

# THE BIBLE WORD SERIES

*A Brief Study of those Important Words found in the Bible that we need to understand, not just skip over.*

## THE GOSPEL

*“Gospel” means “a message of good news. The word “news” does not appear in the Bible when referring to the “Gospel”. The word used in the New & Old Testament is “good tidings”.*

### **GOOD NEWS - GOD CREATED MAN TO HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM.**

*Genesis 1:26 - Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to our likeness”;*

*Genesis 1:27 -28 - So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; Male & female He created them. Then God blessed them ...*

*Genesis 1:31 - Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.*

*Genesis 2:15 - Then the Lord took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.*

*Genesis 3:8 - And Adam & Eve heard the sound of the Lord walking in the garden ...*

1.    \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No    God created man & woman in His image so they could communicate with Him & enjoy Him.
2.    \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No    God created man and woman with flaws & defects. That is why they disobeyed Him and sinned.
3.    \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No    A perfect God was pleased with the creation of the man & the woman?
4.    \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No    Since God was pleased with the creation man & woman, do you think God was looking forward to spending time with them in the garden?

### **BAD NEWS - MAN AND WOMAN DISOBEYED GOD & FACED JUDGMENT.**

*Genesis 3:6 - So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.*

*Genesis 3:23-24 - Therefore, God send them out of the garden of Eden and placed an angel at the entrance with a flaming sword to prevent them from entering.*

5.    Since God is holy and man & woman disobeyed & were sinful, why did God drive them out of the garden?

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**GOOD NEWS - GOD KNEW THEY NEEDED SOMEONE TO DELIVER THEM FROM JUDGMENT FROM THEIR SIN. HE PROMISED THAT A DELIVERER WOULD COME FROM EVE'S DESCENDENTS.**

*Genesis 3:15 - And speaking to Satan, God said, "I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between you seed and her Seed; He will bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."*

*This is the first reference to the Promised Messiah. The word "Messiah" means "the anointed or chosen deliverer" to the Old Testament Jewish people.*

**ISN'T IT INCREDIBLE AND AMAZING THAT THE WORDS "CHRIST" AND "SON OF GOD" MEAN THE SAME THING?**

6. Check the qualifications that the Old Testament Jewish people thought the Promised Messiah must have.
- a. \_\_\_ A male descendent of Jewish King David
  - b. \_\_\_ A human being with two human parents
  - c. \_\_\_ A perfect & Righteous Teacher of God's Law
  - d. \_\_\_ A great political & judicial (judge) leader.
  - e. \_\_\_ Someone able to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem
  - f. \_\_\_ A kind Ruler over all of humanity
  - g. \_\_\_ Someone to bring peace to the whole world
  - h. \_\_\_ Someone able to unite all of humanity
  - i. \_\_\_ Someone Who will establish God's Kingdom on earth

**YES!! YOU SHOULD HAVE CHECKED ALL OF THEM.**

**IS THE PROMISED MESSIAH GOING TO COME FROM THE IMMEDIATE DESCENDENTS OF ADAM & EVE?**

**BAD NEWS - UNFORTUNATELY NOT**

7. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Does Adam qualify? He disobeyed God in the garden.
8. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Do Cain or Abel qualify? Cain killed Abel; so, Cain is a murderer & Abel is dead.
9. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No How about any of the other descendants leading up to the time of Noah? Those people were all so wicked that God destroyed them all with a flood (except Noah's kin).

**GOOD NEWS - GOD KNEW THEY NEEDED SOMEONE TO DELIVER THEM FROM JUDGMENT FROM THEIR SIN. HE PROMISED THAT A DELIVERER WOULD COME FROM ABRAHAM'S DESCENDENTS. THIS WOULD BE THE PROMISED MESSIAH.**

*Genesis 12:1-3 - Now the Lord had said to Abram, "Get out of your country; and from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing... and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.*

10. If you were a Jew living between after the tower of Babel was built, and through the time Abraham came to the Promised Land, would you:  
\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Get excited about this powerful and Godly man, named Abram, possibly becoming the Messiah?  
\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No If you lived then, would you not look around at the evils of the people in Israel & hope Abram was the One.

## **IS THE PROMISED MESSIAH GOING TO COME FROM THE IMMEDIATE DESCENDENTS OF ABRAHAM?**

**BAD NEWS - UNFORTUNATELY NOT**

11. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Could powerful Abraham be the Promised Messiah? He did not trust God to provide a son (a heir).  
12. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No How about Isaac, the promised son? Of course, he was a bigger liar than his father when they were in other countries due to famines.  
13. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Could Isaac's son, Jacob, be the Messiah? God's choice was to give Jacob the family blessing but Jacob cheated his brother Esau because he did not trust God.

## **IS THE PROMISED MESSIAH GOING TO COME FROM ANYBODY LIVING FROM ABRAHAM TO KING DAVID?**

**GOOD NEWS - WE STILL HAVE THE PROMISE OF A DELIVERER (MESSIAH) GIVEN TO ABRAHAM (GEN. 12:1-3)**

**THANK YOU, LORD, FOR THE GOSPEL OF GENESIS.**

**BAD NEWS -**

*Match the statement with the verse.*

- a. *Man is completely corrupted by sin.* \_\_\_\_\_Romans 6:23  
b. *Man has no desire for God.* \_\_\_\_\_Genesis 3:6  
c. *Man faces separation from God & death.* \_\_\_\_\_Romans 8:7

**MAN NEEDS A DELIVERER FROM EVIL & SIN. THE JEWS ARE STILL WAITING FOR THAT PROMISED MESSIAH. THE BAD NEWS IS THAT THEY MAY BE GETTING DISCOURAGED.**

**GOOD NEWS - WE HAVE THE PROMISE OF A DELIVERER (MESSIAH) GIVEN TO KING DAVID (2 SAMUEL 7:12-17)**

2 Samuel 7:12-17 - *God said to David, “When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the Throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he sins, I will discipline him with the rod of men .... But My mercy shall not depart from him ...and your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before You. Your throne shall be established forever”. (As told by Nathan the Prophet)*

14. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Nathan the prophet told King David these words.  
15. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No “Days are fulfilled” means “when you die”.  
16. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Do you think that this promise that God is making with David here about his kingdom being established is only about David’s immediate descendents, such as Solomon?  
17. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Does the word “forever” seem to indicate that the true Messiah will come long after David & family are gone?  
18. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Do the words “if he sins” rule out David & his immediate family descendents as being the Promised Messiah?

**IS THE PROMISED MESSIAH GOING TO COME FROM ANY OF THE KINGS IN THE KINGLY LINE OF DAVID?**

**BAD NEWS - UNFORTUNATELY NOT. THEY WERE ALL UNPREDICTABLE MEN WERE SINFUL AT TIMES, IDOLATROUS, AND DISOBEDIENT.**

**THANK YOU, LORD, FOR THE GOSPEL OF 2 SAMUEL.**

**GOOD NEWS - THE PROPHET ISAIAH TALKED A LOT ABOUT THE COMING MESSIAH. HE HAS SOME ENCOURAGEMENT.**

*Isaiah 40:9-10 - Oh, faithful of Israel - you who are expecting "good tidings" ....behold, the Lord God shall come with a strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him.*

*Isaiah 52:7 - How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings "good tidings", Who proclaims peace, who brings "glad tidings" of good things, who proclaims Salvation, who says to the faithful in Israel - YOUR GOD REIGNS.*

*Isaiah 61:1 - The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach "Good tidings" to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim Liberty to the captives ....*

**THIS VERY SERIES OF VERSES (ISAIAH 61) WAS QUOTED BY JESUS WHEN HE IN THE SYNAGOGUE IN NAZARETH (LUKE 4:18-19). GET THIS!!!**

**HE TOLD THEM THAT THESE VERSES (PREDICTED YEARS BEFORE BY ISAIAH) HAD COME TRUE THAT DAY BY HIM. (LUKE 4:20)**

19. What two words are seen in all three of the verses above from Isaiah?

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20. Notice the words "strong hand", "rule", "peace", "reigns", "heal". What Kind of a person could accomplish all this?

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*The words "good tidings" means "good news that we are waiting for".*

*The words "good tidings" means "The Gospel".*

*The words "Lord God" means the "Messiah" who will bring the Gospel.*

*The words "Your God reigns" means the "Messiah" who is the Gospel.*

*Notice the words "bring", "proclaim", "Preach"; they all mean "Gospel".*

21. What is your definition of the word "Gospel" so far?

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**SO THE WRITTEN HISTORY OF THE JEWS ENDS AT THE END OF 2 CHRONICLES. THE JEWS ARE STILL IN EXILE (IMPRISONMENT) IN PERSIA. SO FAR, NO PROMISED DELIVERER (MESSIAH) HAS APPEARED, BUT .....**

**THANK YOU, LORD, FOR THE GOSPEL OF ISAIAH.**

**HERE WE COME TO THE NEW TESTAMENT, AND WHAT DO WE FIND? IT STARTS OUT WITH MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE, JOHN.**

**The “good news” (Gospel) of the coming Promised Messiah started in Genesis and has continued to THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW.**

*Matthew 1:1, 20-23 - The books the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham. And Mary will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will Save His people from their sins. So all was done that it might be fulfilled which Was spoken by the Lord through Isaiah the prophet, saying, “Behold, a virgin Shall be with child and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, Which is translated “God with us”.*

22. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No The Gospel of Matthew tells us what we already know that the Messiah will come through the family lines of Abraham and David.
23. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No We have not read or heard any other good news about a Messiah before these verses in Matthew.
24. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No This Son named Jesus is going to deliver His people from their sins. Isn't that what the Messiah is going to do?
25. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Is Matthew telling us that the Promised Deliverer, the Anointed Messiah, this Jesus, is the One the Jews have been waiting & hoping for since Genesis days?

**GOOD NEWS - JESUS THE CHRIST IS THE PROMISED MESSIAH.**

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*Mark 1:1, 9-11 - The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. After Jesus was Baptized by John and He came up out of the water, the heavens opened, and The Spirit descended upon Him like a dove. Then a voice came from heaven, “You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”*

26. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Do you think it is obvious in this verse that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?
27. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Since the words “Christ”, “Anointed One”, “Messiah”, And “Son of God” all mean the same thing, can we agree that Jesus Christ is the long-awaited Messiah & Deliverer from sin since Genesis days?

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**The “good news” (Gospel) of the coming Promised Messiah started in Genesis and has continued to THE GOSPEL OF LUKE.**

*Luke 1:35 - And the angel answered Mary and said, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and The power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be Born will be called the SON OF GOD.”*

28. What is the child to be born called? \_\_\_\_\_  
29. This child will not be “begat” by a human father. Who will cause Mary to be pregnant? \_\_\_\_\_

**GOOD NEWS - JESUS THE CHRIST IS THE PROMISED MESSIAH.**

**The “good news” (Gospel) of the coming Promised Messiah started in Genesis and has continued to THE GOSPEL OF JOHN.**

*John 1:1,14 - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.... And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we saw His glory, the glory of the one and only Son of the Father, full of grace & truth.*

*John 3:16-17 - For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, so that whoever believes in will not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world THROUGH HIM might be saved.*

**GOOD NEWS - JESUS THE CHRIST IS THE PROMISED MESSIAH.**

**What is the GOSPEL?**

30. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 The \_\_\_\_\_, burial, and \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.  
31. Romans 1:16 The power of God unto \_\_\_\_\_,  
To everyone who believes.  
32. Colossians 2:12-13 Believers are buried with Christ through \_\_\_\_\_  
For the forgiveness of sins & rise to new life.  
33. Romans 6:23 The gift of \_\_\_\_\_ .

**GOOD NEWS = THE GOSPEL**

**ALL THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT YEARS, THEY TOLD US  
OVER AND OVER - JESUS IS THE GOSPEL - THE GOOD NEWS.**