

Preface

This book is a full on Bible Study. It has a story but it is no novel. It is absolutely loaded with Scripture so take your time to process the contents. Unless otherwise indicated, all Scripture quotations are from the King James Version of the Bible as I have been constrained by copyright and **publishing considerations. It's not always the easiest** version to read so you may like to read along with your preferred translation. My personal preference is the New King James Version which you will notice I have often quoted. Here is a list of the Bible Versions I have used with their respective abbreviations:

KJV	King James Version
NKJV	New King James Version
DRA	Douay-Rheims 1899 American Edition
MEV	Modern English Version
YLT	Young's Literal Translation
GNT	Good News Translation
ICB	International Children's Bible
ESV	English Standard Version
NIV	New International Version
ISR	Institute for Scripture Research
CEB	Common English Bible

I have given the source of my information by citations in the text, so there will be no separate bibliography, nor the clutter of footnotes. I am of course confident that everything I have written is thoroughly researched and accurate, however I am human. Therefore, **I have taken up this saying that I heard somewhere, "I am convinced that I am right, but I am also convinced that I could be wrong."**

I have come to believe that the searching and confirming exercise is healthy for the soul and therefore I encourage each individual to personally validate. In this modern day, practically everything can be researched online by simply typing the subject of interest into your **favourite search engine, click and "hey presto"**, dozens of sites with which one can be informed. (Warning: eat the fish and spit out the bones.) In the process you will definitely find some scholars who completely disagree with me. Check them out and trust in the Lord to lead you into all truth. When in doubt, let God be true and every man a liar.

You will notice a different style of approach to the subject matter in the various chapters. This is due to the nature of the common misconceptions certain passages of Scripture **have historically been subjected to. Sometimes it's just a matter of the particular passage of Scripture being overlooked and all that's required is to bring it into focus. Another time** it is ignorance of the relevant history. On occasion I have found it necessary to get pedantic about the laws of grammar that have been abused which has on occasion caused complete misunderstanding. A common problem has been the lack of care to note the context. And then there is an awareness of the Gospel that is often required in order to

discern the metaphorical language used by the original writer. In particular there are several passages where Scripture is required to interpret the Scripture. So along with the presentation of the prophecies, each chapter has unintentionally become its own lesson in rightly handling the Word of God.

Approach this study prayerfully and don't just take my word for anything. Allow the Holy Spirit to lead you into the truth of His Word so that at the end of the day you will not be saying, "So and so says this", but will be able to say with assurance, "Thus says the LORD". Get out your pen and get ready to make some notes in your Bible.

There are some supplementary articles to be found in the Appendix which I suggest you read as you are prompted to as you go through the study, as that would be the appropriate time; or leave them till you have finished all the chapters. I would discourage you from reading these items beforehand, as some of what is found there may not be easy to understand if you have not first read the information in the main body of this book.

No apology is given for the use of the Queen's English. I am sure that despite the occasional slight difference in spelling and grammar, my dear friends and fellow believers in North America will still be able to understand, though on occasion I might drift into some 'down under' expression which even Her Majesty will just have to bear with. If Her Majesty gets to read this book (I hope she does) I trust that she will understand and realise that in my heart she has all the respect that her position deserves. OK Mate, let's get on with it.

Love, joy and peace to you in Jesus Name.

INTRODUCTION

A significant portion of the Holy Scriptures is devoted to prophecy. Some say a little over a quarter, **others say as much as a third. I've never counted, but I can testify that there are literally hundreds and hundreds** of verses that are clearly prophetic. Many of these prophecies are predicting and describing the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, some are directed at various Gentile nations, and others relate to specific individuals. Setting these aside, we find that the remainder of the prophetic writings can be placed into three categories: those concerning the Kingdom of Judah, those concerning the Kingdom of Israel, and those concerning the Kingdom of God. The Scriptures that speak of the prophetic destinies of these three kingdoms are scattered throughout the Bible like **pieces of a jigsaw in a children's** playroom, making it almost impossible to apprehend a coherent prophetic picture.

In this book I have gathered up the fragments of the prophetic jigsaw puzzle and put them together in a Comprehensive Chronological Collation so that men and women of God can readily see precisely what the Word of God actually says about these kingdoms.

It's amazing how clear God's picture of the latter days leading toward the end of the age becomes when ALL the verses that speak of the individual destinies of these kingdoms are arranged in an orderly **fashion. It's also amazing how many prevalent contemporary end-time** theories are completely overturned in the light of His Word.

Where appropriate, those prophecies which have already been fulfilled with the passing of time are presented with their corresponding historical records. Ignorance concerning which prophecies have been fulfilled has caused confusion regarding what events are yet to come. False prophets and teachers can lead people astray by asserting things are going to happen that have already come to pass. We will be better equipped to discern with clarity the signs of the times during the latter days if we have both the prophetic Scriptures and sufficient historical knowledge with which to ascertain what is past and what we can expectantly wait for. This book will provide both.

I have chosen to allow the Word of God to speak for itself by restricting my comments to highlighting what has actually been said **in God's Word. Some** passages of Scripture have suffered from a history of **serious misinterpretation and I've found the need** from time to time to be a bit pedantic pointing out the details. With careful attention to what is actually written and using Scripture to interpret Scripture, I believe I have been enabled to avoid giving my own ideas. On the rare occasion where I have offered my opinion, it is only where the subject matter is a moot point and/or of little consequence and I have been careful to make it understood when it is but my conjecture.

The student of eschatology is presently confronted with a multitude of end-time theories: pre-tribulation, mid-tribulation, post-tribulation, pre-millennial, post-millennial, a-millennial, futurist, historicist, full or partial preterist, hyper-literal or allegorical interpretations and the list goes on . . . With the variations within each particular school of thought we probably find that there are over a hundred different scenarios offered up as truth, if not more. Therefore, if you happen to align yourself with any one of the eschatological viewpoints, you will automatically find yourself in disagreement with over ninety percent of the Christian Community. This ought not to be.

If we take the incredible leap of faith and actually believe that God has His own interpretation and all **other theories are but "private interpretations"** (2 Peter 1:20), we can then look to the Lord to show us how we can recognize the interpretations of man, discern the doctrines of demons, and come to the understanding of what is really the Word of the Lord. Thankfully, God has not left us to our own devices

on this most important subject. He has given us clear instructions in His Word as to how we are to approach the Holy Scriptures in order to receive the message they contain.

Again, a leap of faith. If we actually follow His instructions on how we are to handle His Word, we will be enabled to understand the intended meaning thereof. This requires a humble heart and a teachable mind with which we will find that the Scriptures end up speaking for themselves. We will be delivered from the multiple deceptions that presently prevail and we will come to the place where we realize that the Word of God is not to be interpreted, rather it is to be believed. And if we come to His Word as little children and simply believe it, we will eventually understand it.

So that you may have confidence to pursue this journey through the Prophetic Scriptures with me, I have included the methodology wherewith I have approached this most controversial of subjects. What follows is a short teaching on the subject of Biblical Comprehension which includes a collection of the relevant verses from the Bible that instruct us how to handle His Word. This will also serve as a demonstration of my manner of presentation. I have called this teaching: Twelve Rules for Handling God's Word.