last forever. But God had given this prophecy, and in 539 B.C. Babylon fell to the Media-Persian empire, in the exact manner as the Bible prophesied over 100 years before.

An account of the fall of Babylon is given in Daniel chapter 5. At the time their enemies were without their walls ready to capture the city, the Babylonians were

having a huge party trusting in their mighty fortifications for their security. They were unaware that a way had been prepared in the Euphrates river, and that their gates that went along the river were open. As their party went on Cyrus and his army was entering the city through the Euphrates and with the gates going along the river open the soldiers quickly swept the city and the city was overthrown.

Isaiah 1:1 “The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.”

### **Jesus Christ**

Among the many prophecies one of the most remarkable are the prophecies given concerning the life, mission, and work of Jesus Christ who came to save us from sin - the only hope of the world. In the Bible there are over 125 prophecies in the Old Testament of Jesus that prophesied of the place and manner of His birth, His ministry, how he would die to pay the penalty of our sins, and also His resurrection. All the prophecies that were given in the Old testament concerning Jesus have been exactly fulfilled.

### **Place of Birth**

**Where was Jesus Christ to be born according to Micah 5:2?**

Read Micah 5:2.

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According to Micah 5:2 the little town of Bethlehem was to be privileged as being the birth place of the worlds Redeemer—God in the flesh, Emmanuel, who has been from everlasting—Jesus Christ.

The fulfillment is given in Matthew 2:1,2 “Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.” Just as it was prophesied, the Saviour was born in Bethlehem which was in the land of Judah.

### **His Ministry**

Read Isaiah 61:1-3.

The Messiah in His ministry was to preach the good tidings to the meek, heal the brokenhearted, open the eyes of the blind, set at liberty the captives, and let loose those in bondage, to lift the spirits of those in heaviness, to bring salvation to the world.

These prophecies were again fulfilled.

Read Luke 7:22.

Luke 7:22 reveals that Christ during His ministry preached the good tidings of the gospel to the poor, setting at liberty the captives to sin. The blind saw, the once lame walked, the deaf heard, even the dead were raised.

### **His Death for our Sins**

Another prophecy concerning Christ is given in Isaiah chapter 53.

Read Isaiah 53:3-5,8,9,12.

It was here prophesied that Jesus Christ would be wounded, despised and rejected by many, and die for our transgressions, and bare the sins of many.

We then read its fulfillment in John 19:4,5,15-17 “Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. 5 Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! 15 But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. 16 Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. 17 And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull [Calvary], which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha:”

Jesus Christ who was found by Pilate, the governor, to be free of any guilt was led away to be crucified—our Creator, Redeemer, the King of kings. He was wounded for our transgressions just as the Bible had prophesied.

But another prophecy was given in Psalms chapter 34.

Psalms 34:20 “He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.”

The bones of Christ when he was crucified were not to be broken. In the sacrificial services of the Old Testament connected to the temple which pointed

to the sacrifice of Christ, not a bone of the Passover lamb were to be broken. (Read Numbers 9:12). Christ is our Passover Lamb which died to save us from everlasting death, the penalty of sin. As the fulfillment of the Passover, Christ in His death for our sins was to keep all His bones, not one was to be broken.

### **Was this also fulfilled?**

Read John 19:31-37.

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Satan thought to stop the fulfillment of Bible prophecy when he inspired the rulers of the Jews to ask Pilate to brake the legs of those crucified. But God's word was going to be fulfilled, and when they came to Jesus, He had already died, carrying the sins of the whole world. Even though Jesus had already died, a soldier with a spear pierced His side, and then came proceeding from His side blood and water, again fulfilling another prophecy, "...and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced..." Zachariah 12:10.

He died that we might have life.

### **His Resurrection**

In Psalms 16:10 we see a prophecy of the resurrection of Jesus!

Psalms 16:10 "For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell [grave]; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."

After Christ death on the cross, He would raise again. Before He was crucified, Jesus said, "Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, 19 And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again." Matthew 20:18,19. Jesus was to rise on the third day after His resurrection!

Its fulfillment!

Read Luke 24:1-7.

Jesus died on the "Preparation day" which was Friday. Rested in the tomb on the Sabbath and very early on the first day of the week, Sunday, He arose! 1 Peter 3:18 says, "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:"

Statistics reveal the it would be totally impossible for over 125 prophecies of Christ to be fulfilled by chance.

The Bible has proven to be inspired by God time and time again. It never fails. The prophecies that the Bible gave were declared by omnipotent power of God. In Isaiah 46:9,10 God says, “Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:” God’s word is true and faithful, it never contradicts itself. What it says we can believe.

### **If we want to know the way, what are we commanded to do?**

Read John 5:39; 2 Timothy 2:15.

Write the Bible Answer:

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We are commanded to study and search the scriptures. The Bible is as our road map that leads us to everlasting life. But if we want to know that way, we must read it.

### **What are we to do with the truths revealed in the Bible?**

Luke 11:28 “But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.”

Read also James 1:21,22; Revelation 22:7.

Write the Bible Answer:

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We not only want to study the Bible but, receive the truth and follow it. God gives a blessing to those that keep and follow the word.

### **What does Jesus call the worship of those who do not want to follow the Bible fully?**

Read Matthew 15:8,9

Write the Bible Answer:

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They truly do not love God because they refuse to obey Him. Their worship becomes vain, worshiping God with their mouth, when their heart is far from God. It all comes down to the question, that in these last days, will we follow the teaching of the Bible as it says or will we substitute it with the ideas of men?

The Bible has gone through centuries of persecution, but God has kept His Word. The persecutions only furthered the advance of the truth. And now in many places the Bible is in the reach of nearly all. But do we read it?

We today need to turn back to the pure Word of God, the Bible, and follow it. The Bible is our doctrine. The Bible also is our defense against error. God tells us in Isaiah 8:20, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." It's the source of true wisdom. God gives us the Bible out of His wonderful love, that we may know the path to everlasting life. Jesus says in Revelation 21:5 "...Write: for these words are true and faithful."

## The Bible Brain Challenge

### Fill in the Blank

2 Timothy 3:16,17 “All \_\_\_\_\_ is given by \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be \_\_\_\_\_, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

**What is the power of the Bible?**

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### Fill in the Blank

Romans 15:4 “For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the \_\_\_\_\_ might have \_\_\_\_\_.”

**What is one of the greatest evidence of the truth of the Bible?**

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### Fill in the Blank

James 1:22 “But be ye \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”

**If we want to know the way to everlasting life what must we do?**

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