



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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MISTAKES IN THE BIBLE

Some people fail to acknowledge the above written fact about the Bible. Some people deny that there are any mistakes in it at all. Others simply choose to ignore this obvious fact. Make no mistake; our Bibles are filled with them. From Genesis to Revelation, there's hardly a book that is without an abundance of mistakes. Here is a brief list of five mistakes in the first half of the book of Genesis alone:

1. **Genesis 3:6-13** – Adam and Eve made the mistake of disobeying God.
2. **Genesis 4:1-15** - Cain made the mistake of offering an unacceptable sacrifice to God and then made the mistake of killing his brother in jealousy.
3. **Genesis 6:1-8** – the world made the mistake of thinking God didn't care how they conducted themselves.
4. **Genesis 18:9-15** - Sarah made the mistake of laughing at what God said was possible.
5. **Genesis 18:16** - Sodom and Gomorrah made the mistake of abandoning all that is right and pure.

There are still sixty-five books left in the Bible with more mistakes than we could possibly list. Perhaps, now that this has been cleared up, the next time someone says to you, "The Bible is full of mistakes," you can then reply, "I know it is!" Just be sure to explain to them what you REALLY mean by that. Perhaps these examples will help us in the future. Someone once said, "A fool learns from his mistakes. A wise man learns from the mistakes of others!"

Jason Hart

READING THE BIBLE

Recently across my computer screen have come several statements concerning an article about how Americans are now reading the Bible. Some are saying that reading the Bible literally is not the best way for the 21st century. Sadly, some are encouraging rejection of creation and all the other miracles of Scripture, including the miracles of Jesus.

What is the best way to read the Bible? More importantly, how does God want us to read His Word?

Do we read with the reverence the Bible deserves (**Psalm 119:33-40**)? Do we read it trying to fit it into our lives and the way we want to live? Do we read it to try to find contradictions and mistakes in its logic? Do we read it as another history book with a hidden agenda or simply as another history book? Do we read it as a good story book but not as one filled with absolute truths? Do we read it as “fill in the blanks,” meaning that we believe God has not given enough to us and we have to add to and assume things He chose not to reveal (**II Peter 3:14-18**)?

Do we read with the attitude that the Bible can change our lives and save our souls? (**II Timothy 3:14-15**). Do we read it with open eyes to see God’s love and His Son’s willing sacrifice that shows God’s immeasurable love, mercy and grace to mankind? Do we read it searching to know God to a greater degree and to be clothed with His attitudes, His thoughts and His love (**II Peter 1:2-8**)?

About 40 men were given the Holy Spirit guided gift of writing the words of God for all people. The Bible is God’s Word (**II Timothy 3:16-17**). Written over a 4,000 year period, woven together by truths and the theme of God’s Son, the Bible is a complete book. A book filled with God’s love, telling of His nature to see man willing to return to a glorious place He created for man to spend eternity (**Galatians 3:22-25**). The Bible – the book that is God-breathed – is His inspired word. These are the words that God, our Creator, wants us to know, understand, and obey (**II Timothy 2:15**). Are we willing to read the Bible God’s way?

Jamie Cox