

Welcome To Sunday Night Bible Fellowship

Every word inspired.



Every word proclaimed.

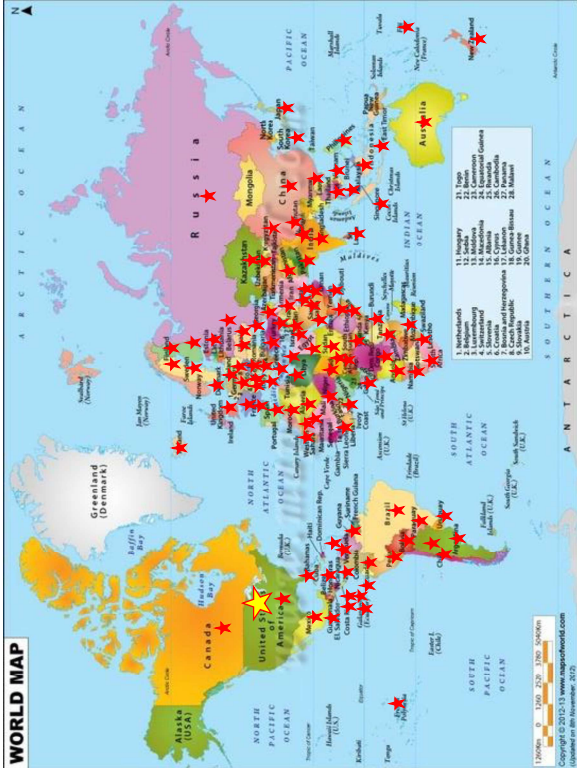
"We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ." Col 1:28



"A Final Warning"

Rev.22:18-21

Jan. 5, 2020



Quiz

1. Fill in the blanks -

If you are consistent and faithful in _____ interpreting the Bible, then you will get Israel's _____ and _____ right . . .

If you get Israel's covenants and promises right, you get _____ right . . .

If you get Israel right, then you get the _____ right . . .

If you get the Church and Israel right, then you get _____ right.

If you are consistent and faithful in literally interpreting the Bible, then you will get Israel's covenants and promises right . . .

If you get Israel's covenants and promises right, you get Israel right . . .

If you get Israel right, then you get the Church right . . .

If you get the Church and Israel right, then you get prophecy right.

2. Name the covenants given by God to Israel that will be fulfilled in the future -

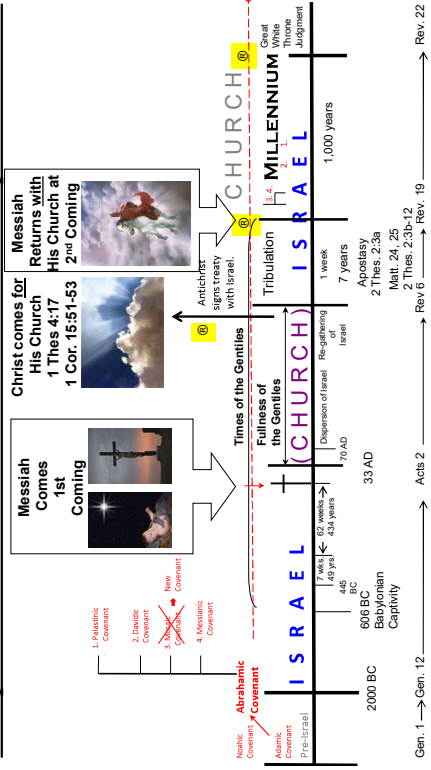
ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

1. **Palestinian Covenant** – The promise of a land for Israel
2. **Davidic Covenant** – The promise of a Kingdom with a King in Israel forever (Eternal House, Eternal Throne, Eternal Kingdom, Eternal Descendant)

3. ~~Mosaic Covenant~~ → **New Covenant**
 Personal Blessing for Israel → National Salvation for Israel

4. **Messianic Covenant** – Israel and Gentile nations would be blessed through the seed of Abraham which is the Messiah.

Comprehensive Biblical View of Future Prophetic Events



Ⓜ = Resurrection

Rev. 22:18-21

18 I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues which are written in this book;

19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book.

20 He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming quickly." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

Adding to the Bible

Invitation Summary

1. There is only 1 place to find salvation – Jesus Christ.
2. Jesus Christ alone provides forgiveness of sin and a robe of righteousness, both required to enter Heaven.
3. Your sin, whatever it is, will send you to Hell. Repentance from your sin is the first step to salvation.
4. Jesus Christ, being fully God and fully man, is the only One qualified to bring you salvation.
5. If you desire to come to Christ for salvation, you can right now.

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Tonight we deal with that part of
Bibliology called canonicity.

Is the Canon of Scripture Open or Closed?

CLOSED CANON

God revealed Himself and His plan for His creation and specifically mankind, in 66 books. No more revelation. Done. Finished. Heaven is silent.



OPEN CANON



Ways people try to claim new revelation:

1. Dreams.
2. Visions.
3. Inspired writings.
4. Prophecies.
5. "God told me..."

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Mormons

Jehovah's Witnesses

Bahai

Unification Religion

Christian Science

Hare Krishna

Islam

Eckankar

Scientology

Children of God

The Way

Divine Light Mission

Roman Catholicism

Greek Orthodox

*Pentecostal

*Charismatic

*Third Wave

*Word Faith

Open canon advocate -

"God does not speak just as authoritatively today as He spoke to the biblical authors. But *he does continue to speak* (He did not stop with the close of the New Testament canon); thus, he "moves through and beyond the records of past witness," for he is the living God who still speaks and acts among His people."

"It's time for these things to happen, saith the Lord. It's time for spiritual activity to increase. Oh, yes, demonic activity will increase along at the same time. But don't let that disturb you.

Don't be disturbed when people accuse you of thinking you're God. Don't be disturbed when people accuse you of a fanatical way of life. Don't be disturbed when people put you down and speak harshly and roughly of you. They spoke that way of Me, should they not speak that way of you?

The more you get to be like Me, the more they're going to think that way of you. They crucified me for claiming that I was God. But I didn't claim I was God; I just claimed I walked with Him and that He was in Me. Hallelujah. That's what you're doing."

- Kenneth Copeland

10 Tests for canonicity

- **Inspiration** – Does the book claim to be divinely inspired?
- **Authority** – Is the book written, edited, or endorsed by an accredited agent of God; such as a prophet, apostle, or otherwise recognized servant of God?
- **Genuineness** – Can the book be evidenced to have been written when and by whom it professes to be? Is the manuscript evidence credible?
- **Authenticity** – Is the book factually true, or does it contain scientific and/or historical errors?
- **Testimony** – Was the book recognized as the Word of God by the people of God (national Israel), the Lord Jesus, or by the early church?
- **Authority** – Does the book expect faith and obedience? (“Thus saith the Lord!” and similar expressions occur about 3,800 times in the Old Testament.)
- **Agreement** – Is the book in doctrinal harmony with the other books of the canon?
- **Fulfillment** – Is there evidence for the fulfillment of its promises and predictions?
- **Endurance** – Has the value of the book diminished over the years or does it continue to speak to succeeding generations of people?
- **Spirituality** – Is the content of the book of a spiritual nature befitting the dignity and majesty of God?

11 **The word of the Lord came to me saying,** "What do you see, Jeremiah?" And I said, "I see a rod of an almond tree."

12 **Then the Lord said to me,** "You have seen well, for I am watching over My word to perform it."

13 **The word of the Lord came to me a second time saying,** "What do you see?" And I said, "I see a boiling pot, facing away from the north."

14 **Then the Lord said to me,** "Out of the north the evil will break forth on all the inhabitants of the land."

15 "For, behold, I am calling all the families of the kingdoms of the north," **declares the Lord:** "and they will come and they will set each one his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all its walls round about and against all the cities of Judah."

16 "I will pronounce My judgments on them concerning all their wickedness, whereby they have forsaken Me and have offered sacrifices to other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands."

17 "Now, gird up your loins and arise, and speak to them all which I command you. Do not be dismayed before them, or I will dismay you before them."

18 "Now behold, I have made you today as a fortified city and as a pillar of iron and as walls of bronze against the whole land, to the kings of Judah, to its princes, to its priests and to the people of the land."

19 "They will fight against you, but they will not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you," **declares the Lord.**

Inerrancy – it is without error.

Infallibility – it is never misleading and is a reliable guide in all matters.

Verbally – the Bible is verbally inspired (God-breathed). The very words are from God. 2,600 times in O.T. it says, "Thus saith the Lord . . ." When the canon closed on the OT after the time of Ezra and Nehemiah, there followed four hundred "silent years" when no prophet spoke God's revelation in any form.

Plenary – the Bible is inspired in its entirety. The Bible is completely and fully the Word of God in all its parts. Everything that Scripture addresses in areas of history, philosophy, theology, morality, and science is ALL from God and completely authoritative.

Therefore, because of a closed canon, we believe in the:

- Authority of Scripture.
- Sufficiency of Scripture.
- Perspicuity of Scripture.

Jer 1:1-2:5

- 1 The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin,
 - 2 to whom **the word of the Lord came** in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.
 - 3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the exile of Jerusalem in the fifth month.
 - 4 **Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,**
 - 5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."
 - 6 Then I said, "Alas, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, Because I am a youth."
 - 7 **But the Lord said to me,** "Do not say, 'I am a youth,' Because everywhere I send you, you shall go, And all that I command you, you shall speak."
 - 8 "Do not be afraid of them, For I am with you to deliver you," **declares the Lord.**
 - 9 Then the Lord stretched out His hand and touched my mouth, and **the Lord said to me,**
- "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.

10 "See, I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms. To pluck up and to break down, To destroy and to overthrow, To build and to plant."

Jer. 2:1-5

1 **Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,**

2 "Go and proclaim in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, '**Thus says the Lord,**

"I remember concerning you the devotion of your youth, The love of your betrothals, Your following after Me in the wilderness, Through a land not sown.

3 "Israel was holy to the Lord, The first of His harvest. All who ate of it became guilty; Evil came upon them," **declares the Lord.**"

4 **Hear the word of the Lord,** O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.

5 **Thus says the Lord,**

2 Tim. 3:16,17

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

2 Tim. 1:14

14 Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.

Jude 3

3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.

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“ . . . the once delivered unto the saints faith.”

2 Peter 1:16-21

16 For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

17 For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, “This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased” —

18 and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

19 So we have the prophetic word *made* more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.

20 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a *matter* of one’s own interpretation,

21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

“Once a congregation sees Scripture as less than the final, complete, infallible authority for faith and practice, it has opened the doors to theological chaos. Anyone can claim to be speaking God’s revelation —and almost anything can be passed off as divinely revealed truth.”

2 Pet. 1:2,3

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;

3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He hath said, You, who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?