

Information of the Author

Originally I only listed my name and contact information so that those using this web page and reading the documents had someone that they could blame when they did not like what was written. Now in reflection as to the number of people looking at the author page I decided to give information on myself for better background understanding to those reading the documents.

I was blessed by the Lord in being given a good amount of ability and also experience in using and further developing that ability through my careers over a long number of years. It was in late 2013 that a little voice told me to use my abilities and experience and study the Bible in the same manner that I study documents and books. As I started it was a short time before I was writing what I was learning for my own use. A little later I decided to write the documents in order to help guide others to what the Bible was telling us. Even with my abilities I could not have understood the depth of what the Bible was telling us, it was the action of the Fathers spirit opening the profound understanding of a specific scripture into my mind. This was an electrifying or shocking experience and what I refer to as spiritual learning. Once this first occurred it continued to happen over and over as I studied. These continued revelations along with the occasional little voice guiding me has resulted in clarity for many themes and documents allowing others to use these as a guidance. Never take what I write as truth or anyone else, always check everything with God's word and keep only that which is in keeping with the word. It is up to you to start in using the documents as a guide in order for you to study the word directly for yourself and to learn the truth. Always look for scripture that might say the opposite of what is presented in the documents.

Knowing how I study and write will help you understand how the information addressed in the various documents comes about. First I take the approach of a detective not having any preconceived idea of what it is that is to be studied. This is easy for me to do as a result of my careers and training, not easy for the large majority of the population to do. It is nearly impossible for pastors who have learned the Bible in a Bible college, since it is taught and not learned from their own direct study of God's word. Once a religious concept has been learned that is in error a pastor can not let go of what they learned and see the truth. To see the truth one must be able to let go of preconceived ideas and let the Bible itself tell you what is being said.

Second I select a topic and then collect all the scripture I can find that addresses that theme or topic. Once all the verses are gathered, then I see what they are saying, if one says something contrary to the large majority, then I need to study that one that is different in more depth. This is done by going back and examining the **context** in which the scripture is given. Also I compare the same verse to roughly 30 other Bibles and see if other insight can be obtained by different wording that is used. Then I read commentaries, from others through history, on what they think is being said. If this does not resolve the problem then Strong's concordance is used. If this still does not resolve the problem then Lexicons are used. Lexicons are an indepth dictionary of words well beyond what one finds from Strong's concordance. If I need to go further I use five different special study books written by different Jewish scholars. I have always found that this approach resolves the problem. This approach of gathering all the scripture one can find that focuses on the same theme or topic is one of letting the Bible interpret itself, easily said by many

others but not easily done. If you have done this correctly then later as you are reading your Bible you will find other scriptures that you missed in your original search that will reinforce what your study showed. Only seldom does a scripture that seems to say different to the large majority occur, and you must resolve this in order to properly go forward.

Third understand that the original Bible both Old and New testaments were written in Hebrew or Aramaic. Much of this was lost although some is recently surfacing. The main Bible we use today for the Old Testament is based upon the Septuagint which is a Greek translation of the original Hebrew. It was later translated back into Hebrew and hence Strong's numbers for the Old Testament are in Hebrew. The New Testament was translated from Hebrew into Greek and much of the original Hebrew was lost, so that Strong's numbers for the New Testament are in Greek. There are bridges between the Old and New Testament for a few scriptures, these are verses in the Old Testament that are repeated in the New Testament. These are important as they allow us to determine the Hebrew word and gain much deeper insight than what we obtain from the Greek word. There are a number of critical words where using the Hebrew increases clarity and depth of understanding. The most important word is that of God, which is Elohim in Hebrew and has a multitude of meanings, not always meaning God. Thus context becomes all important as does the Hebrew understanding of some words.

Fourth I apply logic, the Bible is phenomenally logical although most do not see or recognize this, logic is a major strength that I have developed from experience in education and scientific research.

Fifth one must understand God's way of counting of days, months and years. This is not the same manner that man counts. The days are counted from sunset to sunset. The night first, from sunset to sunrise and then the daylight portion, from sunrise to sunset. The weeks are a seven day cycle, identification and counting given to the Israelites at Mount Sinai and kept to this day. Note that in Jesus time He did not correct the Jews, thus they were keeping the correct day for the Sabbath or seventh day of the week. The months are counted using the first sighting of the new moon, the first little sliver of light at the edge. Twelve new moons make a year. The first day of the year or new years day is Nisan 1 and that occurs usually somewhere in our March, according to the Gregorian calendar.

Sixth one must know the depth of meaning of the Holy Days of God. They outline the history of man on the present world and special events that occur along the way. They are an outline of the most important steps of prophecy. Some are fulfilled and others are still awaiting fulfillment. Like many things in the Bible there is a lot of duality, in this case it occurs in the meanings of the Holy Days.

Seventh one must know the personal characteristics of God, which is a topical study itself. In addition one needs to identify the personal characteristics that God wants us to develop. These are of major importance in studying and learning God's word and in walking forward.

Eighth one needs to pay special attention to context. Context is everything, it is easy to read scripture out of context which leads you down the wrong path. Not so easy to read things in context, it requires deep thought and knowledge of the culture and the time the Bible was written and how society lived at the time, who is talking and to who it is directed. Note that the New

Testament was written by Jews and directed to Jews, it was not written by Gentiles or directed to Gentiles. This is not to say that the lessons in the New Testament are only for the Jews, they are for both Jews and Gentiles, but to read in context you must recognize who is speaking and to who it is being spoken. In other words when Jesus was speaking to the Jews, they were keeping all of God's laws, so Jesus did not have to tell them to keep the Sabbath or any other law, as an example, He only needed to tell them how to better keep them.

Ninth one needs to focus on the important or key themes of the Bible, especially those that relate to salvation. If you do not get the key themes correct, it does not matter how many incidental themes you get correct. Also understand that there are two requirements to salvation, these are growing with the right heart and second walking forward in obedience on the narrow path. You must walk forward with both of these together.

Tenth understand that 95% of scripture is literal, it means what it says. Anyone that can read and reason can come to an understanding of all the important messages it gives us.

I am an academic, and a scholar, and have abilities of seeing and using logic for things, conducting analysis, evaluation, correlation and identification of key themes, without bringing preconceived ideas into the studies. My background is mechanical engineering and my titles are both Dr. and Professor. My approach through life has always been to be thorough.