

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What are some similarities of Moses and Jesus?
2. What does it mean to “search the scriptures”?
3. In what ways did Jesus honor God?
4. What is the importance of “believing in Christ?”

SUMMARY:

The importance of studying both the Old and New Testament is emphasized by the subject of our lesson. In the Old Testament many prophets, beginning with Moses and ending with Malachi, foretold the coming of Christ. Jesus asked the Jews to search the scriptures, which they believed contained eternal life, and they would find testimony there of Him. These scriptures foretold not only His coming, but the manner and reason for it. They explained in such detail the works He would do that men could recognize Jesus by the description of Him in the Old Testament. Jesus pointed out that He wouldn't accuse them before the Father, but rather it would be the words of Moses which would accuse them. If they would believe Moses then they would believe the words Moses wrote concerning Him and then His words also.

NOTES:

[SoF:1] We believe that the Bible is inspired by God, and is the complete, infallible Word of God.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #2

July 13, 2014

Third Quarter

CHRIST, THE THEME OF THE BIBLE [SoF:1]

LESSON TEXT: *Deuteronomy 18:15-19; John 5:39-47*

LESSON SETTING: Scriptures prophesy Christ's coming.

TIME: The law was written approximately 1490 BC. The New Testament was written in the first century.

- I. THE SCRIPTURES POINT TO CHRIST.** Deuteronomy 18:15-19
 - A. Coming Prophesied. Genesis 3:15; 12:3; Isaiah 7:14; 28:16; Luke 1:30-33
 - B. Oracle of God (vs. 18) John 8:26; 12:49; 14:10
- II. THE SCRIPTURES REVEAL CHRIST.** John 5:39-44
 - A. Search the Scriptures (vs. 39) Deuteronomy 17:19; Acts 17:11; Romans 15:4
 - B. Christ, a Life-Giver. John 1:4; 10:10; 11:25
 - C. Christ's Humility. Luke 22:27; 2 Corinthians 8:9; Philippians 2:7-8
 - D. Christ's Obedience. John 6:38; 17:4
- III. THE SCRIPTURES TESTIFY ABOUT CHRIST.** John 5:45-47
 - A. Moses foretold His Coming. Deuteronomy 18:15-19
 - B. Unbelief. Mark 16:14; John 3:36; 8:24

GOLDEN TEXT: *SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES; FOR IN THEM YE THINK YE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE: AND THEY ARE THEY WHICH TESTIFY OF ME.*
John 5:39

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: 1 Kings 13:1-6; 2 Kings 23:1-20

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Daniel 2:36-45; Matthew 24:1-27

QUARTERLY THEME: The Bible and The Christian Life

TOPIC: PROPHECY PROVES THE BIBLE

INTRODUCTION:

Prophecy indeed proves the Bible. How grateful we are for all the prophecies of the Bible that have been fulfilled. How it thrills our hearts to read of these prophecies and then farther on to read of the fulfillment of them.

How often God in His holy and merciful love warned the Israelites of coming disaster if they disobeyed His Word. However, they refused to listen and went on living in their own willful, self-centered way, only to have the prophecy fulfilled and the end being destruction.

What a shining light of warning this should be for all mankind. But greater than the warning is the proof that the Bible is actually in all reality God's very own Word and that all history was, is, and will be in His Hands. Prophecy for the future will in the same way be fulfilled. It behooves us to observe it. God is still Master of all the future history even as He is Master of the past.

Christ and His Salvation is the blessed message of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. The Bible becomes meaningful and is correctly interpreted only when we see Christ, the sinner's Savior, revealed in all its pages.

CENTRAL TRUTH: Christ and His salvation is the blessed message of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

GOLDEN TEXT: *FOR THE PROPHECY CAME NOT IN OLD TIME BY THE WILL OF MAN: BUT HOLY MEN OF GOD SPAKE AS THEY WERE MOVED BY THE HOLY GHOST.*
2 Peter 1:21

This lesson is a wonderful proof of the truth of God's prophetic Word spoken by a man of God. This man came "*by the Word of the Lord*" to the idol altar at Bethel, cursed it and proclaimed that a king should be born who would burn men's bones upon it, even giving the name of the king. Our lesson shows that 351 years later, the prophecy was fulfilled. The Bible has many such prophecies which were later fulfilled to the letter, which proves to us that God's Word is Truth.

To those who may feel that the Bible is not Spirit inspired, but by the "will of man" and could easily offer prophecy with its fulfillment in a later chapter, God offers this tangible proof which can easily be grasped by all: not all Bible prophecies were fulfilled in Old Testament and New Testament times. They are being fulfilled NOW, today! So let us read God's Word, read and observe current events, and we can see that some of the Word is being fulfilled, and the other events are "*even at the doors.*" (Matthew 24:33)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 14 - 20

M. *Prophecy Proves the Bible. 1 Kings 13:1-6; 2 Kings 23:1-20
T. Prophecy of the Captivity of Judah. 2 Kings 20:17, 18; 25:1-7
W. Prophecy of the Betrayal. Psalm 41:9; Mark 14:43-46
T. Prophecy of the Jews' Blindness. Isaiah 6:9-13; Matthew 13:10-15
F. Prophecy Concerning John. Isaiah 40:1-5; John 1:19-28
S. Prophecy of Rachel Weeping. Jeremiah 31:15, 16; Matthew 2:16-18
S. Prophecy of the Holy Spirit. Joel 2:28; Acts 2:16-21