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Foreword (Approx. running time 3 mins)

("For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" – Romans 1:16 )

Welcome to The Lamplight Project. This interactive study guide has been designed to work alongside the multimedia presentation available on DVD or by Digital Download.

This exciting presentation is about empowering you to make informed choices regarding why you believe what you believe - about the world in which you live - and the claims of the Judeo-Christian Bible.

Each of the 12 sections logically follow on from each other and it is advised that you start at the beginning and work your way through methodically to the end. This is a systematic presentation so you are building on a foundation starting with Where did life come from? and concluding with a word of encouragement and exhortation to be a faithful witness for Jesus Christ.

This study guide has interactive links that connect to additional short films hosted on our GV247 web TV Channel at www.gv247.tv - in fact all our underlined statements are hyperlinked either within the document or to an external source online.

Why do you believe what you believe?

We live in a world that has unprecedented access to information - sitting at home, in a café or travelling on a train - the information superhighway allows access to data on just about every subject you could imagine. However with such access comes the need for great discernment.

So how do you know that what you have been taught is The Truth?

We hope you enjoy finding out...
It is clear that if you want to understand any subject well, there will be a requirement to study it. The deeper the study, the more you will understand. That is common sense.

For example – if you want to really understand how your car engine works you would do well to study the manufacturer’s workshop manual, instead of the advice of a well-meaning but unknowledgeable neighbour.

It is all very well to be taught by others, but if you really want to comprehend a subject, your own additional investigation will lead to discernment that will give you not only a greater satisfaction, but will be the best defence against misleading or false teaching.

For the person who wants to correctly inform themselves about the Christian faith, an attitude of prayer (talking to God) and inductive Bible study (reason through observation and interpretation) is the correct approach on which to build Biblical faith - and will in turn help with the most important reason for doing it at all.

Application - ie walking the walk you talk!

“For false christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect” (Matthew 24:24)

“For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds” (2 Corinthians 11:13-15)

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths” (2 Timothy 4:2-3)

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15)

For the person who may find the thought of biblical study a daunting task or perhaps outside their natural ability, it is a comfort to know that the Bible teaches it is God Himself who gives understanding and wisdom.

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding” (Proverbs 9:10)

“Seek first His Kingdom and His Righteousness” (Matthew 6:33)

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7)

“But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.” (James 1:5)
Worksheet 1 - can be used alone or within a group (with space for Notes if using the printed version):

1. Think about / discuss – the various methods used today that influence people’s thinking; from childhood education to multimedia and social networking.

2. Think about / discuss - how you would know whether information given is factual or erroneous.

3. Think about / discuss – what safeguards you might put in place when reading or listening to information supplied.

4. Think about / discuss – when it comes to Christian faith, what safeguards would you employ so that you are not led astray by unbiblical teaching.

5. Think about / discuss – in regard to understanding the 66 books of The Bible, what method of study (if any) do you currently use?

The Bible records that the beautiful planet we call earth was at one time created perfect - tragically, the rebellious actions of man has left our world broken. With paradise lost and the first recorded murder of Abel at the hand of his brother Cain – human history has been a painful journey of survival and a quest for answers.

Let’s take a closer look at the list of topics we need to investigate...
Section 1- Introduction (Approx. running time 5 mins)

("Come now, and let us reason together says the Lord" – Isaiah 1:18 )

In the previous section we looked at how the world in which we live can have an influence on what we believe. Individuals the world over put their trust in a wide range of beliefs; family, friends, education, traditions and superstition often influence those who have not learned to examine their surroundings.

Ignorance is not 'bliss' as the saying goes. At best, ignorance can be relatively harmless, but at its worst, it can lead to extreme behaviour and in fact, the scriptures say that God's people will perish or are destroyed for lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6).

When it comes to personal belief, even the radical philosopher David Hume (1711-1776) said,

“When men are most sure and arrogant, they are commonly most mistaken, giving views to passion without that proper deliberation which alone can secure them, from the grossest absurdities.”

In regard to spiritual faith, there are several mainstream religions and a wide range of spiritual beliefs of every shade and colour. The short films listed below give a little insight. Interactive links connect to additional short films on our GV247 web channel: www.gv247.tv

*Each link below goes to the correct TV channel. Once there, just scroll down to the subject*.

- Apologetics/D. Harris – Why do you believe what you believe? (1:59)
- Apologetics/D. Harris – What is truth? (3:00)
- Faith Groups/D. Harris – The New Age Beliefs (3:11)
- Faith Groups/D. Harris – The New Age: An Introduction (2:58)
- Faith Groups/D. Harris – The Christian Science faith (3:09)
- Faith Groups/D. Harris – The Jehovah Witness (3:20)
- Faith Groups/D. Harris – The Christadelphian faith (3:20)
- Faith Groups/D. Harris – The Mormons 1 (1:41)
- Faith Groups/D. Harris – Alternative therapies 1 (3:20)
- Faith Groups/D. Harris – Reincarnation (3:28)
- Faith Groups/R. Oakland – Do all roads lead to God? (2:19)
- Deception/D. Harris – What is the occult 1? (2:57)
- Deception/D. Harris – What is a Christian cult? (1:46)
- Deception/D. Harris – Christian groups and deception 1 (2:04)
- Deception/D. Harris – Yoga & Christianity (3:31)
- Deception/C. Matrisciana – What is Hinduism? (2:11)
- Deception/C. Matrisciana – What is Yoga? (3:13)
- Deception/C. Matrisciana – Can a Christian do Yoga? (1:57)
- Deception/C. Matrisciana – The physical aspects of Yoga? (2:15)
Worksheet 2 - can be used alone or within a group (with space for Notes if using the printed version):

1. Think about / discuss - Do you think most of your peers hold strong beliefs? Do you think they can defend them - or at least understand why they have them?

2. Think about / discuss - Do the mainstream religions such as Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism and Sikhism have anything in common?

3. Think about / discuss - Do you know why you have chosen Christianity over other beliefs? (if you have!)

4. Think about / discuss - How confident are you in regard to knowing why you believe what you believe? Is it based on emotion, scripture, fact or guesswork?

5. Think about / discuss - From what you've learned so far, what price could you pay for being ignorant?

From the resulting discussions of this introduction into 'why you believe what you believe - even if you believe in nothing', it should be clear that ignorance is an unwise state and from a Biblical perspective it can be dangerous.

God's gift of salvation is simply that. A free gift (Ephesians 2:8), and no level of intellect or wealth can attain that which is freely given.

However, faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17) and so the topics on the next page should whet your appetite to begin the journey of building your faith in Christ Jesus.
Project Overview

- **Origins**: Where did life come from? Where do we look to find an answer?
- **Intelligent Design**: Who or what is responsible? And for what purpose if any?
- **The Bible**: Where did it come from? What exactly is it? Can it be trusted?
- **The Old Testament**: From Genesis to the book of Malachi – Kingdoms and Empires
- **What is Biblical Prophecy?** How does it differ from the visions of Nostradamus?
- **Who is Jesus of Nazareth?** What is the Gospel? And why the Cross?
- **The New Testament**: From Matthew to Revelation and the journeys of the Apostles
- **What is a Christian?** Why does Jesus say “many are called but few are chosen”?
- **Angels and Demons?** Are they real or imagined?
- **Warnings of Spiritual Deception**: In particular – in the last days
- **Biblical Interpretation - views of the Early Church**: What are they - is it important?
- **The End of the Age**: The events running up to the return of Christ
- **Encouragement**: A final word to encourage and exhort

**In Section 2** - We begin our journey and ask the fundamental question regarding our origins; are we here by chance or by design?
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**Section 2 - Chance or Design?** (Approx. running time 11 mins)

("The fool has said in his heart, there is no God" – Psalm 14:1)

The big question - Where did we come from? The science fiction writer Arthur C Clark (1917-2008) said:-

"Two possibilities exist: either we are alone in the Universe, or we are not. Both are equally terrifying."

Most people at some point in their lives have asked questions like Where did life come from? What happens when I die? Is there a reason for my existence? A brief Internet search reveals many opinions. So what evidence is there regarding the origins of life?

There are two prevailing views:

1. Naturalism / Evolution
2. Intelligent Design / Special Creation

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- Astronomy/D. Faulkner – What is the Big Bang Theory? (5:25)
- Astronomy/D. Faulkner – What is Science and Theory? (3:04)
- Science/S. Taylor – What is Science? (1:19)
- Science/S. Taylor – Here by chance or design? (2:59)
- Science/N. Iskander – Cell complexity (2:57)
- Creation-Evolution/A. McIntosh – Where do we come from? (2:40)
- Creation-Evolution/A. McIntosh – Evolution requires faith? (11:36)
- Creation-Evolution/R. Oakland – What is Science? (2:07)
- Creation-Evolution/R. Oakland – What is the theory of evolution? (2:40)
- Creation-Evolution/R. Oakland – Can organs evolve? (2:31)
- Creation-Evolution/R. Oakland – Order from disorder (2:10)
- Creation-Evolution/R. Oakland – The uniformitarian view? (1:38)
- Creation-Evolution/R. Oakland – What about biology? (2:02)
- Creation-Evolution/R. Oakland – What about missing links? (2:41)
- Creation-Evolution/R. Oakland – What about fossils? (1:54)
- Creation-Evolution/R. Oakland – Where did earth come from? (2:40)
- Creation-Evolution/R. Oakland – The view of Charles Darwin (2:34)
- Creation-Evolution/R. Oakland – Design requires a designer? (1:47)
- Creation-Evolution/ C. Matrisciana – Spiritual implications of evolution? (2:13)
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- Creation-Evolution/ C. Matrisciana – Hinduism and Christianity connected? (1:51)
- Creation-Evolution/ A. McIntosh – Creation banned from the classroom? (7:05)
- Creation-Evolution/ D. Menton – Lucy? (14:00)
- Creation-Evolution/ D. Menton – Why would people not believe evolution? (7:43)
- Creation-Evolution/ N. Iskander – Is there evidence that man evolved from another creature? (1:39)
- Creation-Evolution/ N. Iskander – Creation in the classroom? (1:30)
Before we move onto our Worksheet, consider these passages of scripture in regard to the subject of origins:-

“Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them”

(Genesis 1:26-27)

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honour Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures”

(Romans 1:18-23)
Worksheet - can be used alone or within a group (with space for Notes if using the printed version):

1. Think about / discuss – What is the definition of science?

2. Think about / discuss – What is the theory of evolution?

3. Think about / discuss – What factual evidence is there for the theory of evolution?

4. Think about / discuss – Does complex order around and within fit with God’s character?

5. Think about / discuss – Is evolutionary theory consistent with Biblical faith?

6. Think about / discuss – How does evolution and ethical conscience fit?

7. Think about / discuss – What evidence is there for the theory of Intelligent Design?

8. Think about / discuss – Is the concept of design consistent with Biblical faith?

9. Think about / discuss – Is it right to keep intelligent design theory out of the classroom?

In Section 3 - We look further into the subject of intelligent design and an Almighty Creator.
Section 3 - Intelligent Design / Creation (Approx. running time 18 mins)

(“By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command” – Hebrews 11:3)

It has been stated that if we see a painting we will conclude there must have been a painter, just as a watch requires a watchmaker and a musical score requires a composer. Further illustration is given when comparing the complexity of computer software codes which have been designed, compared to the infinitely more complex DNA code within the human body. Intelligent design is clearly a logical and plausible view.

If we are the result of intelligent engineering design then we have a number of questions before us:-

- What or Who is responsible for our existence?
- For what purpose were we designed? Is it for good, bad or indifference?
- Is the Intelligence that engineered life on Earth still in existence?
- Do we have the ability to communicate with this Intelligence?
- Can we find answers to any of these questions?

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- Astronomy/D. Faulkner – Conditions - Big Bang (2:39)
- Creation-Evolution/S. Taylor – Evolution a science stopper? (1:56)
- Science/S. Taylor – What about ET? (2:55)
- Science/S. Taylor – An engineer’s view on intelligent design (2:49)
- Science/A. McIntosh – Machines in nature (10:44)
- Science/A. McIntosh – Biology engineering? (7:48)
- Science/N. Iskander – The DNA Code? (1:47)
- Creation-Evolution/R. Oakland – Design requires a designer? (1:47)
- Creation-Evolution/R. Oakland – Where did the earth come from? (2:40)
- Deception/R. Oakland – How mankind is being deceived? (2:24)
- Angels&UFOs/D. Harris – UFOs & the Bible (2:55)
- Angels&UFOs/D. Harris – Life on other planets (1:16)
- Creation-Evolution/S. Ham – Why are people against creation? (1:57)
- Creation-Evolution/N. Iskander – Is belief in ID belief in God? (1:49)
- Genetics/D. Menton – Placenta? (9:25)
Worksheet 1 - can be used alone or within a group (with space for Notes if using the printed version):

1. Think about / discuss – What evidence is there for the theory of Intelligent Design?

2. Think about / discuss – Is the theory of Intelligent Design consistent with Biblical faith?

3. Think about / discuss – The problems of Intelligent Design without The God of the Bible

4. Think about / discuss – God is the creator/designer of all things – Genesis chapter 1

5. Think about / discuss – The careful mechanisms that sustain life.

6. Think about / discuss – Why man alone has a desire to worship?

7. Think about / discuss – Why does man always want to create things?

8. Think about / discuss – Faith, Hope, Love and Creativity – think of other human attributes.

9. Think about / discuss – What differentiates man from apes and other creatures?
Creation myths and legends

The need for literacy and writing was driven mainly by economic reasons as cities grew. One of the earliest civilisations were the Sumerians (3000 BC) and one of the main subjects prevalent in their writings is life and death. The story of Gilgamesh is one of many creation legends and on the video we hear how the account of Genesis in the Bible stands out in regard to its message.

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- TheBible/S. Bhayro – Genesis literal? (3:02)
- Apologetics/S. Bhayro – Genesis v Epic of Gilgamesh (5:31)
- TheBible/S. Bhayro – Job, the oldest book (3:47)
- Creation-Evolution/N. Iskander – Origin of world (1:41)
- Creation-Evolution/S. Taylor – From Adam or ape? (2:17)
- TheBible/S. Ham – Is book of Genesis important? (1:19)
- TheBible /A. Fruchtenbaum – The Trinity (11:52)
- TheBible /A. Fruchtenbaum – The Names of God (6:54)

Worksheet 2 - can be used alone or within a group (with space for Notes if using the printed version):

1. Think about / discuss – Who were the Sumerians?

2. Think about / discuss – What is the creation story of Gilgamesh?

3. Think about / discuss – How does the account of Genesis stand above other works?

4. Think about / discuss – The wonder of God the Creator who sustains all things.

5. Think about / discuss – Is there any contradiction between science and faith?
The Judeo-Christian Bible claims to contain the revealed Word of God to mankind and invites all to search the scriptures so that each may come to an informed decision about the choice before them:

a) To love God and follow Him on the basis of His Word

Or

b) To reject Him and follow their own ways.

Here are a number of scriptures that tell of God’s creation:

For further information on the topic of creation and evolution debate we provide the links below to websites that discuss these questions at great length.

www.dissentfromdarwin.org
www.answersingenesis.org
www.icr.org
www.andymcintosh.org
www.creation.com
www.gv247.tv
www.truthinscience.org.uk

“Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven. Now no shrub of the field was yet in the earth, and no plant of the field had yet sprouted, for the LORD God had not sent rain upon the earth, and there was no man to cultivate the ground. But a mist used to rise from the earth and water the whole surface of the ground.

Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

The LORD God planted a garden toward the east, in Eden; and there He placed the man whom He had formed.

Out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil” (Genesis 2:1-9)

“For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy” (Exodus 20:11)

“The earth is the LORD’S, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it. For He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers” (Psalm 24:1-2)
“It is I who made the earth, and created man upon it. I stretched out the heavens with My hands and I ordained all their host”  
(Isaiah 45:12)

“It is He who made the earth by His power, Who established the world by His wisdom and by His understanding He has stretched out the heavens” (Jeremiah 10:12)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being”  
(John 1:1-3)

“For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities, all things have been created through Him and for Him” (Colossians 1:16)

“You Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth and the heavens are the works of your hands”  
(Hebrews 1:10)

“For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water”  
(2 Peter 3:5)

“Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honour and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created”  
(Revelation 4:11)

**In Section 4** - We look into the ancient documents that make up The Holy Bible.
Section 4 - Biblical Roots (Approx. running time 22 mins)

("Thy Word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path" – Psalm 119:105 )

In this section we look into the ancient scrolls and documents that constitute the 66 books and letters of the Christian Bible. The aim of this section is to give an overview of the antiquity and integrity of the biblical texts.

During the video presentation these questions are asked:-

- What is the Holy Bible – can it be trusted?
- Over what period of time was it written?
- Who are the authors – are they reliable?
- How accurate is the content?
- Who is the intended audience?
- What is the message?

While on one hand the Biblical texts are often subject to spurious comments from those who refuse to examine the facts, we also live in a world where Biblical texts are interpreted by individuals and organisations in many different ways, often leading to confusion and in some cases heated disagreement. Prayer, sober investigation and careful study is the hallmark of a good student of scripture.

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- TheBible /A. Fruchtenbaum – Bible Translations (7:30)
- Apologetics/D. Harris – Is Christianity true or false? (2:39)
- Archaeology/S. Bhayro – Deciphering ancient texts (3:19)
- TheBible/S. Bhayro – How to read the Bible (3:06)
- TheBible/S. Bhayro – What is the gospel message? (1:23)
- TheBible/S. Bhayro – What is the Bible (7:21)
- TheBible/S. Bhayro – What is the purpose of the Bible (2:47)
- TheBible/P. Williams – Gospel of Thomas? (1:56)
- TheBible/P. Williams – Book of Revelation? (1:20)
- TheBible/P. Williams – Exegesis and Eisegesis? (1:04)
- Apologetics/P. Williams – Did Eusebius forge documents? (2:03)
- Apologetics/P. Williams – Is John’s gospel valid? (4:06)
- Apologetics/P. Lawrence – The 4 gospels (2:32)
- TheBible/P. Lawrence – Acts of the Apostles (2:53)
Worksheet - can be used alone or within a group (with space for Notes if using the printed version):

1. Think about / discuss – Can you explain how the Bible is composed?

2. Think about / discuss – The common arguments levelled against the Bible

3. Think about / discuss – The views regarding a drugged man writing Revelation?

4. Think about / discuss – Despite evidence of Irenaeus, the unbelief in John's Gospel

5. Think about / discuss – Do you prefer one translation version over another? Why?

6. Think about / discuss – What methodology do you employ to study the Bible?

7. Think about / discuss – Explain exegesis, contextualisation, inductive investigation

8. Think about / discuss – Can you give an overview of what the whole Bible presents?

9. Think about / discuss – Is all scripture God Breathed? What is scripture?

10. Think about / discuss – What is the purpose of the Bible?
In **Section 11** we look more carefully into biblical interpretation, beginning with the views held by the patriarchs, prophets, Jesus Christ and the apostles – moving into the early church fathers and the introduction of philosophical interpretation.

Scripture is clear. The Word of God is to be studied (*read and / or listened to*) so that the disciple of Christ can rightly divide the Word of Truth and therefore walk upright before The Lord.

For further information on the topic of biblical texts we provide a link below to the Tyndale House website where you can find a wealth of information and their own DVD series on biblical apologetics.

www.tyndalehouse.com

“You shall therefore impress these words of mine on your heart and on your soul; and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. You shall teach them to your sons, talking of them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road and when you lie down and when you rise up. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your sons may be multiplied on the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens remain above the earth. For if you are careful to keep all this commandment which I am commanding you to do, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and hold fast to Him, then the LORD will drive out all these nations from before you, and you will dispossess nations greater and mightier than you”

(Deuteronomy 11:18-23)

“This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success” (Joshua 1:8)

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path”

(Psalm 119:105)

“So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free” (John 8:31-32)
“If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. “These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full” (John 15:10-11)

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15)

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths” (2 Timothy 4:2-3)

**In Section 5** - We take an overview of the 39 books of the Bible and discuss God’s covenants, the Exodus from Egypt, the Prophets of God and Kingdoms & Empires.
Section 5 - The Old Testament (Approx. running time 34 mins)

(“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” – Genesis 1:1)

In this section we begin with an overview of the first 5 books of the Bible also known as the Torah (Hebrew) or Pentateuch (Greek)

In the Beginning

The book of Genesis records the creation of the heavens and the earth and all living things created after its own kind. The ultimate creation was mankind, made in the image and likeness of God and told to fill and subdue the Earth.

In Genesis chapter 3, Adam was created to tend the garden which contained 2 special trees amongst others. With the command not to touch the fruit that would open their eyes to the knowledge of good and evil, and deceived by the serpent into thinking they could become like God, mankind disobeyed. This resulted in the need to remove them from the garden so that they would not reach out to the tree that would give them eternal life. Yet there was a promise of a future redemption to come. (Genesis 3:1-24)

Banished from Eden, the story of the human race is one of pain and violence. Adam and Eve’s son Abel was murdered by his brother Cain as they were cursed to toil the earth and suffer in childbirth. Tragically, violence filled the earth, and the righteous Noah was chosen to build an ark so that selected creatures could be gathered that they may survive the coming judgement which would destroy all the living creatures on the planet. After the flood, God made a covenant agreement with Noah and his three sons - Shem, Ham and Japheth who in turn would father the nations to come. (Genesis chapters 6 to 10)

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**Worksheet 1 - can be used alone or within a group** (with space for Notes if using the printed version):

1. Think about / discuss – Why did God create the earth and all life on it?

2. Think about / discuss – What does it mean that we are made in the image of God?

3. Think about / discuss – What is the meaning of the terms “let us” and “in our image”?

4. Think about / discuss – Who walks in the Garden with Adam?

5. Think about / discuss – The events and consequences of the fall of man.

6. Think about / discuss – The ability to pass the Word of God orally due to length of life.

7. Think about / discuss – The covenant agreement with Noah and all life.
The call of Abram / Abraham

At a place called Babel, men believed they could challenge God, resulting in their exile throughout the lands speaking different languages. In Ur of the Chaldees a man by the name of Abram heard God calling to separate himself from his people and travel to Canaan with all his herds – taking his wife Sarai and his nephew Lot. (Genesis chapters 11 to 19)

God made a covenant agreement with Abram that he would father a great nation and be a blessing to the peoples of the world and his name was changed to Abraham. (Genesis chapters 16 to 17)

God confirmed the covenant agreement with Isaac who in turn fathered Esau and Jacob. Jacob in time would wrestle with God whereby his name was changed to Israel and God also confirmed His covenant agreement with him. (Genesis chapters 16 to 32)

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- Archaeology/P. Lawrence – Is there evidence for Abraham? (4:51)
- TheBible/A. Fruchtenbaum – Law and Grace (7:45)

Worksheet 2 - can be used alone or within a group (with space for Notes if using the printed version)

1. Think about / discuss – Why did God scatter the people at Babel?

2. Think about / discuss – The call of Abram.

3. Think about / discuss – The covenant agreement with Abraham

4. Think about / discuss – The consequences of the birth of Ishmael?

5. Think about / discuss – What kind of people were in the land of Canaan?

6. Think about / discuss – What were the conditions of Sodom and Gomorrah?
The call of Jacob / Israel - Moses and the 10 Commandments

Jacob had 12 sons who would father the 12 tribes of Israel. The second youngest son Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers, however, in due course and in fulfilment of a God given vision he rose to become prominent within Egyptian politics. In time to come, this event led to the tribes of Israel being spared during a great famine and allowed to settle in the Northern part of Egypt called Goshen. (Genesis chapters 25 to 50)

In the years to follow, future Pharaohs turned on the Hebrews and so began a period of conflict whereby a decree went forth to put all new born males to death. A Hebrew child was hurriedly placed in a basket and sent down the river from where he was rescued by the Pharaoh's daughter. (Exodus chapters 1 & 2)

From the encounter at the burning bush, God called Moses to lead the people out of Egypt and journey through the desert to meet with Him at Mount Sinai where he recorded the 10 Commandments. (Exodus chapters 3 to 20)

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- Archaeology/P. Lawrence – The Tabernacle (1:49)
- Jewish-Feasts/A. Fruchtenbaum – 7 Festivals: Overview (5:03)
- Jewish-Feasts/A. Fruchtenbaum – Passover (9:54)
- Jewish-Feasts/A. Fruchtenbaum – Unleavened Bread (2:27)
- Jewish-Feasts/A. Fruchtenbaum – Feast of First Fruits (2:49)
- Jewish-Feasts/A. Fruchtenbaum – Feast of Weeks (5:39)
- Jewish-Feasts/A. Fruchtenbaum – Feast of Trumpets (3:08)
- Jewish-Feasts/A. Fruchtenbaum – Day of Atonement (5:27)
- Jewish-Feasts/A. Fruchtenbaum – Feast of Tabernacles (1:56)
- Jewish-Feasts/A. Fruchtenbaum – Feast of Purim (5:36)
- Jewish-Feasts/A. Fruchtenbaum – Hanukkah (2:38)
Worksheet 3 - can be used alone or within a group (with space for Notes if using the printed version)

1. Think about / discuss – Why was Joseph disliked by his brothers?

2. Think about / discuss – The events surrounding Joseph in Egypt

3. Think about / discuss – The covenant confirmed with Moses

4. Think about / discuss – The natural ability for Moses to organise people

5. Think about / discuss – The 10 plagues and the Exodus

6. Think about / discuss – The significance of the Passover in Christ

7. Think about / discuss – The significance of the Exodus as a called-out people

8. Think about / discuss – The commandments – laws and regulations

9. Think about / discuss – How did the people receive the Word of God?

10. Think about / discuss – What was the common concern of both Moses and Joshua?
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The Journey of Israel

On the video presentation we are given an overview of early Israelite historical events:-

- Desert wilderness - 40 years
- Joshua leads the Israelites into Canaan
- The fall of Jericho (Circa 1407 or 1230BC - Depending on Exodus date)
- The period of The Judges (i.e Deborah, Gideon, Samson...)
- King Saul (Circa 1050 - 1010BC)
- King David (Circa 1010 - 970BC)
- King Solomon (Circa 970 - 930BC)
- Israel divided into two Kingdoms (Circa 930BC)

Worksheet 4 - can be used alone or within a group (with space for Notes if using the printed version)

1. Think about / discuss – Why were Joshua and Caleb honoured?

2. Think about / discuss – What people were in Canaan who caused so much fear?

3. Think about / discuss – The various issues the judges were required to deal with

4. Think about / discuss – Why did the Israelites want a King?

5. Think about / discuss – The struggle between Saul and David

6. Think about / discuss – David was not allowed to build the Temple – why?

7. Think about / discuss – Solomon’s wisdom and infidelity

8. Think about / discuss – The break-up of the nation into 2 kingdoms
What is a Biblical prophet?

The last 17 books of the Old Testament are taken up with the major and minor prophets. In the video presentation the following questions are asked:-

- What is a prophet or prophetess?
- What is a Biblical prophet?
- How can one tell if the prophet is genuine or false?
- What proclamations do the prophets make?
- Are there any Biblical prophets today?

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- TheBible/S. Bhayro – A Biblical Prophet (8:11)
- TheBible/S. Bhayro – Overview of OT history (9:59)
- TheBible/P. Williams – Prophecy Today? (2:38)
- TheBible/P. Williams – Prophecy? (4:08)
- Shepherds-Corner/S. Bhayro – An evening with (50:47)
- TheBible/S. Menelaws – Who is Daniel? (3:00)

While the books of Kings record the exploits of prophets of God such as Elijah and Elisha, there are a number of stern references condemning the false prophets and shepherds in the books of Jeremiah and Ezekiel.

In Section 6 - 'Jesus Christ and the Gospel', we will look into the subject of prophecy in regard to the first coming of Yeshua Ha Mashiach - Jesus the Messiah or Christ, which foretold His birth, life, death and resurrection.

In Section 12 – The End of the Age, we will be looking at the prophetic events surrounding the second coming of Jesus Christ as King and Judge.
Worksheet 5 - can be used alone or within a group (with space for Notes if using the printed version)

1. Think about / discuss – Explain the purpose of a biblical prophet?

2. Think about / discuss – False prophets v God’s prophets in the Old Testament?

3. Think about / discuss – Give examples of prophecies concerning kings and empires

4. Think about / discuss – Give examples of prophecies pointing to the Messiah.

5. Think about / discuss – Can you see differences in personality – Ezekiel / Jeremiah?

6. Think about / discuss – How do you recognise prophecy fulfilled and still to come?

7. Think about / discuss – Can you give biblical examples of false prophecy?

8. Think about / discuss – Can you give examples of false modern prophecy?

9. Think about / discuss – Can you give examples of prophetic warnings?
Old Testament references to false prophecy:

“If a prophet or someone who has dreams arises among you and proclaims a sign or wonder to you, and that sign or wonder he has promised you comes about, but he says, ‘Let us follow other gods,’ which you have not known, ‘and let us worship them,’ do not listen to that prophet’s words or to that dreamer.

For the Lord your God is testing you to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul. You must follow the Lord your God and fear Him. You must keep His commands and listen to His voice; you must worship Him and remain faithful to Him.

That prophet or dreamer must be put to death, because he has urged rebellion against the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the place of slavery, to turn you from the way the Lord your God has commanded you to walk. You must purge the evil from you” (Deut 13:1-5)

“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” (Jeremiah 14:14)
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Kingdoms and Empires

The video presentation continues on from the books of the prophets to a list of the Kingdoms and Empires that would play out in the history of Israel - notably the 10 tribes of the Northern Kingdom of Israel and the 2 tribes of the Southern Kingdom of Judah.

- (722 BC) Assyrian Empire – Shalmaneser V (Followed by Sargon II) captured Israel
- (586 BC) Babylonian Empire - Nebuchadnezzar II captured Judah (Temple destroyed)
- (539 BC) Achaemenid Empire – Cyrus – allowed Jews to return home (Temple rebuilt)
- (332 BC) Greek Empire – Alexander the Great
- (167-63 BC) The Maccabean / Hasmonean period (Temple desecrated by Epiphanes)
- (63 BC) Roman Empire - General Pompey takes charge of Samaria and Judea
- (20 BC) Herod 1 (Herod the Great) – King of Judea begins construction of Temple
- (6-4 BC) A Saviour is born in Bethlehem of Judea

Worksheet 6 can be used alone or within a group (with space for Notes if using the printed version)

1. Think about / discuss – Why did the kings of Israel fall foul of the surrounding nations?

2. Think about / discuss – What advice were the false prophets giving to the kings?

3. Think about / discuss – What message were the prophets of God delivering?

4. Think about / discuss – Which king found the lost book of the Law?

5. Think about / discuss – The events surrounding the desecration by Epiphanes

6. Think about / discuss – How did an Arab become King of Judea near the birth of Christ?

In Section 6 – We ask the question – who is Jesus Christ? And what is The Gospel?
Section 6 - Jesus Christ and the Gospel (Approx. running time 25 mins)

(“I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me” – John 14:6 )

Who is Jesus of Nazareth? Views range from; he was ‘a good man’, a ‘moral teacher’, a ‘prophet’, and there are those who would say, he never existed. Recorded in Matthew 16:13-20, Jesus asked that same question to his disciples. “Who do you say that I am?”

According to the prophet Daniel in chapter 9 verses 24-26 of his book, the Messiah would make an appearance 483 years after the decree to rebuild Jerusalem recorded in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. This prophecy recorded by the prophet Daniel could explain the various individuals awaiting the Messiah, such as the Wise Men or Magi in Matthew 2:1-2 or Simeon and Anna the prophetess in Luke 2:25-38.

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- TheBible/A. Fruchtenbaum – The names of God? (6:54)
- TheBible/A. Fruchtenbaum – The Trinity? (11:52)
- Apologetics/D. Harris – Is Christianity true or false? (2:39)
- Faith-Groups/R. Oakland – Do all roads lead to God? (2:19)
- TheBible/S. Bhayro – Who is Jesus? (2:27)
- TheBible/S. Bhayro – The Trinity? (3:21)
- Faith-Groups/C. Matrisciana – Biblical Christianity unique (2:55)
- Apologetics/P. Williams – Evidence for the resurrection (3:30)
- DCL-Series/S. Menelaws – 2-Salvation and its requirements? (14:00)
- DCL-Series/S. Menelaws – 6-Who is Jesus Christ? (14:00)
- DCL-Series/S. Menelaws – 12-Warnings in The Bible (14:00)
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1. Think about / discuss – Who is Jesus Christ?

2. Think about / discuss – The prophecies regarding the first coming of Jesus Christ?

3. Think about / discuss – Could the prophecies be self-fulfilled?

4. Think about / discuss – What was the mission of Jesus Christ?

5. Think about / discuss – Why the need for the cross and blood sacrifice?

6. Think about / discuss – What is the resurrection and the evidence for it?

7. Think about / discuss – What is the Gospel message?
Biblical Prophecy – The Messiah

Throughout the books of the Old Testament there are a wide selection of scriptures that foretell the coming of the Messiah who would be God with us ‘Immanuel’. Below is the list of prophecies mentioned on the video presentation. There are many more.

- Born of a Virgin foretold by Isaiah 740 BC *(Isaiah 7:14 – Matt 1:20-23)*
- Born in Bethlehem of Judea foretold by Micah 750 years BC *(Micah 5:2 – Matt 2:1-6)*
- Messiah would be “God With Us” as foretold by Isaiah *(Isaiah 7:14 – Matt 1:23)*
- A messenger to prepare the way for the Lord *(Isaiah 40:3-5 – Luke 3:2-6)*
- Psalmist - 1000 years BC foretold the betrayal by a friend *(Psalm 41:9 – Mark 14:17-21)*
- Zechariah foretold that Messiah sold for 30 pieces of silver *(Zech 11:12 – Matt 26:14-16)*
- Isaiah foretold Messiah to be silent before His accusers *(Isaiah 53:7 – Mark 14:60-61)*
- Isaiah foretold Messiah would be struck and spat upon *(Isaiah 50:6 – Matt 26:67)*
- Psalmist foretold Messiah’s hands and feet to be pierced *(Psalm 22:16 – John 19:16-18)*
- Messiah would be crucified alongside criminals *(Isaiah 53:12 – Matt 27:37-38)*
- Messiah’s garments to be divided and lots to be cast *(Psalm 22:18 – John 19:23-24)*
- Messiah would be given vinegar to drink *(Psalm 69:21 – John 19:28-30)*
- The Messiah would be forsaken by God *(Psalm 22:1 – Matt 27:45-46)*
- Moses recorded that not one bone would be broken *(Exodus 12:46 – John 19:31-33)*
- Zechariah foretold that Messiah’s side would be pierced *(Zech 12:10 – John 19:34)*

In **Section 8** - We continue the theme of Jesus Christ and the Gospel as we look into the subject of ‘What is a Christian?’

In **Section 7** - The New Testament, the journeys of the Apostles and the continued history of the Jewish people as a nation.
Section 7 – The New Testament (Approx. running time 10 mins)

(“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end” – Rev 22:13)

Kingdoms and Empires

After our film journey through the books of the New Testament we take an overview of the events surrounding the Acts of the Apostles followed by an update of the historical journey of the nation of Israel and the Jewish people. It is here that we learn that the Roman Empire has renamed the land as Palestine.

- (70 AD) Jerusalem besieged and Temple destroyed by Vespasian’s son General Titus
- (132 AD) Jerusalem renamed Aelia Capitolina by Emperor Hadrian - Bar Kokhba revolt
- (313 AD) Jews exiled – Christians have access to Jerusalem - Emperor Constantine
- (638 AD) Jerusalem falls to Muslim rule – overthrown by Crusaders approx. 1099AD
- (1187) Jerusalem fall under Turkish control (Ottoman Empire - Saladin the Great)
- (1917) Palestine falls under British control – General Allenby
- (1948) Palestine reverts to Israel on May 14th 1948
- (1967) Jerusalem comes under Israeli control after the Six-Day War

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- TheBible/P. Williams ms – What is the church? (2:18)
- TheBible/P. Williams – Women in the church (4:42)
- TheBible/P. Williams – The church is one body not two ways (1:24)
- TheBible/P. Williams – Matthew written to the Jews (1:01)
- TheBible /S. Bhayro – Overview Biblical history (9:59)
- TheBible /P. Lawrence – Acts of the Apostles (2:53)
- TheBible /P. Lawrence – History of Biblical Empires (5:24)
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1. Think about / discuss – Was the timing perfect for Messiah and the Gospel?

2. Think about / discuss – Why did the Romans besiege Jerusalem from 67AD?

3. Think about / discuss – What was happening to Christians around 70AD

4. Think about / discuss – Roman Emperors of the time and their actions

5. Think about / discuss – Why did Hadrian rename the land Palestine?

6. Think about / discuss – The Roman Empire and Christianity amalgamate

7. Think about / discuss – Islam arises in opposition to the Roman Catholic Church

8. Think about / discuss - Protestant Reformation calls people back to God’s Word

9. Think about / discuss – World War I and WWII open a new area for Middle East

10. Think about / discuss – Jews return and rename the land Israel

In Section 8 we continue the theme of Jesus Christ and the Gospel as we look into the subject of ‘What is a Christian?’
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Section 8 - What is a Christian? (Approx. running time 18 mins)

("By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" – John 13:35 )

Widely known as 'the father of India', Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948) once said:-

“I like your Christ, I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ.”

Within the context of that statement, Gandhi was often on the receiving end of brutal treatment by individuals who went under the title of “Christian” because of their association with Western civilisation. The word Christian means different things to different people. In general, it will mean that someone has a belief in God. Of course, that tells you very little and to quote the half-brother of Jesus in the letter of James:

“You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.” (James 2:19)

Often, people will make much of being a member of a particular Christian organisation or group, yet the Bible is clear that there is only one body, and that is the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:27) and that the Lord’s people are aliens or strangers passing through this world (1 Pet. 2:11). Certainly, there are a number of warnings given throughout the New Testament. Jesus warned that on the day of judgement many will come claiming to know and even have done service and miracles in Christ’s name but He goes onto to teach:-

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

“I never knew you, depart from me” (Matthew 7:23)

“For many are called, but few are chosen” (Matthew 22:14)

The apostle Paul warned the believers in the Corinthian Church:-

“Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves!” (2 Cor. 13:5)

In the video film presentation we have a number of questions before us:-

- What is a Christian?
- What does the term ‘Born Again’ mean?
- What is repentance and obedience?
- What are water and Spirit Baptisms?
- What about the study of scripture?
- What about prayer?
- What about traditions?
- A faithful witness for the Gospel
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- **Spiritual deception/D. Harris – Falling away from Biblical truth** (2.35)
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- **The Bible/A. Fruchtenbaum – Tithing** (8:14)
- **The Bible/A. Fruchtenbaum – Traditions: Christmas + Easter** (7:47)
- **The Bible/A. Fruchtenbaum – Law and Grace** (7:45)
- **The Bible/A. Fruchtenbaum – Why did Christ have to die?** (8:01)
- **The Bible/P. Williams – What is a Christian?** (1:02)
- **The Bible/P. Williams – Repentance and obedience** (1:16)
- **The Bible/P. Williams – Following God’s word** (1:48)
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- **DCL-Series/S. Menelaws – 9 Prayer & Study** (14.00)
- **DCL-Series/S. Menelaws – 12 Warnings** (14.00)
- **WeekendShow/Ep55 – Men of prayer** (30:00)
Scripture is clear that the disciple of Jesus Christ must remain in Him and His Word and the promise is that He will remain in you.

Scripture references in regard to staying close to the Lord and His Word:-

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. “Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. “You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. “I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. “If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. “My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples”

(John 15:1-8)
Scripture references to keep close to your heart:-

“There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him. Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, feet that run rapidly to evil, a false witness who utters lies, and one who spreads strife among brothers.” (Proverbs 6:16-19)

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34-35)

“You shall love The Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind” (Matthew 22:37)

“You shall love your neighbour as yourself” (Matthew 22:39)
Worksheet - can be used alone or within a group (with space for Notes if using the printed version):

1. Think about / discuss – what is a Christian disciple as explained in the Bible and why are you called to be one?

2. Think about / discuss - Religion or relationship?

3. Think about / discuss – What is meant by the term – Born Again?

4. Think about / discuss – Repentance and obedience

5. Think about / discuss – water and Spirit baptism

6. Think about / discuss – the need to study scripture

7. Think about / discuss – prayer

8. Think about / discuss – the purpose of spiritual gifts

9. Think about / discuss – What place does tradition have in the church - if any?

10. Think about / discuss – What is meant by being a faithful witness of the Gospel?

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11. Think about / discuss – What is ‘fellowship’?

12. Think about / discuss – The bread and the wine - The Lord's Supper - Communion.

13. Think about / discuss – The encouragement, rebuke and exhortation to the 7 churches

14. Think about / discuss – Well done good and faithful servant / away from me - I never knew you

15. Think about / discuss – Are your answers Biblical or opinion?

In Section 9 - We take a look at the Biblical world of supernatural beings, angels and demons - are they real or imagined?
Section 9 - Angels & Demons (Approx. running time 25 mins)

("The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil" – 1 John 3:8)

Our world has always been infatuated with the subject of the supernatural. Meaning ‘beyond the natural’, blockbuster movies, television dramas, children’s cartoons and books of every kind feed an insatiable appetite for this topic around the world. In magazines and newspapers, horoscopes speculate the future while adverts encourage the search for an inner spiritual guide. In the world of business, spiritual gurus encourage individuals to reach new heights whilst political leaders consult their god to ask if they should go to war or not.

And it’s not just the world of angels and demons that captures the interest. There are those who claim to communicate with the occupants of UFOs and speak of close encounters with extra-terrestrial life. From the earliest of ancient writings, the supernatural can be found in every culture and in the Bible, there is indeed a whole order of supernatural beings throughout.

From a Christian perspective however, there is clear instruction to avoid communication with any spiritual being out-with God himself through Jesus Christ and Section 10 takes a closer look at the subject of spiritual deception.

In the video film presentation we have a number of questions before us:-

- What are Angels and Archangels?
- What or who is the Angel of The Lord?
- What are Cherubim and Seraphim?
- What are Demons and Unclean Spirits?
- Who or what is Satan?
- What are the Nephilim?
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- **Angels&UFOs/S. Bhayro – What are angels? (2:37)**
- **Angels&UFOs/S. Bhayro – Nephilim & Demons? (5:46)**
- **Angels&UFOs/P. Williams – What are Nephilim? (2:03)**
- **Angels&UFOs/P. Williams – Giants? (2:05)**
- **Angels&UFOs/P. Williams – Demons (1:24)**
- **Angels&UFOs/P. Williams – Angels, Chrubim & Seraphim (1:48)**
- **Angels&UFOs/P. Williams – The Angel of The Lord? (0:52)**
- **Angels&UFOs/D. Harris – UFOs and the Bible (2:55)**
- **Angels&UFOs/D. Harris – Life on other planets? (1:16)**
- **Deception/D. Harris – What is the occult 1? (2:57)**
- **Deception/D. Harris – What is the occult 2? (2:59)**
- **Deception/C. Matrisciana – Christians turning to Mysticism 1 (1:40)**
- **Deception/C. Matrisciana – Christians turning to Mysticism 2 (2:01)**
- **Deception/R. Oakland – Queen of Heaven (2:24)**
- **Deception/R. Oakland – Apparitions at Fatima (2:14)**
- **DCL-Series/S. Menelaws – 4 Deliverance (14.00)**
- **EndTimes/S. Menelaws – What is the Anti-Christ (3.00)**
- **EndTimes/S. Menelaws – What is 666 (3.00)**
In a world saturated with conspiracy movies and websites, the producers of *The Lamplight Project* produced a full length feature film called *The Daniel CONNECTION* – based on the television documentary *The Daniel Project* in a bid to bring a level of Biblical clarity to this genre, and to point viewers to search the Bible for answers.

Whilst there are many references to supernatural figures within the Bible; having a sound understanding of the topic will keep the believer from deceptive influences. The following scriptures are a clear warning to keep the Christian believer on track.

“Now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the LORD’S commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good?”
(Deuteronomy 10:12-13)

“But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!” (Galatians 1:8)

**Worksheet - can be used alone or within a group** (with space for Notes if using the printed version):

1. Think about / discuss – How the supernatural impacted people in antiquity?

2. Think about / discuss – How the supernatural impacts on people today?

3. Think about / discuss – What are angels and archangels?

4. Think about / discuss – What is meant by the term ‘Angel of the Lord’?

5. Think about / discuss – What are cherubim and seraphim?

6. Think about / discuss – What are demons / unclean spirits?

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7. Think about / discuss – Who is Satan and what is his role?

8. Think about / discuss – What tribes were associated with the Nephilim?

9. Think about / discuss – Explain Hell

10. Think about / discuss – What important lessons need to be learned from this topic?

11. Think about / discuss – Only humans can be saved – not angels.

In Section 10 - We take a look at the warnings given to the Christian Church regarding false christs, false prophets, false signs and wonders and false doctrines.
Section 10 - Spiritual Warnings to The Church

(Approx. running time 25 mins)

(“For false christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect” - Matthew 24:24)

In the book of Acts we read the departing words of Paul the apostle:-

“For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears.” (Acts 20:27-31)

Warnings throughout the New Testament cover such subjects as:-

- Defection from sound doctrine
- Deceiving spirits
- False signs and wonders
- False apostles and deceitful workmen
- Mysticism and false gospels
- False christs, prophets and teachers

It is said that Bishop Ignatius of Antioch in the first century, was one of the first church fathers to use the term “heretic” in regard to false teaching - and as time passed the groups considered heretical grew.

In the letters to the 7 churches in the Book of Revelation, The Lord commends good deeds but has a stern rebuke and warning for unacceptable practices within 5 of those churches .Despite such clear warnings to repent and hold fast to the Word of God, today’s media exposes almost daily acts of ungodliness – whilst unashamed religious celebrities fleece the flock.

If you were to ask the average church member what they know about spiritual warnings within the Bible it may surprise you that most would be unable to give an account of this subject that is; if they are aware of it at all.

Even a casual glance at the New Testament books and letters make it very clear that warnings abound, and the disciple of Christ is to take heed. Jesus remarked that he had not come to bring peace but a sword (Matthew 10:34) He warned that if the days of calamity had not been shortened no flesh would survive. (Mark 13:17-20) There are warnings regarding false teachers who will turn and promote false doctrine (2 Timothy 4:3). Believers will be led astray by a false spirit, false Jesus and false gospel (2 Timothy 4:1-5, Galatians 1:8).

The question is - How and when did deceptive teaching enter the Church and what is the antidote to make sure it does not enter one’s own walk with God?

The speakers in this section cover Gnosticism, testing all things, cults, brain washing, altered states of consciousness, prosperity teaching and heavy shepherding amongst other subjects.
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- **Deception/D. Menelaws – False Teachings (6:10)**
- **Deception/D. Menelaws – Altered States (1:37)**
- **Deception/D. Menelaws – Spiritual Deception (3:52)**
- **Deception/D. Menelaws – Don’t be deceived (3:59)**
- **Deception/D. Menelaws – Warnings to the Church (17:26)**
- **Deception/D. Harris – What is a cult? (2:52)**
- **Deception/D. Harris – What is a Christian cult? (1:46)**
- **Deception/D. Harris – How can I help a cult member? (3:10)**
- **Deception/D. Harris – Falling away from Biblical truth (2:35)**
- **Deception/D. Harris – Do people know they are in a cult? (2:35)**
- **Deception/D. Harris – Christian groups and deception 1 (2:04)**
- **Deception/D. Harris – Christian groups and deception 2 (2:10)**
- **Deception/D. Harris – How can I know true Christianity? (2:57)**
- **Deception/D. Harris – Contemplative prayer or babble? (3:03)**
- **Deception/R. Oakland – Deception: Another gospel (2:13)**
- **Deception/R. Oakland – What is spiritual apostasy? (2:07)**
- **Deception/R. Oakland – Signs and wonders 1 (1:54)**
- **Deception/R. Oakland – Signs and wonders 2 (1:56)**
- **Deception/R. Oakland – God allows us to be deceived (2:19)**
- **Deception/R. Oakland – Who can I trust? (2:11)**
- **Deception/R. Oakland – Who are you to judge others? (2:09)**
- **Creation-Evolution/C. Matrisciana – Spiritual implications of evolution? (2:13)**
- **Creation-Evolution/C. Matrisciana – Hinduism & Evolution connected? (1:51)**
- **Deception/C. Matrisciana – Christians turning to Mysticism 1 (1:40)**
- **Deception/C. Matrisciana – Christians turning to Mysticism 2 (2:01)**
- **Deception/C. Matrisciana – Can a Christian do Yoga? (1:57)**
- **TheBible/A. Fruchtenbaum – Law and Grace (7:45)**
- **DCL-Series/S. Menelaws – 4-Deliverance (14:00)**
In John’s first letter, he warns the believers:-

And in his first letter to Timothy, the apostle Paul writes:-

Returning back to the Book of Acts we read:-

There are many well-meaning groups who promote and spread the Good news of Jesus Christ but under no circumstances should any individual or group try to prevent you from solid training in Biblical study.

Study these scriptures to gain understanding as to how serious this is and study the whole Bible inductively. Become an approved workman able to divide truth from error. Walk in the truths you learn, putting into practice the Word of God in your life and not only will you stand firm, you will be a witness and a light to others who need help.

For further information on the topic of biblical texts we provide a link below to the Bethel Communications website where you can find information in regard to biblical apologetics and research material on seductive spiritual methods that take the untrained mind captive.

www.bethelcommunications.tv

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”
(1 John 4:1-3)

“But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons.”
(1 Timothy 4:1)

“Therefore we must pay even more serious attention to what we heard, so that we may not drift away from it. For if the message spoken through angels was authoritative, and every violation of the law was possible, although angels, who are superior to all men, do not receive a charge of judgment in the matter of those matters, but in reference to the sins of those who have murdered, who committed adultery, who defame people, and who do all sorts of undesirable things.”
(Habakkuk 1:12-13)

“Then, when the Lord came and judges the world by righteous judgment, he comes as King riding on a white horse, and those who pleased him with their proper conduct will follow him, and the kings of the earth will bring their power and authority to himself.”
(Revelation 19:11-12)

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“And He said, “See to it that you are not misled; for many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not go after them” (Luke 21:8)

“Then if anyone says to you, ‘Behold, here is the Christ,’ or ‘There He is,’ do not believe him. For false christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect” (Matt: 24:23-24)
“For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. No wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness, whose end will be according to their deeds”
(2 Cor 11:13-15)

“that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders”
(2 Thess 2:9)

“and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness”
(2 Thess 2:10-12)

“But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ. For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear this beautifully”
(2 Cor 11:3-4)

“But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves”
(2 Peter 2:1)

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Once again, we see that it is The Word of God that is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path - and personal inductive study of God’s Word in conjunction with obedience will keep the Christian disciple from error.

“Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.” (2 Peter 3:3-4)

“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires” (2 Tim 4:3)

Worksheet - can be used alone or within a group (with space for Notes if using the printed version):

1. Think about / discuss – Explain the various problems arising within the early church?

2. Think about / discuss – Gnosticism / Hidden Knowledge - elitism

3. Think about / discuss – How does error enter the Church – what is the antidote?

4. Think about / discuss – List erroneous examples today?

5. Think about / discuss – Do you know what conditions bring forth a cult?

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6. *Think about / discuss – Are you, or have been in scriptural error – what is the antidote?*

7. *Think about / discuss – How has false prophecy damaged genuine biblical prophecy?*

8. *Read Matthew 6 and then discuss where does prayer end and an altered state of consciousness begin?*

9. *Think about / discuss – Why is this topic not preached on more often – if at all?*

In **Section 11** - We look at the important subject of interpretation and the early church fathers.
Section 11 - Interpretation and the Early Church (Approx. running time 22 mins)

("They read from the book, from the law of God, translating to give the sense So that they understood the reading" – Nehemiah 8:8)

In regard to certain Biblical passages you will often hear the comment – “well it just depends how you interpret it”. To understand why, we need to go back in history and take a brief look at the unfolding events of the early Christian Church.

While personal inductive study of the Bible is clearly the best approach to making informed decisions about its content, an understanding of early Christian development will certainly shed light on the many conflicting views held today. It’s important to understand, that the way you interpret the Bible can dramatically change your world-view. Reference to Section 4 (Biblical Roots) will also be helpful.

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- TheBible/P. Williams – Hermeneutics (2:29)
- Apologetics/D. Harris – Is Christianity true or false? (2:39)
- Apologetics/S. Bhayro – The Millennium (2:20)
- Deception/D. Menelaws – Warnings to the Church (17:26)
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- TheBible/S. Menelaws – The first church council (3.00)
- TheBible/S. Menelaws – Overview of interpretation (3.00)
Worksheet 1 - can be used alone or within a group (with space for Notes if using the printed version):

**Foundational Beliefs**

1. Think about / discuss – How did Abraham and Moses approach God’s commands?

2. Think about / discuss - Are prophecies of the birth and life of Christ literal?

3. Think about / discuss - What are **allegory** and **metaphors**?

**Early Christian Doctrinal Arguments**

1. Think about / discuss – Debates Paul wrote concerning Law v Grace? (Gal. 6:11-16)

2. Think about / discuss – The issues regarding the resurrection? (1 Cor. 15:12-58)

3. Think about / discuss – The divinity of Christ being challenged? (John 5:18)

4. Think about / discuss – Division developing - Church and Israel? (Rom. 11:1-32)

Whilst the advice from the interviewed academics is that the Word of God is to be understood both from a literal and spiritual perspective, the plain meaning of text, co-text and context with careful study is the order of the day. We read OUT of the text to get the meaning (exegesis) rather than reading our own meaning IN to the text (eisegesis). The latter leads to allegory and metaphor however the believer who studies the Word also has the promise of the Counsellor: -

“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you” (John 14:26)
Doctrinal issues continued into the second century known as the “Patristic age” where the disciples of the apostles or “early church fathers” rebuked false interpretation of scripture.

Methods of allegory and metaphor were hotly refuted – Justin Martyr (100-168AD) and Irenaeus (130-202AD) wrote regarding three classes of men:-

1. The Heretics, denying the resurrection of the flesh and the millennium. (The 1000 year reign)
2. The exactly orthodox, asserting both the resurrection and the kingdom of Christ on the earth
3. The believers who consented with the Just, (James) and yet endeavoured to allegorise and turn into a metaphor all those scriptures produced for a proper reign of Christ

Justin Martyr described those who promoted allegorical interpretation of scripture as:-

"Some who are called Christians but are Godless, impious heretics, teach doctrines that are in every way blasphemous, atheistical and foolish".

The early Christian Church was a Jewish movement and traditions aside, scripture was understood from a Hebraic perspective. However, Greek (Hellenist) philosophy would soon bring its own influence. But why would certain people who clearly wrote about their love for God and Christ turn particular texts into an allegory?

To begin to understand these kind of questions we need to go back in time and visit Egypt and the great library of Alexandria where we find the school of philosophers who would debate the latest topics of the day.

Influential scholars that would bring Greek philosophical thinking to the early Christian church were:-

- **Philo Judaeus (20BC – 50AD)** A Jewish philosopher who used Greek philosophy to interpret the Hebrew Old Testament. His work influenced early Christians.
- **Origen Adamantius (184AD – 254AD)** A Greek Christian who used both literal interpretation and philosophy to interpret both old and new testament texts.
- **Augustine of Hippo (354AD – 430AD)** developed his own approach to philosophy and theology, accommodating a variety of methods and perspectives.
- **John Chrysostom (349AD – 407AD)** A popular preacher well known for his practical preaching and his controversial Eight Homilies against the Jews. It is debated whether he fuelled Anti-Semitic sentiment.

**Early Christian Theological Development**

During the early Christian period, methods of interpretation of scripture fell into two camps:-

- **Literal interpretation** from the school of Antioch - Where the plain meaning of text was understood within its context
- ** Allegorical Interpretation** from the school of Alexandria - Where texts were viewed from a Greek philosophical perspective
Worksheet 2 - can be used alone or within a group (with space for Notes if using the printed version):

**Early Christian Theological Development (1)**

1. Think about / discuss – What historical events would contribute to philosophical views?

2. Think about / discuss – The influence of gentiles into the church?

3. Think about / discuss – Problems regarding a milk or even baby food diet of doctrine?

4. Think about / discuss – The difference between Biblical Christianity and 'Christendom'?

**The Millennium**

Whilst aware of it or not - Biblical Interpretation lies at the heart of what an individual understands of the scriptures, with most Christian believers unaware of the issues that will arise if you hold to one view or another. This subject is heightened when looking into the subject of Christ's Return which developed specific theological terms to describe one's doctrinal position based on the belief of 'the millennium' - the 1,000 year reign of Christ on Earth as described in Revelation chapter 20.

1. **Premillennialism (Jesus Christ is still to return to reign on earth for 1000 years)**
   Premillennialism is based on literal interpretation and believes in a literal future 1000 year reign of Christ at His return. It has not happened yet.

2. **Postmillennialism (Christ has already returned / not a literal 1000 years)**
   Postmillennialism draws from both literal and allegorical interpretation. There are various opinions from adherents to this view but they all believe it has already happened.

3. **Amillennialism (We're in the millennium period now - or there is no literal 1000 years)**
   Amillennialism draws from both literal and allegorical interpretation and holds that there is no literal 1000 year reign of Christ, although it most often does not deny the literal return of Christ. There are various opinions from adherents to this view.
Worksheet 3 - can be used alone or within a group (with space for Notes if using the printed version):

**Early Christian Theological Development (2)**

1. Think about / discuss – The effect of the demise of The Temple and Jerusalem?

2. Think about / discuss – The effect of the Diaspora of the Jews from Roman Palestine?

3. Think about / discuss – How allegorical views went onto influence the early church?

4. Think about / discuss – How allegorical views have influenced individuals?

**Concluding remarks**

While looking back into early church history is indeed informative, certainly, the list of influential early Christian writers requires a good deal of research - one thing is for sure – right now, any thinking individual who wants to study the Bible has never had it so good. The wealth of information at your fingertips is unprecedented, and rather than read about what others have to say about the bible – the student would do well to find out for themselves, what the Bible actually says about itself, and to consider how Jesus and the disciples taught. A student of the bible must investigate the source – not what people say about the source - so that you can come to your own informed conclusions.

The apostle Paul wrote to Timothy encouraging the young Christian believer:-

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.” (2 Tim 2:15)

In **Section 12** - We will be looking at Eschatology, the study of End Things – the end of days and the return of Christ. It is here in regard to prophecy that biblical interpretation of texts have a profound outcome.
Section 12 - Eschatology - The End of the Age (Approx. running time 36 mins)

(“I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown” – Rev 3:11)

Eschatology is the study of ’The End Things’ and Biblical Eschatology is the study of what the Jewish and Christian scriptures prophecy about “The End Times” or “The End of the Age” - in regard to the return of Jesus Christ and the end of this age as we know it.

In this section you will see short previews from a TV documentary we produced called “The Daniel Project” which takes an investigative look at some of the prophecies and events surrounding the literal ‘Return of Christ' ie the Signs of The Times.

In Matthew chapter 16, Jesus says:-

"in the morning, 'There will be a storm today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Do you know how to discern the appearance of the sky ...yet cannot discern the signs of the times?"

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Worksheet 1 - can be used alone or within a group (with space for Notes if using the printed version):

1. Think about / discuss – When was the last time you heard a sermon on Christ’s return?

2. Think about / discuss – Do we live in an age of spoon-fed believers?

3. Think about / discuss – The need to understand the importance of correct interpretation

4. Think about / discuss – The need to search and probe the scriptures

5. Think about / discuss – Only the wise will understand – the wicked will not understand?

6. Think about / discuss – The gravity of the parable of the 10 virgins in - Matthew 25:1

7. Think about / discuss – The rebuke to the church who are blind in - Revelation 3:1

8. Think about / discuss – The need to be watching waiting and ready in - Mark 13:35

9. Think about / discuss – The Holy Spirit quickens the Word to the believer - John 14:26
In **Section 11** we saw that both **Post** and **A**-millennial views are founded in Alexandrian interpretation (Greek philosophy), which is a Western mind-set rather than Hebraic or Jewish thinking. Therefore, views and detail regarding the events of Christ’s return are varied and the topic is often avoided so as not to cause argument.

The **Pre**-millennial view with its historical contextual approach is more predictable, thus it would be consistent to view the prophetic events of Christ’s second coming to follow the same pattern as His first. It is clear from a literal rendition that numerous scriptures foretell that the land of Israel and its people play a central role during the events of the return of Christ. However, this literal view of prophecy would certainly appear to run into problems from 70AD onwards. **Section 5** gave an overview of the history of the divided nation of Israel and the successive Empires that brought the Jews into subjugation. From that historical backdrop, here are 3 main problems for end-time prophecy regarding the Jews and the land - from a literal perspective:-

- **In 70AD The Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed**  
  *However, scripture records that a Jewish Temple will be in situ in the last days*

- **From 132-136AD The Jews were exiled from the land after the Bar Kochba revolt**  
  *However, scripture records that the Jews would be a prosperous national identity in the land of Israel in the last days*

- **Jerusalem renamed Aelia-Capitolina and the land of Samaria/Judah renamed Palestine by the Roman Empire**  
  *However, scripture indicates that the land would be called Israel – (no longer two divided kingdoms - Ezekiel 37:15-28) and Jerusalem its capital with Jesus Christ its King*

In the excerpts from The Daniel Project shown on The Lamplight Project (www.thedanielproject.tv) we look at prophetic events from the perspective of Israel as a nation today.

While the scriptures (Romans chapter 11) are clear in regard to the Body of Christ maintaining its faithful uncompromising witness of the Gospel of The Lord Jesus Christ, a day will come when the full number of the Gentiles will be complete and the Lord’s attention will return to Israel. The signs in regard to the events surrounding Israel are a clear indicator that the time to spread the Good News is coming to a close.
Worksheet 2 - can be used alone or within a group (with space for Notes if using the printed version):

1. Think about / discuss – How Christ's soon / imminent return should encourage Godliness.

2. Think about / discuss – Are you fearful of this subject or not? Why? (Matthew 24:4-6)

3. Think about / discuss – Your blessed hope (Titus 2:13)

The Rapture

The subject of the rapture or resurrection of the living and the dead is one of those topics that is either ignored or hotly argued. Scripture is clear that without the hope of the resurrection then Christians are to be pitied and that the gathering of the church to meet the Lord in the air is a message that Christians are to encourage one another with.

Whilst timing of this event can cause heated disagreement - which is in itself an ungodly attitude – this should not mean this wonderful event should be ignored or in some cases - actually ridiculed.

Worksheet 3 - can be used alone or within a group (with space for Notes if using the printed version):

1. Think about / discuss – Why is the hope of the rapture most often ignored?

2. Think about / discuss – Are you able to discuss scripture calmly?

3. Think about / discuss – What is the purpose of the antichrist?

4. Think about / discuss – What is the purpose of the 'time of grace'?
Here are some scripture references for you to study one at a time. Read them in contact and take your time so be sure you understand them.

**First** - you need to decide if you will read them literally - so that they mean what they say and say what they mean - or will you be allegorical to make them mean what you want them to mean?

See what the Apostle Peter wrote: -

"no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God." (2 Peter 1:20-21)

"Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure' (Isaiah 46:9-10)

"See to it that no one misleads you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many. You will be hearing of wars and rumours of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end". (Matt 24:4-6)

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you" (John 14:26)

"..and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air." (1 Thess. 4:13-18)

"Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed." (1 Cor. 15:12-58)

"the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders, and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false, in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness." (2 Thess. 2:8-12)
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The following overview is only a guide to eschatological events. Many well-meaning scholars and passionate students of God's Word have differences of opinion over the detail regarding the second coming of Christ but the general list given below is certainly easily defended doctrinally. Our list here is to simply help the student to have a platform for their own personal study because as we contend for the faith and seek to put our Lord's Word into action in our lives, we never stop learning.

Eschatology Overview - General *(The rapture of the Body of Christ is at some point)*

- Messiah - Jesus Christ the saviour is born (First Coming – The suffering servant)
- Jesus Christ is rejected by Israel and crucified
- The resurrection of Christ and the birth of the Church (The Body of Christ)
- The beginning of a time of grace
- The Gospel goes forth – disciples are to make disciples
- The great Jewish Temple to be destroyed and Jerusalem trampled
- The Jews will suffer and be exiled throughout the world
- There will arise false christs, prophets and doctrines of devils
- There will be wars and calamities
- The Jews will return from all the nations back to the land of Israel
- The nation of Israel will prosper and grow strong
- Spiritual deception will increase and test Christian believers
- Global conflict, ecological disasters and turmoil will increase in the nations
- A great falling away from Biblical truth will occur amidst false signs and wonders
- Peace will be sought by the nations
- The Jewish Temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem
- A world leader (Antichrist) will arise, assisted and promoted by a False Prophet
- The leader will confirm a 7 year peace treaty between Israel and her neighbours
- After 3½ years he will break the treaty and force all to take his mark and worship him as god
- The Wrath of God will be poured out on the kingdom of antichrist
- The world will suffer terrifying calamities that have never been witnessed before
- The armies of antichrist will war with the kings of the East - Armageddon
- There will be fearful signs in the heavens
- The Lord will return as King and Judge with His Saints and will bring all into subjection
- Judgement of the survivors on Earth begins in the Valley of Jehoshaphat (Kidron)
- Judgement of Israel in the desert (Kadesh-Barnea)
- Satan bound for 1000 years (antichrist and false prophet sent to the Lake of Fire)
- The Millennial reign of Christ – fulfilment of Covenant to Abraham
- Satan released – Final conflict
- Earth and the cosmos destroyed by fire – the Great White Throne Judgement
- Names not written in the Lamb’s book of life (includes angels) are sent to the Lake of Fire
- New beginnings

To Close - We have a final word of encouragement
Final Encouragement (Approx. running time 3 mins)

("Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong" – 1 Corinthians 16:13)

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“Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.”

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Scripture References to spur you on:

“His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” (Matthew 25:21)

“In My Father’s House are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you” (John 14:2)

“He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.” (Revelation 3:5)