

DEAR READERS

WE LIVE IN TRYING TIMES!

**IN MATTHEW 24TH CHAPTER, JESUS TOLD US
THERE WOULD BE DAYS LIKE THIS!**

**I HAVE PREPARED PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE BIBLE, A FOUR
PAGE OUTLINE/TIMELINE THAT WILL TAKE YOU QUICKLY
THROUGH THE BIBLE FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION
AND WILL HELP YOU UNDERSTAND GOD'S PLANS
FOR MANKIND AND FOR PLANET EARTH**

“DON'T BE SCARED, BE PREPARED!”

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**AFTER ALL OF EARTH'S DARK TURMOIL,
THERE ARE BETTER DAYS AHEAD!**

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PART 1: INTRODUCTION TO PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE BIBLE

Dear Readers: We live in days of change and uncertainty. The Bible tells us why! I have especially prepared these pages with the prayer that you will gain more knowledge of the Bible and more understanding of **who Jesus is** and why trusting **HIM** and **HIS Word** is so essential in these days of chaotic uncertainty. Panoramic View can be read with understanding in an hour or less by people who study their bibles or go to Sunday School regularly. There are three parts to these papers: This page is Part one. The main pages, the outline/timeline is Part 2. Part 3 is a narrative to explain the outline for those who need/want more information.

Jesus has many titles, but in **Panoramic View of the Bible**, I have focused on **Jesus as Seed of the Woman** and the **Savior** and **King of the World**. Though beyond human understanding, it is important to note that **JESUS is also GOD!** Isaiah 9:6; Jn. 1:1, 14; 10:33; 20:28; Col. 1:15- 17; 2:9; Titus 2:13; Heb. 1:8, 10 -12; Rom. 9:5

JESUS IS THE SEED OF THE WOMAN

Gen. 3:15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise thy head, and you shall bruise his heel.
NKJV

Isaiah 7:14 Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel... (which is **God** with us) Mt. 1:23

Ga. 4:4 But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law...

JESUS IS THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD

Jn. 3:16, 17 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.

1 John 4:14 For we have seen and do testify that God sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

Heb. 2:14 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death --- that is the devil. (niv)

Eph. 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

JESUS IS KING OF THE WORLD

Daniel 7:14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

Zechariah 14:9 And the Lord shall be King over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one.

Rev. 11:15 THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD ARE BECOME THE KINGDOMS OF OUR LORD, AND OF HIS CHRIST; AND HE SHALL REIGN FOREVER AND EVER.

JESUS IS GOD

Isa. 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given... and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The **Mighty God**, **The Everlasting Father**, The Prince of Peace.

Titus 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the **great God** and our Saviour Jesus Christ

Hebrews 1:8 But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, **O God**, is for ever and ever.

John 20:28 And Thomas answered (Jesus) and said unto him, My Lord and **my God**.

PART 3: NARRATIVE FOR PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE BIBLE

SHOWING GOD'S MARVELOUS PLAN TO FREE MANKIND FROM THE FORCES OF EVIL

Dear Readers,

We are living in strange, perilous times where each day, we wonder, **"What in the world will happen next?"** Not to worry! The Lord God has all the answers which He gladly shares with us through **the Bible, His Holy Word!**

The Bible is a big book, jam-packed with information and details that can be hard to understand. I have prepared **PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE BIBLE**, a four page outline, to give Readers quick understanding of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Knowing the Bible is critical **because time is running out and we humans need to get our lives in order** by letting God tell us what's happening in the world, and why -- and instruct us on how to best make it through the trying times that lie ahead. Please read these 3 pages along with the 4 page outline.

HERE IS OUR PROBLEM:

Our first parents, Adam and Eve, in their innocence, ate from the tree of the **Knowledge of Good and Evil**, allowing **Evil** and the **Devil** to break loose in the world. **Evil** cannot be put back on the tree! Through the thousands of years, **Evil**, and all of its complexities, has created unbelievable cruelty, pain, chaos and suffering, including the problems we are having in the world today.

Panoramic View of the Bible will unravel the entanglements to show that there is an on- going story, unveiling God's marvelous plan to free mankind from the forces of **Evil** by bringing forth **Jesus "to destroy the works of the Devil"** (1 Jn 3:8; Heb 2:14, 15) and become the World's **Savior and King**. **Indeed, Jesus, Evil's Chief Exterminator, is the heart and soul of the entire Bible.**

HOW PANORAMIC VIEW WILL HELP

Some Bible stories are very familiar -- for example, Noah and the Ark, Daniel in the Lion's Den, etc. This 4 page outline will help readers put the familiar stories in their proper order and see how people and events are connected and how all lead to Jesus, our Savior and King.

Page One is from the Book of Genesis: The names across the middle of page 1 show individuals who were chosen by God, -- to follow God, live righteous lives and be examples to others. **Cain**, the first son of Adam and Eve,

in a moment of wickedness, killed his righteous brother, **Abel**; so both Cain and Abel are out. But God continues his choices through **Seth**, another son of Adam and Eve. Seth's name lets us know that the Savior is already on the way because **Jesus, came to us, not through Cain, but through Seth and his offspring**. This, we know, from reading the genealogy of Jesus in the New Testament books of Matthew and Luke. (See Jesus' genealogy at the bottom of pages 1 and 2 of this outline.) We also know a Savior is coming by reading the prophecy in Genesis 3:15, proclaiming that **the "seed of the woman (Jesus) will bruise the serpent's (Satan) head."** (Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary; God was his Father)

The slanted lines above the names on the outline telling who "begat whom" show the lesser known ancestors of Jesus, while the bold print on the slanted lines show his better-known ancestors, like Noah.

Genesis 6.5 shows that it did not take long for **Evil** to get the upper hand: **"Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."** So God sent a great flood on the earth from which only eight souls were saved: Noah, his wife; and their three sons, **Shem, Ham, and Japheth** and their wives. Over time, the earth was repopulated. **Jesus came to us through the descendants of Shem.**

THE PROMISES to ABRAHAM and SUCESSORS

Abraham is the key figure on Page 1. God's great promise to send World Blessings and a Savior/Redeemer through Abraham (Gen. 22:18; Gal. 3:16) was continued through Abraham's son **Isaac**; then through Isaac's son, **Jacob**. Jacob, whose name was changed to **Israel**, had twelve sons. **Jesus was the offspring of Judah, 4th son.**

With the Twelve Tribes of Israel, we find God doing something different. This time he calls forth, not individuals, but an entire nation, descendants of Abraham, to follow God, live righteous lives and be examples to others. Deut. 26:18, 19; Deut. 28

The book of Genesis ends with the familiar story of Jacob's son, **Joseph** who was sold into Egyptian slavery by his jealous brothers. Rising to become second in command under Pharaoh, Joseph was able to save his family as well as Egyptians and others from starvation

during a severe drought. Joseph's brothers expected to be punished for their wickedness; instead, Joseph forgave them saying, *"You meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order... to save many people alive... And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them."* Gen. 50:20, 21

Page 2 of this outline shows the experiences of the *"Chosen Nation Israel"*, their good and bad moments; and God tells it all. They are Jesus' family, but God does not cover up to make them look good.

After the prosperous days of Joseph, the **Hebrews**, as they were called, were enslaved by the Egyptians for **400 years**. **Moses**, the Deliverer, was chosen by God to lead the children of Israel on the long tortuous journey back to the Promised Land. Highlights of the journey included crossing the **Red Sea** on dry ground and receiving the **10 Commandments** from God. (Exodus)

They finally came to a place called **Kadesh-Barnea**, when 12 spies, one from each tribe, were sent in to see what the land was like. Only **Caleb and Joshua** had faith to believe that God would get them into the land safely, as He had promised. The other ten spies feared that the inhabitants, the Canaanites, were too strong – that they, Israel, would be slaughtered. Because of their fear and lack of faith God allowed them to wander in the wilderness for **40 years** until all the older people had died. Then God allowed Joshua and Caleb to enter the Promised Land, along with the younger people. (Numbers)

No, **Joshua**, the leader, didn't just swagger in. With God on his side, he gained victory after victory in battles against the fearsome inhabitants, who were wicked beyond our imaginations. Joshua 24:31 concludes, saying, *"Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua."* Then Israel forgot and turned their minds from God. Judges 2:7-11

After the death of Joshua and the Elders, God raised up **Judges** to be leaders of the Tribes. The period of Judges was marked by turbulence where Israel served God, then fell into sin, when God would allow them to be overcome by their enemies after which they would repent, get another Judge, then turn away from God again. Described in Judges 21:25, it was said, *"In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes."*

In time, the Children of Israel wanted a king like *"all the nations;"* (1 Samuel 8.5) and they did get **King Saul**, the first king of a United Israel, **Kings David and Solomon** the

other two. **Jesus came to us through David and Solomon**. The three kings have their own lengthy stories: Briefly stated, Saul was the rejected king; David, a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22) and the greatest King; and Solomon was the King of Wisdom, Wealth and Folly. Under David and Solomon Israel reached the peak of its prestige and glory. King Solomon was able to build the magnificent temple but he acted foolishly with his 700 wives and 300 concubines and in time, his days ended, leaving his son Rehoboam in charge.

Following heated disagreements between Rehoboam and the Tribes, Israel was divided into two kingdoms. **Rehoboam** reigned over **Judah** and 2 tribes in the South and **Jereboam** became king of **Israel** and 10 tribes in the North. King Jereboam, whose wickedness and depravity earned him the title, *"who made Israel to sin,"* promptly erected golden calves for his followers to worship in place of God. **Israel's** other 18 kings rapidly followed him in wickedness, until tolerating their sins no longer, God allowed **Israel** to be taken into **Assyrian captivity**.

Rehoboam, King of Judah (**David's Line**), also reigned in wickedness, as did most of Judah's other kings. Although there were at least six, possibly eight, good kings, wickedness prevailed and Judah was also taken into captivity, this time to **Babylon** for 70 years, as had been prophesied (Jer. 25:12). **Jerusalem** was ransacked, the **Temple** was burned, and the **Wall** was broken down. **Daniel and Ezekiel** were among the captives.

After 70 years, Persian **King Cyrus**, following God's directives, allowed Judah to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple and the Wall (2 Chron. 36:22, 23); but Israel never regained power as an independent nation, except briefly. Four hundred years passed between the time of **Nehemiah** (building the Wall) and the birth of Jesus (recorded in the New Testament), during which time, Israel was under the rule of the foreign powers of Persia, then Greece, then Rome. **Rome was in power when Jesus came**. **Jesus was in David's line of Kings**.

Note: During all the experiences of the Nation Israel, God regularly sent prophets to guide, comfort, teach, and admonish the people to follow God, live righteous lives and be examples to others. Sometimes they listened, but more often, did not.

The history of Israel with its high moments and its dismal failures are examples and warnings to all men, showing how quickly and easily we can fall and how much and how often we are in need of God's forgiveness.

Page 3, New Testament: The four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John reveal the long awaited coming of Jesus, our Savior. Jesus chose 12 men, his disciples, to assist him in ministry.

And before he was crucified, ***“Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria..... And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judea, and from beyond Jordan.”*** (Matthew 4:23- 25)

After he victoriously rose from the grave, Jesus ministered to his disciples for 40 days, then ascended into heaven, but promised to return to earth. John 14:1- 3

Following Jesus' ascension, the Holy Spirit descended upon and empowered the followers of Jesus, giving birth to what is known as the **Church of Christ.** (Acts 2) Like the chosen ones of old, the Church's duty was to represent God by spreading his Words and teaching all Nations to follow God's ways and embrace Jesus, the Christ. (Matt. 28:19, 20) The **Church** was fiercely opposed and sorely oppressed, but their Gospel message spread so rapidly and powerfully that the Christians were described as ***“they who turned the world upside down.”*** (Acts 17:6)

The history and works of the Early Church can be found in the book of Acts and in letters that Paul, the lead apostle and others wrote to Saints (as Christians were called). Paul wrote to area churches in Rome, Corinth, Galatia, Ephesus, Philippi, Colosse and Thessalonica, and to individuals, Timothy, Titus and Philemon.

Though not recorded in the New Testament, we hear from secular and religious sources that during a bloody onslaught by Nero of Rome, the Apostles Paul and Peter were slain, along with a multitude of Christians and Jews. Later, Titus, another emperor, ransacked Jerusalem and burned the temple to the ground, as Jesus had predicted. (Matt. 24: 1, 2) That was more than 2000 years ago.

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The last part of page 3 on the outline extends into our present day where we, ourselves, have become eyewitnesses to wars, lawlessness, violent weather, and other signs of Jesus' second coming. Looming before us, the Great Tribulation, with Antichrist in total control, is described as a time of trouble ***“such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.*** (Mt. 24:21. Also read Mark.13; Luke. 21) The devil is angry, ***“because he knows he has but a short time.”*** (Rev. 12:12)

Revelation, last book of the Bible, is filled with images, horrors and scenes hard to understand but God tells us, ***“Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.”*** (Rev. 1:3) Our best choice is to read all of Revelation, as God has said; understand what we can, obey what we can understand and trust God to reveal all we need to know as the days go by.

GOOD'S FINAL TRIUMPH OVER EVIL

Page 4 of the Outline: The events on page 4 are taken from the last 4 chapters of Revelation (19 – 22), telling the end of God's story --how **Good will finally triumph over Evil.** Truly, this is **JESUS' PAGE.** He came the first time, the **Savior** to free us from sin. He will come again in power and great glory to judge the world, set up his Kingdom and take his rightful place as **King of the Earth!**

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing! Revelation 5:12

“And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: and his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom which shall not be destroyed. Daniel 7:14 Finally, Revelation reveals that our earth will be destroyed by fire and a new heaven and earth will appear. ***“New Jerusalem, the Holy City, will descend. There shall be no more death, sorrow, crying or pain. There shall be no more curse... there shall by no means enter in it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.”*** Revelation 21 & 22

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