

# Hermeneutics

God's Infallible Word – Bro. David K Bernard

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# The science of interpretation

**2 Peter 1:20** Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

**21** 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.

# Prophecy Definition

## Thayer Definition:

- 1) prophecy **προφητεία**
- a discourse emanating from divine inspiration and declaring the purposes of God, whether by reproof and admonishing the wicked, or comforting the afflicted, or revealing things hidden; especially by foretelling future events

# Transfiguration of Jesus Christ

## Peter related the transfiguration to the Revelation of the Word of God.

- **2 Peter 1:16** For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, **but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.**
- **17** For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.
- **18** And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were **with him in the holy mount.**

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## John also related the transfiguration to the Revelation of the Word of God.

- [2 Peter 1:19](#) 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:
- John also relates this experience in His Gospel ([John 1:14](#))
- And also in Revelation 19:10
- [Rev 19:10](#) And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See *thou do it* not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: **for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**

# The Bible's Own Testimony

## **The Integrity of Jesus Christ**

Accepted the entire Old Testament as God's Word (Luke 24:44-45)

He said His words are Spirit and Life (John 6:62)

He said the Spirit would lead into all Truth (John 16:13)

He said His words would not pass away, but were eternal (Matt 24:35)

- A person cannot accept Jesus as a man of integrity and yet reject the authority of the Scriptures. Either the Bible is the Word of God as Jesus claimed, or they would have to question the character of Jesus Christ for endorsing this Bible.

# The Divinity of Christ

## The Divinity of Jesus Christ (Dual nature revelation)

- **1 John 4:1** Beloved, believe not every spirit, **but try the spirits whether they are of God**: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.
- **2** Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that **confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh** is of God:
- **3** And every spirit that confesseth not that **Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God**: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

# The Divinity of Christ

**The Divinity of Jesus Christ (Dual nature revelation) is the foundation of proper Interpretation of Scripture**

- It is Heresy to deny the Divinity of Jesus Christ (Jesus is God) and it is also Heresy to deny the true humanity of Jesus Christ (come in the flesh).
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# Completed Word of God

**The Old and New Testament are organically related in harmony**

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## That which is Perfect is come

- **1Corinthians 13:9** For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. **10** But when **that which is perfect is come**, then that which is in part shall be done away. **11** When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.
- **12** For now we see through a glass, darkly; but **then face to face**: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.
- That which is perfect is NOT the completion of Scripture. It doesn't say face to Book, face to Face. That which is perfect is the second COMING of Jesus Christ. The gifts of the Spirit and Mission of the Body of Christ will continue to operate until this occurs.

# The Bible's Own Testimony

## Claims to be the inspired, infallible Word of God

**II Timothy 3:16** – “All scripture is given by the Inspiration of God and is PROFITABLE for Doctrine”

No other holy book (Qur'an, Buddhist, etc..) declares this authority.

## Self-Vindicating Authority

The Bible speaks with such authority and power and needs no defense, it speaks for itself.

## The Testimony of the Apostles and Prophets

The prophet and apostles who wrote the scriptures testified that they spoke by the Spirit of God. No other holy book has multiple authors from different times with most of the writings not knowing the others yet such unity between the writers, Divine Inspiration is on display.

# We are complete in the WORD

## Logic:

- We are complete in Jesus Christ (Col 2:10)
- Jesus is the WORD made flesh (John 1:1-14)
- Then we are complete in the Word of God
  - No additional revelations (Scripture) required
  - Muslims, Mormons, etc that come up with extra revelations not coming from source that Inspired Truth
  - If it is TRUE it is Not NEW. If it is NEW then it is Not TRUE.
- Eph 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner *stone*;

# Scripture interprets itself

- **Isaiah 28:9** Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? *them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.*
- **Isa 28:10** For **precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:**
- **Isa 28:11** For with **stammering lips and another tongue** will he speak to this people.

We will continue to come back to the fundamental blocks of this teaching as it defines the proper methods of seeking knowledge and understanding doctrine. Notice verse 11 – speaks of the Holy Ghost (500+ years before it was poured out) as a critical component of proper understanding and knowledge from God.

# The Messianic Prophecies

- **Act 3:21** Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.
- **Act 3:22** For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.
- **Act 3:23** And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.
- **Act 3:24** Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.
- **Act 3:25** Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.
- Peter identified **Deut. 18** as speaking of Jesus Christ.

# The Messianic Prophecies

- The Gospel of Jesus Christ through Prophecy chose men
- John and Ezekiel proclaim the same beasts
- Eze 1:10 As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a **man**, and the face of a **lion**, on the right side: and they four had the face of an **ox** on the left side; they four also had the face of an **eagle**.
- Rev 4:7 And the first beast *was* like a **lion**, and the second beast like a **calf**, and the third beast had a face as a **man**, and the fourth beast *was* like a flying **eagle**.

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- Islam points out that there is a discrepancy of the lineage according to the Gospel of Matthew and the Gospel of Luke and therefore the NT has error and can't be trusted.
- However, further investigation proves that this is not the case.



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- Matthew – **Lion** – King – the lineage of his Gospel goes through the lineage of the Kings of Israel focusing on the fulfillment of the Messiah to sit on the Throne of David. Jesus is referred to as the LION of the Tribe of Judah.

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- Mark – Ox – Servant (pulling the plow) the shortest Gospel which describes all of the miracle of Jesus Christ, and portrays the Messiah as a Servant to all men.

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- Luke – **Man** – Humanity – the Beloved Physician, a candidate qualified to portray the humanity of the Messiah and later the Acts of the Holy Ghost (Luke part 2). His lineage is the true human lineage to Mary representing Jesus' Human line.

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- John – **Eagle** – Deity The portrayal of Jesus Christ as the Word (Logos) made flesh, the Comforter, and I AM (John 8) the Gospel of Divinity.

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- **Rev 1:5** And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,
- **6** And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.
- **7** Behold, he cometh with clouds; **and every eye shall see him, and they *also* which pierced him:** and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.
- **8** I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, **the Almighty.**

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- **Zec 12:10** And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: **and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced**, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.
- **Zec 13:6** And *one* shall say unto him, **What are these wounds in thine hands?** Then he shall answer, **Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.**

# My God My God why has thou forsaken me...

- Jesus quoted Psalm 22 before dying at Calvary. He did so to shed amazing Light on the Truth of God in Christ. Hundreds of years before, David in this Psalm was able to proclaim what the Messiah was actually feeling on the Cross, so that God in His Wisdom could demonstrate and communicate the foreknowledge of the Spirit of God, and the suffering of the humanity of Christ through the heart and mouth of an obedient man after His heart, the beloved David.
- Have a look at the precise and exact evidence of the Spirit of God proclaiming what Jesus was experiencing in the crucifixion:

# My God My God why has thou forsaken me...

- [Psa 22:11](#) Be not far from me; for trouble *is* near; for *there is* none to help.
- [Psa 22:13](#) They gaped upon me *with* their mouths, *as* a ravening and a roaring lion.
- [Psa 22:14](#) I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels.
- [Psa 22:15](#) My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death.
- [Psa 22:16](#) For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet.
- [Psa 22:17](#) I may tell all my bones: they look *and* stare upon me.
- [Psa 22:18](#) They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.
- [Psa 22:19](#) But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me.
- [Psa 22:22](#) I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.



# Proper Interpretation

## Historical-Grammatical Context

The true interpretation of the any work of writing has to take into consideration:

- The Author's original intent
- The Historical context
- The Grammatical context
- The intended Audience
- An honest, sincere, and good heart

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