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Although the first man (Adam) was created out of the dust of the ground, the first woman (Eve) was created from the rib of the first man.

- **Genesis 2:22:** "And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man."

Although the serpent tempted Eve, Eve was the one who tempted Adam.

- **Genesis 3:6:** "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."

Although God punished Cain for murdering his brother, He didn't put him to death. (That being said, Cain did die eventually.) Instead God punished him by cursing the ground (meaning his ability to reap a harvest would be diminished) and turning him into a fugitive.

- **Genesis 4:11-12:** "And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth."

Although the flood waters were gone by the first day of the first month, the ground wasn't dry until the twenty-seventh day of the second month.

- **Genesis 8:14:** "And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried."

Although Pharaoh had taken Sarai away from Abram, he hadn't taken her as his wife.

- **Genesis 12:19:** "Why saidst thou, She is my sister? so I might have taken her to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take her, and go thy way."

When Abram went to war against Chedorlaomer in order to rescue Lot, his allies Aner, Eschol, and Mamre (all Amorites) joined forces with him (**although** it's not clear if they were the only three people who helped, or if they brought their own soldiers as well).

- **Genesis 14:24:** "Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion."

When Abraham asked God to bless Ishmael, God told him that **although** He was indeed going to bless Ishmael, He was going to make His covenant with Isaac.

- **Genesis 17:20-21:** "And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, which Sarah shall bear

unto thee at this set time in the next year."

Although Lot claimed that his two daughters were virgins, they were both actually married.

- **Genesis 19:14:** "And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law."

Although Abimelech had taken Sarah, he hadn't had sex with her.

- **Genesis 20:4, 6:** "But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, LORD, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation? ... And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her."

When Abraham told people that Sarah was his sister, he was telling a half truth. **Although** it was true that Sarah was his sister, it was much more important that she was his wife (which was a fact he deliberately concealed).

- **Genesis 20:12:** "And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife."

Abraham gave Isaac his name (**although** God was the one who said his name should be called Isaac).

- **Genesis 21:3:** "And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac."

Although Abimelech said he hadn't heard that his servants had taken a well away from Abraham, he didn't offer to return it or to make restitution for taking it.

- **Genesis 21:26:** "And Abimelech said, I wot not who hath done this thing; neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I of it, but to day."

Although Abraham took two young men with him on the journey to sacrifice his son Isaac, he didn't bring them with him when it came time to sacrifice Isaac. Instead he left them behind with his donkey.

- **Genesis 22:5:** "And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you."

Although God commanded Abraham to offer Isaac as a burnt offering, He stopped Abraham from doing it.

- **Genesis 22:12:** "And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me."

Although Ephron was polite to Abraham, he treated him very poorly. The price that he charged Abraham for the land was vastly more than it was worth.

- **Genesis 23:15:** "My lord, hearken unto me: the land is

worth four hundred shekels of silver; what is that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy dead."

Although Abraham's oldest servant went to a place where he knew women would soon be gathering, the first thing he did before talking to any of them was pray that God would provide.

- **Genesis 24:12:** "And he said O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and shew kindness unto my master Abraham."

When Abraham's oldest servant asked Laban's household how they were going to respond to his request to take Rebekah to Isaac, the people who gave him an answer were Rebekah's brother and father. Rebekah wasn't asked and didn't give her opinion (**although** she was asked the following day).

- **Genesis 24:49-51:** "And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to the left. Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceedeth from the Lord: we cannot speak unto thee bad or good. Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD hath spoken."

Although Abraham had children other than Isaac, Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac.

- **Genesis 25:5-6:** "And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac. But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the

east country."

Although Abraham took pains to find a wife for Isaac who wasn't a Canaanite, it seems that Isaac didn't do the same thing for Esau.

- **Genesis 26:34-35:** "And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite: Which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah."

Although the text says that Jacob loved Rachel, it never says that Rachel loved Jacob.

- **Genesis 29:18:** "And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter."

Although Jacob deceived others, he didn't like it when other people deceived him. (He was quite upset when he discovered he had married Leah instead of Rachel.)

- **Genesis 29:25:** "And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?"

Although Jacob hated Leah (even after she bore him children), God cared about her and watched over her.

- **Genesis 29:33:** "And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the LORD hath heard I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon."

It seems Laban didn't ask Jacob why he wanted to get paid in brown sheep and spotted goats, instead of a normal wage. Apparently Laban wasn't suspicious (**although** he should have been, since Jacob was deceiving him).

- **Genesis 30:31-34:** "And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me any thing: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed and keep thy flock. I will pass through all thy flock to day, removing from thence all the speckled and spotted cattle, and all the brown cattle among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats: and of such shall be my hire. So shall my righteousness answer for me in time to come, when it shall come for my hire before thy face: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted stolen with me. And Laban said, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word."

The only thing that stopped Laban from violently attacking Jacob and his family was divine intervention. After God appeared to Laban in a dream and told him to leave Jacob alone, Laban reluctantly decided not to attack them (**although** he clearly still wanted to.)

- **Genesis 31:29:** "It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad."

The reason the sons of Jacob lied to Shechem and Hamor, and decided to commit mass murder, was because Shechem had

sex with Dinah outside of marriage. (**Although** what Shechem did was wrong, what the sons of Jacob did was vastly worse.)

- **Genesis 34:13:** "And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father deceitfully, and said, because he had defiled Dinah their sister:"

Although Rachel named her last son "Benoni" ("son of sorrow"), Jacob changed his name to "Benjamin" ("son of my right hand").

- **Genesis 35:18:** "And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin."

When Judah approached Tamar (thinking that she was a prostitute), he didn't recognize the voice of his own daughter-in-law. **Although** she spoke to him, he didn't realize who she was.

- **Genesis 38:16:** "And he turned unto her by the way, and said, Go to, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee; (for he knew not that she was his daughter in law.) And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me?"

Although Tamar only had sex with her father-in-law Judah once, she gave birth to twins.

- **Genesis 38:27:** "And it came to pass in the time of her travail, that, behold, twins were in her womb."

Although God gave a prophetic dream to Pharaoh, He didn't

tell him how to interpret that dream. Pharaoh had to obtain the interpretation from Joseph (who knew God and followed Him.)

- **Genesis 41:25:** "And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do."

Although the sons of Jacob never suffered any consequences for the many terrible things they did, they weren't put in charge of Egypt. Instead that role was given to the one person in their family who did what was right in God's sight.

- **Genesis 41:41:** "And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt."

Although there was a famine throughout Egypt and the surrounding nations, there was still food in Egypt (because Joseph had prepared for the coming famine during the seven years of plenty).

- **Genesis 41:54:** "And the seven years of dearth began to come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread."

When the sons of Jacob went to Egypt to buy food, they told Joseph that one of their brothers was gone (**although** they didn't elaborate about what happened to him).

- **Genesis 42:13:** "And they said, Thy servants are twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not."

When the sons of Jacob returned from Egypt to Canaan, they told their father that the lord of Egypt had told them they could leave (**although** they had to leave one brother behind).

- **Genesis 42:33:** "And the man, the lord of the country, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye are true men; leave one of your brethren here with me, and take food for the famine of your households, and be gone:"

Although Reuben tried to stop harm from coming to both Joseph and Benjamin, even Reuben didn't tell his father Jacob the truth about what happened to Joseph. All of them lied about it until Joseph exposed the lie and it could no longer be hidden.

- **Genesis 42:36-37:** "And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me. And Reuben spake unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again."

The specific accusation that Joseph wanted his steward to make against Jacob's sons was that they had returned evil for good. (**Although** they hadn't taken Joseph's silver cup, they had treated Joseph badly in the past, and returned evil for good in that situation.)

- **Genesis 44:4:** "And when they were gone out of the city, and not yet far off, Joseph said unto his steward, Up, follow after the men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for

good?"

Jacob put a difference between Ephraim and Manasseh, and any other children that Joseph might have after them (**although** it doesn't appear Joseph had any other children).

- **Genesis 48:5-6:** "And now thy two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine. And thy issue, which thou begetttest after them, shall be thine, and shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance."

When God commanded Moses to return to Egypt, Moses tried to take his family with him (**although** it seems they left him along the way).

- **Exodus 4:20:** "And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God in his hand."

God sent Moses to Pharaoh to tell him that **although** God commanded him to free His people, he wouldn't listen.

- **Exodus 7:16:** "And thou shalt say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear."

Moses told Pharaoh that **although** he was going to stop the plague of hail, he knew Pharaoh didn't fear the Lord and

wasn't going to let the Israelites go.

- **Exodus 9:29-30:** "And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the Lord; and the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou mayest know how that the earth is the Lord's. But as for thee and thy servants, I know that ye will not yet fear the LORD God."

Although the Israelites looted Egypt when they left, the Egyptians willingly gave their jewelry to the Israelites. The Israelites didn't take it by force, but instead it was given to them.

- **Exodus 11:2-3:** "Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, jewels of silver and jewels of gold. And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people."

In the Passover people could offer either a sheep or a goat. This means it didn't have to be a lamb (**although** it seems a lamb was generally used).

- **Exodus 12:5:** "Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:"

Although God permitted Moses to come up the mountain to see Him, He didn't permit the Israelites to do that.

- **Exodus 19:21:** "And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down,

charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish."

Although God requires people to care for the poor, He doesn't allow them to show partiality to the poor.

- **Exodus 23:3:** "Neither shalt thou countenance a poor man in his cause."

Although the elders of Israel saw God, He didn't kill them.

- **Exodus 24:11:** "And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink."

Although leaven couldn't be included with the sin offering, trespass offering, or burnt offering, it could be included with the peace offering.

- **Leviticus 7:13:** "Besides the cakes, he shall offer for his offering leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offerings."

Although the camel chewed the cud, it didn't have a divided hoof. Therefore under the Mosaic Law the Israelites weren't allowed to eat it.

- **Leviticus 11:4:** "Nevertheless these shall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof: as the camel, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you."

Although the coney chewed the cud, it didn't have a divided hoof. Therefore under the Mosaic Law the Israelites weren't allowed to eat it.

- **Leviticus 11:5:** "And the coney, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you."

Although the hare chewed the cud, it didn't have a divided hoof. Therefore under the Mosaic Law the Israelites weren't allowed to eat it.

- **Leviticus 11:6:** "And the hare, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you."

Although swine had a divided hoof and was cloven footed, it didn't chew the cud. Therefore under the Mosaic Law the Israelites weren't allowed to eat it.

- **Leviticus 11:7:** "And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean to you."

Under the Mosaic Law, the land was to keep a sabbath unto the Lord (**although** this sabbath was every seven *years*, not every seven days).

- **Leviticus 25:2:** "Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD."

Although all the firstborn of the Israelites belonged to God, He took the entire tribe of Levi instead. That tribe was given to God and took the place of all the firstborn of the rest of the

tribes.

- **Numbers 8:18:** "And I have taken the Levites for all the firstborn of the children of Israel."

While they were in the wilderness, both Moses and the Israelites complained (**although** about different things).

- **Numbers 11:11:** "And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me?"

Although Moses was denied entry into Canaan because he didn't believe that God could provide water from a rock by speaking to it, that wasn't the first time he doubted the Lord. Moses also didn't believe that God could provide meat for Israel.

- **Numbers 11:21-23:** "And Moses said, The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen; and thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month. Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them? And the Lord said unto Moses, Is the Lord'S hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not."

Although God spoke to prophets in visions and dreams, that wasn't how He spoke to Moses.

- **Numbers 12:6-8:** "And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make

myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream. My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house. With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the Lord shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?"

Under the Mosaic Law, God would forgive both Israelites and foreigners who sinned in ignorance (**although** they did have to offer sacrifices to make atonement for their sin).

- **Numbers 15:25-26:** "And the priest shall make an atonement for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them; for it is ignorance: and they shall bring their offering, a sacrifice made by fire unto the Lord, and their sin offering before the Lord, for their ignorance: And it shall be forgiven all the congregation of the children of Israel, and the stranger that sojourneth among them; seeing all the people were in ignorance."

Although the Bible records the death of Miriam, it doesn't record the death of either of the wives of Moses.

- **Numbers 20:1:** "Then came the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there."

Although God told Moses to take his rod with him when he went to the rock, Moses was commanded to only *speak* to the rock. He wasn't supposed to use his rod at all.

- **Numbers 20:8:** "Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink."

Although God commanded Moses to speak to the rock, Moses didn't do that. Instead he lifted up his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod. (That's why God didn't allow Moses to enter the promised land. After Moses publicly demonstrated to all of Israel that He didn't believe God, he was given the same punishment as the entire prior generation of Israelites, which was also forbidden from entering the promised land after they publicly demonstrated that they didn't believe God.)

- **Numbers 20:11:** "And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also."

Although Balak was hoping that God would change His mind and curse Israel, God wasn't going to do that. He will never change His mind about Israel.

- **Numbers 23:18-20:** "And he took up his parable, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor: God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it."

Although both the Moabites and the Midianites had tempted Israel to sin, the nation that God commanded Israel to vex was the Midianites, not the Moabites.

- **Numbers 25:16-18:** "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Vex the Midianites, and smite them: For they vex you with their wives, wherewith they have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a prince of Midian, their sister, which was slain in the day of the plague for Peor's sake."

Although God spoke directly to Moses, He wasn't going to speak to Joshua the same way. Instead Joshua would have to inquire of God by going through Eleazar.

- **Numbers 27:18, 21:** "And the Lord said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him; ... And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask counsel for him after the judgment of Urim before the LORD: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation."

Although Balaam did succeed in getting Israel cursed (by tempting them to sin), in the end this led to Balaam's death.

- **Numbers 31:8:** "And they slew the kings of Midian, beside the rest of them that were slain; namely, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian: Balaam also the son of Beor they slew with the sword."

Moses told the Israelites that after the previous generation

refused to enter Canaan, God forbade them from entering. Moses added that God was also angry with him and told him that he wasn't going in either (**although** that didn't happen until 40 years later and had nothing to do with Israel's earlier rebellion).

- **Deuteronomy 1:34-37:** "And the Lord heard the voice of your words, and was wroth, and sware, saying, Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land, which I sware to give unto your fathers. Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed the Lord. Also the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, saying, Thou also shalt not go in thither."

Although Moses wouldn't enter Canaan, Joshua (the servant of Moses) would get to enter the promised land.

- **Deuteronomy 1:38:** "But Joshua the son of Nun, which standeth before thee, he shall go in thither: encourage him: for he shall cause Israel to inherit it."

Although the Israelites wept before God when He forbade them from entering the promised land, He refused to listen to them. (By then it was too late to repent.)

- **Deuteronomy 1:45:** "And ye returned and wept before the LORD; but the LORD would not hearken to your voice, nor give ear unto you."

God talked with the Israelites face-to-face at mount Horeb (**although** they didn't see God and only heard His voice).

- **Deuteronomy 5:4:** "The LORD talked with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire,"

Aaron died at Mosera, **although** this happened at the end of Israel's wanderings in the wilderness and not at their beginning. Moses was telling events out of order.

- **Deuteronomy 10:6:** "And the children of Israel took their journey from Beeroth of the children of Jaakan to Mosera: there Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his stead."

Although the Canaanites offered sacrifices all throughout the land, the Israelites were forbidden from doing that. (Instead they had to offer all their sacrifices at the tabernacle.)

- **Deuteronomy 12:13:** "Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt offerings in every place that thou seest:"

Under the Mosaic Law, if a person refused to marry his brother's widow, and that widow brought a legal accusation against him to the elders of the city, the man could tell the elders that he was refusing to take her (**although** there were consequences for doing that).

- **Deuteronomy 25:7-9:** "And if the man like not to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate unto the elders, and say, My husband's brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel, he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother. Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak unto him: and if he stand to it, and say, I like not to take her; Then

shall his brother's wife come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brother's house."

Although it's a terrible thing to be a slave, it seems it's worse to be a slave that no one is willing to buy.

- **Deuteronomy 28:68:** "And the LORD shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you."

Although God told the Israelites they weren't going to return to Egypt, if they disobeyed Him then God would bring them back to Egypt.

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Although the Israelites had seen with their own eyes the great signs and miracles that God had done, the Lord hadn't given them a heart to perceive them. Even though they saw the miracles they didn't believe.

- **Deuteronomy 29:4:** "Yet the LORD hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day."

Although God didn't allow Moses to enter Canaan, He did allow him to see Canaan before he died.

- **Deuteronomy 32:49:** "Get thee up into this mountain Abarim, unto mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession:"
- **Deuteronomy 34:1-3:** "And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. And the LORD shewed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan, And all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea, And the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto Zoar."

When Moses blessed the Israelites before he died, he said that the tribe of Gad dwelt like a lion. (This seems to mean that **although** the tribe was surrounded by enemies, it dwelt securely.)

- **Deuteronomy 33:20:** "And of Gad he said, Blessed be he that enlargeth Gad: he dwelleth as a lion, and teareth the arm with the crown of the head."

Although the priests blew their trumpets when the Israelites walked around the city of Jericho each day, the rest of the people weren't allowed to speak or shout or make any noise. They had to remain silent during those six days.

- **Joshua 6:10:** "And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout."

Although Israel cried out to God to be delivered from the Midianites, they didn't repent of their idolatry. It seems they expected God to save them even though they were worshiping idols.

- **Judges 6:25:** "And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Take thy father's young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that is by it:"

Although Gideon claimed to be from a poor family, when he went to destroy his father's altar he brought ten of his servants with him.

- **Judges 6:27:** "Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the LORD had said unto him: and so it was, because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, that he could not do it by day, that he did it by night."

Although Gideon had been good to Israel and saved them from the Midianites, when Gideon died the Israelites weren't good to his family. (Specifically, they murdered all but two of his children.)

- **Judges 8:35:** "Neither shewed they kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, namely, Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had shewed unto Israel."

Although the millstone that struck Abimelech's head broke his skull, it didn't kill him instantly.

- **Judges 9:53:** "And a certain woman cast a piece of a millstone upon Abimelech's head, and all to brake his skull."

Although God gave clear instructions about what to do to Manoah's son (Samson) and nothing was omitted, Manoah wanted more information.

- **Judges 13:8:** "Then Manoah intreated the LORD, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born."

Although Samson loved Delilah, Delilah didn't love Samson. (She betrayed him to his enemies.)

- **Judges 16:4-6:** "And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver. And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lieth, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee."

Although Elkanah loved Hannah, he didn't protect her from being tormented and he didn't do anything to address the reason why she was crying.

- **1 Samuel 1:5-8:** "But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the Lord had shut up

her womb. And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the Lord had shut up her womb. And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the Lord, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat. Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?"

Through a man of God, the Lord told Eli that **although** He had previously said that Eli's house would walk before him forever, that would no longer be the case. (Since Eli's house robbed God's sacrifices, He was now against them.)

- **1 Samuel 2:30:** "Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed."

God appeared to Samuel multiple times in his life (**although** it's not clear if Samuel ever saw Him).

- **1 Samuel 3:21:** "And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD."

God told Samuel that **although** he was to give Israel the king they asked for, he was first to solemnly protest.

- **1 Samuel 8:9:** "Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them."

Although Saul sought to violently punish other people for their sins, he refused to be corrected for his own sin or take responsibility for his actions. (When Saul disobeyed God and didn't kill the Amalekites or their livestock, he blamed the failure on the people and pretended that he had nothing to do with it.)

- **1 Samuel 15:14-15:** "And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear? And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed."

Although David served Saul faithfully, Saul kept trying to kill him.

- **1 Samuel 18:21:** "And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son in law in the one of the twain."

Although David took action to protect his father (Jesse) and mother from Saul, he did nothing to protect his wife Michal. He left her behind when he fled, and he never fetched her or moved her to a safe place.

- **1 Samuel 22:3:** "And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said unto the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, and be with you, till I know what God will do for me."

When Jonathan met David in the wilderness of Ziph, he and David made a covenant before the Lord. (It's not clear what that covenant contained, **although** it may have involved Jonathan supporting David after he began reigning over Israel as king.)

- **1 Samuel 23:18:** "And they two made a covenant before the LORD: and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house."

Although Saul asked David to swear an oath that David wouldn't kill Saul's descendants after he died, Saul continued to try to kill David. Saul never repented and never stopped trying to murder him.

- **1 Samuel 24:21-22:** "Swear now therefore unto me by the Lord, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father's house. And David sware unto Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men gat them up unto the hold."
- **1 Samuel 26:2:** "Then Saul arose, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph."

When David lamented the death of Saul, he said that since Saul had been anointed with oil it was a terrible thing for him to be defeated in battle. (**Although** God utterly rejected Saul, David never did. David never accepted the fact that God rejected Saul.)

- **2 Samuel 1:21:** "Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, neither let there be rain, upon you, nor fields of

offerings: for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of Saul, as though he had not been anointed with oil."

When David told Ishbosheth to give Michal back to him, the text is clear that at that time Phaltiel (and not David) was her husband. **Although** Michal had been David's wife, she was no longer his wife and was now the wife of another man. (That meant under the Mosaic Law David couldn't have her back.)

- **2 Samuel 3:15:** "And Ishbosheth sent, and took her from her husband, even from Phaltiel the son of Laish."

Although David married a daughter of Saul, he didn't have any children with her.

- **2 Samuel 6:23:** "Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death."

David told his servants that since his child was dead, he could go to him but his child wouldn't return. (This seems to mean that **although** David would die one day, there was no way David could bring his child back to life.)

- **2 Samuel 12:23:** "But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me."

Although Joab forbade Ahimaaz from bringing news to David, Joab commanded Cushie to bring news to David. (It seems Ahimaaz was used to bring good news, and Cushie was used to bring bad news.)

- **2 Samuel 18:19-21:** "Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that the Lord hath avenged him of his enemies. And Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not bear tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings another day: but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead. Then said Joab to Cush, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And Cush bowed himself unto Joab, and ran."

The men of Israel were jealous. **Although** they were the first people to ask David to return (after Absalom's rebellion had been put down), the ones who actually brought David back across the Jordan river were the men of Judah, not the men of Israel.

- **2 Samuel 19:41:** "And, behold, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said unto the king, Why have our brethren the men of Judah stolen thee away, and have brought the king, and his household, and all David's men with him, over Jordan?"

Although David commanded Amasa to assemble the men of Judah within three days, Amasa failed to do that. (Joab then hunted him down and murdered him for that failure.)

- **2 Samuel 20:5:** "So Amasa went to assemble the men of Judah: but he tarried longer than the set time which he had appointed him."

God told Solomon that **although** He was going to take the kingdom away from him, He wasn't going to do it during his lifetime.

- **1 Kings 11:11-12:** "Wherefore the Lord said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant. Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son."

God said that **although** He was giving ten of the tribes of Israel to Jeroboam, the day was coming when the house of David would once again reign over all of Israel. (This may be referring to the millennium.)

- **1 Kings 11:39:** "And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever."

Although Jeroboam knew that the message the man had given him (that his idols would one day be destroyed) had come from God, and that God had great power, Jeroboam didn't repent of his idolatry.

- **1 Kings 13:6:** "And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before."

Although the man of God knew what the Lord had commanded him, he didn't obey it.

- **1 Kings 13:21:** "And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch

as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee,"

David kept God's commandments and followed the Lord with all his heart. (**Although** he sinned, he repented and was forgiven. David also never worshiped idols.)

- **1 Kings 14:8:** "And rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee: and yet thou hast not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do that only which was right in mine eyes;"
- **1 Kings 15:3:** "And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father."

Although Baasha killed the house of Jeroboam, he was no different from them. He committed the same sins (the idolatry of the golden calves.)

- **1 Kings 16:7:** "And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of the LORD against Baasha, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, in provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because he killed him."

Although Arza was the steward of the house of Elah, it seems that Arza had a house of his own (which was where Zimri assassinated Elah).

- **1 Kings 16:8-9:** "In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years. And his servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him, as he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza steward of his house in Tirzah."

At mount Carmel, **although** the prophets of Baal called on Baal to hear them, no one answered.

- **1 Kings 18:26:** "And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made."

It seems that **although** Elijah repaired the altar on mount Carmel that was broken down, he then built a *second* altar to the Lord in the sight of the Israelites, and used that altar to offer his offering.

- **1 Kings 18:32:** "And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed."

Although Elijah killed the prophets of Baal at mount Carmel, he didn't kill Ahab.

- **1 Kings 18:41:** "And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain."

Although there are several people in the Bible who prayed

that God would kill them (such as Moses and Elijah), God didn't kill any of them.

- **1 Kings 19:4:** "But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers."

Although the Israelites killed 100,000 Syrians, they didn't kill all of them. There were some who escaped (and were then killed by a wall that fell on them).

- **1 Kings 20:29-30:** "And they pitched one over against the other seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day. But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and there a wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand of the men that were left. And Benhadad fled, and came into the city, into an inner chamber."

God told Elijah that since Ahab had humbled himself before Him, He was going to delay His judgment upon Ahab's house (**although** that judgment would still come).

- **1 Kings 21:29:** "Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: but in his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house."

Although there had been 3 years of peace between Israel and Syria, Ahab wanted to attack Syria to obtain Ramoth (which

used to be part of Israel's territory).

- **1 Kings 22:3:** "And the king of Israel said unto his servants, Know ye that Ramoth in Gilead is ours, and we be still, and take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria?"

Although Ahab hated the prophet Micaiah, he hadn't killed him.

- **1 Kings 22:8:** "And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we may enquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so."

Although the husband of the woman who had been helping Elisha was old, it seems the woman herself may not have been old.

- **2 Kings 4:14:** "And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old."

Although the servants of the king asked for five horses to go check the Syrian camp, they ended up only taking two horses.

- **2 Kings 7:13-14:** "And one of his servants answered and said, Let some take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city, (behold, they are as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it: behold, I say, they are even as all the multitude of the Israelites that are consumed:) and let us send and see. They took therefore two chariot horses; and the king sent after the host of the

Syrians, saying, Go and see."

The people who actually put the sons of Ahab to death were the people who raised them. (**Although** Jehu ordered their death, he wasn't the one who carried out the sentence.)

- **2 Kings 10:5, 7:** "And he that was over the house, and he that was over the city, the elders also, and the bringers up of the children, sent to Jehu, saying, We are thy servants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any king: do thou that which is good in thine eyes. ... And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him them to Jezreel."

Although Jehoash told the priests to use the money they collected to repair the temple, they didn't do that.

- **2 Kings 12:6:** "But it was so, that in the three and twentieth year of king Jehoash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house."

Although Amaziah did what was right in the sight of God, he wasn't as faithful as David.

- **2 Kings 14:1, 3:** "In the second year of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel reigned Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah. ... And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like David his father: he did according to all things as Joash his father did."

Although Jehoash warned Amaziah to not attack him,

Amaziah wouldn't listen to him.

- **2 Kings 14:9-11:** "And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle. Thou hast indeed smitten Edom, and thine heart hath lifted thee up: glory of this, and tarry at home: for why shouldest thou meddle to thy hurt, that thou shouldest fall, even thou, and Judah with thee? But Amaziah would not hear. Therefore Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Bethshemesh, which belongeth to Judah."

Although Rezin and Pekah besieged Ahaz, Rezin wasn't able to defeat him.

- **2 Kings 16:5:** "Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome him."

Although Hoshea conspired against the king of Assyria, Hoshea's rebellion didn't succeed.

- **2 Kings 17:4:** "And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea: for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and brought no present to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison."

Although God gave the Israelites the victory over the pagan

nations that once lived in the promised land, the Israelites still walked in the wicked statutes of those nations (instead of walking in God's commands).

- **2 Kings 17:7-8:** "For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the Lord their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made."

Although the foreigners who were settled in Israel (after the kingdom of Israel was conquered) feared God, they also worshiped idols. They didn't walk in God's ways.

- **2 Kings 17:32-33:** "So they feared the LORD, and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places. They feared the Lord, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence."

Although God removed the Israelites from the promised land because of their idolatry, the new nations that settled into that land after the Israelites were removed were also idolatrous.

- **2 Kings 17:33:** "They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence."

Although Jehoram was buried in Jerusalem, he wasn't buried in the sepulcher of the kings.

- **2 Chronicles 21:5, 20:** "Jehoram was thirty and two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. ... Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being desired. Howbeit they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings."

Although the Levites had king's support to repair the temple, they weren't interested in actually repairing it.

- **2 Chronicles 24:4-5:** "And it came to pass after this, that Joash was minded to repair the house of the Lord. And he gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye hasten the matter. Howbeit the Levites hastened it not."

Although the Levites should have been collecting money from the Israelites each year to fund the maintenance of the temple (as the Mosaic Law required), they hadn't been doing that.

- **2 Chronicles 24:6:** "And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection, according to the commandment of Moses the servant of the LORD, and of the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness?"

Although God sent prophets to the people of Judah to turn them back to Him, they wouldn't listen.

- **2 Chronicles 24:19:** "Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear."

Although Amaziah did what was right in the sight of God, he didn't do it with a perfect heart.

- **2 Chronicles 25:1-2:** "Amaziah was twenty and five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a perfect heart."

God doesn't hold children responsible for the wicked acts of their fathers (**although** sometimes the actions of their fathers causes them to suffer).

- **2 Chronicles 25:4:** "But he slew not their children, but did as it is written in the law in the book of Moses, where the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin."

Although Ahaz asked the kings of Assyria to help him, they didn't actually strengthen him. Instead they came to him and distressed him.

- **2 Chronicles 28:20:** "And Tilgathpilneser king of Assyria came unto him, and distressed him, but strengthened him not."

Although Ahaz gave treasure to the king of Assyria (which he

obtained by robbing God) to hire him to help, the king of Assyria didn't help him.

- **2 Chronicles 28:21:** "For Ahaz took away a portion out of the house of the LORD, and out of the house of the king, and of the princes, and gave it unto the king of Assyria: but he helped him not."

Although Hezekiah told people that God was with them, it doesn't seem he actually inquired of God before telling them that.

- **2 Chronicles 32:8:** "With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah."

Even though Josiah repented and destroyed the idols throughout the land, God was still going to bring evil upon Jerusalem and its inhabitants. The repentance of Josiah was unable to turn away God's wrath (**although** it did delay it until after his death.)

- **2 Chronicles 34:28:** "Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again."

Although the Jews began to offer God sacrifices after returning to Jerusalem once the Babylonian exile was over, the foundation of the temple hadn't been laid yet.

- **Ezra 3:6:** "From the first day of the seventh month began

they to offer burnt offerings unto the LORD. But the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not yet laid."

Although King Artaxerxes only commanded the Jews to stop rebuilding Jerusalem, the enemies of the Jews used the letter to stop them from rebuilding the temple as well (even though the king said nothing about the temple, and the letters didn't address the temple at all).

- **Ezra 4:21, 24:** "Give ye now commandment to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until another commandment shall be given from me. ... Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia."

Although the Jews were captives, God hadn't forsaken them.

- **Ezra 9:9:** "For we were bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem."

Shechaniah told Ezra that **although** the Jews had sinned (by marrying pagan women in violation of the Mosaic Law), there was hope (because the people had repented and wanted to do what was right).

- **Ezra 10:2:** "And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have taken strange wives

of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing."

Although a remnant of Jews had returned to Judah (after the Babylonian exile was over), the land of Judah was now filled with foreigners who hated them. This meant the Jews who lived in Judah not only had to deal with the fact that Jerusalem was in ruins, but they also lived among many people who hated them and wanted them to suffer.

- **Nehemiah 4:7:** "But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth,"

Although Nehemiah told the Jews to trust in the Lord and not be afraid, he still prepared the Jews to fight (and gave them weapons to fight with).

- **Nehemiah 4:13-14:** "Therefore set I in the lower places behind the wall, and on the higher places, I even set the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows. And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the LORD, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses."

Although Nehemiah had a plan for the Jews to defend themselves, he didn't trust in the Jews or in their weapons. Instead his full trust was in God to fight for them and defend

them.

- **Nehemiah 4:20:** "In what place therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us."

Although throughout Israel's history God sent prophets to rebuke their sin and command them to repent, the people refused to obey.

- **Nehemiah 9:29-30:** "And testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgments, (which if a man do, he shall live in them;) and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear. Yet many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit in thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the lands."

Although God turned Israel over to their enemies many times (to punish them for their sins), the people stubbornly refused to obey His law.

- **Nehemiah 9:27, 29:** "Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou heardest them from heaven; and according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them saviours, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies. ... And testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgments,

(which if a man do, he shall live in them;) and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear."

Although the Jews had sworn an oath to keep the law of Moses, they had allowed the temple itself to be forsaken and had done nothing about it.

- **Nehemiah 13:11:** "Then contended I with the rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, and set them in their place."

Although the Jews had sworn an oath to keep the Law of Moses, they hadn't done so. Instead of keeping the law they violated it by marrying pagan women, which God had forbidden.

- **Nehemiah 13:23:** "In those days also saw I Jews that had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab:"

Although King Ahasuerus was angry (that Vashti had refused to come to his party when he commanded her to come), he didn't take immediate action. Instead he consulted his wise men to determine what legal action he could take.

- **Esther 1:13, 15:** "Then the king said to the wise men, which knew the times, (for so was the king's manner toward all that knew law and judgment: ... What shall we do unto the queen Vashti according to law, because she hath not performed the commandment of the king Ahasuerus by the chamberlains?"

Although Haman was angry with Mordecai (because he refused to bow down to him), he didn't take any immediate action against him.

- **Esther 5:9-10:** "Then went Haman forth that day joyful and with a glad heart: but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he stood not up, nor moved for him, he was full of indignation against Mordecai. Nevertheless Haman refrained himself: and when he came home, he sent and called for his friends, and Zeresh his wife."

Although Satan killed Job's servants and Job's children, he didn't kill Job's wife.

- **Job 2:9:** "Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die."

Although Job wanted to die, he didn't commit suicide.

- **Job 3:21:** "Which long for death, but it cometh not; and dig for it more than for hid treasures;"

Eliphaz heard God's voice speak to him, he didn't understand it (**although** he *thought* that he understood it). (God told Eliphaz that Job had sinned by claiming to be more righteous than Him. However, Eliphaz completely misunderstood this and interpreted this to mean that God had brought disasters into Job's life because he was evil.)

- **Job 4:17:** "Shall mortal man be more just than God? shall a man be more pure than his maker?"

Although Job believed he had sinned during his life, he didn't

believe he was a wicked person.

- **Job 10:7:** "Thou knowest that I am not wicked; and there is none that can deliver out of thine hand."

Although Job tried to reason with his three friends, they refused to be reasoned with. (Job's friends ignored his arguments and chose to insult him instead of responding to what he actually said.)

- **Job 15:1-3:** "Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said, Should a wise man utter vain knowledge, and fill his belly with the east wind? Should he reason with unprofitable talk? or with speeches wherewith he can do no good?"

Eliphaz claimed that the wicked live in desolate places and run-down houses. He seemed to be utterly unaware that sometimes the wicked live in nice cities and have beautiful houses (**although** how he could be unaware of this is difficult to understand).

- **Job 15:28:** "And he dwelleth in desolate cities, and in houses which no man inhabiteth, which are ready to become heaps."

Eliphaz claimed that the wicked were poor and lived short lives. He seemed to be utterly unaware that sometimes the wicked were wealthy and lived long lives (**although** how he could be unaware of this is difficult to understand).

- **Job 15:29:** "He shall not be rich, neither shall his substance continue, neither shall he prolong the perfection thereof upon the earth."

Job said that his friends had reproached him ten times (**although** it seems they reproached him a *lot* more than that).

- **Job 19:3:** "These ten times have ye reproached me: ye are not ashamed that ye make yourselves strange to me."

Although Job was looking for God, he couldn't find him.

- **Job 23:8:** "Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him:"

Job claimed be more righteous than God. He was saying that **although** God had wronged him, he would never do anything wicked. (Yet it's *exceedingly* wicked to claim to be more righteous than God.)

- **Job 27:2-4:** "As God liveth, who hath taken away my judgment; and the Almighty, who hath vexed my soul; All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils; My lips shall not speak wickedness, nor my tongue utter deceit."

Job said that **although** you can go somewhere and find gold and silver, there's no place you can go to obtain wisdom. The secrets of God are impossible to obtain (unless He chooses to reveal them to us).

- **Job 28:1, 20-21:** "Surely there is a vein for the silver, and a place for gold where they fine it. ... Whence then cometh wisdom? and where is the place of understanding? Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, and kept close from the fowls of the air."

Although Job helped those who were in need, when he was suffering *no one* helped him in any way. Even though he suffered for months, not a single person did anything to help him.

- **Job 29:12:** "Because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him."
- **Job 30:1** "But now they that are younger than I have me in derision, whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock."

Job said that if he was guilty of sin then let his children be killed (**although** by this point all of his children were already dead).

- **Job 31:7-8:** "If my step hath turned out of the way, and mine heart walked after mine eyes, and if any blot hath cleaved to mine hands; Then let me sow, and let another eat; yea, let my offspring be rooted out."

Elihu said that **although** Job and his three friends were great men, they weren't wise and they lacked understanding.

- **Job 32:9:** "Great men are not always wise: neither do the aged understand judgment."

Although other people heard what Job had to say, his words were directed at his three friends, and not to those who may have been listening.

- **Job 32:14:** "Now he hath not directed his words against me: neither will I answer him with your speeches."

Job didn't repent after Elihu spoke to him. **Although** Elihu rebuked him for claiming to be more righteous than God, there's no indication that Job took this to heart. Instead Job only repented after God spoke to him.

- **Job 34:37:** "For he addeth rebellion unto his sin, he clappeth his hands among us, and multiplieth his words against God."
- **Job 35:1:** "Elihu spake moreover, and said,"

Elihu said that **although** Job claimed he couldn't see God, God saw him and was going to hold him accountable for his actions.

- **Job 35:14:** "Although thou sayest thou shalt not see him, yet judgment is before him; therefore trust thou in him."

Elihu said Job multiplied his words without knowledge. (**Although** Job said many things, his words weren't wise.)

- **Job 35:16:** "Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vain; he multiplieth words without knowledge."

Although God spoke to Job, He didn't tell Job why he was being afflicted.

- **Job 38:1-2:** "Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?"

When God told Job that it's wrong to rebuke Him, God didn't

say the reason was because He's always right (**although** God *is* always right). Instead God said that mankind isn't allowed to condemn Him because He's greater than we are.

- **Job 40:9:** "Hast thou an arm like God? or canst thou thunder with a voice like him?"

The leviathan (which was a dragon) was actually a sea creature (**although** it doesn't seem to have been limited to just the water).

- **Job 41:31:** "He maketh the deep to boil like a pot: he maketh the sea like a pot of ointment."

Although the psalmist was surrounded by enemies, he woke up safe and sound (because the Lord protected him).

- **Psalm 3:5:** "I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me."

Although the wicked may have wealth in this life, that's all they'll ever have. (After they die they will face God's judgment and everlasting torment.)

- **Psalm 17:14:** "From men which are thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, which have their portion in this life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid treasure: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes."

Although the psalmist delighted in the Lord, God didn't deliver him from his problems. (This may be a Messianic psalm that's talking about the death of Jesus on the cross.)

- **Psalm 22:7-8:** "All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him."

Although there may be times when we're in great danger, we don't have to be afraid. (This is because God is with us.)

- **Psalm 23:4:** "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Joy comes in the morning. **Although** we may weep for a while, joy will come again.

- **Psalm 30:5:** "For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

The psalmist said that **although** he mourned for others when they were sick, they didn't return the favor. The people he prayed for rejoiced when he was hurting, and actually gathered to fight against him.

- **Psalm 35:13, 15:** "But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom. ... But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: yea, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not; they did tear me, and ceased not:"

Although the saints of God may fall, they won't be utterly cast down. (This is because God is upholding them.)

- **Psalm 37:24:** "Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholdeth him with his hand."

God told the Israelites that **although** they had been offering Him sacrifices, He didn't need them. (This is because God already owns everything.)

- **Psalm 50:8-10:** "I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices or thy burnt offerings, to have been continually before me. I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he goats out of thy folds. For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills."

Although God has kept silent while the wicked do evil things, He won't remain silent forever.

- **Psalm 50:21:** "These things hast thou done, and I kept silence; thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself: but I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes."

Although David confessed that he sinned, he didn't go into any detail about his sin. He didn't mention the fact that he was guilty of both adultery and murder.

- **Psalm 51:3:** "For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me."

Although David wanted to teach transgressors God's ways so they would be saved, he first sought forgiveness for his own

sin.

- **Psalm 51:9, 13:** "Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. ... Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee."

Although the wicked may threaten other people, they're no threat to God.

- **Psalm 59:2-3, 8:** "Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men. For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O Lord. ... But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision."

Although David wanted God to kill his enemies, he didn't want them to be immediately wiped out. Instead he wanted them to be scattered first so people would remember their wickedness.

- **Psalm 59:11:** "Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield."

David had made vows to God (**although** it's not clear what they were).

- **Psalm 61:5:** "For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name."

Although the wicked may be leading prosperous and wealthy lives, that won't always be the case. One day they'll lose

everything and be consumed with terrors.

- **Psalm 73:12, 19:** "Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches. ... How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they are utterly consumed with terrors."

Although the heavens will one day change, God will never change.

- **Psalm 102:25-27:** "Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end."

The psalmist said that **although** the heavens will one day wax old and be changed, the saints of God will continue to live on forever.

- **Psalm 102:25-28:** "Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed: But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end. The children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be established before thee."

Although the Hebrews briefly believed God after He parted the Red Sea, they quickly forgot His works.

- **Psalm 106:9-13:** "He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was

dried up: so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness. And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left. Then believed they his words; they sang his praise. They soon forgot his works; they waited not for his counsel:"

Although God gave the Hebrews what they desired in the wilderness (meat), He also sent leanness into their soul.

- **Psalm 106:15**: "And he gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul."

The psalmist said that **although** he made the claim that all men are liars, that wasn't actually true. He was speaking out of affliction and went too far.

- **Psalm 116:11**: "I said in my haste, All men are liars."

The psalmist said that **although** God had severely chastened him, He hadn't killed him.

- **Psalm 118:18**: "The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death."

The psalmist said that **although** he had seen an end to all perfection, he couldn't find an end to God's commandments. They were exceedingly great.

- **Psalm 119:96**: "I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment is exceeding broad."

The psalmist said that **although** Israel had been afflicted many times from its youth, its enemies hadn't prevailed against it.

- **Psalm 129:1-2:** "Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth, may Israel now say: Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: yet they have not prevailed against me."

Although some people fear unexpected disasters, we shouldn't join them in that fear.

- **Proverbs 3:25:** "Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh."

Although it's good for husbands to desire their wives, it's wicked to desire other women. Lusting after other women is a sin, even if those desires are never acted upon.

- **Proverbs 6:25:** "Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids."

Although the righteous will be delivered from trouble, the wicked will walk right into trouble.

- **Proverbs 11:8:** "The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead."

Although people create plans for their life, God is the one who directs our life the way He wants it to go.

- **Proverbs 16:9:** "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the

LORD directeth his steps."

Although people cast lots, their outcome is determined by the Lord.

- **Proverbs 16:33:** "The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD."

Although bribing people is always wrong, it's not always sinful to give people gifts.

- **Proverbs 17:8:** "A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth."

Although people make preparations for battle, its outcome depends on the Lord.

- **Proverbs 21:31:** "The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the LORD."

Although the wicked may persecute the righteous, in the end the righteous will be saved and the wicked will be destroyed.

- **Proverbs 24:16:** "For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief."

Although glory is good, seeking to glorify yourself is not.

- **Proverbs 25:27:** "It is not good to eat much honey: so for men to search their own glory is not glory."

Although honey is good, it's foolish to eat too much of it.

- **Proverbs 25:27:** "It is not good to eat much honey: so for men to search their own glory is not glory."

Although it's better to be wise than foolish, everyone dies. Death comes both to the wise and to fools.

- **Ecclesiastes 2:14-16:** "The wise man's eyes are in his head; but the fool walketh in darkness: and I myself perceived also that one event happeneth to them all. ... For there is no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever; seeing that which now is in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how dieth the wise man? as the fool."

Although Solomon taught that sometimes it's better to die than to live a long life, he never suggested that suicide was an option. The expectation was that if our life is full of pain, we must live it until the end. God doesn't permit us to cut it short through suicide.

- **Ecclesiastes 6:3:** "If a man beget an hundred children, and live many years, so that the days of his years be many, and his soul be not filled with good, and also that he have no burial; I say, that an untimely birth is better than he."

Although the human race was sinless when God created it in the beginning, mankind sought out sin.

- **Ecclesiastes 7:29:** "Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions."

Although the wise may think they know what God is doing in this world, they're wrong.

- **Ecclesiastes 8:17:** "Then I beheld all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun: because though a man labour to seek it out, yet he shall not find it; yea farther; though a wise man think to know it, yet shall he not be able to find it."

Although old age is difficult, the Bible never presents suicide as an option. Instead it presents the difficulties of old age as something we must endure.

- **Ecclesiastes 12:1:** "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them;"

Although there were other shepherds, the woman just wanted her lover (who was Solomon).

- **Song of Solomon 1:7:** "Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon: for why should I be as one that turneth aside by the flocks of thy companions?"

Although the woman looked for her beloved (Solomon), she couldn't find him.

- **Song of Solomon 3:2:** "I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and in the broad ways I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not."

Although Solomon desired his beloved, she wasn't interested in getting out of bed to see him.

- **Song of Solomon 5:2-3:** "I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night. I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them?"

Although strangers devoured the land of Judah, and the Jews saw it happen with their own eyes, the Jews still didn't repent.

- **Isaiah 1:7:** "Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers."

Although God burned the cities of the Jews with fire, the Jews still didn't repent.

- **Isaiah 1:7:** "Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers."

Although God made the land of Judah desolate, the Jews still didn't repent.

- **Isaiah 1:7:** "Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers."

Although the Jews were rebelling against God and wouldn't obey His law, they were still offering Him sacrifices.

- **Isaiah 1:11:** "To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats."

Although the Jews were rejoicing, they were still going to go to Hell because they had no knowledge of God.

- **Isaiah 5:13-14:** "Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it."

Although God was going to punish the Jews, they wouldn't repent.

- **Isaiah 6:9, 11-12:** "And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. ... Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, And the Lord have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land."

Although Ahaz had hired the king of Assyria to help him, that wouldn't stop the king of Assyria from one day invading Jerusalem.

- **Isaiah 7:20:** "In the same day shall the Lord shave with a razor that is hired, namely, by them beyond the river, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet: and it shall also consume the beard."

Although Isaiah's wife was a prophet, none of her prophecies are found in the book of Isaiah. Instead that book is a record of the prophecies that God gave to Isaiah.

- **Isaiah 8:3:** "And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the LORD to me, Call his name Mahershalalhashbaz."

In the days when Jesus came, **although** God multiplied the Jews He didn't increase their joy. There were many Jews alive in that era but they lacked joy (because they rejected Jesus).

- **Isaiah 9:3:** "Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil."

Although God punished Ephraim and Samaria, they didn't humble themselves before God. Instead they boasted that they would rebuild and be even more prosperous than they were before.

- **Isaiah 9:9-10:** "And all the people shall know, even Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in the pride and stoutness of heart, The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones: the sycomores are cut down, but we will change them into cedars."

Although the Jews will be very numerous, only a remnant will return to the promised land.

- **Isaiah 10:22:** "For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness."

Although God was angry with the Jews, He wasn't going to utterly destroy them. Instead one day He will restore them.

- **Isaiah 12:1:** "And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me."

Although oppressors will arise against God's people, He will provide a place in Moab for them to hide until the oppressors are gone. (This may be talking about the tribulation period.)

- **Isaiah 16:4:** "Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler: for the extortioner is at an end, the spoiler ceaseth, the oppressors are consumed out of the land."

Although God was the one who created the Jews and everything that they possessed, they had no respect for Him.

- **Isaiah 22:11:** "Ye made also a ditch between the two walls for the water of the old pool: but ye have not looked unto the maker thereof, neither had respect unto him that fashioned it long ago."

Although the Jews were going to seek safety from horses, God was going to take that from them and make them flee in fear

at the smallest rebuke.

- **Isaiah 30:16-17:** "But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift. One thousand shall flee at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall ye flee: till ye be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on an hill."

Although a voice commanded the person to cry out, the one who heard the voice was so distressed by what was going on that he didn't know what to cry. (The context of this exchange seems to be related to the tribulation era.)

- **Isaiah 40:6-8:** "The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."

Although the Jews had been scattered all over the world, God will gather them.

- **Isaiah 43:5:** "Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;"

Although God had called out to the Jews, the Jews didn't want Him.

- **Isaiah 43:1, 22:** "But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy

name; thou art mine. ... But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me, O Israel."

Although God was angry with the Jews, He was also angry with the Babylonians for not showing any mercy to the Jews.

- **Isaiah 47:6, 8-9:** "I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke. ... Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children: But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments."

Although God is a powerful redeemer, no one in Israel looked to Him for redemption.

- **Isaiah 50:2:** "Wherefore, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because there is no water, and dieth for thirst."

Although God was going to punish Israel for their idolatry, He wasn't going to utterly destroy them.

- **Isaiah 65:8:** "Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is

found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all."

God said that **although** the whole land would be desolate, He wasn't going to make a full end of things.

- **Jeremiah 4:27:** "For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end."

Jeremiah told God that He had consumed the Jews but they refused to receive His correction. **Although** God punished them, they refused to repent.

- **Jeremiah 5:3:** "O LORD, are not thine eyes upon the truth? thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return."

Jeremiah said that **although** the great men of Jerusalem knew the way of the Lord, they had broken His yoke. They refused to walk in His ways and had rejected Him.

- **Jeremiah 5:5:** "I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they have known the way of the LORD, and the judgment of their God: but these have altogether broken the yoke, and burst the bonds."

God placed limits on the boundary of the sea. **Although** the sea roars and tosses, it can't escape the limits He has placed upon it.

- **Jeremiah 5:22:** "Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it?"

God said that **although** the sea obeys Him and respects the limits He placed upon it, the people of Israel and Judah rejected His commands.

- **Jeremiah 5:22-23:** "Fear ye not me? saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it: and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it? But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revolted and gone."

Although the Jews were offering God sacrifices, He didn't accept them. (This is because of their idolatry and sin.)

- **Jeremiah 6:20:** "To what purpose cometh there to me incense from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far country? your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me."

Although God spoke to the Jews, they refused to hear Him.

- **Jeremiah 7:13:** "And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but

ye answered not;"

Although God sent His prophets to the Israelites, the people refused to listen to them. They rejected His words.

- **Jeremiah 7:25-26:** "Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them: Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers."

Jeremiah knew in advance that **although** he was going to proclaim the words of God, that wouldn't save his generation. The Lord told him that the Jews weren't going to listen.

- **Jeremiah 7:27:** "Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee."

Jeremiah said that **although** the Jews looked for a time of peace and health, a time of trouble came instead.

- **Jeremiah 8:15:** "We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of health, and behold trouble!"

Although the pagans were dismayed at the signs of the heavens (astrology), God commanded His people to be different.

- **Jeremiah 10:2:** "Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them."

God told Jeremiah that **although** his relatives told him good things, he shouldn't believe them because they were actually treacherous liars. (In other words, Jeremiah couldn't trust his own family.)

- **Jeremiah 12:6:** "For even thy brethren, and the house of thy father, even they have dealt treacherously with thee; yea, they have called a multitude after thee: believe them not, though they speak fair words unto thee."

Although God was going to remove the Jews from their land and scatter them among the nations because of their idolatry, that punishment wouldn't last forever. One day He promised to return them to the land He gave to their forefathers.

- **Jeremiah 16:15:** "But, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers."

God said that **although** He hadn't spoken to the false prophets, they prophesied anyway.

- **Jeremiah 23:21:** "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied."

Although God sometimes uses wicked nations to accomplish His purposes, He will punish those wicked nation for their sins. The fact that He's using them doesn't absolve them of the consequences of their actions.

- **Jeremiah 25:14:** "For many nations and great kings shall

serve themselves of them also: and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands."

Although Jeremiah wanted the temple vessels and Jewish captives to be brought back to Jerusalem from Babylon, he knew that wasn't going to happen. (Instead Nebuchadnezzar was going to conquer Jerusalem and destroy both the temple and the city.)

- **Jeremiah 28:6-7:** "Even the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen: the Lord do so: the Lord perform thy words which thou hast prophesied, to bring again the vessels of the Lord's house, and all that is carried away captive, from Babylon into this place. Nevertheless hear thou now this word that I speak in thine ears, and in the ears of all the people;"

God said that **although** He had risen up early to send His prophets to the Jews, the Jews wouldn't listen to them.

- **Jeremiah 29:19:** "Because they have not hearkened to my words, saith the LORD, which I sent unto them by my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but ye would not hear, saith the LORD."

Although the people of Judah had been taken captive and exiled from the promised land, that wouldn't always be the case. One day God will bring them back.

- **Jeremiah 30:3:** "For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to

the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it."

Although God was going to punish the Jews, He wasn't going to utterly destroy them.

- **Jeremiah 30:11:** "For I am with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet I will not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished."

God said that **although** Zedekiah fought against the Chaldeans, he wasn't going to prosper.

- **Jeremiah 32:5:** "And he shall lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and there shall he be until I visit him, saith the LORD: though ye fight with the Chaldeans, ye shall not prosper."

Although God taught the Jews, they refused to listen to Him.

- **Jeremiah 32:33:** "And they have turned unto me the back, and not the face: though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not hearkened to receive instruction."

Jeremiah thought that Judah and Jerusalem were going to be destroyed forever, and there was no longer any hope for the future. However, God told him that one day He would bring the Jews back to Judah, give them a new heart, and bless them. **Although** Jerusalem was being given to the Babylonians, all hope wasn't lost.

- **Jeremiah 32:43-44:** "And fields shall be bought in this land, whereof ye say, It is desolate without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans. Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe evidences, and seal them, and take witnesses in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south: for I will cause their captivity to return, saith the Lord."

Although at first the people of Jerusalem obeyed the covenant and freed their Jewish servants, they forced their servants to come back and serve them again.

- **Jeremiah 34:10-11:** "Now when all the princes, and all the people, which had entered into the covenant, heard that every one should let his manservant, and every one his maidservant, go free, that none should serve themselves of them any more, then they obeyed, and let them go. But afterward they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids."

Although God spoke to he Jews, they refused to hear Him.

- **Jeremiah 35:14:** "The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment: notwithstanding I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye hearkened not unto me."

Although God called the Jews, they refused to answer Him.

- **Jeremiah 35:17:** "Therefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered."

When God commanded Jeremiah to write down His words in a book, Jeremiah was unable to go into the temple (**although** it's not clear why).

- **Jeremiah 36:4-5:** "Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah: and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the Lord, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book. And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up; I cannot go into the house of the LORD:"

Although King Jehoiakim tried to arrest Jeremiah and Baruch, he was unable to do so. (This is because God hid him.)

- **Jeremiah 36:26:** "But the king commanded Jerahmeel the son of Hammelech, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet: but the LORD hid them."

Although God pronounced evil upon the Jews (as punishment for their idolatry), they refused to hear Him.

- **Jeremiah 36:31:** "And I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the

men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them; but they hearkened not."

When Baruch wrote a second roll to replace the one Jehoiakim burned in the fire, the new words of God which were added were like the ones on the first roll (**although** all the words from the first roll were also put into the second).

- **Jeremiah 36:32:** "Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words."

Although God promised to save Jeremiah, He didn't stop Zedekiah from sentencing him to death. (However, God saved Jeremiah and didn't allow Zedekiah to kill him.)

- **Jeremiah 38:4-5:** "Therefore the princes said unto the king, We beseech thee, let this man be put to death: for thus he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeketh not the welfare of this people, but the hurt. Then Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he is in your hand: for the king is not he that can do any thing against you."

Although Zedekiah sentenced Jeremiah to death (by handing him over to people who wanted to kill him), God protected Jeremiah and didn't allow his enemies to kill him.

- **Jeremiah 38:10:** "Then the king commanded Ebedmelech

the Ethiopian, saying, Take from hence thirty men with thee, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he die."

Although Johanan was able to rescue the people who Ishmael took captive, Ishmael himself escaped.

- **Jeremiah 41:13-15:** "Now it came to pass, that when all the people which were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, then they were glad. So all the people that Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah cast about and returned, and went unto Johanan the son of Kareah. But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the Ammonites."

Although God was going to use Nebuchadnezzar to punish Egypt, the land wouldn't be desolate forever. One day people would live in the land again.

- **Jeremiah 46:26:** "And I will deliver them into the hand of those that seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants: and afterward it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old, saith the LORD."

Although God was going to punish the Jews (for their idolatry), He was only going to punish them in a measured way. He wasn't going to utterly destroy them, but would day bring them back to the promised land and give them peace.

- **Jeremiah 46:27-28:** "But fear not thou, O my servant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel: for, behold, I will

save thee from afar off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make him afraid. Fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the LORD: for I am with thee; for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have driven thee: but I will not make a full end of thee, but correct thee in measure; yet will I not leave thee wholly unpunished."

Although Moab was going to be destroyed and would no longer be a nation, one day God will restore Moab and make them a nation again.

- **Jeremiah 48:46-47:** "Woe be unto thee, O Moab! the people of Chemosh perisheth: for thy sons are taken captives, and thy daughters captives. Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith the LORD. Thus far is the judgment of Moab."

When God spoke against the Ammonites, He said that **although** they would be taken into captivity, one day He would bring them back to their land and restore them as a nation.

- **Jeremiah 49:5-6:** "Behold, I will bring a fear upon thee, saith the Lord God of hosts, from all those that be about thee; and ye shall be driven out every man right forth; and none shall gather up him that wandereth. And afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith the LORD."

The Jews called for nations to help her, but they didn't. **Although** the Jews rejected God and put their faith in other

nations, those nations didn't save her.

- **Lamentations 1:19:** "I called for my lovers, but they deceived me: my priests and mine elders gave up the ghost in the city, while they sought their meat to relieve their souls."

Although Ezekiel was already in captivity in Babylon, the final fall of Jerusalem at the hand of Nebuchadnezzar (which God commanded Ezekiel to act out) was still in the future.

- **Ezekiel 4:1-2:** "Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and pourtray upon it the city, even Jerusalem: And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set battering rams against it round about."

Although the Jews were going to be persecuted after they were scattered among the nations, a few would survive. God wasn't going to destroy them altogether.

- **Ezekiel 6:8:** "Yet will I leave a remnant, that ye may have some that shall escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall be scattered through the countries."

Although the Jews were going to cry out to Him with a loud voice when the day of their judgment came (at the hand of Nebuchadnezzar), He wouldn't hear them. (This is because God commanded them to repent and they refused.)

- **Ezekiel 8:17-18:** "Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence,

and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose. Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them."

Although some Jews were already in captivity (such as Ezekiel), God wasn't done with Israel. He was going to pour out more judgments upon that land, because the Jews who still lived there were wicked. (Nebuchadnezzar was going to destroy both the city and the temple.)

- **Ezekiel 11:11-12:** "This city shall not be your caldron, neither shall ye be the flesh in the midst thereof; but I will judge you in the border of Israel: And ye shall know that I am the Lord: for ye have not walked in my statutes, neither executed my judgments, but have done after the manners of the heathen that are round about you."

Although the prince who was in Jerusalem (Zedekiah) would be brought to Babylon, he wouldn't see it. (This is because Nebuchadnezzar was going to blind Zedekiah before bringing him to Babylon.)

- **Ezekiel 12:13:** "My net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare: and I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there."

Although the prince who was in Jerusalem (Zedekiah) had allies, they wouldn't be able to save him (from Nebuchadnezzar).

- **Ezekiel 12:14:** "And I will scatter toward every wind all that are about him to help him, and all his bands; and I will draw out the sword after them."

Although the great men of the Jews were going to try to hide (when God's judgment came against Judah), the sword of God would find them and kill them.

- **Ezekiel 21:14:** "Thou therefore, son of man, prophesy, and smite thine hands together. and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the slain: it is the sword of the great men that are slain, which entereth into their privy chambers."

Although the king of Babylon was going to choose to attack Jerusalem instead of the Ammonites, that didn't mean the Ammonites weren't going to be judged.

- **Ezekiel 21:28, 31:** "And thou, son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning the Ammonites, and concerning their reproach; even say thou, The sword, the sword is drawn: for the slaughter it is furbished, to consume because of the glittering: ... And I will pour out mine indignation upon thee, I will blow against thee in the fire of my wrath, and deliver thee into the hand of brutish men, and skilful to destroy."

Although Nebuchadnezzar did service to God when he and his army attacked Tyrus, he didn't reap any benefits for that work. Neither he nor his army received wages for it.

- **Ezekiel 29:18:** "Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against

Tyrus: every head was made bald, and every shoulder was peeled: yet had he no wages, nor his army, for Tyrus, for the service that he had served against it:"

Although the multitude of Tubal brought terror when they were alive, they were now dead. They were unable to bring terror anymore. Their ability to bring terror didn't save them.

- **Ezekiel 32:26:** "There is Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude: her graves are round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword, though they caused their terror in the land of the living."

Although the multitude of Tubal was now dead, its iniquities were upon its bones. (In other words, their sins hadn't been forgiven.)

- **Ezekiel 32:27:** "And they shall not lie with the mighty that are fallen of the uncircumcised, which are gone down to hell with their weapons of war: and they have laid their swords under their heads, but their iniquities shall be upon their bones, though they were the terror of the mighty in the land of the living."

Although God sometimes punishes the Jews for their sins and removes them from the promised land, that doesn't mean He's given their land to someone else. That land is still theirs, and God will punish nations who try to claim it for themselves.

- **Ezekiel 35:12:** "And thou shalt know that I am the LORD, and that I have heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they are given us to consume."

Although the Jews profaned God's holy name through their sins, the Lord was going to sanctify it.

- **Ezekiel 36:23:** "And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes."

Although the final world kingdom that will exist (before the millennium) will be one of clay, it will have the strength of iron.

- **Daniel 2:41:** "And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay."

Although Daniel didn't want Belshazzar's rewards for interpreting the writing on the wall, he was willing to interpret it for him.

- **Daniel 5:17:** "Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation."

Although the curses for breaking the Mosaic Law had come upon the Jews, they didn't seek to understand God's truth (and turn away from their sins).

- **Daniel 9:13:** "As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth."

Although the people who were with Daniel didn't see the vision, they still became greatly afraid.

- **Daniel 10:7:** "And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves."

Although the tribulation will end 1,290 days after its midpoint (when the antichrist sets up the abomination of desolation), the millennial kingdom won't begin until 1,335 days later. This means there's a gap of 45 days between the end of the tribulation and the beginning of the millennium. (It's possible that the world will be healed and restored during that gap, since it will be devastated during the tribulation by God's judgments.)

- **Daniel 12:12:** "Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days."

Although the Israelites rejected God, their rejection won't last forever. One day they'll faithfully serve God.

- **Hosea 1:10:** "Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living

God."

Although God was going to destroy the kingdom of Israel, He wasn't going to utterly wipe them out. One day the children of Israel will unite with the children of Judah into a single unified nation.

- **Hosea 1:11:** "Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel."

The Israelites would no longer be holy and set apart in God's sight. Since they were wicked and refused to repent, the Lord was rejecting them (**although** His rejection wouldn't last forever.)

- **Hosea 4:6:** "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children."

Although Israel was wicked, the nation refused to repent. They wouldn't return to the Lord their God.

- **Hosea 7:10:** "And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face: and they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek him for all this."

All these disasters that will fall upon Israel during the day of the Lord (the tribulation) are God's doing. **Although** He will

carry out His judgments through insects and enemy nations (including the antichrist), all of it is still His wrath.

- **Joel 1:15:** "Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come."

God's focus in the day of the Lord (the tribulation) is centered on calling Israel to repent. **Although** the entire world will be devastated by the events of those days, His focus is very much on Israel. The church isn't mentioned at all, which is more evidence that it won't be in this world at that time (because it was removed at the rapture).

- **Joel 2:15:** "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:"

Although the people of Zion were wealthy and could have afforded to help others, they refused to do so. They cared for no one but themselves.

- **Amos 6:1, 6:** "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came! ... That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph."

Although the people of Zion were wealthy and at ease, God was going to smite their houses and put them to death.

- **Amos 6:8-9, 11:** "The Lord God hath sworn by himself, saith the Lord the God of hosts, I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces: therefore will I deliver up the

city with all that is therein. And it shall come to pass, if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die. ... For, behold, the LORD commandeth, and he will smite the great house with breaches, and the little house with clefts."

Although Amos interceded and stopped the judgments of grasshoppers and fire, he wasn't able to save Israel. The nation was still going to be judged (because they wouldn't repent).

- **Amos 7:8:** "And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the LORD, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more."

Although God was going to scatter the Israelites through the nations, He wasn't going to lose any of them.

- **Amos 9:9:** "For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth."

Although the wicked may boast that God's judgment will never touch them, that boasting won't stop His judgment from coming upon them.

- **Amos 9:10:** "All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us."

Although the nation of Israel will be in ruins (after God's

judgment), the Lord will one day heal Israel and build it again.

- **Amos 9:11:** "In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:"

Although the book of Amos speaks of God's judgment and condemnation, it ends with a promise of future restoration and blessing. The judgments that were coming wouldn't be the end of the Israelites. One day God will greatly bless them.

- **Amos 9:15:** "And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God."

Although the Edomites were proud of their high and lofty position, God said that He was going to bring them down to the ground.

- **Obadiah 1:4:** "Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD."

Although God was going to raise up Gentile nations to deceive the Edomites and go against them in battle, He was going to use the Jews to utterly devour the Edomites (until there were none remaining).

- **Obadiah 1:7, 18:** "All the men of thy confederacy have brought thee even to the border: the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, and prevailed against thee; they that eat thy bread have laid a wound under thee: there is none understanding in him. ... And

the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for the LORD hath spoken it."

Although God doesn't always stop the wicked from carrying out acts of violence. He will punish them. If they don't repent then they won't be able to escape His wrath.

- **Micah 2:3:** "Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, against this family do I devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks; neither shall ye go haughtily: for this time is evil."

Although God doesn't always stop the wicked from carrying out their wicked deeds, He did promise to one day cut them off forever.

- **Micah 2:5:** "Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast a cord by lot in the congregation of the LORD."

Although the Jews were idolatrous and wicked, God still considered them to be His people. He wasn't going to utterly destroy them or forsake them, but would one day gather them and multiply them.

- **Micah 2:12:** "I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men."

Although many nations will gather against Israel during the tribulation, God won't let them achieve their purpose (which will be to utterly destroy all the Jews). God will defeat those nations and save His people.

- **Micah 4:11-13:** "Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion. But they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor. Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the Lord, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth."

Although we may fall and although our enemies may rejoice over us, God will come and save us. Because of Him we will rise again.

- **Micah 7:8:** "Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me."

Although we may sit in darkness, God will save us. He will be a light unto us.

- **Micah 7:8:** "Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me."

Although those who oppress Israel mock her by asking where her God is, one day the Lord will indeed return and

save her. When that day comes Israel's enemies will be ashamed, and will be trodden down as mire in the streets.

- **Micah 7:10:** "Then she that is mine enemy shall see it, and shame shall cover her which said unto me, Where is the LORD thy God? mine eyes shall behold her: now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets."

Although the book of Nahum is a prophecy against Nineveh, it includes a message against Judah as well.

- **Nahum 2:2:** "For the LORD hath turned away the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel: for the emptiers have emptied them out, and marred their vine branches."

Although the defenders will guard the walls of the city, they won't be able to save Nineveh. The city would be conquered and destroyed.

- **Nahum 2:5-6:** "He shall recount his worthies: they shall stumble in their walk; they shall make haste to the wall thereof, and the defence shall be prepared. The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be dissolved."

Although the king of Assyria was strong, his people would be scattered and his leaders would be killed.

- **Nahum 3:18:** "Thy shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria: thy nobles shall dwell in the dust: thy people is scattered upon the mountains, and no man gathereth them."

Although the Messiah will build the temple, it seems He will work through people who are far away. (This seems to be referring to the millennial temple.)

- **Zechariah 6:12-13, 15:** "And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The Branch; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord: Even he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both. ... And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. And this shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God."

Although the Jews had been fasting and mourning for 70 years, they hadn't been doing it for God. The reason the Lord wasn't impressed with their actions was because they had been doing it for themselves (which defeated the entire point).

- **Zechariah 7:5-6:** "Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh month, even those seventy years, did ye at all fast unto me, even to me? And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves?"

Although all nations will gather against Jerusalem at the end of the tribulation, they won't be victorious. God is going to cut them into pieces.

- **Zechariah 12:3:** "And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it."

Although an angel visited Mary in person, the angel who visited Joseph did so in a dream.

- **Matthew 1:20:** "But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost."

Although Herod tried to deceive the wise men, God didn't allow it.

- **Matthew 2:12:** "And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way."

Although Jesus was baptized, there's no mention that He confessed any sins. (This is because He was sinless.)

- **Matthew 3:13-15:** "Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him."
- **Mark 1:9:** "And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan."

Although we must let our light shine before other people and publicly do good works, that doesn't apply to giving money. That specific good work must always be done secretly.

- **Matthew 6:3:** "But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:"

Although the Roman centurion had great faith, the disciples of Jesus had little faith.

- **Matthew 8:26:** "And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm."

Jesus taught that **although** it was good to remain unmarried, not everyone had the ability to remain single.

- **Matthew 19:10-11:** "His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry. But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given."

Although there will be no marriage after the resurrection, it seems people will still have both wives and children. This implies the covenant of marriage will be replaced with a better covenant (just as the Mosaic Law and its covenant of works was replaced by the covenant of grace).

- **Matthew 19:28-29:** "And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging

the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life."

Although the disciples of Jesus will be given positions of authority in His kingdom and will reign over the tribes of Israel, that was going to be a position of service, not one of dominion.

- **Matthew 20:26:** "But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister;"

Although the multitudes praised and glorified Jesus during His triumphant entry, a week later they demanded that Pilate crucify Him.

- **Matthew 21:9:** "And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest."

Although Jesus didn't give an answer to the chief priests and scribes when they asked where His authority came from, He did teach them two parables that dealt with who He was.

- **Matthew 21:27-28:** "And they answered Jesus, and said, We cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things. But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard."

In the parable of the king who made a marriage for his son, **although** the king invited people to attend his son's wedding, those people weren't worthy. They proved this by rebelling against the king and murdering his servants.

- **Matthew 22:6-8:** "And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them. But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy."

Although the scribes and Pharisees commanded people to obey the Mosaic Law, they didn't obey it themselves.

- **Matthew 23:3-4:** "All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers."

The master of God's people is the Lord Jesus Christ. **Although** there may be other people who have authority over us, He's our one and only master.

- **Matthew 23:8:** "But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren."
- **Matthew 23:10:** "Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ."

Although some people have authority over others, Christians must never allow people to call them their master. Jesus specifically forbade that (because all of us are brothers).

- **Matthew 23:8, 10:** "But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. ... Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ."

Although the scribes and Pharisees washed their dishes, they themselves were full of uncleanness and wickedness. They cleansed the outside but not the inside (their evil heart).

- **Matthew 23:25:** "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess."

Although the scribes and Pharisees appeared to be righteous, they were actually wicked persecutors of the saints and would surely go to hell (if they didn't repent).

- **Matthew 23:33:** "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"

Jesus emphasized that since the Jews didn't know the day or hour of His return (at the end of the tribulation), they *must* watch for it. (The way to do that is by paying attention to the signs He gave them to watch for, which will happen before His return at the end of the tribulation).

- **Matthew 25:13:** "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

Although Jesus knew He was going to be betrayed and crucified, He didn't attempt to escape.

- **Matthew 26:2:** "Ye know that after two days is the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be crucified."

Although Jesus was going to allow Himself to be betrayed, He pronounced woe upon the person who was going to betray Him (Judas).

- **Matthew 26:24:** "The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born."

Although Jesus was filled with sorrow because He was about to be betrayed and arrested, He didn't flee or try to escape.

- **Matthew 26:37:** "And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy."

When Jesus was filled with sorrow, He didn't pray alone. Instead He brought three of His disciples to pray with Him (**although** they fell asleep instead of praying.)

- **Matthew 26:37-38:** "And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy. Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me."

- **Matthew 26:40:** "And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?"

Although Jesus didn't want to go to the cross, He was willing to do the will of God the Father. If it was the Father's will then He would do it.

- **Matthew 26:42:** "He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done."
- **Mark 14:36:** "And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt."
- **Luke 22:42:** "Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done."

Although Judas regretted betraying Jesus, the chief priests and elders didn't. They had no regrets at all.

- **Matthew 27:4:** "Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that."

Although Pilate wanted to free Jesus, the crowd demanded that Jesus be crucified.

- **Matthew 27:24:** "When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see

ye to it."

Although the earthquake and the other signs which accompanied the crucifixion and death of Jesus made a big impression on the Roman centurion and soldiers and convinced them that Jesus was the Son of God, the Jews ignored those signs altogether. The chief priests, scribes, and elders saw them but didn't repent.

- **Matthew 27:54:** "Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God."
- **Luke 23:47:** "Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man."

Although the lie that the disciples of Jesus stole His body was commonly reported among the Jews, it's not clear if anyone actually believed it. No one tried to prosecute the disciples for stealing His body, and no one accused them of it when they were arrested and judged. It seems the real reason the lie was commonly reported was because people didn't want to acknowledge the truth (that Jesus had indeed risen from the dead).

- **Matthew 28:12-15:** "And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is commonly reported

among the Jews until this day."

Although many people were crowded around Jesus, it seems that only one of them were healed.

- **Mark 5:29-31:** "And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?"

Although Herod listened to John the Baptist, he didn't repent of his sins. (Instead Herod executed him.)

- **Mark 6:20:** "For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly."

Although Jesus touched the person who was deaf and had a speech impediment, He healed him with a command (not by His touch).

- **Mark 7:32, 34:** "And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. ... And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened."

Although there were many women who ministered to Jesus and followed Him, none of them were chosen to be His

disciples.

- **Mark 15:40-41:** "There were also women looking on afar off: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less and of Joses, and Salome; (Who also, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered unto him;) and many other women which came up with him unto Jerusalem."

It seems that before Luke wrote his gospel, Theophilus may have already been instructed in the gospel (**although** it's not known whether he believed it).

- **Luke 13-:4:** "It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed."

John the Baptist turned many Jews to the Lord. **Although** many people rejected him (such as the religious leaders), there were many others who believed him.

- **Luke 1:16:** "And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God."

Although Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost when she heard Mary's greeting and knew that the Lord was in her womb, that didn't happen to Joseph. He didn't know what was going on until an angel appeared to him in a vision.

- **Luke 1:41-43:** "And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost: And

she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

Although the proud imagined terrible things in their hearts, God was going to scatter them.

- **Luke 1:51:** "He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts."

Although Luke said that Mary was the mother of Jesus, he didn't say that Joseph was His father. This is because Jesus was born of a virgin.

- **Luke 2:33:** "And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him."

Although Israel would fall (because they rejected Jesus), ultimately they would rise again (because God always keeps His promises).

- **Luke 2:34:** "And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;"

Although Jesus expected Joseph and Mary to understand Him and the things He was doing, they didn't.

- **Luke 2:49-50:** "And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's

business? And they understood not the saying which he spake unto them."

Although Jesus sat down while He taught in the synagogue, He didn't sit down when He read from the Scriptures. Instead He stood up to read them.

- **Luke 4:16, 20:** "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. ... And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him."

Although Jesus did great works in Capernaum, He didn't do great works in Nazareth. This is because the people of Nazareth rejected Him and didn't believe in Him.

- **Luke 4:23-24:** "And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country. And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country."

Although there were many widows in the days of Elijah when there was a terrible famine, Elijah wasn't sent to any of them. (This is because none of them would have believed him.)

- **Luke 4:25-26:** "But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a

woman that was a widow."

Although Jesus sometimes commanded the people He healed to not tell anyone about it, He never commanded anyone to not spread His teachings.

- **Luke 5:13-14:** "And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him. And he charged him to tell no man: but go, and shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them."

Although Jesus has the power to forgive sins, there's no record of anyone going to Jesus during His earthly ministry and asking Him to forgive their sins. Instead they went to Him to be healed of their diseases (even though having their sins forgiven was their greatest need).

- **Luke 5:24:** "But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house."

Two of the disciples of Jesus were named Simon (**although** Jesus called one of them Peter).

- **Luke 6:14-15:** "Simon, (whom he also named Peter,) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, Matthew and Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon called Zelotes,"

Although the Pharisees and lawyers went to see John the Baptist, they didn't repent and they weren't baptized by him. They truly were a generation of vipers.

- **Luke 7:29-30:** "And all the people that heard him, and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John. But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him."

Although people questioned how Jesus could forgive someone's sins, it seems they didn't say anything out loud.

- **Luke 7:49:** "And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also?"

Although the people in the area of the Gadarenes told Jesus to leave and didn't want Him around, the people on the other side of the lake were waiting on Him to return.

- **Luke 8:37, 40:** "Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought him to depart from them; for they were taken with great fear: and he went up into the ship, and returned back again. ... And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him."

Although Jesus commanded people to not tell others about His miracles, those miracles are recorded in the gospels. (As Jesus said, there was no secret that wouldn't be made known.)

- **Luke 8:53-56:** "And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. And he put them all out, and took her

by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise. And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat. And her parents were astonished: but he charged them that they should tell no man what was done."

Although people said many things about Jesus, it seems that no one (other than His disciples) said that He was the Messiah. This was in spite of the fact John the Baptist identified Jesus as the Messiah when He was baptized.

- **Luke 9:8:** "And of some, that Elias had appeared; and of others, that one of the old prophets was risen again."

Although Herod wanted to see Jesus, Jesus didn't go to him. Instead Herod didn't meet Jesus until Pilate sent Him to Herod.

- **Luke 9:9:** "And Herod said, John have I beheaded: but who is this, of whom I hear such things? And he desired to see him."

Although there were faithful prophets and kings who did what God commanded, He didn't give them what they wanted. In spite of their faithfulness they didn't get to see Jesus or hear His teachings before they died.

- **Luke 10:24:** "For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them."

When Martha asked Jesus to make Mary help her, Jesus told Martha that **although** she was troubled about many things, only one thing was necessary (listening to His words).

- **Luke 10:41-42:** "And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

Although we can't take our wealth with us when we die, there is a way we can convert it into Heavenly treasure (by giving to those in need).

- **Luke 12:33:** "Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth."
- **Luke 18:22:** "Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me."

Just as thieves don't announce their coming in advance, so Jesus won't announce His return at the end of the tribulation. Instead He'll return unexpectedly. (Although God has given signs that foretell His arrival, God hasn't given provided the exact day or hour. That's why people must watch.)

- **Luke 12:39-40:** "And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

Although there will be Gentiles from all over the world in the kingdom of God, the Jews who rejected Jesus during His earthly ministry won't be in that kingdom.

- **Luke 13:28-29:** "There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God."

Although many people have been invited into the kingdom of God, some of them value the things of this world more than the things of the kingdom. That's why they're not interested in His offer.

- **Luke 14:18:** "And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused."

In the story of the rich man and Lazarus, Abraham was in a different compartment of Sheol than the rich man. **Although** they were both in Sheol (which seems to have been located in a lower part of the earth), there was a gulf between them and no one could cross from one area to the next.

- **Luke 16:26:** "And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence."

Although offenses are unavoidable and must come, those who oppress others will be punished. Jesus pronounced woe upon them.

- **Luke 17:1:** "Then said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come!"

Jesus commanded us to hear what the unjust judge said. **Although** the judge was unjust, he was willing to help the widow when she wouldn't give him any rest until he avenged her. (Jesus taught this in the context of being persistent in prayer.)

- **Luke 18:6-7:** "And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?"

The disciples who will be given kingdoms in the millennium are those who were with Jesus while He was being tempted. This means that **although** Paul was an apostle, he won't be given one of those twelve kingdoms because he wasn't with Jesus before His crucifixion and resurrection. (After Judas committed suicide he was replaced by Matthias, who had also been with Jesus from the beginning.)

- **Luke 22:28-30:** "Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

One of the two people who were on the way to Emmaus (and saw the resurrected Christ) was Cleopas. (**Although** he wasn't one of the twelve disciples, he may have been one of the seventy.)

- **Luke 24:18:** "And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering said unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not known the things which are come to pass there in these days?"

Although Jesus was born *after* John the Baptist, Jesus existed before John the Baptist was born.

- **John 1:15:** "John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me."
- **John 1:30:** "This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me."

Although the Messiah had already come when John the Baptist was baptizing people, He hadn't been revealed yet. He was among the people but they didn't recognize Him.

- **John 1:26:** "John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not;"

The Jews told John the Baptist that Jesus was baptizing people (**although** it was actually His disciples who were doing the baptizing, and not Jesus himself).

- **John 3:26:** "And they came unto John, and said unto him,

Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him."

Although the disciples of Jesus were amazed to find Him talking with a Samaritan woman, none of them asked Him any questions about it.

- **John 4:27:** "And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest thou with her?"

Although the Jews trusted in Moses to save them, the truth was that Moses condemned them for rejecting Jesus.

- **John 5:45:** "Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust."

Although Jesus performed many miracles that the multitude had witnessed, they still didn't believe in Him.

- **John 6:36:** "But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not."

Although the forefathers of the Jews ate manna from Heaven, they died. It didn't give them everlasting life.

- **John 6:58:** "This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever."

Although the Jews wanted to arrest Jesus, no one laid hands on Him. (No one was able to kill Jesus before His time had come.)

- **John 7:30:** "Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come."

Although the scribes and Pharisees brought to Jesus a woman who was caught in the act of adultery, they didn't bring the man she was committing adultery with. It seems they only wanted to punish the woman (even though the Mosaic Law required both of them to be put to death). If she was caught in the very act of adultery then she definitely wasn't by herself! Adultery isn't something people do alone. (This raises the possibility that the person she was committing adultery with *was one of the scribes or Pharisees.*)

- **John 8:3-4:** "And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act."

Although Jesus didn't condemn to death the woman who was caught committing adultery, He didn't give her a license to sin. Instead He told her to go and sin no more.

- **John 8:11:** "She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."

Although the man had been blind since he was born, Jesus waited until the Sabbath day to heal him. Jesus could have healed him on a different day (to avoid a confrontation with the Pharisees) but He didn't.

- **John 9:14:** "And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes."

Although the chief priests knew that Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead, they still didn't believe in Him. Instead they hated Him and wanted to stop other people from believing in Him.

- **John 12:10-11:** "But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death; Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus."

Although the multitude saw Jesus do many miracles, they didn't believe in Him. (Even if people watch God Himself perform amazing miracles *in person*, that doesn't mean they'll believe. Entire multitudes were eyewitnesses to the things Jesus did, and they demanded His execution anyway.)

- **John 12:37:** "But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:"

Although some of the chief rulers believed that Jesus was the Messiah, they refused to suffer for Him. They loved their lives and they loved the world, and they were unwilling to sacrifice those things for Him.

- **John 12:42:** "Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue:"

When Peter asked Jesus why He was washing his feet, Jesus told him that **although** Peter didn't understand what He was doing, he would understand it later. (There were a great many things that Jesus did which His disciples didn't understand at the time.)

- **John 13:6-7:** "Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter."

Although Jesus was both Lord and master of His disciples, He washed their feet. (He did this to set an example to His disciples that they should serve one another.)

- **John 13:14:** "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet."

Although Peter believed that he was willing to die for the sake of Jesus that night, he was wrong. Peter thought his faith was stronger than it actually was.

- **John 13:37-38:** "Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake. Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice."

Jesus taught that **although** He was going to leave this world, one day He would return.

- **John 14:3:** "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Although there were many things Jesus wanted to say to His disciples, they couldn't bear them at that time (before His crucifixion and resurrection). There are some teachings that people can't receive until they've grown in the faith.

- **John 16:12:** "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now."

Although Jesus was going to leave His disciples (because Judas was going to betray him and the religious leaders were going to have Him executed), He would see them again and they would greatly rejoice (because He was going to be resurrected).

- **John 16:22:** "And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you."

Although we can deceive ourselves, we can't deceive God. He knows the truth about us. (Jesus knew how weak the faith of His disciples was, even though they didn't.)

- **John 16:29-32:** "His disciples said unto him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me."

Caiaphas was the one who told the Jews that it was expedient for one person to die for the people. (This was a Messianic prophecy, **although** he didn't realize it.)

- **John 18:14:** "Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people."

Although Jesus hadn't said anything evil to the high priest, the officer struck Him anyway.

- **John 18:20-23:** "Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. Why askest thou me? ask them which heard me, what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said. And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so? Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me?"

Although the net contained 153 large fish, it hadn't broken. (It seems this was considered to be miraculous.)

- **John 21:11:** "Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken."

Although Paul was an apostle, he wasn't the replacement for Judas. That person had to be someone who was with Jesus for the entire duration of His earthly ministry. Since Paul missed

all of it he wasn't eligible.

- **Acts 1:21-22, 26:** "Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection. ... And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles."

Although Peter couldn't give the lame man any money (because he didn't have any), he did give what he had to give (which was healing).

- **Acts 3:6:** "Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."

Although the religious leaders saw that the lame man was healed and heard Peter's testimony, they still didn't repent and believe.

- **Acts 4:14-17:** "And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it. But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name."

When rulers fought against Jesus, they were doing what God had foreordained they should do. **Although** the rulers didn't know it, they were carrying out God's counsel.

- **Acts 26-4:28:** "The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done."

Just as a whole legion of demons can possess a person, so a person can be filled with increasing amounts of the Holy Spirit. **Although** all Christians are filled with the Holy Spirit, it's apparently possible to receive more of the Holy Spirit than what we currently have. (The apostles were *already* filled with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. Yet when they prayed after Peter healed the lame man, God gave them even more of His Spirit.)

- **Acts 4:31:** "And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness."

Even in the earliest days of the church, people weren't *required* to sell everything they had and give the proceeds to others. **Although** some people did that, they didn't have to.

- **Acts 5:4:** "Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God."

Although multitudes of common people believed and were saved, the religious leaders didn't. The religious leaders of Israel were far more wicked and hard-hearted than the common people. (When they saw that the disciples were healing the sick, they responded by *throwing the disciples in prison*.)

- **Acts 5:16-18:** "There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one. Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation, And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison."

Although the apostles were magnified by the common people, the religious leaders weren't afraid to arrest them in public.

- **Acts 5:18:** "And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison."

The twelve disciples believed that although widows did need to be cared for, that was less important than proclaiming the gospel. (That's why they asked deacons be appointed to take care of the widows.)

- **Acts 6:2:** "Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables."

Although false witnesses claimed that Stephen said that Jesus

was going to destroy the temple and change customs, Stephen didn't address either of those points when he spoke. Instead he ignored those accusations when he spoke.

- **Acts 6:14:** "For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us."

God told Abraham that **although** He was going to give the promised land to his descendants, it wouldn't happen until 400 years in the future. (It seems the 400 years was from the time Abram left to go to Canaan until the day the Israelites left Egypt. The time of affliction includes the things that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob suffered, and began long before Jacob moved to Egypt.)

- **Acts 7:6:** "And God spake on this wise, That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat them evil four hundred years."

Although God promised to give Abraham the entire promised land, during his lifetime he wasn't even given enough land to bury his relatives. Instead he had to buy land to bury Sarah after she died.

- **Acts 7:16:** "And were carried over into Sychem, and laid in the sepulchre that Abraham bought for a sum of money of the sons of Emmor the father of Sychem."

Although the Egyptians were oppressing the Hebrews, the Hebrews were also oppressing one another.

- **Acts 7:26:** "And the next day he shewed himself unto

them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another?"

Although the Israelites were given the Mosaic Law, they didn't keep it.

- **Acts 7:53:** "Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it."

Although Simon the sorcerer believed the gospel, his heart wasn't right with God.

- **Acts 8:13, 21:** "Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done. ... Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God."

It seems that **although** Simon the sorcerer believed that the gospel was true, he hadn't repented of his sins.

- **Acts 8:22:** "Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee."

Although Saul (who later became the apostle Paul) was a chosen vessel of the Lord, he was going to have to suffer greatly for the sake of the name of Jesus.

- **Acts 9:16:** "For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake."

Although Peter was given the vision of the sheet that contained animals three times, he didn't understand it.

- **Acts 10:17:** "Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,"

Although the Bible frequently speaks of prophets, teachers, apostles, evangelists, and elders, it *never* mentions any pastors. (The modern-day position of pastor can't be found in the Bible. The idea that there's a church position called "pastor", and the person in that role is the head of the church, is wrong and unbiblical. Although the Bible does speak of shepherds who are over the flock of God, it *never* says that's the pastor. Instead it says those shepherds are *the elders*.)

- **Acts 13:1:** "Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul."

In the apostolic era, things had changed. A new dispensation had begun. **Although** God had allowed nations to be ignorant in the past, He was no longer going to allow that. The nations of the world were now commanded to repent.

- **Acts 14:16:** "Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways."
- **Acts 17:30:** "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:"

Although Paul ordained elders in every city, he *never* ordained any pastors. In fact, pastors are never mentioned in the New Testament. Instead the people who are in charge of churches (and who function as the shepherds of the flock) are *the elders*.

- **Acts 14:23:** "And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed."

Although Christians aren't under the Mosaic Law anymore, that doesn't mean we can do as we please. There are some commandments God requires us to keep.

- **Acts 15:28-29:** "For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well."

Although the Jews made many accusations against Paul to Festus, they couldn't prove any of them.

- **Acts 25:7:** "And when he was come, the Jews which came down from Jerusalem stood round about, and laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove."

Festus said that **although** he was going to send Paul to Caesar, he didn't have an accusation against him that he could write down and send with him. (That's why he wanted King Agrippa

to examine Paul.)

- **Acts 25:25-27:** "But when I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death, and that he himself hath appealed to Augustus, I have determined to send him. Of whom I have no certain thing to write unto my lord. Wherefore I have brought him forth before you, and specially before thee, O king Agrippa, that, after examination had, I might have somewhat to write. For it seemeth to me unreasonable to send a prisoner, and not withal to signify the crimes laid against him."

Jesus promised Paul to deliver him from both the Jews and the Gentiles. **Although** Paul suffered many terrible things in his life, including being stoned and imprisoned and shipwrecked, he always escaped with his life until it was time for him to be martyred. (It seems that being delivered did *not* mean he wasn't going to suffer or be persecuted.)

- **Acts 26:17:** "Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,"

Although Paul warned what would happen if they continued sailing to Rome, the centurion didn't believe him.

- **Acts 27:9-11:** "Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, Paul admonished them, And said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives. Nevertheless the centurion believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by Paul."

Although the sailors tossed the tackle overboard on the third day, they didn't toss overboard the boat that they were also carrying, or the ship's anchors, or its cargo of wheat. (That was done later.)

- **Acts 27:19:** "And the third day we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship."

Although Israel would be exceedingly large, only a remnant would be saved.

- **Romans 9:27:** "Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:"

Although we live in this world, we must not be like this world.

- **Romans 12:2:** "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Although the sins of Christians have been forgiven, we will still have to stand before God and be judged. He will hold us accountable (at the judgment seat of Christ).

- **Romans 14:12:** "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

Paul wasn't able to do everything he wanted to do. **Although** he planned to travel to Spain after going to Jerusalem, that didn't happen (because at Jerusalem he was arrested and imprisoned, and then transported to Rome).

- **Romans 15:25, 28:** "But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. ... When therefore I have performed this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will come by you into Spain."

Although the Gentile churches had taken up a collection for suffering Jewish Christians, the fruit of that offering wasn't going to be sealed until the moment their offering was actually given to those Jewish Christians. (In other words, God credits the money we give to the poor once they've actually received it, not when we give it.)

- **Romans 15:25-26, 28:** "But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem. ... When therefore I have performed this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will come by you into Spain."

Although Paul wrote the book of Romans, he actually dictated it to Tertius, who physically wrote it down.

- **Romans 16:22:** "I Tertius, who wrote this epistle, salute you in the Lord."

Although the Old Testament prophesied about the gospel, it was hidden until after Christ's resurrection. No one before then understood it, because it was a mystery that had been kept secret from the beginning of the world.

- **Romans 16:25:** "Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which

was kept secret since the world began,"

- **1 Peter 1:10-12:** "Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into."

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- **1 Corinthians 2:4:** "And my speech and my preaching was

not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:"

Although the preaching of the gospel is foolishness to the world, it's *not* foolish to those who are saved. Christians understand that the gospel is actually the wisdom of God.

- **1 Corinthians 2:6:** "Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:"

Although the world views the gospel as foolishness, Paul never says we should change it to make it more appealing. Instead he says we *must* preach Christ crucified *and nothing else*. Paul is very clear that we must remain true to the gospel and not mix the wisdom of the world into it, even though the world will reject the pure gospel as foolishness.

- **1 Corinthians 2:14:** "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

Although Christians will one day be judged at the judgment seat of Christ, that's only for the purpose of rewards. The judgment we will face isn't related to our salvation. Those who fail this judgment won't be cast to Hell. At worst, people will go away without receiving a rewards. (This will be *tremendously* disappointing, because in the book of Revelation we're told that people will use their rewards to worship God. Those who are never given a crown, because they failed to earn one in this life, can't cast it at His feet.)

- **1 Corinthians 3:13-15:** "Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."
- **2 Corinthians 5:10:** "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."

Although Paul wasn't physically present with the Corinthian church, he was with them in spirit. (It seems it's possible to not be physically present with a church, and yet still be with them in spirit.)

- **1 Corinthians 5:3:** "For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed,"

Although Jesus will come and get the church at the rapture, God the Father is the one who will actually resurrect us (just as the Father is the one who resurrected Jesus).

- **1 Corinthians 6:14:** "And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power."

God puts a difference between the children of those who are saved and the children of those who are lost. **Although** the salvation of one person is *never* applied to someone else (including to children), having at least one Christian parent

matters to God.

- **1 Corinthians 7:14:** "For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy."

Although Paul had the right to receive financial support from the churches that he ministered to, he didn't make use of that right.

- **1 Corinthians 9:11-12:** "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ."
- **1 Corinthians 9:15:** "But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void."

Although Paul was free (meaning he wasn't a slave), he made himself a servant to everyone. (He did this for the furtherance of the gospel.)

- **1 Corinthians 9:19:** "For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more."

Although we must preach the gospel, the Lord requires more from us than that. We must also rule over our desires, instead of allowing them to rule over us.

- **1 Corinthians 9:27:** "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

The Hebrews who God rescued out of Egypt during the exodus drank from the Rock, which was Christ. **Although** the Jews did physically drink from the rock that Moses struck, they also drank from the spiritual rock who was to come (the Lord Jesus Christ.)

- **1 Corinthians 10:4:** "And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ."

There's only one church (**although** there are many individual local churches). The Lord has told us that there's only one body of Christ, not many.

- **1 Corinthians 10:17:** "For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread."
- **1 Corinthians 12:12:** "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ."

Although Paul wasn't present the night that Jesus instituted communion with His disciples, Jesus did personally instruct Paul about the subject.

- **1 Corinthians 11:23:** "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:"

Although there are multiple spiritual gifts, there's only one Spirit.

- **1 Corinthians 12:4:** "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit."

Although there are different areas of service in the church, there's only one God.

- **1 Corinthians 12:5:** "And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord."

Although the people in the church do different things, there's only one God.

- **1 Corinthians 12:6:** "And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all."

Although people in the church have different spiritual gifts, the same Spirit is working through everyone.

- **1 Corinthians 12:11:** "But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will."

Although Paul believed he didn't deserve to be an apostle (because he once persecuted the church), he still did that job to the best of his ability. He didn't let that thought impact his performance.

- **1 Corinthians 15:9:** "For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I

persecuted the church of God."

Although Paul had a great opportunity at Ephesus to preach the gospel, he also faced many adversaries there.

- **1 Corinthians 16:8-9:** "But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost. For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries."

Although the face of Moses really did shine (after he had spent time with God on mount Horeb), that there was also a symbolic meaning behind it. Paul connected that glory with the glory of the old covenant, and the temporary nature of that glory to the temporary nature of the old covenant.

- **2 Corinthians 3:7-11:** "But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious? For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory. For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth. For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious."

Although God gave some glory to the covenant of works, the covenant of grace is far more glorious. The old covenant had no glory at all by comparison.

- **2 Corinthians 3:10:** "For even that which was made

glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth."

Although Moses really did put a veil over his face, Paul taught that this also had a symbolic meaning. The veil represented the fact that the Israelites couldn't understand the nature of the old covenant (the covenant of works.)

- **2 Corinthians 3:13-16:** "And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away."

God is a Spirit, not a physical being. (**Although** the Lord Jesus Christ incarnated, the rest of the godhood didn't. Yet there aren't three gods, but only one God in three persons. This is a great mystery.)

- **2 Corinthians 3:17:** "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

Although the gospel is a source of light, some people have been blinded to it and can't see it.

- **2 Corinthians 4:4:** "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

Although there were times when Paul was perplexed, he didn't give in to despair.

- **2 Corinthians 4:8:** "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;"

Although we're troubled, we don't have to be distressed. We can find strength in God's power and keep going.

- **2 Corinthians 4:7-8:** "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;"

Although Paul was cast down, he wasn't destroyed. He was humbled but kept going.

- **2 Corinthians 4:9:** "Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;"

Although Paul was persecuted, he didn't believe that God had forsaken him. He knew God was with him even through times of persecution.

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Paul believed that **although** the Corinthian church was in a period of financial abundance, there might be a time when they were in need. Therefore the church should help others now, when they ability to do so, and then other churches

would help them when their time of need came.

- **2 Corinthians 8:14:** "But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality:"

Although Christians walk *in* the flesh (because we're still in our mortal bodies), we don't walk *according* to the flesh or wage spiritual warfare according to the flesh.

- **2 Corinthians 10:3-4:** "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)"

Although Paul's physical infirmity was inflicted upon him by the devil, he believed it was ultimately from God for the purpose of keeping him humble.

- **2 Corinthians 12:7:** "And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure."

Although Paul prayed three times that God would heal him (from his thorn in the flesh), God didn't heal him. (God doesn't always heal those who pray for healing.)

- **2 Corinthians 12:8-9:** "For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I

rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

Although Christians are the servants of Christ, we are also heirs and will one day inherit all things. That makes us different from servants, because servants don't have a right to inherit anything.

- **Galatians 3:29:** "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."
- **Galatians 4:1-2:** "Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father."

Although Abraham really did have children with both Hagar and Sarah, and he really did cast out Ishmael, God used that as an allegory for the two covenants (the covenant of works and the covenant of grace). Those who seek salvation by works won't be saved.

- **Galatians 4:22-26:** "For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar. For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all."

Although marriage is a real thing, it's a picture of something far greater (the relationship between Christ and His church).

- **Ephesians 5:31-32:** "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church."

Although the wicked rage against Jesus, the day is coming when they'll be forced to bow down to Him and confess that He is Lord.

- **Philippians 2:11:** "And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Although we're not saved by our works, God does call those who are saved to tremble before Him and do good works (which are done by His power and grace). We're not allowed to spend our life doing nothing.

- **Philippians 2:12-13:** "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

Although Paul didn't condemn the Philippian church for not meeting his needs, he did tell them that their inaction almost got Epaphroditus killed.

- **Philippians 2:25, 30:** "Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants. ... Because for the work of

Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me."

The Lord is at hand. **Although** He's not visibly present with us, He's near us and not far from us.

- **Philippians 4:5:** "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand."

When we're full of worries and cares, we should pray. **Although** God may not grant all of our requests, He will give us peace.

- **Philippians 4:6-7:** "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Although Paul worked with many churches, the only church that reached out to help him was the Philippian church.

- **Philippians 4:15:** "Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only."

Although Paul was absent from the Colossian church, he was with them in spirit. (It's possible to be physically absent from a church and yet with them in spirit.)

- **Colossians 2:5:** "For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your

order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ."

Although Christians may live in this world, they're dead to this world.

- **Colossians 2:20:** "Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,"

Although Christians lived in sin before they were saved, they must not walk in sin any longer. Instead we must obey God's commandments and do what's right.

- **Colossians 3:7-8:** "In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth."

Although the tribulation will overtake the world as a thief in the night and bring terrible destruction, it won't impact the church. (This is because God will remove the church from the world before the tribulation begins. Since we're not living in darkness, we won't have to experience that terrible time.)

- **1 Thessalonians 5:2-4:** "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief."

Although the Thessalonian church had faith in God and was abounding in love toward one another, they still had to endure terrible suffering and persecution. Their faith and love didn't exempt them from persecution.

- **2 Thessalonians 1:5:** "Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:"

Although churches aren't allowed to count heretics as enemies, they must still separate from them and have no fellowship with them. (This is so they'll repent and be saved.)

- **2 Thessalonians 3:14-15:** "And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother."

No one has seen God the Father (**although** some people have seen Jesus, who's the image of God).

- **1 Timothy 6:16:** "Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen."

Although you can't take your possessions with you when you die, you *can* lay a good foundation for the life to come by living a life of good works. (We're not saved by our works, but God has promised to reward those who faithfully serve Him in this life.)

- **1 Timothy 6:18-19:** "That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to

communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life."

Although God made the decision to save us before the world began, our salvation was manifested when Jesus came into this world.

- **2 Timothy 1:9-10:** "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:"

Although Paul prayed that God would give Timothy an understanding of the Scriptures, Paul also told Timothy to consider (think about) them. Paul expected Timothy to put effort into learning them.

- **2 Timothy 2:7:** "Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things."

Although Paul was in prison, the Word of God wasn't in prison. (It continued to spread throughout the world.)

- **2 Timothy 2:9:** "Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound."

Although the world teaches that we must love ourselves, God says that it's a *terrible* thing to love ourselves. (Another word

for that is “selfishness”).

- **2 Timothy 3:1-2:** "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,"

Paul met Onesimus while he was in prison (**although** it seems that Onesimus himself wasn't in prison, since Paul was able to send him back to Philemon).

- **Philemon 1:10:** "I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten in my bonds."

Although Jesus was tempted, He never sinned.

- **Hebrews 4:15:** "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

Although Abel is dead, his faith still speaks.

- **Hebrews 11:4:** "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh."

You don't have to live a perfect live to demonstrate faith. **Although** the people listed in Hebrews 11 were imperfect, they still pleased God because they demonstrated faith in Him. God used their faith to accomplish His will.

- **Hebrews 11:32:** "And what shall I more say? for the time

would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:"

Although chastening is painful, it yields good fruit.

- **Hebrews 12:11:** "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby."

The blood of Christ speaks better things than the blood of Abel. (**Although** Abel had a good testimony, the blood of Christ saves us.)

- **Hebrews 12:24:** "And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speakech better things than that of Abel."

Although Christians haven't seen Jesus, we believe in Him through faith and rejoice.

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The Lord Jesus Christ was manifested in these last times. **Although** His coming was planned before He created the world, He wasn't manifested until now.

- **1 Peter 1:20:** "Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,"

The Bible consistently teaches that grass *withers*. **Although** it says that people and animals both die, it never says that plants die. (In other words, plants aren't alive the same way that people and animals are alive. Plants don't have the breath of life in them.)

- **1 Peter 1:24:** "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:"

Although we were once going astray, we've now returned to the Shepherd of our souls. (This is because Christ has saved us.)

- **1 Peter 2:25:** "For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls."

Although the world speaks evil of Christ, He's glorified by those who are being reproached for His sake. (This means the reproaches of the world actually bring glory to Christ.)

- **1 Peter 4:14:** "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified."

Although God's judgment begins with the church, it doesn't stop there. The Lord will judge the world as well.

- **1 Peter 4:17:** "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?"

Although the first epistle of Peter was written by Peter, it seems that Silvanus was the person who physically wrote it down.

- **1 Peter 5:12:** "By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand."

Although some Christians don't pursue the fruits of the Spirit, Peter doesn't want anyone follow that bad example. He commands everyone to be diligent. (No one is saved by good works, but good works are *always* the result of salvation. Those who are living a life of good works therefore have a solid reason to be assured of their salvation.)

- **2 Peter 1:9-10:** "But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was

purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:"

Although God used prophets to proclaim His prophecies, those prophecies came from the Holy Spirit.

- **2 Peter 1:21:** "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."

Although the world teaches that good needs to be balanced by evil, that's *not* what the Bible teaches. God is light, and is wholly against all darkness.

- **1 John 1:5:** "This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all."

Although this world will pass away, Christians won't pass away. We will last beyond the end of this world.

- **1 John 2:17:** "And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

The anointing that comes from God (the Holy Spirit) doesn't guide us into lies (**although** there are antichrists who try to lead people into lies).

- **1 John 2:27:** "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things,

and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him."

When we're changed (at the rapture), we will be made like Jesus. We'll be transformed from what we are now into beings who are like Him (**although** the details of that are currently unknown.)

- **1 John 3:2:** "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

No true spirit will deny that Jesus has come in the flesh – that **although** He's divine and has always existed, He humbled Himself and became a man. (Those who teach otherwise are lost and on the road to Hell, and lack the Holy Spirit.)

- **1 John 4:2:** "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:"

Even though God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are all one God (**although** three persons), there are some things the Father knows that the Son doesn't know until the Father shares it with Him. (Jesus Himself said that although God the Father knows the day when Jesus will return, Jesus Himself doesn't know.)

- **Revelation 1:1:** "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:"

Although Jesus was once dead, He's now alive.

- **Revelation 1:18:** "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."
- **Revelation 2:8:** "And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;"

Jesus said that **although** the church at Smyrna was poor in material goods, they were rich in His sight.

- **Revelation 2:9:** "I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan."

Although the church of Smyrna was faithful and weren't doing anything wrong, they were persecuted and poor. God didn't bless them with material wealth.

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Although the church of Thyatira did good works, had faith, and showed charity, they tolerated a woman who taught others to sin. For that reason Jesus had something against them. The good things that they were doing didn't excuse their tolerance for sin.

- **Revelation 2:19-20:** "I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols."

Although we're saved by faith and not by works, our works will play a role in the reward that Jesus will one day give to us.

- **Revelation 2:23:** "And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works."

The antichrist doesn't begin his reign until halfway through the tribulation (**although** he's one of the kings of the beast's kingdom before then).

- **Revelation 13:5:** "And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months."

When the antichrist is resurrected, there will still be saints left in the world. **Although** many Christians will be martyred before those days, there will still be some left (otherwise the antichrist would have no one to wage war against).

- **Revelation 13:3, 7:** "And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. ... And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to

overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations."

During the tribulation, the patience and faith of the saints will be found in knowing that **although** they're going to be killed, God will kill those who killed them.

- **Revelation 13:10:** "He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints."

The city of Babylon isn't going to endure. **Although** it will rise again in the end times, God will destroy it.

- **Revelation 14:8:** "And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

One day all the nations will come and worship before God (**although** this doesn't mean they'll be saved, since one day even the wicked will be forced to bow down before Him).

- **Revelation 15:4:** "Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest."

Although the devil will gather the kings to the great battle that will take place at the end of the tribulation, that battle will actually be of the Lord.

- **Revelation 16:14:** "For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty."

Although the great whore (the false end-times religion) will ride upon the beast, the beast will hate her and will ultimately destroy her.

- **Revelation 17:16:** "And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire."

Although the antichrist will wage war against Jesus, he won't be victorious.

- **Revelation 19:20:** "And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone."

When Jesus returns, He will slaughter the armies of the antichrist. **Although** the armies of Heaven will accompany Him, they won't fight. Instead Jesus will single-handedly defeat all those who opposed Him.

- **Revelation 19:21:** "And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh."

At the great white throne judgment, death will be abolished (**although** the wicked will suffer a second death).

- **Revelation 20:14-15:** "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."
- **Revelation 21:4:** "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."

Although there are more than twelve apostles mentioned in the Bible, there are only twelve apostles of the Lamb. (This seems to be a reference to the twelve disciples, which consist of the original eleven plus Matthias, who replaced Judas.)

- **Revelation 21:14:** "And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb."