



Major Bible Themes

52 VITAL DOCTRINES OF THE SCRIPTURE
SIMPLIFIED AND EXPLAINED

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Chapter One The Bible: The Word of God

Step # One

Find the Outline



MBT Chapter One Outline

A. Internal Evidence

B. External Evidence

- 1.The continuity of the Bible.
- 2.The extent of biblical revelation.
- 3.The influence and publication of the Bible
- 4.Subject matter of the Bible.
- 5.The Bible as literature
- 6.The unprejudiced authority of the Bible.
- 7.The supreme character of the Bible.

Understand It



MBT Chapter One Outline

A. Internal Evidence

(Scripture passages saying it is Gods Word)

B. External Evidence

(Proofs outside the Bible)

1. The continuity of the Bible.

(Many authors over time but one book)

2. The extent of biblical revelation.

(Presents comprehensive Truth)

3. The influence and publication of the Bible

(For thousands of years it is the most published)

Understand It



MBT Chapter One Outline

4. Subject matter of the Bible.

(It talks about the unknowable)

5. The Bible as literature

(Has poetry and drama, stories of love and war)

6. The unprejudiced authority of the Bible.

(Gives the sin and weakness of the best of men)

7. The supreme character of the Bible.

(Man could not have invented Jesus)

Write it Down



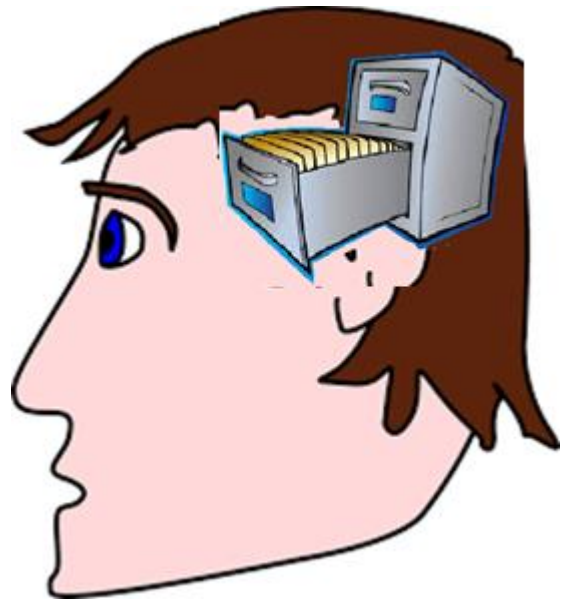
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Memorize it



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Here is an Acrostic to help you...

God's Word...

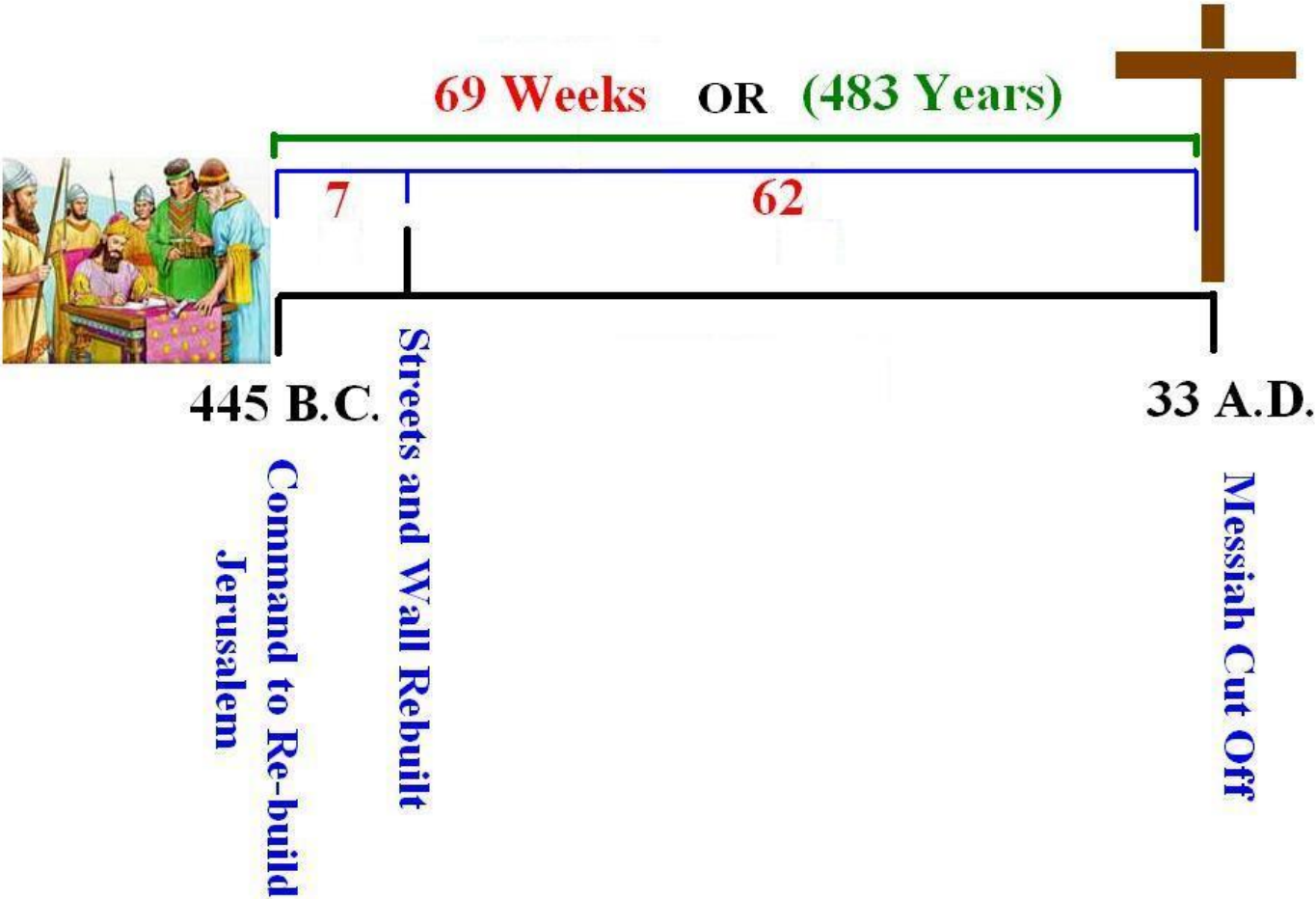
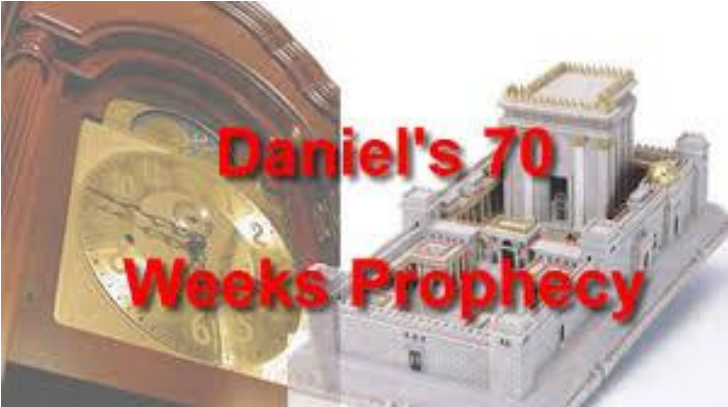
- S** **Subject** matter of the Bible.
- L** **Literature** of the Bible
- I** **Influence** and publication of the Bible
- C** **Continuity** of the Bible.
- E** **Extent** of biblical revelation.
- S** **Supreme** character of the Bible.
- U** **Unprejudiced** authority of the Bible.

What is an Acrostic?

- A.**
- C.** **Carfully**
- R.** **Reasoned**
- O.** **Ordered**
- S.** **Sentence**
- T.** **Tells**
- I.** **It**
- C.** **Clearly**

Additions to external evidence in MBT....

Fulfilled Prophecy



Science

Age of the Earth



Weakening of the magnetic force of the North Pole

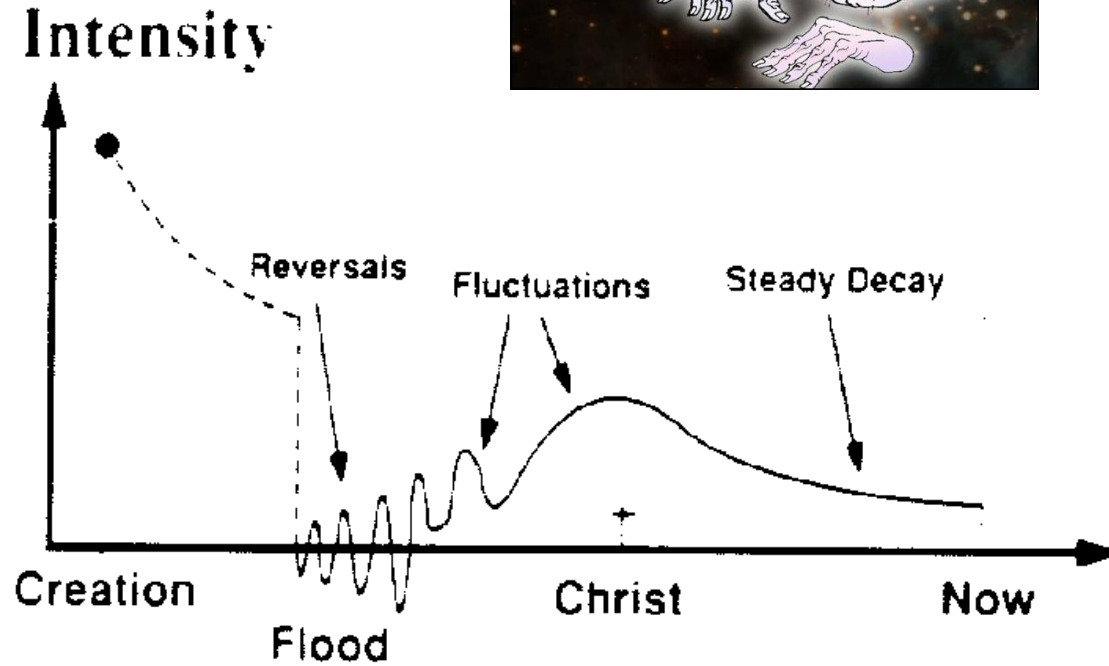
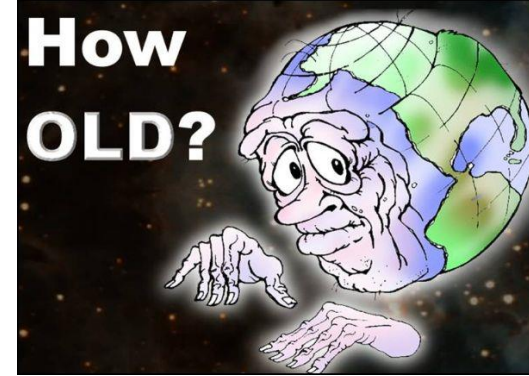


Figure 1. Magnetic field intensity at the earth's surface, from creation to now.

Dr. Barnes set a rough maximum to the initial energy from basic physical considerations, and such a maximum would limit the age to roughly 10,000 years.

Step # Two

Read the Section and look up the passages



A. Internal Evidence

In hundreds of passages, the Bible declares or assumes itself to be the Word of God (Deut. 6:6-9,17-18; Josh. 1:8; 8:32-35; 2Sam. 22:31; Pss. 1:2; 12:6; 19:7-11; 93:5; 119:9,11,18,89-93,97-100,104-5,130; Prov. 30:5-6; Isa. 55:10-11; Jer. 15:16; 23:29; Dan. 10:21; Matt. 5:17-19; 22:29; Mark 13:31; Luke 16:17; John 2:22; 5:24; 10:35; Acts 17:11; Rom. 10:17; 1 Cor. 2:13; Col. 3:16; 1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; 1 Pet. 1:23-25; 2 Pet. 3:15-16; Rev. 1:2; 22:18).

Deut 6:6-9 *And these words that **I command** you today shall be on your heart. You shall **teach** them diligently to your children, and **shall talk of them** when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You **shall bind them as a sign** on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. **You shall write** them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

Deut 6:17-18 *You **shall diligently keep the commandments** of the LORD your God, and his testimonies and his statutes, which he has commanded you. And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may go well with you, and that you may go in and take possession of the good land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers*

Josh 1:8 *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall **meditate on it day and night**, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*

Jos 8:32 *And there, in the presence of the people of Israel, he wrote on the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written.*

2Sa 22:31 *This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.*

Psalms 1:2 *but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.*

Psalms 12:6 *The words of the LORD are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times.*

Psalm 19:7-10 *The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.*

Psalm 93:5 *Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.*

Psalm 119:9 *How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word.*

Psalm 119:11 *I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.*

Psalm 119:18 Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law.

Psalm 119:89 Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

Psalm 119:97-99 Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.

Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple

Proverbs 30:5-6 Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. **Do not add to his words**, lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar.

Isa 55:11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; **it shall not return to me empty**, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Jer 15:16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and **your words became to me a joy** and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

Jer 23:9 Concerning the prophets: **My heart is broken within me**; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, like a man overcome by wine, because of the LORD and **because of his holy words**.

Dan 10:21 *But I will tell you what is inscribed in the book of truth: there is none who contends by my side against these except Michael, your prince.*

Mat 5:18 *For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.*

Mat 22:29 *But Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God."*

Mark 13:31 *Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.*

Luke 16:17 *But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void.*

John 2:22 *When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.*

John 5:24 *Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.*

John 10:35 *If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken*

Act 17:11 *Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.*

Rom 10:17 *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.*

1Cor 2:13 *And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.*

Col 3:16 *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

1Thess 2:13 *And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.*

2Tim 2:15 *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.*

2Tim 3:16 *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,*

1Pet 1:23 *since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;*

2Pet 3:16 *as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.*

Rev 1:2 *who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.*

Rev 22:18 *I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book,*

Step # Three

Memorize one Passage per section



Learn general and specific later.

- Highlight key words
- Understand difficult words

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Rebuking those in sin

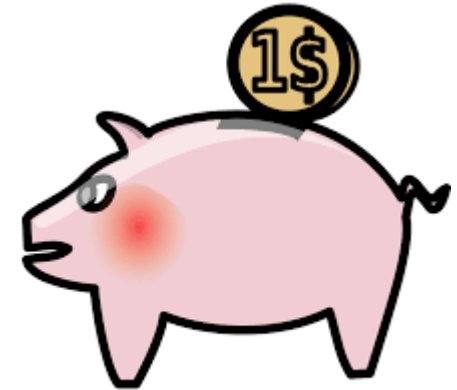
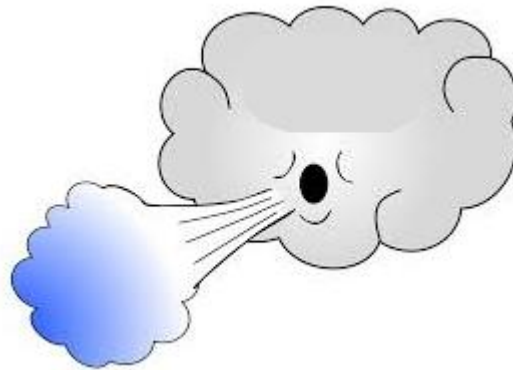
Correcting those in error

Read out loud 5 times what you are trying to memorize



Visualize:

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Put the verse into you phone



Step # Four Take the Test at the end of the chapter

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1. What is the meaning of the word “Bible”?

Book

2. What are the two general lines of evidence that the Bible is the Word of God?

A. Internal Evidence

B. External Evidence

3. Name five passages in the Old Testament and five passages in the New Testament in which the Bible declares or assumes itself to be the Word of God.

Old Testament

a) Deut. 6:6-9

b) Josh. 1:8

c) Josh 8:32-35

d) 2 Sam. 22:31

e) Psalms 1:2

New Testament

a) Matt. 5: 17-19

b) Acts 17:11

c) Rom 10:17

d) 1 Cor. 2:13

e) 2 Tim 2:15

4. Name six perfections, with six corresponding transformations of human character, which the Word accomplishes, according to Psalm 19:7-11.

Perfection

a) Perfect

b) Sure

c) Right

d) Pure

e) Clean

f) True

Transformation of Character

a) Converts the Soul

b) Wise the Simple

c) Rejoices the Heart

d) Enlightens the Eye

e) Endures Forever

f) Servant Warned

5. Why is the continuity of the Bible an evidence of its inspiration

One of the most amazing facts about the Scripture is that though it was written by more than forty authors living over a period of about 1,600 years, the Bible is nevertheless one book, not simply a collection of sixty-six books. Its authors came from all walks of life, kings, peasants, philosophers, fishermen, physicians, statesmen, scholars, poets, and farmers. They lived in different cultures, in different experiences and often were quite different in character. The Bible has a continuity which can be observed from Genesis to Revelation

6. What are some of the evidences of continuity in the Bible?

40 Authors, 1600 years, One book

7. How does the Bible differ from other books in the extent of its revelation of truth?

No other book attempts to present comprehensive truth

8. How does the extensive publication of the Bible relate to its transforming power?

In our modern day, the influence of the Bible continues to be transforming. To the unsaved it is the "sword of the Spirit" , and to the saved it is a cleansing, sanctifying, and effective power

9. Relate the supernatural character of the Bible to its subject matter.

The supernatural character of the Bible is seen in the fact that it deals as freely with the unknown and otherwise unknowable as it does with that which is known and is always accurate

10. Evaluate the Bible as literature

It contains not only graphic history but detailed prophecy, beautiful poetry and drama, stories of love and war, the speculations of philosophy as over against the finality of biblical truth

11. How can the human authorship be related to the unprejudiced authority of the Bible?

The Bible unhesitatingly records the sin and weakness of the best of men, and graphically warns those who rely on their own virtues of their ultimate doom.

12. Relate the Bible as a supernatural book to Jesus Christ as a supernatural person

The Bible is a supernatural book revealing the person and glory of God as manifested in His Son. Such a person as Jesus Christ could never have been the invention of a mortal man.