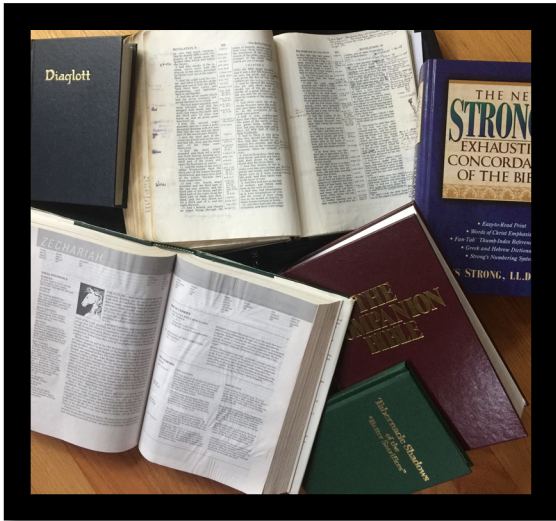




## Why Didn't God Make the Bible Easy to Understand? Part II

**Isaiah 55:8-9: (NASB) <sup>8</sup>For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.**



A few weeks ago, we began a conversation about the Bible and its inherent challenges of understanding and interpretation. As we discussed the book in all of its complexity, we suggested a very straightforward and simple conclusion - the Bible is difficult to understand because it was purposely written to be difficult to understand! Such a conclusion really disturbs most common Christian thinking about converting the world here and now. As we continue to lay out what we believe to be the reasons for such an avoidance of world appeal by the Scriptures, we now turn our focus to the really big question of results. Why would God, why *did* God set up a plan where everyone does NOT get a fair chance to come to an understanding of the Bible in our present environment? What good could possibly come from such a strategy?

First, let's review how we got here (see Part I from September 18, 2017):



**The Bible does not plainly reveal God's plan and who benefits from it, instead it seems to tell a lot of failure stories and reminds us of God's wrath.**



### What we feel like we want:

Just tell us the details!  
Are we in? Are we out?  
Does what I believe matter or not?



### Why God arranged it to be this way:


God's plan does include the conversion of the world BUT FIRST IT REQUIRES that the human race be left to their own devices to plainly learn how they would fare *without* God.

This prophecy reveals Jesus' mission as well as the fact that its approach would significantly change:

Jesus strategized how to bring out the Gospel. (See Matthew 13:14, for example) In the literal application, Isaiah was told to be vague. If he were clear, the people might respond. Does this not sound like the opposite of what God would want?

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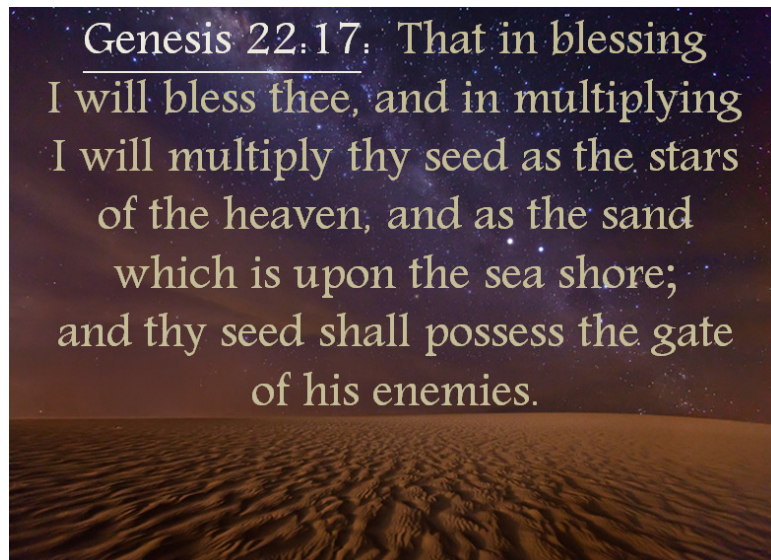
The Scriptures are written beyond how we feel. We do not want to limit the Bible. It provides for an eternal plan that takes a long time to unfold. **Peter builds on prophecy and explains the role that Jesus' followers will play in relation to the rest of humanity:**

**1 Peter 2:9-12:** (NASB) *<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; <sup>10</sup>for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

The true followers of Jesus play a pivotal role in God's plan.

*A holy nation* - wasn't Israel God's holy nation? There is the physical, earthly nation of Israel, which has played, does play and will play an important role in the plan of God. There is also the spiritual aspect of Israel which also has an important role. These two parts are connected.

Remember when God promised to Abraham that in his seed *all families of the earth would be blessed*? He described the seed in two parts: like the stars of heaven (the heavenly/spiritual part) and like the sand on the seashore (the earthly/natural part).

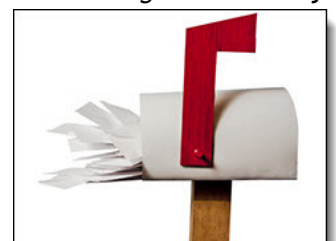


*A holy nation* here is talking about spiritual Israel, true followers of Jesus, who will work in conjunction with natural Israel in the future kingdom.

**Peter ends with the impact that the true followers of Christ will have on the world not now but later!**

*<sup>11</sup>Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. <sup>12</sup>Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.*

The Apostle Peter is writing to the true followers of Christ. If you are not one of those people called to follow Jesus' footsteps and live a life of sacrifice, and you are reading the letters of the New Testament, you







are reading someone else's mail. You can learn things from it, but everything may not make sense.

*Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles - your goodness will shine forth later. They will learn from your example after they are resurrected in the kingdom. Eventually all will glorify God!*

### **Does God only care about His "special" people and doom the rest to ignorance and destruction or worse?**

To many, the idea that God only cares about a select few is an easy conclusion to draw, for we are looking at a plan that has taken all of human history to unfold and it is still not manifest. To see the future, to see what care God has preplanned for all of mankind, we must first look back into the past and focus our eyes to see through the window of Bible prophecy.

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- ...about the failings of the Christian Bible. It is filled with internal inconsistencies, scientific inaccuracies, lies, immoral teachings and just plain absurdities. Here is just one of my favorite examples: When Jesus was traveling with his disciples the Bible says, "Now in the morning as he returned into the city he hungered, and when he saw a fig tree in the way he came to it and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee hence forward forever. And presently the fig tree withered away." Apparently, the son of the Creator of the universe did not know when fig trees are in season or at least that this particular tree was without fruit before he approached it. What is the point of cursing a tree?*



He is right - it was out of season for edible figs at that time. Why would you curse a tree? There is a remarkably profound answer if you are willing to understand prophecy and Scripture. The fig tree throughout the Bible represents the nation of Israel. At the time of this event, Jesus is days away from his crucifixion and Israel has run out of time to accept him. In cursing the fig tree, he was showing Israel was withering. It was shriveling up and would not bear fruit because it was about to reject its Messiah. Why curse a tree? Because Jesus was showing a lesson of what would happen to them for their rejection of him. It was not about fruit; it was about a much more profound lesson.

### **Prophecy acknowledges that most will simply mock and laugh at the unfolding of God's plan:**

2 Peter 3:3-4: (NASB) <sup>3</sup>Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, <sup>4</sup>and saying, where is the promise of his coming?

### **Prophecy also shows us the secrecy of God's plan:**

Isaiah 29:11-16: (NASB) <sup>11</sup>The entire vision will be to you like the words of a sealed book, which when they give it to the one who is literate, saying, please read this, he will say, I cannot, for it is sealed. <sup>12</sup>Then the book will be given to the one who is illiterate, saying, please read this. And he will say, I cannot read.



One cannot have understanding of a book that has been sealed. God's word is out of reach to the capable as well as all others *when it is in the state of being sealed*. Even Christianity sometimes does not get it.

**It also shows us the hypocrisy and lack on the part of God's creation to truly acknowledge Him:**

*<sup>13</sup>Then the Lord said, because this people draw near with their words and honor Me with their lip service, but they remove their hearts far from Me, and their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote... <sup>15</sup>Woe to those who deeply hide their plans from the LORD, and whose deeds are done in a dark place, and they say, who sees us? or who knows us?*

Their reverence consists of things they have memorized, but God is looking for heart reverence, not mind reverence or just lip service. Unfortunately, this reminds us of a lot of people who "do the Christian thing" because it can be a big money maker. Preachers say what people want to hear instead of what people should be hearing.

God's way is missed by those who merely go through the actions and those who use the Bible as a tool for their own purpose.

There are so many layers to the Bible that it was not possible to have it all understood all at once. Sin had to unfold. Israel had to make its mistakes. Jesus had to come. The prophecies had to come to fruition. Jesus had to be crucified and raised, etc.

**Finally, prophecy shows us how easily we elevate ourselves beyond our appropriate station:**

*<sup>16</sup>You turn things around! Shall the potter be considered as equal with the clay, that what is made would say to its maker, He did not make me; or what is formed say to him who formed it, He has no understanding?*

Idolatry is taking that which is created and making it something to worship instead of the Creator. It is too easy to misread the Scriptures and to be misled by those who misuse them.

**In spite of these challenges, prophecy also shows us glimpses of God's plan for us:**

Isaiah 29:18-20,22-24: (NASB) *<sup>18</sup>On that day the deaf will hear words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see.*

*That day* - when the book is finally opened - *that day* will be different, as the mysteries of God's plan will begin to come into focus. All previous challenges will now become surmountable.

*<sup>19</sup>The afflicted also will increase their gladness in the LORD, and the needy of mankind will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. <sup>20</sup>For the ruthless will come to an end and the scorner will be finished, indeed all who are intent on doing evil will be cut off...*

There is a dramatic, 180 degree turnaround from the beginning of this prophecy. Those who could not see can now open the book and see. The ruthless and scorners have no place. The order and details of God's plan will unfold.

*<sup>22</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD...Jacob shall not now be ashamed, nor shall his face now turn pale; <sup>23</sup>But when he sees his children, the work of my hands, in his midst, they will sanctify my*



name; Indeed, they will sanctify the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Israel.

*Jacob (Israel) shall not now be ashamed, nor shall his face now turn pale - Israel is the centerpiece. This is the end result of that book being sealed. There will be no more embarrassment or guilt for not accepting Messiah.*

Prophecy takes time to unfold because things have to be allowed to run their course.

*<sup>24</sup>Those who err in mind will know the truth, and those who criticize will accept instruction.*

*There are truths which are not for all men, nor for all times. – Voltaire*



**When we get to "that day" how will all of God's hidden truths be revealed?  
Will the Bible be rewritten?**

When "That Day" comes, the "Good Book" will remain the "Good Book." What will change is the heart and mind of mankind as they will learn to accept and understand its messages. One of the primary tools for change will be those whose hearts and minds were already changed. Those faithful lives of those few (Jesus' footstep followers) that will shine a light for all to see.

God's plan unfolds over time. There are so many layers to accomplish because this is a plan set up to work for eternity. If you are going to design such a plan with the best results, you cannot rush the details.

God desires all to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.  
(1 Timothy 2:4) For a plan like this, it will be worth the wait!



**Mountains, What the Bible Doesn't Say - Why I Don't Believe in God, VoysoReason**

- Then Jesus decides to use this as a teaching moment and says to his disciples, "Verily I say unto you, if ye have faith and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done unto the fig tree but also if ye shall say unto this mountain be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea, it shall be done. And all things whatever ye shall ask in prayer believing ye shall receive." This is a blatant lie because this kind of feat has never been accomplished by any believer in*



*the over 2,000 years since. If this were remotely true, believers would be going around like superheroes stopping crime, saving people from harm, healing the sick, moving mountains and cursing un-cooperating trees, apparently.*

Several places in the Bible tell us that a fig tree is symbolic of the nation of Israel. They were withering because of their rejection of Jesus. It was predicted that the Jews would be scattered amongst all the nations - we look back in history and see that this actually happened.

*If ye have faith... ye shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea, it shall be done.* Mountains in the Bible are symbolic of governments. The sea typically represents the restless masses of humanity.

Perhaps Jesus was saying that this nation, this mountain, would be put into the sea, scattered amongst all the restless of humanity around the earth. That is exactly what happened. After Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came and the Apostles were drawing the Jews to follow after Christ, they taught the Jews that there was a higher calling. *Say unto this mountain, be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea* - the mountain (singular) being cast into the sea is what happened in AD 70 when Jerusalem was destroyed and the Jewish nation was scattered into the restless masses.

If you are willing to look deeper, you can find profound knowledge. If not, it will just appear foolish.

**God DID make a way for the Bible to be understood by some before it is opened up to all:**

Habakkuk 2:1-3: (NASB) <sup>1</sup>*I will stand on my guard post and station myself on the rampart; and I will keep watch to see what He will speak to me, and how I may reply when I am reproved.* <sup>2</sup>*Then the LORD answered me and said, Record the vision and inscribe it on tablets that the one who reads it may run.* <sup>3</sup>*For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; for it will certainly come, it will not delay.*

God said to Habakkuk that His plan takes time. It will look overdue but will be exactly on time.

**Who are *those who run*?**

1 Corinthians 9:24: (NASB) *Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.*

The runners are true Christians. The hidden truths of the Bible get revealed to the runner. They are given the opportunity and responsibility of understanding. One of their jobs is to prove it can be done.

**When does the Bible begin to be deeply and widely understood by *those who run*?**

Daniel 12:1,4: (NASB) <sup>1</sup>*Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued...* <sup>4</sup>*But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase.*





*At that time - when we get to that time, something happens. Michael (Jesus) ...will arise.*

*A time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation - a time of trouble unparalleled in history.*

*Until that time - a unique period of time. We think we are close to that time.*

*When Michael stands up, there is a great time of trouble. Seal up the book until the end of (that) time - the book begins to be understood. During this time, many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased. (King James Version) Clearly we have seen uncanny increases in all aspects of knowledge. Compare our world to even 100 years ago. We went from a horse and buggy to rockets traveling faster than the speed of sound.*



*Partial truths or half-truths are often more insidious than total falsehoods.*  
— Samuel P. Huntington

**It is here revealed that the obscurity of God's word will begin to be lifted!  
Who will begin to see it? Those who run!**

Matthew 7:14: (NASB) *For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.*

The called-out ones of Jesus are relatively few in number compared to those who claim the name of Christianity and even more so compared to the rest in the world.

**Jesus made it clear that those who would truly follow him would be blessed with special hardships:**

Luke 9:23-24: (NASB) <sup>23</sup>*And he was saying to them all, if anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup>For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake, he is the one who will save it.*

**Jesus also made it clear that their hardships would be things that he proved faithful in:**

John 15:18-20: (NASB) <sup>18</sup>*If the world hates you, you know that it has hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup>If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of*



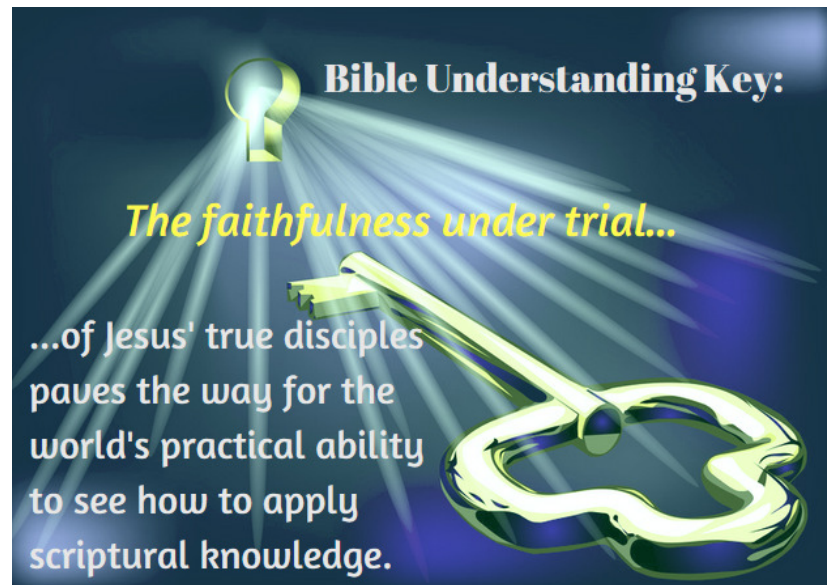


*the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you. <sup>20</sup>Remember the word that I said to you, a slave is not greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also.*

Why do the footstep followers of Jesus have to go through a sacrificial life in such a unique way? To prove it can be done.

Anything we go through, Jesus went through something similar and more. If we are his followers, we need to walk in his steps relying on the grace of God through Jesus. It is not because we are so great.

God calls special people for a special purpose, to prove to the rest of the world that it can be done. After they are resurrected and finally come to a full knowledge of truth, they will have to walk up the highway of holiness. They will walk by sight, not by faith like we do now. They will realize that if the called-out ones could be faithful under such adverse conditions in this lifetime, they can do it in God's perfect kingdom.



**We see what helps the world to understand but  
what will hinder the world's ability to be converted?**

It is so important to know your allies - in this case they are the faithful footstep followers of Jesus. It is also important to know your enemies. We will touch on three basic hindrances that will challenge the world's future ability to grasp the Bible's meaning. These can be summed up with one phrase: Old habits die hard!



**Falsehoods not only disagree with truths, but usually quarrel among themselves.**  
— Daniel Webster



**The first and perhaps the greatest obstacle to world conversion is the power and liberty of Satan.**

2 Corinthians 4:3-4: (NASB) <sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, <sup>4</sup>in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

If God allowed Satan to blind peoples' minds, how can they be held accountable for eternity if their minds were blinded by one so much more powerful than they? Justice would not allow that. His eternal plan allows for Satan to have his will and his way to blind the minds of billions...for now.

**God's power and plan handle this obstacle:**

Revelation 20:1-3: (NASB) <sup>1</sup>Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. <sup>2</sup>And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; <sup>3</sup>and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things, he must be released for a short time.

Satan will be bound and thrown into a sealed abyss. Remember what happened when the book was sealed? No one could open it. The same principle works here - if he is sealed in the abyss for this judgement period of time, he cannot escape. This will be long enough for resurrected mankind to have the opportunity to live without him.



**The second great obstacle to mankind's conversion is ignorance.**

Isaiah 60:2-3: (NASB) <sup>2</sup>For behold, darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the peoples;

Spiritually most of the world is in utter darkness. Satan's power brings this darkness, but God's power eliminates it in the future with the brilliant light of truth. The light of God will shine through his chosen ones.

*But the LORD will rise upon you and His glory will appear upon you.  
<sup>3</sup>Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.*

Previously those footstep followers of Jesus had to prove being faithful could be done. They had to be *faithful unto death* (Revelation 2:10). Here this shows one of the results - *Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.*

After being resurrected, preconceived ideas or false notions (ignorance) may take a while to push that out of the way. Say you are a Christian taught you were going to heaven but you end up being resurrected on the earth. "Why aren't I in heaven and where is my harp?" We all carry the baggage of



preconceived notions. The day of resurrection/the day of judgment will be a time to undo all of that and learn the truth of God.

**God will wipe away ignorance! He will see His covenant able to be written upon their hearts:**

Jeremiah 31:33-34: (NASB) <sup>33</sup>*But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD, I will put My law within them and on their heart, I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. <sup>34</sup>They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, Know the LORD for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, declares the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.*

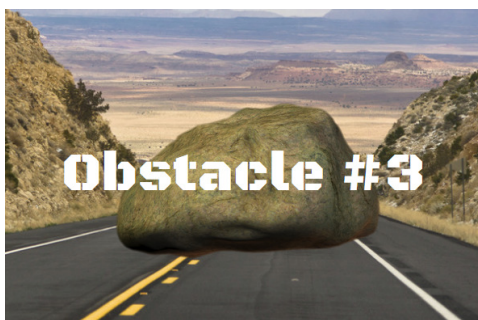
This great promise begins with Israel and then will be passed on to the rest of the world.

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- *If it were truly the word of God, the Holy Creator's one important communication to mankind, I would expect it to contain wonderful, practical things that could help us during our life on earth. But it fails miserably to do that. For example, the human writers of the Bible did not know about the germ theory of disease, the fact that many diseases are caused by microorganisms which was discovered in the 19th century. But surely God would have known this. A few simple hints like "wash your hands before you eat or prepare food," or "don't put your toilet too close to your water supply" could have saved millions of lives from suffering and dying from dysentery, many of them children. Perhaps their painful deaths were part of God's plan?*



Read the Old Testament; one of the overriding themes was being clean, separating "this" from "that" and washing. It emphasized keeping things as sanitary as possible. The speaker here obviously never looked into the sanitary laws prescribed in the Bible, including eating healthy vs. unhealthy foods.



**The third great obstacle to mankind's conversion is his inherited imperfection.**

Jeremiah 31:29: (NASB) *In those days they will not say again, the fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.*

*In those days it will not be inherited imperfection that will keep someone from being able to succeed.*

God, as a result of the sacrifice of Jesus, will *remove* that inherited sin. Jesus is the centerpiece of everything! He died for the sins of Adam. He died so that we, having inherited the sins of Adam, can inherit the grace of God through Jesus. That grace cancels out the sin of Adam.





Isaiah 25:7-9: (NASB) <sup>7</sup>And on this mountain He will swallow up the covering which is over all peoples, even the veil which is stretched over all nations. <sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death for all time, and the Lord GOD will wipe tears away from all faces, and He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>And it will be said in that day, Behold, this is our God for whom we have waited that He might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation.

We all want the opportunity to live life in peace and happiness and to be able to flourish. Here it is! This is the environment in which the world will have the opportunity to be converted. It is not now...the prophecy shows us it comes later. If you know this, isn't it worth waiting for? There will be no mental or physical infirmities holding anyone back from understanding God's truth.



**What about those who “go along to get along”?  
How will they manage? Can they get away with it?**

One of the many amazing aspects regarding the complex wisdom and truth brought out in the Bible is that every possibility has already been factored in. When God gave humanity a free will, He was fully aware of its pitfalls and designed a plan that would use those pitfalls for His eternal glory!

**Let's take a look at how God arranges to truly read men's hearts:**

Psalms 18:44: (KJV) *As soon as they hear of me they shall obey me. The strangers shall **submit <3584>** themselves unto me.*

At first glance this looks like full and immediate obedience. However, let's take another look:

**Submit:** Strong's # #3584 to be untrue in word, to lie, feign, disown, to disappoint, fail, cringe, deceive, deny, dissemble, fail, deal falsely, liars, lie, lying

**Outward action and inward heart do not always match - God knows this and uses it to His glory:**

Psalms 66:3-4: (NASB) <sup>3</sup>Say to God, how awesome are Your works! Because of the greatness of Your power, Your enemies will **give feigned obedience <3584>** to You. <sup>4</sup>All the earth will worship You, and will sing praises to You; they will sing praises to Your name. Selah.



For many, learning from the “outside in” will be the first part of their conversion. As with children, they will need to be able to do the right things even before they understand and embrace *why* they are doing those right things.

**God will test this once every human has had ample opportunities:**

**Revelation 20:7-8:** (NASB) <sup>7</sup>*When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, <sup>8</sup>and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth...*

After all the obstacles - Satan, ignorance and inherited sin - have been removed so everyone can learn the necessary lessons without interference, then they will be tested.

Why didn't God make the Bible easy to understand? The details we have talked about are remarkable in laying out how God's plan works. He started working with individuals, then families, then the nation of Israel, then with called-out spiritual Israel. In the kingdom He will work with the whole world. As He goes up those steps, sometimes the rules or methods change, but the end result is that every human being will have an opportunity to pass that final test.



God is planning for eternity. His plan *does* take a (relatively) long time to put into place, because it is worth waiting for.

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- *The Bible tells many stories of Jesus healing the sick, which of course we have no way to verify. How much better would it have been if he could have taught us how to make antibiotics or vaccines? Instead he chose to let us figure that out on our own. According to the World Health Organization, vaccines now prevent two to three million deaths per year worldwide. Science has given us what the Bible could not. The Bible offers no explanation for sickness other than cures, and offers no cures other than prayer and the laying on of hands. The writers of the Bible did not know any better. A God would have.*



The plan of God will cure the entire race of mankind for eternity.

**The final results - humanity will finally and fully learn of God and His plan and flock to His worship:**

Zechariah 8:20-23: (NASB) <sup>20</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts, it will yet be that peoples will come, even the inhabitants of many cities. <sup>21</sup>The inhabitants of one will go to another, saying, let us go at once to entreat the favor of the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts; I will also go.

This sounds a little like a modern-day flash mob!

<sup>22</sup>So many peoples and mighty nations will come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts, in those days ten men from all the nations will grasp the garment of a Jew, saying, let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.

Remember we talked about natural Israel and spiritual Israel working together? Spiritual Israel is proving it can be done in this age. Here we see the role natural Israel will play in the goodness of the kingdom of God. They will be the first to be blessed. Watch Israel! When you see it begin to rise above all other nations, know it is God's plan and God's way.

***There are many truths of which the full meaning cannot be realized until personal experience has brought it home. — John Stuart Mill***

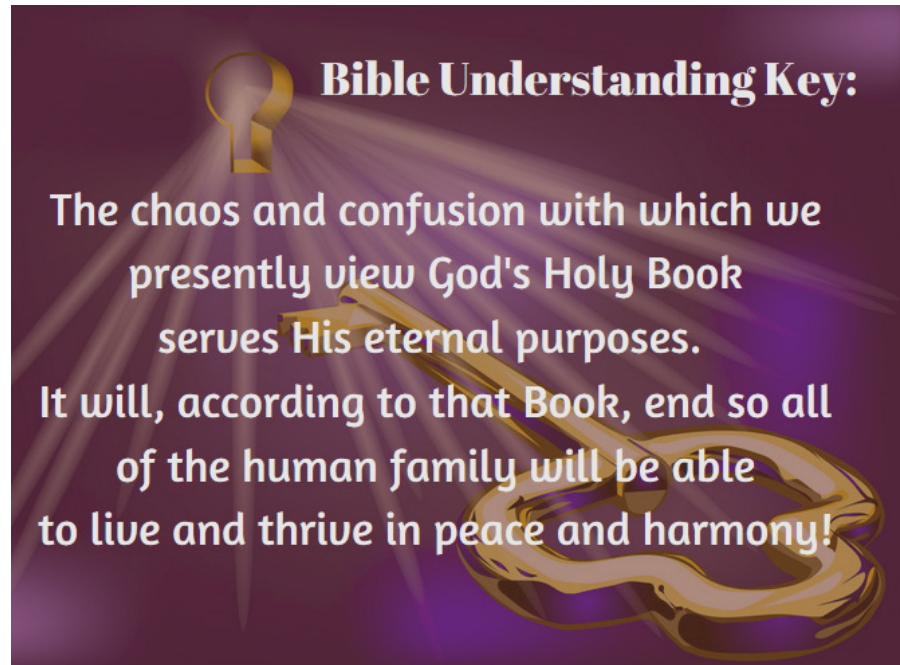
Every human being will have the opportunity to bring the full disclosure of truth home into their hearts.

**The final result - God's righteousness, love and wisdom will prevail:**

Psalms 145:17-21: (NASB) <sup>17</sup>The LORD is righteous in all His ways and kind in all His deeds. <sup>18</sup>The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. <sup>19</sup>He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He will also hear their cry and will save them. <sup>20</sup>The LORD keeps all who love Him, but all the wicked He will destroy. <sup>21</sup>My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless His holy name forever and ever.

This is a panorama of how God reacts with His beloved creation and it is magnificent! The end result? *All flesh will bless His holy name forever and ever.*





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The Bible does have an intact, sequential, comprehensive and just plan revealed throughout its pages. Jesus is the centerpiece of this plan.

**This plan embraces all of the fall and folly of mankind and allows sin to come to its zenith of power:**

**2 Timothy 3:1-5:** (NASB) <sup>1</sup>But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. <sup>2</sup>For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup>unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, <sup>4</sup>treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup>holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; avoid such men as these.

God's plan arranges for His chosen people to be faithful in this awful environment so that the world will have living proof of godliness when they are called back to life in the future. Then they will learn what righteousness is and how to truly have a heart for God.

**More prophecies that detail some of what the Bible reveals about the future of the world and the conversion of all mankind:**

**Isaiah 35:1-10:** (NASB) <sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the desert will be glad, and the Arabah will rejoice and blossom; like the crocus <sup>2</sup>It will blossom profusely and rejoice with rejoicing and shout of joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They will see the glory of the LORD, The majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup>Encourage the exhausted, and strengthen the feeble. <sup>4</sup>Say to those with anxious heart, Take courage, fear not. Behold, your



*God will come with vengeance; the recompense of God will come, But He will save you. <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. <sup>6</sup>Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will shout for joy. For waters will break forth in the wilderness and streams in the Arabah. <sup>7</sup>The scorched land will become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, its resting place, Grass becomes reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup>A highway will be there, a roadway, and it will be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean will not travel on it, but it will be for him who walks that way, and fools will not wander on it. <sup>9</sup>No lion will be there, nor will any vicious beast go up on it; these will not be found there. But the redeemed will walk there, <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD will return and come with joyful shouting to Zion, with everlasting joy upon their heads. They will find gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.*

**Isaiah 11:6-9: (NASB)** *<sup>6</sup>And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little boy will lead them. <sup>7</sup>Also the cow and the bear will graze, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.*

**Revelation 21:1-4: (NASB)** *<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, <sup>4</sup>and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.*