

AMAZING 430 YEARS: BIBLE IS AN ACCURATE HISTORICAL RECORD

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Israelites Serve The Egyptians For 430 Years, God Reveals The Coming 430 Years Of Servitude To Patriarch Abraham, God Gives Commandments To Moses On Mount Sinai, Moses Conducts Census, King David Reigns For Forty Years From Hebron And Jerusalem, David's Reign Begins 430 Years After Egyptian Bondage Ends, King Solomon Begins Building Temple 480 Years After Bondage, Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar II Invades For The Third Time And Destroys Jerusalem And The Temple in 587 BC, The Seventy Years Of Babylonian Captivity Begin When Prophet Daniel And Some Of The Royal Seed Are Taken To Babylon, 430 Years After Solomon's Reign Began King Cyrus The Great Of Persia Defeats Babylonians And Begins First Year As King Of Neo-Babylonian Empire, 430 Years After Solomon's Reign Began Cyrus Signs The "Edict Of Restoration" Which Allows Jews To Return To Israel, Maccabean Wars Antiochus IV Epiphanes & Forced Pagan Worship, Persian King Cyrus And The Seventy Weeks Prophecy Of Daniel, Time Prophecies Prove Bible Is An Accurate Historical Record, Bible Is God's Sure Word Of Prophecy & All Will Be Fulfilled, Place Your Trust In God's Word, Foolish Wisdom Of The World, Seek For Wisdom From God's Word, Ask For Holy Spirit Wisdom

Some time ago, while conducting some Biblical research for another series that I was working on at the time, I made a very interesting discovery which I would like to share with you. As you may already know, according to the Scriptures, the Children of Israel sojourned in the land of Egypt for precisely four hundred and thirty years; in fact, to the very day. This is clearly confirmed for us by the following verses that are found in the Book of Exodus, as well as in the Apostle Paul's Epistle to the Galatian brethren:

"Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years. And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the

selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt."

Exodus 12:40-41, KJV

"Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect."

Galatians 3:16-17, KJV

In fact, as I've pointed out before, many years before this actually occurred, God revealed this dark future to Abraham in a scary vision. The Lord told Abraham that in the fourth generation, or Joseph's generation -- Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph -- the Israelites would be oppressed by the Egyptians, as we see by these verses:

"And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him. And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full. And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces. In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, And the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."

Genesis 15:12-21, KJV

"And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat them evil four hundred years."

Acts 7:6, KJV

Following their liberation from Egypt, the Israelites began to travel towards Mount Horeb -- also known as Sinai -- where three months later, Moses received the Commandments from God, as we see by these verses:

"In the third month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. For they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount. And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel . . ."

Exodus 19:1-3, KJV

About two years later, and prior to crossing over the Jordan River in order to begin their campaign to conquer Canaan, we find the Lord commanding Moses to conduct a census of the people, in order to determine how many fighting men were available, as we see by these verses:

"And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying, Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of their names, every male by their polls; From twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel: thou and Aaron shall number them by their armies."

Numbers 1:1-3, KJV

What I discovered is this: According to the calculations that I made in "The Earth Is Under 7,000 Years Old", at the time that the spies were sent to scout out the land of Canaan, the Earth was approximately 2,539 years old. Now, based upon my calculations in that same article, at the time that David was anointed as the king of Israel, at the age of thirty, and began his first reign in Hebron -- which lasted for a period of seven years -- the Earth was about 2,973 years old. As we are told in the following verses, David reigned for a total of forty years. Well, actually, his combined reign between Hebron and Jerusalem was slightly more than forty years, as we see here:

"Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel. So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah."

2 Samuel 5:1-5, KJV

If we leave a little room for any errors I may have made in my mathematical calculations for those first three thousand years of Biblical history, this means the Israelites spent 430 years under Egyptian bondage, and then around 430 years after the Lord gave Moses His Laws on Mount Sinai, David was anointed King in Hebron, or Arba, as it had been known before that time. One reason why I am certain that my figures are very close to being accurate, is because we're also told that the construction of Solomon's Temple was initiated 480 years "after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel", as we see by this verse that's found in the First Book of Kings:

"And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD."

1 Kings 6:1, KJV

Now, let's consider some very interesting calculations:

Earth Event

Age

2537 = Liberation from Egypt (Mount Sinai 3 months later)

+2 = Moses takes a census prior to Canaan campaign

2539

2973 = King David begins his reign in Hebron/Arba

+40 = King David rules 40 years

3013 = King David's reign ends (plus 6 months actually)

3013 = King Solomon begins his reign

+4 = Construction of Temple begins

3017 = Age of Earth when Temple construction began

2537 = From liberation from Egypt

+480 = To start of Temple construction

3017 = My calculations are exact to the year

If we look at the previous figures from a purely secular perspective, and convert them to historical dates, as have been established by worldly historians, we can discover yet another amazing "coincidence". According to the historical record, King David's reign began around 1010 BC. Being as David reigned for a total of 40.5 years, this means that his son, Solomon, began to reign around 969-970 BC.

Now, this is where it gets rather interesting again. If we subtract 430 years -- yes, there is that 430 again -- from 969 BC, we end up with a date of 539 BC. Well, according to historical records, in October of 540 BC, Cyrus the Great conquered the great city of Babylon. This means that his first full year in office as the head of what historians refer to as the "Neo-Babylonian Empire", would have been in the year 539 BC. Do you recall from your study of the Bible what Cyrus the Great did during his first year in office? Before I answer that question, allow me to remind you what had happened not quite fifty years earlier in approximately 587 BC, according to historical records:

"And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which is the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem: And he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's house burnt he with fire. And all the army of the Chaldees, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down the walls of Jerusalem round about. Now the rest of the people that were left in the city, and the fugitives that fell away to the king of

Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carry away. But the captain of the guard left of the poor of the land to be vinedressers and husbandmen. And the pillars of brass that were in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brasen sea that was in the house of the LORD, did the Chaldees break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon. And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away. And the firepans, and the bowls, and such things as were of gold, in gold, and of silver, in silver, the captain of the guard took away."

2 Kings 25:8-15, KJV

"In the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it. And in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, the city was broken up. And all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, even Nergalsharezer, Samgarnebo, Sarsechim, Rabsaris, Nergalsharezer, Rabmag, with all the residue of the princes of the king of Babylon. And it came to pass, that when Zedekiah the king of Judah saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls: and he went out the way of the plain. But the Chaldeans' army pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgment upon him. Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah. Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with chains, to carry him to Babylon. And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and brake down the walls of Jerusalem. Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the remnant of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to him, with the rest of the people that remained. But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, which had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time."

Jeremiah 39:1-10, KJV

"And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and built forts against it round about. So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. And in the fourth month, in the ninth day of the month, the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. Then the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden; (now the Chaldeans were by the city round about:) and they went by the way of the plain. But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him. Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; where he gave judgment upon him. And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he slew also all the princes of Judah in Riblah. Then he put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in chains, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death. Now in the fifth month, in the tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard, which served the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem, And burned the house of the LORD, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great men, burned he with fire: And all the army of the Chaldeans, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down all the walls of Jerusalem round about. Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive certain of the poor of the people, and the residue of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude. But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left certain of the poor of the land for vinedressers and for husbandmen."

Jeremiah 52:4-16, KJV

"Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God, and humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of the LORD. And he also rebelled against

king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart from turning unto the LORD God of Israel. Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people, transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen; and polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed in Jerusalem. And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: But they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, till there was no remedy. Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for age: he gave them all into his hand. And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he brought to Babylon. And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof. And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia: To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years."

2 Chronicles 36:11-21, KJV

So there we have four accounts of the third and final siege against Jerusalem by the forces of King Nebuchadnezzar II of Babylon. During this final siege, as you can see, the Temple of Solomon was destroyed, the walls around Jerusalem were torn down, Jerusalem was in large part left in ruins, and a great number of Jews -- many thousands in fact -- were taken to Babylon as slaves. As I explain in other articles, such as the series "The Fruits of Disobedience", this happened as a result of the Jews' descent into serious pagan idol worship and child sacrifices, and their refusal to listen to Jeremiah the Prophet who warned them for forty years, as well as other of God's Prophets. Thus, the Seventy Years of Captivity, that is also known as the Babylonian Exile, or simply the Exile, began. Actually, technically-speaking, it began some years earlier during the first siege, when the young Prophet Daniel

and some of the royal seed were taken to Babylon.

However, even at that time, God had already begun His plan to restore those rebellious, stubborn Jews after they had served their time in Babylon. As you may recall, the Lord's salvation was wrought by the hand of Cyrus the Great, as we see by the following verses:

"Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD spoken by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? The LORD his God be with him, and let him go up."

2 Chronicles 36:22-23, KJV

"Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all his people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he is the God,) which is in Jerusalem. And whosoever remaineth in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem. Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all them whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem. And all they that were about them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, beside all that was willingly offered. Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of his gods; Even those did Cyrus king

of Persia bring forth by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbered them unto Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah. And this is the number of them: thirty chargers of gold, a thousand chargers of silver, nine and twenty knives, Thirty basons of gold, silver basons of a second sort four hundred and ten, and other vessels a thousand. All the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand and four hundred. All these did Sheshbazzar bring up with them of the captivity that were brought up from Babylon unto Jerusalem." Ezra 1:1-11, KJV

Later, in the second chapter of Ezra, we are informed that over forty-two thousand Jews chose to return to Jerusalem at that time, as we see by this verse:

"The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore,"
Ezra 2:64, KJV

Please notice that the Bible very plainly states that Cyrus the Great, or Koresh as he is also known, signed this royal declaration concerning the Jews -- which historians refer to as the "Edict of Restoration" -- during the first year of his reign; that is, the first year of his reign from Babylon. As we saw earlier, according to historical records, this would have been from late 540 BC to late 539 BC. Therefore, if we move forward in time 430 years from the year that the reign of King David ended and King Solomon's reign began, that is, 969-970 BC, we end up exactly with the year 940-939 BC. Now, knowing how God works, do you honestly believe that this is just a mere coincidence? Please consider these amazing facts again:

1. The Israelites were liberated after serving the Egyptians for 430 years, as God had revealed to Abraham.
2. King David's reign began about 430 years later, if we consider minor discrepancies in my time calculations.
3. Cyrus the Great signed the "Edit of Restoration", which liberated the Jews from Babylonian captivity, exactly 430 years after King David's reign ended, and Solomon's reign began.

Whether or not anything significant happened in the history

of the Jews 430 years later, that is, around 110 BC, I'm not certain. As I point out in the article "Happy Hanukkah And Merry Christmas?", the First and Second Centuries BC was the time of the Maccabean revolts against the Seleucid kings of Syria. These revolts were instigated in part when the Jewish religious worship in the Temple -- and throughout Israel -- came to an abrupt end, and was replaced by forced worship of pagan Greek idols, by Antiochus IV Epiphanes during the mid Second Century BC. The Temple in Jerusalem was defiled, and swine and other unclean animals were sacrificed on its altar. But to reiterate, whether or not any historical events of significance occurred precisely in the year 110 BC, I do not know.

But returning to Cyrus the Great, as you may recall from your Bible studies, his signing the "Edict of Restoration" is tied in directly to the "Seventy Weeks" -- or $70 \times 7 = 490$ years -- prophecy which God gave to the Prophet Daniel. As I point out in other articles, this amazing prophecy relates to the timing of the restoration of Jerusalem and the Temple -- as initiated by Cyrus the Great -- the coming of our Messiah and Prince, Jesus Christ, His sufferings upon the Roman Cross and the subsequent destruction of Jerusalem again some forty years later in 70 AD. Here again is the prophecy for your personal consideration:

"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy. Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times. And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."

Daniel 9:24-27, KJV

If there is one thing that the previous calculations and dates prove, it is that the Bible is a very accurate -- to the year, and to the day -- record of historical events, no matter what some secular historians and doubters may claim. God is very interested in precision and accuracy; and every single time prophecy that is found within the pages of the Bible is on a specific timeline, which only God knows, but which He intends to fulfill to the day. As Jesus Himself stated concerning His own Return:

"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only."

Matthew 24:36, KJV

As the Apostle Peter and other writers of the Bible tell us, God is not a man that He should lie, and the Bible is God's "sure word of prophecy", as we see by the following verses:

"God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"

Numbers 23:19, KJV

"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:"

Isaiah 46:9-10, KJV

"And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them."

Ezekiel 33:33, KJV

"I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him. That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past."

Ecclesiastes 3:14-15, KJV

"God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy

sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged."

Romans 3:4, KJV

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:"

2 Timothy 3:16, KJV

"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;"

Titus 1:2, KJV

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts . . . 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 1:19, 21, KJV

"I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name."

Psalms 138:2, KJV

". . . For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven . . . Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word . . . Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever."

Psalms 119:89, 14, 160, KJV

I personally have absolutely no doubt whatsoever concerning the accuracy of the many prophecies that are found in the Bible. I may not understand them all yet, and some of them have indeed baffled me for many years, but nevertheless, I don't doubt them for a minute. Because of my confidence in the Word of God, whenever there seems to be a discrepancy between secular historical dates, and the time frames that are given in the Bible, I will accept the Bible's statement first; because regardless of what certain people may want you to believe, historians are prone to error, and some of their dates are estimates at best. In fact, even historians don't always agree with each other when it comes to names, places and dates.

So what about you? Have you placed your trust in the reliable sure word of prophecy of God's Word, or do you prefer to put your faith in the opinions, theories, speculations, traditions and foolishness of men? If you have unwisely chosen the latter option, then consider the wisdom of the following verses:

"And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."

Ecclesiastes 12:12-14, KJV

"Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men . . . But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence."

1 Corinthians 1:25, 27-29, KJV

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

1 Corinthians 2:14, KJV

"For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness."

1 Corinthians 3:19, KJV

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

Colossians 2:8, KJV

If you truly desire to be wise, then rather than turn to the books which are filled with man's wisdom, turn to God, and to His Book, and ask Him to fill you with the Wisdom of the Holy Spirit, so that you may understand it. As the Scriptures tell us:

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

Matthew 7:7-8, KJV

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

James 1:5, KJV

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

John 14:26, KJV

"If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

Luke 11:13, KJV

"For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;"

1 Corinthians 12:8, KJV

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

Daniel 12:3, KJV

With these verses, I will bring another article to a close. I trust that it has been an inspiration, and a blessing in your life. If you have enjoyed reading this article, please consider sharing its URL with your online friends. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter, Google+, Tumblr, etc, I would also appreciate if you would take the time to click on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thanks so much, and may God bless you abundantly!

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