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Most Important Questions in Life

- What is the Purpose of Life?
- Why there is so much suffering, sickness, violence and destruction in this world?
- What happens after I die?
- Is there a Heaven?

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The Bible provides the answers to these questions.



The Bible is the first History Book written and provides an archeological/written record of the first 4,000 years of man's existence.

Reason for the Bible: It is how God reveals Himself and His plans.

- Humans cannot see God but need to know about Him and His plans for mankind.
- The only way to see God is through the Scriptures in the Bible written by his prophets.

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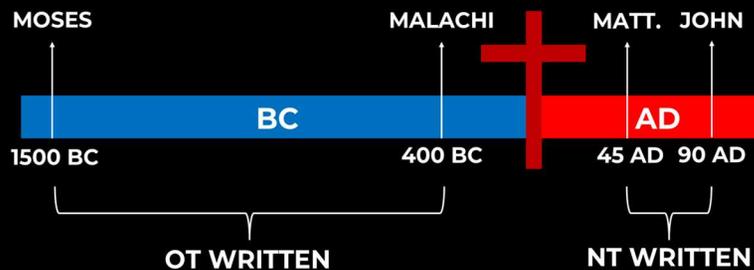
Who are God's prophets? - messengers chosen by God to communicate divine guidance, truths, and warnings to humanity, serving as intermediaries between God and the people. Major figures in the Bible include Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and Elijah.

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Over a period of **1600 years**, God used **40 different authors**, from **3 different continents**, in **3 different languages** to complete the Bible.



The Bible was written:

Over a 1600-year span (1500 BC starting with Moses – 90 AD ending with John)

By over 40 writers of different walks of life including Jesus' apostles Peter, Matthew and John

In different places and eras

In three languages (Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek)

How is it possible that 40 different writers over a 1600 year span all same the same thing. Because God is the author.

(Exodus 24:4) confirms "And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD."

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Old Testament Books and writers:

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Zechariah = Zechariah - 500 BC

Malachi = Malachi - 430 BC

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Old Testament

- Isaiah 7:14 in 700 BC: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and shall call his name Immanuel".

New Testament

- Luke 1:26-31 in 60 AD: "The virgin's name was Mary .. you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a son and shall call his name Jesus."

Old Testament

- Isaiah 35:5-6 in 700 BC: "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute shall sing."

New Testament

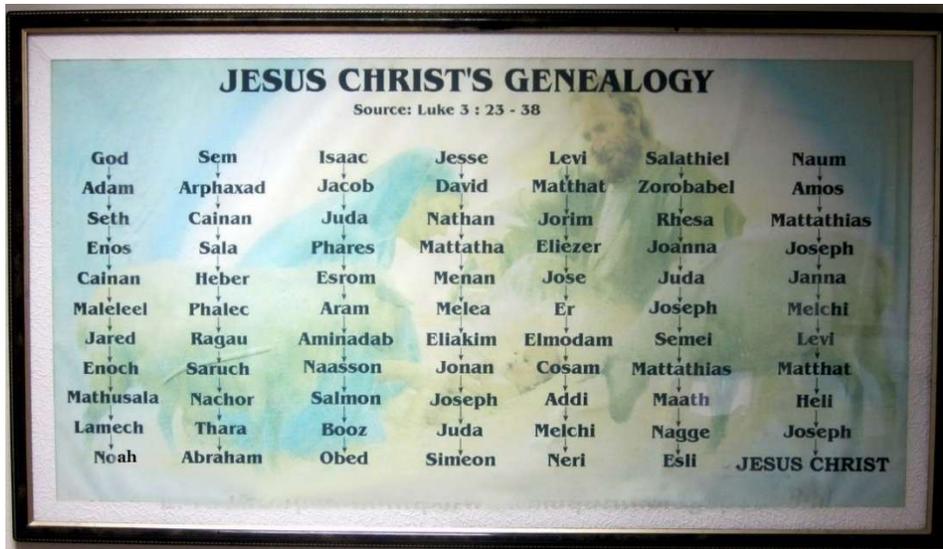
- Matthew 15:30 in 55 AD: "And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them:"

History: The Bible is an archeological/written record - the events recorded in the Bible are historical fact.

Prophecy: There are 1,239 prophecies (signs administered by God to his prophets) in the Old Testament and 578 in the New Testament - a total of 1,817 that have all been fulfilled exactly hundreds of years later.

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- **Luke 3:23 - Jesus Christ genealogy from Adam to Noah to Abraham to King David to Joseph to Jesus. (76 generations)**
- The world was created approximately 6,133 years ago - 4108 BC (Based on the recording of timelines in the bible and assuming a 24-hour day and a 365-day year from the time of God's creation).
- **There are roughly 160 generations between Adam and people living today.**

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Historical/Archeological Evidence that the Bible is True.

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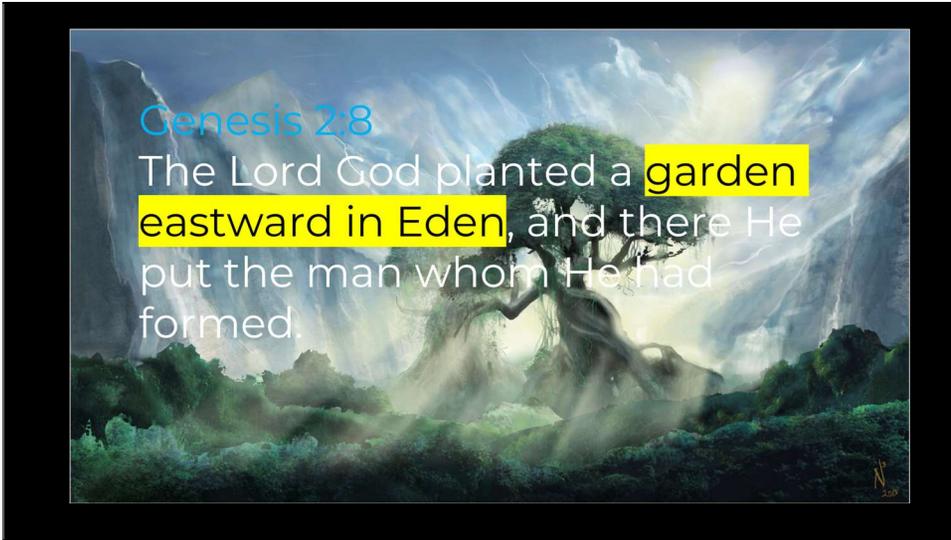
- These are the **Qumran Caves** on the northern shore of the Dead Sea.
- **Discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls happened in 1947** when a young shepherd boy found many large jars within these caves.

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- Within these jars were 15,000 Scrolls including fragments and manuscripts of every single book in the Old Testament except Esther.
- Carbon dating of these scrolls dated to approximately 2000 years old.

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Historical Evidence the Bible is true:

- The Garden of Eden was created around 6,100 years ago (4,108 BC).
- The Garden of Eden is a real place.

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Genesis 2:10-11, 13-14

Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads. 11 The name of the first is Pishon; ... 13 The name of the second river is Gihon; ... 14 The name of the third river is Hiddekel; it is the one which goes toward the east of Assyria. The fourth river is the Euphrates.

THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Genesis 2:10-1, 13-14

- God identified the location of the Garden of Eden within the Bible.
- Four rivers: Pishon, Gihon, Hiddekel (Tigris in Greek), and Euphrates.

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The Garden of Eden was located in the Middle East, most likely in the Mesopotamia region of Iraq between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers.

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Historical Evidence the Bible is true:

Noah's Ark

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Genesis 6:7-8
So the Lord said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them." ⁸ But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

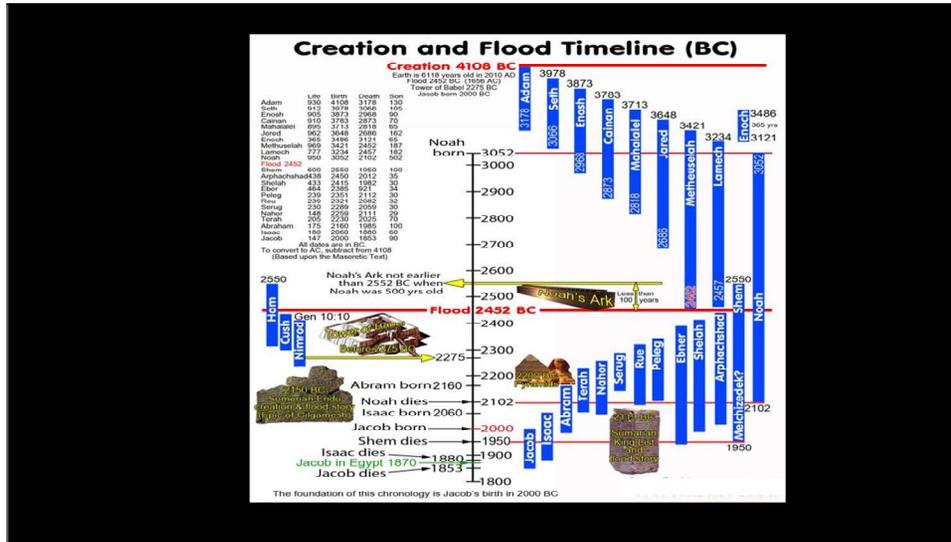
THE WORLDWIDE FLOOD

Genesis 6:7-8

- God decided to destroy the entire world because of the great wickedness and uncontrolled violence!
- How did He judge them? By submerging it under water for 150 days!
- There was someone that found grace in God's sight: **Noah.**
- Only eight people were on board the Ark during the Flood. Genesis 7:13 states, "On the very same day Noah and Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, entered the ark."

This number is confirmed by the Apostle Peter in the New Testament, who stated that only "eight souls" were saved from the Flood (1 Peter 3:20; see also 2 Peter 2:5).

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Creation and Flood Timeline:

- **God created the Earth and Adam and Eve** around 4108 BC (around 6133 years ago)
- The **Flood** occurred around 2452 BC (around 4477 years ago)
- **Moses** was born around 1393 BC (around 3418 years ago) and wrote the books of **Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy** around 1500 BC

The Bible states Noah lived for hundreds of years (dying at 950) as part of the early post-creation period when lifespans were generally much longer, possibly due to a closer connection to original creation, genetic factors, or environmental conditions like a pre-flood water canopy.

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The Ark Dimensions:

- **Length** = 300 cubits x 1.7 feet/cubit = **510 ft**;
- **Width** = 50 cubits x 1.7 inches/cubit = **85 ft**
- Length (510ft) x Width (85ft) = 43,350 sq. ft. x 3 floor = **130,050 sq. ft.**
- The Bible says that Noah was to take “You shall take with you seven each of every clean animal, a male and his female; two each of animals that *are* unclean, a male and his female; ³also seven each of birds of the air, male and female, to keep the species alive on the face of all the earth. (Genesis 7:1-3).
- Estimates suggest around 1,398 "kinds" of land animals and flying creatures, totaling just under **7,000 individual animals**.

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Genesis 7:22-23

All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land, died.

23 So He destroyed all living things which were on the face of the ground: both man and cattle, creeping thing and bird of the air. They were destroyed from the earth. Only Noah and those who were with him in the ark remained alive.

THE WORLDWIDE FLOOD

Genesis 7:22-23

- This flood literally wiped out all of mankind and animals. The whole earth was destroyed.

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Genesis 8:3-4

And the waters receded continually from the earth. At the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters decreased. ⁴ Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat.

THE WORLDWIDE FLOOD

Genesis 8:3-4

What happened to the Ark? The bible says it rested on Mt Ararat.

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Mt Ararat is at the very East end of Turkey.

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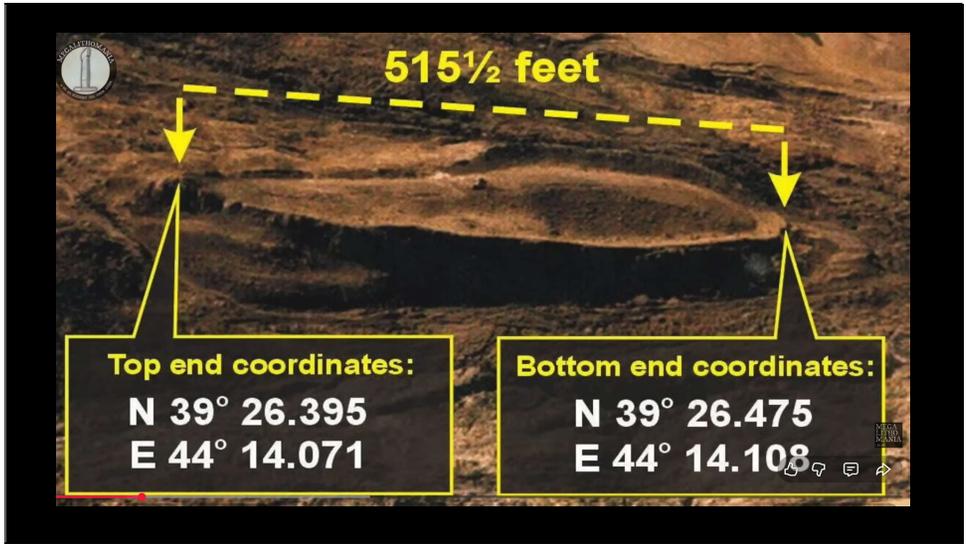
Little Ararat, Greater Ararat. The Ark rested on the Greater Ararat.

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Photo of the presumed location of Noah's Ark's resting place on Mt Ararat in Turkey.

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This formation is the same size as Noah's ARK

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The Miracle of the Red Sea

- In the book of Exodus, Pharaoh enslaved the Israelites in Egypt and used them as laborers.
- Moses asked pharaoh to free his people from Egypt, pharaoh did not consent.
- At this point, God poured upon the Egyptians 10 plagues.
- In the final plague, the firstborn of all Egyptians was killed including Pharaoh's son.
- Pharaoh then freed the 2 million Israelites.

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Exodus 14:5

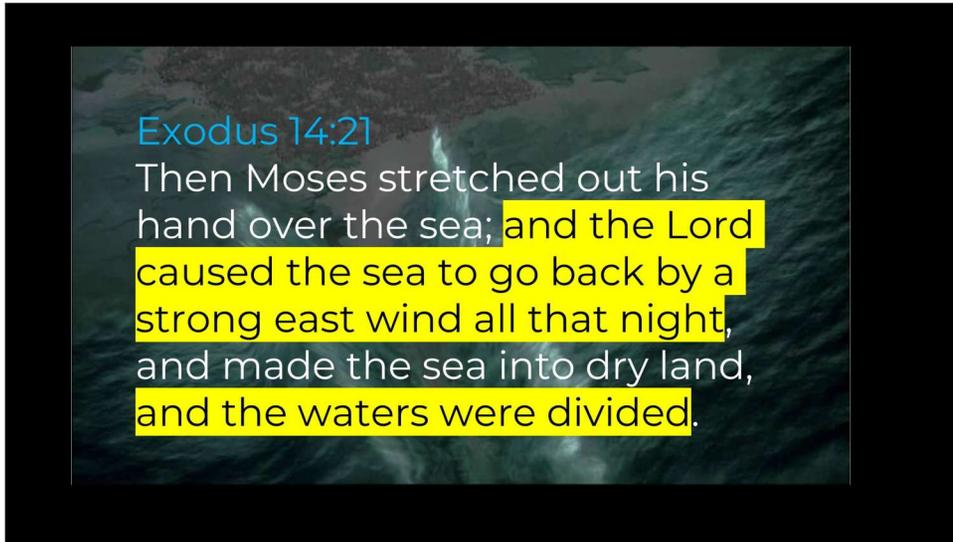
Now it was told the king of Egypt that the people had fled, and the heart of Pharaoh and his servants was turned against the people; and they said, "Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?"

THE PATRIARCHS AND EXODUS

Exodus 14:5

- After the Israelites were freed from Egypt and heading towards their new land, pharaoh realized he had no laborers.
- So, pharaoh chased after them w/ chariots.
- Israelites didn't get far and stopped in front of Red Sea when pharaoh and his army caught up to them.

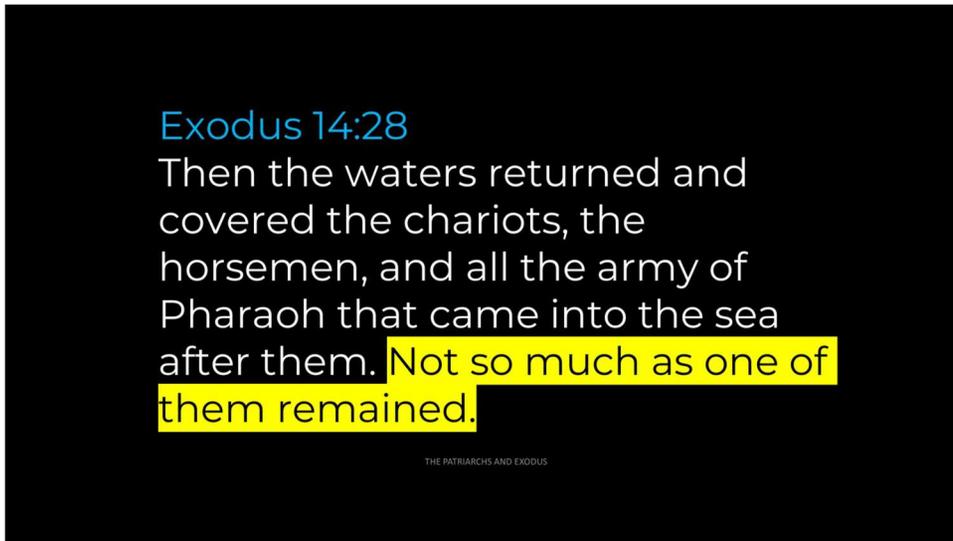
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Exodus 14:21

- However, God protected Israelites from the Egyptian army.
- God told Moses to lift his rod to split Red Sea → Red Sea split into two by a strong East wind and stood as walls.
- After the Red Sea was split, the 2 million Israelites crossed the Red Sea on dry ground.
- Pharaoh, thinking that he could capture them, chased them across the Red Sea.

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Exodus 14:28

All of Pharaoh's army were destroyed when the waters returned.

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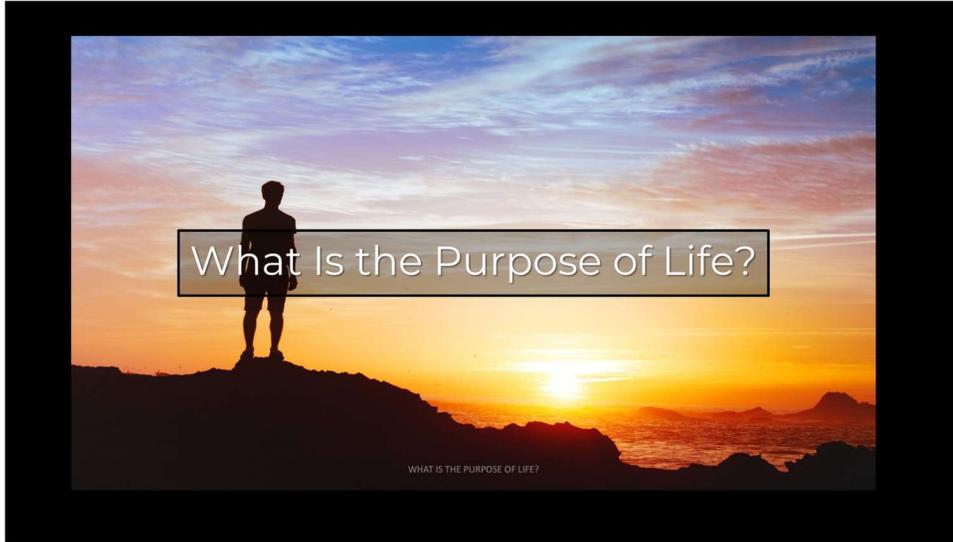
In 1978 Ron Wyatt, a biblical archaeologist found Coral covered formations shaped as Chariot Wheels on the bottom of Red Sea, along with hundreds of human and horse bones identified that were scattered throughout the sea floor.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=28gDoxXUqls>

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Coral covered formations shaped as Chariot Wheels on the bottom of Red Sea.

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- **What's the purpose of my life?**
 - Why strive to succeed?
 - Why live a moral life? What even is morality?
- Some say: "If there is an afterlife, they will find out when they get there"
- We learned we have a body and spirit.
- The body lives 70-80 years, but our spirit lives eternally.
- Which one should I invest in?

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Materialism

- Why does it cause depression?

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Key Aspects of Life's Purpose in the Bible:

- **Glorify God:** The ultimate aim is to bring honor to God (Isaiah 43:7, 1 Corinthians 10:31).
- **Know & Experience God and find Eternal Life:** To have a personal relationship with God, experiencing Him and receiving eternal life (John 17:3).
- **Love God & Others:** Fulfilling the greatest commandments: to love the Lord your God with all your being, and to love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:37-40).
- **Make Disciples:** To share God's love and lead others to know Him (Matthew 28:19-20).

The Path to Eternal Life:

John 17:3 “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”.

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Why there is so much suffering, sickness, violence and destruction in this world?

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- God gave humans free will, but many choose evil actions (like greed, pride and lust) over God's commands (like "love your neighbor"), causing suffering to themselves and others.
- Adam and Eve's original sin fractured creation and introduced pain, death, and evil, with humans often choosing evil.
- Peter 1:6-7 says, "In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,"
- Peter 5:10 "But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you."
- God provides hope and redemption through Jesus Christ, who died to forgive our sins and brokenness.

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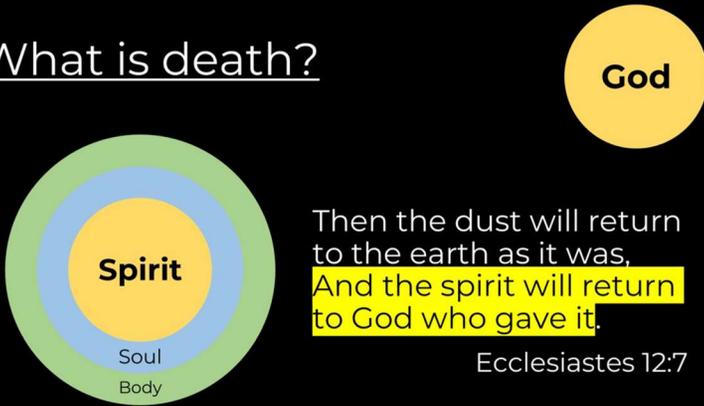
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What is death?



Then the dust will return to the earth as it was,
And the spirit will return to God who gave it.

Ecclesiastes 12:7

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF LIFE?

Ecclesiastes 12:7

- No one can escape death.
- A truth we all have to face one day, at an hour we do not expect.

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Hebrews 9:27

And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF LIFE?

Hebrews 9:27

- **The Bible testifies -> there will be a day of judgment for all of mankind.**
- When? After death.
- **(Hebrews 9:27)** And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.
- This is why our purpose in life shouldn't be to prosper on this earth, but to prepare to meet God. To prepare for this judgement.
- How would you live today if you knew you were going to die tomorrow?

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Why will there be judgement?



Why will there be judgement?

- God created the first man Adam and the first woman Eve.
- They were given the freedom to do anything they wanted except...

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Genesis 2:16-17

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Genesis 2:16-17

God's command! This was a test to mankind.

- If he failed, God would have to act accordingly, and this is how we will know if God administers justice fairly.

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Adam and Eve sinned.

- Adam was born as a living being in God's image.
- If he didn't sin, he would have stayed a living being.
 - However, he did sin and spiritually died.
 - Now, everyone born after him is born spiritually dead.
 - We are sinners because of their original sin.

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Genesis 3:17-18

Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life." 18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.

THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Genesis 3:17-18

Consequences of original sin

- Prior to this event, the ground produced abundantly and everything was living in peace and joy (Genesis 1:29).
- However, after eating the fruit, everything changed.
- The land was cursed, produced thorns and thistles, and has since become problematic for man.
- Due to sin, earth became dark and sinister...
- Man shall work all the days of his life.

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John 3:3

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

WHY SHOULD I STUDY THE BIBLE?

John 3:3

- **We can be saved and spend eternal life in heaven after we die, only if we become "Born Again".**
- **Jesus says that we must be "Born Again" to enter the kingdom of heaven.**
- All people born of this world are the offspring of Adam.
- You and I, Americans, Asians, Latinos, Africans, Europeans, without exception we are all descendants of Adam.
- We cannot gain eternal salvation/heaven solely by being kind, generous, going to Church and performing good deeds.

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Being Born Again is NOT

- Not Born of blood: not inheriting through parents.
- Not a will of man: not achieved by human intervention (christened, catechized, confirmed, receiving communion, confessing sins, church membership, doing good deeds, praying, giving to the church)
- Not a New Year's resolution. It's Not about "turning over a new leaf", acting in a different manner or changing your attitude about something. There is no "Born Again" club to join.
- Not a gradual development of spirituality. There are many preachers who are not Born Again!
- It is a relationship you have with God and only God and you will know when this has happened. You cannot trick God. God will know by what is in your heart.

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What does it mean to be Born Again?

- The Bible teaches that all people are born 'spiritually dead' due to inherited sin from Adam.
- This spiritual death isn't physical lifelessness but a state of being unable to respond to God's Spirit, even while physically alive and active.
- We are separated from God until we experience a spiritual rebirth or profound inner change by the Holy Spirit (referred to as being "born again") as described in bible passages like **Ephesians 2:1-3** and **John 3:3**.
- When we are Born Again, God's Spirit comes into us. By grace we are saved through faith. **Ephesians 2:8**

Ephesians 2:1-3

Paul refers to people as ***born spiritually dead*** and remain in that condition until such time as the Holy Spirit regenerates them and makes them alive.

Ephesians 2:5-8

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved). ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

John 3:3-7

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Why we need to be Born Again?

- **John 19:30:** So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. This meant Jesus had completed the work of redemption that God sent Him to do.
- According to the bible, without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sins. Jesus was the “lamb” whose blood was shed to forgive our sins. **John 1:29:** “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” **Colossians 2:13-14:** The bible says that if we believe in Jesus Christ, all our past, present and future sins were forgiven by Jesus on the cross.
- **Romans 6:23** says: “For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”. When we are Born Again, all our sins are forgiven and we can inherit eternal life.

⁴ Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

A Spiritual Transformation: The entry into God’s kingdom requires a fundamental inner transformation rather than relying on natural lineage, religious observance, or good deeds.

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**You are invited to attend a two-day Bible Seminar which will be presented in my apartment building's event room on April 24th from 9 am to 4 pm and April 25th from 9 am to 1 pm.
Address: 6000 Main St NE, Fridley, MN**

This seminar will help you begin your journey to experience your spiritual rebirth to be "Born Again" and receive eternal life in heaven.

The seminar will be presented by a Christian Bible-based group from Chicago. Lunch will be provided.

If you cannot attend in person, the seminar is also available online via 5 recorded sessions. My Korean friend Do -Yup Lim does the English translation on the first 3 three online sessions.

The Bible Seminar will begin at 9:00 am on Friday April 24th.

Free lunch and beverages will be provided.

- Online Bible Seminar: (approx. 8 hours total)
- Session 1: <https://www.youtube.com/live/VTglhk7DBu8> 1:19
- Session 2: <https://www.youtube.com/live/TR4k9XGYa-g> 1:37
- Session 3: <https://www.youtube.com/live/7aHbz2vnHoY> 1:52
- Session 4: <https://www.youtube.com/live/9cHqWHKpVnw> 1:36
- Session 5: <https://www.youtube.com/live/pUcacuRccHM> 1:47

**There will be no pressure to join this Christian bible group if you choose to attend this seminar in person or online. Their sole purpose is to make sure you are "Born Again" to receive eternal salvation in Heaven with God and Jesus Christ.
Please bring your bible.**