

A Reality check

This is a brief stop on the road to learning about covenants. There is a reason for this.

2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

We have been given this text many many times as we study the scriptures with a view to understanding that we need to follow the texts. However, earlier in this same book Paul gives Timothy.

2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

If we do this the way in which most of us have been taught--we take the man made division of the scriptures given to us by men thus the Old Covenant ends at Malachi and Matthew begins the New Testament.

Running in the background of your mind as you continue to read about covenants is that God indeed does have a plan for redeeming all mankind and it begins before the foundation of the world.

The Jews are an important key for saving the whole world. Jesus has to come to the lost sheep of the house of Israel and they must kill him in order for all men to be able to be redeemed. This is the background story and it is still running today.

So, In rightly dividing the Word of Truth..We have to learn or relearn to make the divisions in the scripture that God Himself made. Not that of man.

Is a will probated with the birth and life of a person or does it begin after the person is dead?

This book is about this background story and where God -- not man makes the division in scripture. For many of us this is going to be brand new stuff but it has always been with us. We have to begin individually and collectively to study the breakdown of scripture as God has given it to men.

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You are going to have a lot on your plate as you continue. You are going to be presented with evidence, ample evidence that Matthew, Mark, Luke & John up to the cross-- well you will have choices to make:

[1] Anyone who reads the New Testament realizes that it is on the day of Pentecost Not Matthew one as the place in scripture and human history where the will and testament of Jesus Christ, the Jewish Messiah is revealed and put into action.

[2] Perhaps as a result some of us can now begin to see the gospel accounts up to the cross i.e. **MMLJBC as the last 33 years of the Old Covenant that God established with the descendants of Abraham at Mt. Sinai.**

[3] What we can see is that the part of the scriptures we know and love and identify as the New Testament begins with the last thirty three years of the old Covenant and not the beginning of the New Covenant.

[4] Common sense reading tells us that the Holy Spirit comes after the death of Jesus not during His lifetime.

[a] You will see from scripture that Jesus forbade His future apostles from preaching the coming kingdom of heaven and its good news to either the Samaritans or the Gentiles.

[b] From reading scripture it is not until Acts 8 that the Samaritans receive the Word of God.

[c] It is not until God intervenes in Acts 10 & 11 that the Gentiles are added or grafted into the body of Christ beginning with Cornelius and his household.

[d] You will see Jesus due to the faith of those outside Judaism being healed or their request granted by Jesus.. But Jesus never ever preaches the kingdom of God to any but the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

It is the suggestion of myself that as you continue that you write down questions that you may have in order to help keep things in perspective in your mind.

Be prepared to have to rethink many ideas, concepts, doctrines and set in concrete points of faith because that is one of the purposes of this book.