

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

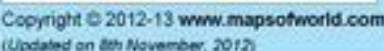
“A Final Warning”

Part 2

Rev.22:18-21

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Quiz

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False

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- Kings
- Merchants
- Ship captains, passengers, sailors, and those who work at sea.

"And the kings of the earth, who committed acts of immorality and lived sensuously with her, will weep and lament over her when they see the smoke of her burning, (Rev. 18:9,10)

3 groups of people mourn the destruction of the city of Babylon:

1. Kings.

"kings" – national leaders under the Antichrist.

"acts of immorality and lived sensuously" – is a way of expressing the passion, the emotion, the close intimate relationship they had with Babylon politically and economically. They shared in her power and control over the people which brought them pleasure and luxury.

"weep and lament"

weep - κλαίω – to wail aloud, to sob.

lament – κοπῶ – to mourn, to beat the breast in grief.

"smoke of her burning" – her destruction by fire happened quickly, and now all that is left is the smoke.

- They realize that everything they have is now gone because the capitol city that produced it is gone.
- They have refused to weep over their own sin, but now weep over the destruction of Babylon. Babylon and the profit and pleasure that it brings them, is indeed their god.

***"And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her,
because no one buys their cargoes any more —***

(Rev. 18:11)

2. Merchants.

"merchants" - businessmen, world traders, Corp. CEO's, marketers, powerbrokers.

- This is a different system than ch. 17 which was religious Babylon. Here, they are not lamenting the loss of religion but cargoes of luxurious goods.

"weep and mourn over her,"

- Again no mourning over sin.

Why do the merchants weep?

“And every shipmaster and every passenger and sailor, and as many as make their living by the sea, stood at a distance,” (Rev. 18:17)

3. Ship captains, passengers, sailors, and those who work at sea.

- This is a disaster for them.
- Shipping, airline, railroad, and trucking industries collapse. They come to a standstill. It's over.
- They were the leaders in trafficking the luxurious and splendid commodities that the merchants were pushing.
- Babylon was the distribution and transportation center of the world. Now there is nothing more to distribute, nothing more to transport.

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3. **T or F** The two witnesses are killed at the end of the Tribulation by the leaders of Babylon, their bodies are placed on the altar of the Antichrist, and are viewed for 7 days before they are buried.

False –

1. middle of Trib.
2. by the Antichrist.
3. their bodies lie in the street.
4. viewed for 3 1/2 days
5. before they are resurrected.

Rev 11:4-10

- 4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.
- 5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way.
- 6 These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.
- 7 When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.
- 8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which mystically is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.
- 9 Those from the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not permit their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.
- 10 And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

11 But after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them.

12 And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." Then they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them.

13 And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 The second woe is past; behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

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.

Definition of revelation – Revelation is the communication of truth from God to man.

Esoteric – when people believe that revealed knowledge is only given to a few.

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.

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.

Deut 4:1-3

- 1 "Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I am teaching you to perform, so that you may live and go in and take possession of the land which the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you.
- 2 "You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you.

Deut 12:32

- 32 "Whatever I command you, you shall be careful to do; you shall not add to nor take away from it.

Prov 30:5-6

- 5 Every word of God is pure;
He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.
- 6 Do not add to His words,
Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.

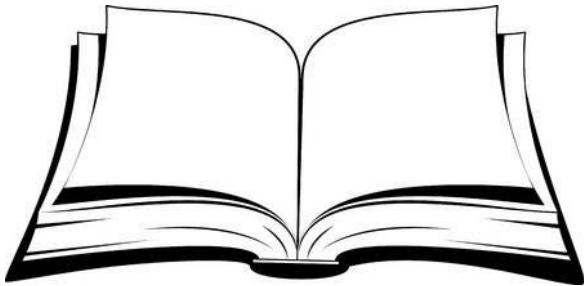
Is the Canon of Scripture Open or Closed?

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



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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

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Ps. 119:24

2 Cor. 10:3-5

The format of Psalm 119 is an alphabetic acrostic, meaning that the first letters of each verse in Hebrew follow through the alphabet, 8 verses per letter, thus 8 verses x 22 letters in Hebrew alphabet = 176 verses.

Why was it written as an alphabetic acrostic? To show completeness and totality. God's Word covers everything from A-Z. Nothing more is needed. It is sufficient for all of life.

God and the Lord Jesus – They are the Alpha and the Omega – the A-Z - the beginning and the end. There is no more and nothing more is needed.

The Word of God – is the Aleph and the Tav – the A-Z – the beginning and the end. There is no more revelation and nothing more is needed.

119 ¹ אֲשֶׁרִי תְּמִימֵי-דֶרֶךְ הָהֵלְכִים בְּתוֹרַת יְהוָה:

2 אֲשֶׁרִי נִצְרִי עֲדָתִיו בְּכָל-לֵב יִדְרֹשׁוּהוּ:

3 אֵי לֹא-פַעֲלוּ עוֹלָה בְּדַרְכֵּי הַלְכוֹ:

4 אֶתָּה צִוִּיתָה פֶקֶדֶיךָ לְשֹׁמֵר מְאֹד:

5 אֲחֲלִי יִכְנֹו דְרָכֵי לְשֹׁמֵר חֻקֶּיךָ:

6 אֵי לֹא-אֲבוֹשׁ בְּהַבִּיטִי אֶל-כָּל-מַצּוֹתֶיךָ:

7 אִידֶךָ בַּיָּשָׁר לֵבָב בְּלִמְדֵי מִשְׁפָּטִי צִדְקָךָ:

8 אֶת-חֻקֶּיךָ אֲשֹׁמֵר אֶל-תַּעֲזֹבֵנִי עַד-מְאֹד:

9 בְּיָמָה יִזְכֶּה-נַעַר אֶת-אַרְחוֹ לְשֹׁמֵר כְּדַבָּרְךָ:

10 בְּכָל-לִבִּי דִרְשֶׁתִּיךָ אֶל-תִּשְׁגֵּנִי מִמַּצּוֹתֶיךָ:

11 בְּלִבִּי צַפֵּנֹתִי אִמְרָתְךָ לְמַעַן לֹא אֶחְטֹא-לָךְ:

HebrewLetter	Hebrew Letter Name		Verses	
	AD 1611	Modern		
I	א	Aleph	’Alef	1–8
II	ב	Beth	Beth	9–16
III	ג	Gimel	Gimel	17–24
IV	ד	Daleth	Daleth	25–32
V	ה	He	He’	33–40
VI	ו	Vau (Vav)	Waw	41–48
VII	ז	Za(j)in	Zayin	49–56
VIII	ח	Cheth	Ḥeth	57–64
IX	ט	Teth	Ṭeth	65–72
X	י	Jod	Yudh	73–80
XI	כ	C(h)aph	Kaf	81–88
XII	ל	Lamed	Lamedh	89–96
XIII	מ	Mem	Mem	97–104
XIV	נ	Nun	Nun	105–112
XV	ס	Samech	Samekh	113–120
XVI	ע	A(j)in	’Ayin	121–128
XVII	פ	Pe	Pe’	129–136
XVIII	צ	Tzaddi(k)	Ṣadheh	137–144
XIX	ק	Koph	Quf	145–152
XX	ר	Res(c)h	Resh	153–160
XXI	ש	S(ch)in	Śin / Shin	161–168
XXII	ת	Tau (Tav)	Taw	169–176

Ps 119:1-10

Aleph.

- 1 How blessed are those whose way is blameless, Who walk in the law of the Lord.
- 2 How blessed are those who observe His testimonies, Who seek Him with all their heart.
- 3 They also do no unrighteousness; They walk in His ways.
- 4 You have ordained Your precepts, That we should keep them diligently.
- 5 Oh that my ways may be established To keep Your statutes!
- 6 Then I shall not be ashamed When I look upon all Your commandments.
- 7 I shall give thanks to You with uprightness of heart, When I learn Your righteous judgments.
- 8 I shall keep Your statutes; Do not forsake me utterly!

Beth.

- 9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word.
- 10 With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments.

169 Let my cry come before You, O Lord;
Give me understanding according to Your word.

170 Let my supplication come before You;
Deliver me according to Your word.

171 Let my lips utter praise,
For You teach me Your statutes.

172 Let my tongue sing of Your word,
For all Your commandments are righteousness.

173 Let Your hand be ready to help me,
For I have chosen Your precepts.

174 I long for Your salvation, O Lord,
And Your law is my delight.

175 Let my soul live that it may praise You,
And let Your ordinances help me.

176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant,
For I do not forget Your commandments.

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The Word is everything I need to live the Christian life - knowledge, understanding, wisdom, guidance, direction, & counsel.

I must study and learn God's Word.

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Ps 119:11

11 Your word I have hidden in my heart,
That I might not sin against You.

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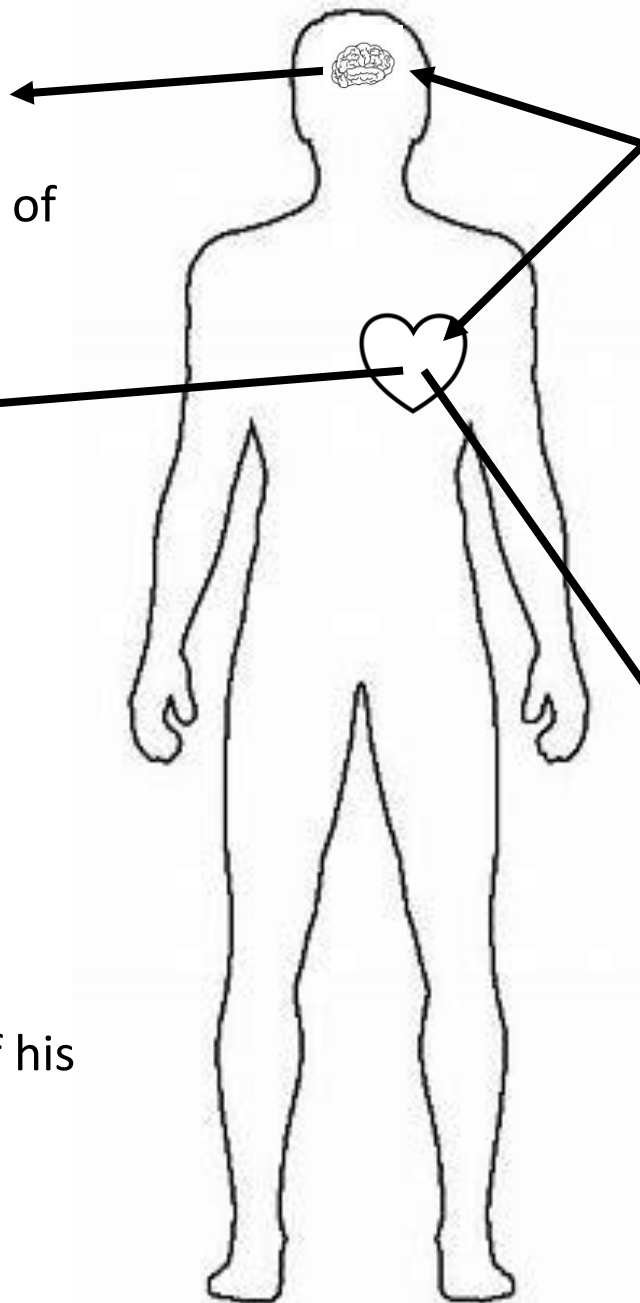
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Rom 8:5

5 For those who are according to the flesh set their **minds** on the things of the flesh,

Jer 17:9-10

9 "The **heart** is more deceitful than all else
And is desperately sick;
Who can understand it?
10 "I, the Lord, search the heart,
I test the mind,
Even to give to each man according to his ways,
According to the results of his deeds.



Eph 2:1-3

1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,
2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world,
according to the prince of the power of the air, of the **spirit** that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

Matt 15:19-20

19 "For out of the **heart** come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders.
20 "These are the things which defile the man;

Rom 12:2

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Prov 23:7

7 For as he (a man) thinks in his heart, so is he.

Ps 51:10

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

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When I think like Christ, I will be able to discern:

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- Impressions
- Impulses
- Thoughts

1 John 4:1

1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God,

1 Thess 5:21

21 But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good;

Heb 4:12

12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Ps 119:66

66 Teach me good discernment and knowledge,
For I believe in Your commandments.

Ps 119:105

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.

Ps 119:24

24 Your testimonies also are my delight;
They are my counselors

2 Cor 10:3-5

- 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh,
- 4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 5 We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

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Ps. 37:4

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4 Delight yourself in the Lord;

And He will give you the desires of your heart.

Ps 119:16

16 I shall **delight** in Your statutes;
I shall not forget Your word.

Ps 119:24

24 Your testimonies also are my **delight**;
They are my counselors.

Ps 119:35

5 Make me walk in the path of Your commandments,
For I **delight** in it.

Ps 119:47

47 I shall **delight** in Your commandments,
Which I love.

Ps 119:70

0 Their heart is covered with fat,
But I **delight** in Your law.

Ps 119:77

77 May Your compassion come to me that I may live,
For Your law is my **delight**.

Ps 119:92

2 If Your law had not been my **delight**,
Then I would have perished in my affliction.

Ps 119:143

143 Trouble and anguish have come upon me,
Yet Your commandments are my **delight**.

Ps 119:174

174 I long for Your salvation, O Lord,
And Your law is my **delight**.

Let's look at some quotes and examples.

“Every case of special guidance given to individuals in the Bible has to do with that person’s place in the outworking of God’s saving purposes.” He adds, “There are no instances in the Bible in which God gives special and specific guidance to the ordinary believing Israelite or Christian in the details of their personal existence.”

- Graeme Goldsworthy

“Gospel and Wisdom”

“Preoccupied with mystical encounters and emotional ecstasies, many seek ongoing revelation from heaven – meaning that, for them, the Bible alone is simply not enough. With them, biblical revelation must be supplemented with personal “words from God,” supposed impressions from the Holy Spirit, and other subjective religious experiences. That kind of thinking is an outright rejection of the authority and sufficiency of Scripture (2 Tim. 3:16–17). It is a recipe for far-reaching theological disaster.”

- John MacArthur

“God talks to me no other way, but don’t get this wrong, he talks to me very personally. I open my Bible in the morning to meet my friend, my Savior, my Creator, my Sustainer. I meet him and he talks to me. . . . I’m not denying providence, not denying circumstances, not denying people, I’m just saying that the only authoritative communion I have with God with any certainty comes through the words of this book.”

- John Piper

*This is intimacy with God - His love letter to us.

“People say, “God told me to do this,” and if you ask them how they know God told them to do this, their answer has absolutely nothing to do with the plain teaching of Scripture or a clear application of Scripture. This is something that has troubled Christians throughout the ages.

It is at that point that I always try to say: “You know, if God doesn’t say it clearly in the Word or by the implication of the Word, you need to be very cautious about attributing to God a thought that has come into your mind. As some people attribute those thoughts to God just because they came unexpectedly without thinking, all kind of thoughts come unexpectedly to you. So it’s always safe to stick to Scripture and so to grow in Scripture that you do actually develop, I think, instincts.”

John Newton has a lovely way of putting this. He says, eventually, when your mind is saturated in Scripture, you develop the kind of instincts that a pianist has to be able to play the piano without stopping and thinking where they are going to put their fingers. And this is because your whole way of thinking is through spectacle lenses that are prescribed by Scripture.”

Providence of God - "God, from eternity past, appoints and directs all events and actions to accomplish the predetermined goal of the display of His glory. These events and actions are brought to pass precisely at the exact time, by the exact means, and under the exact conditions, which God has determined. Providence reaches from the least detail in life to the greatest occurrence. "

False claims of inspired revelation were a massive problem in the O.T.

Deut. 18:20

20 But the prophet who speaks a word presumptuously in My name which I have not commanded him to speak, or which he speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.

Ez. 13:4-9

4 O Israel, your prophets have been like foxes among ruins.

5 You have not gone up into the breaches, nor did you build the wall around the house of Israel to stand in the battle on the day of the LORD.

6 They see falsehood and lying divination who are saying, 'The LORD declares,' when the LORD has not sent them; yet they hope for the fulfillment of *their* word.

7 Did you not see a false vision and speak a lying divination when you said, 'The LORD declares,' but it is not I who have spoken?""

8 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD, "Because you have spoken falsehood and seen a lie, therefore behold, I am against you," declares the Lord GOD.

9 "So My hand will be against the prophets who see false visions and utter lying divinations. They will have no place in the council of My people, nor will they be written down in the register of the house of Israel, nor will they enter the land of Israel, that you may know that I am the Lord GOD.

Deut. 13:1-5

- 1 If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder,
- 2 and the sign or the wonder comes true, concerning which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods (whom you have not known) and let us serve them,'
- 3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the LORD your God is testing you to find out if you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.
- 4 You shall follow the LORD your God and fear Him; and you shall keep His commandments, listen to His voice, serve Him, and cling to Him.
- 5 But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has counseled rebellion against the LORD your God who brought you from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, to seduce you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from among you.

Ez. 22:28

28 Her prophets have smeared whitewash for them, seeing false visions and divining lies for them, saying, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD,’ when the LORD has not spoken.

Jer. 5:31

31 The prophets prophesy falsely,
And the priests rule on their *own* authority;
And My people love it so!
But what will you do at the end of it?

Jer.14:14-16

14 Then the LORD said to me, “The prophets are prophesying falsehood in My name. I have neither sent them nor commanded them nor spoken to them; they are prophesying to you a false vision, divination, futility and the deception of their own minds.

15 Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who are prophesying in My name, although it was not I who sent them—yet they keep saying, ‘There will be no sword or famine in this land’—by sword and famine those prophets shall meet their end!

16 The people also to whom they are prophesying will be thrown out into the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and there will be no one to bury them—*neither* them, *nor* their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters—for I will pour out their *own* wickedness on them.