

The Bible is Built-In Self-Interpretative.

AN INTERPRETATION OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE



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We have a clue to this built-in feature by God the Holy Spirit in II Peter 1:20,21, but fail to fully comprehend and apply that the Bible of the Prophets and Apostles is WITHOUT INTERPRETATION. We with apologies to the wisdom of the world and modern theology in preaching and teaching have given far too much ground to sceptics of Bible inspiration. There is one interpretation of the Bible according to Peter, and there are no PRIVATE interpretations. Many of us from youth have reveled in the "Interpretation of the English Bible" by the marvelous Dr. B. H. Carroll who took the Seminary from Baylor Waco to Southwestern Fort Worth a President of both and while the trustees were away**, but must consider that Cranfill and others chose the title when the original by Carroll himself was his lectures in the Baylor Department on "The

English Bible", and that Carroll wrested that department from Baylor to SWBTS to provide preachers without a college degree more than adequate training in the Bible Itself.

****Later Baylor President Harold Runnels would start the downward trend of Baylor toward freedom of Baptist and Bible in favor of big, money, and sports when he followed the example of Carroll, waiting for one loyal Texas Baptist trustee to be away when he had an independent charter for Baylor filed in Austin.**

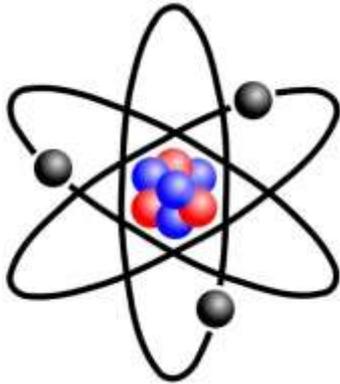
INTRODUCTION:

1. God the Holy Spirit's Great Design of the Bible.

"For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." 18 And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; 20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private

interpretation, ²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but ¹⁸ holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.” (II Peter 2:16-21)



God's Great Design of the Bible.

“Marvelous are all thy works of Creation, Oh Lord.” We stand in awe of both the astronomical creations of God and the microscopic. Man through the years has come to learn that even one atom is a marvel of a nucleus of positive protons holding together an equal number of electrons in orbit; think of just the marvel of water with two molecules of Hydrogen, a gas, with another on molecule of oxygen, making a liquid by which we live and survive, and the Periodic Table of Elements with well organized groups and rows is a discovery by man of some of the marvels of God's creation, He whose righteousness and wisdom is greater than the mountains and deeper than the seas. Man is a marvel and is called in the Bible the Crown of Creation. Not nearly as many people appreciate that the structure of the Bible, God's great design of the Bible over a period of two thousand years with selected and diverse men with different careers, is a miracle of design and construction with the Old Testament quotes in the New Testament holding it firmly together, this marvel of the work of God by the Trinity of God the Father, God the Son (the Word made flesh), and God the Holy Spirit. As you read for starters here, first the whole outline of the Bible around 12 topics made possible by quotes in the New Testament of the most important Old Testament verses from Prophets and the Spirit, for Gentiles and Hebrews, then with the marvels of the proper interpretations by Jesus and the Apostles (the Bible is summarized by Apostles, Prophets, and the Holy Spirit), then applications and implementation to provide humanity with the wisdom of God based on His own character a guidebook for Life and Living. Hopefully, an inspiration of your reading here will be what Jesus said of a balanced life, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God.” McLendon Day of Baylor University captured some of that marvel of THE BOOK when she wrote “The Wonder of the Word”.

Table 4: Gospel in Deuteronomy

Proclaimed (Old Test)	Established (Matthew)	Explained (Heb/Rom)	Reinforced (Luke)	Appendix (Mark)
Deuteronomy 5:14				2:24
Deuteronomy 5:16			7:10	
Deut 5:16-21				10:19
Deut 6:4,6				12:29
Deuteronomy 6:5			10:26,27	
Deuteronomy 6:13			4:8	
Deut 6:13,16	2:6			
Deuteronomy 6:16			4:12	
Deuteronomy *;3	4:4		4:4	
	18:15			9:7
Deuteronomy 10:20	4:10			
Deuteronomy 18:15		Insert from Acts: Acts 7:37		

2. You would have to ignore the literal nature of II Peter 2 in order to remain without conviction that God the Holy Spirit chose the 17 quotes from Deuteronomy (as He did for the whole Bible) for the NT Apostles to quote and explain and implement. Look at the first part of the Table to the left, there are quotes in Matthew, primarily from Jesus Himself, and quotes in Mark and Luke, which would be the work of the Apostle Paul as he left parchments for John Mark and Dr. Luke.

a. Table 4a shown above for the Gospel in Deuteronomy, alias an outline of all the quotes from the book and where they are quoted in the NT.

*Sorry for the misprint at Deuteronomy 8:3 which you see in the row as Deuteronomy *;3.

Deuteronomy 8:3 He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

M a t t h e w 4 : 4

“But he answered and said, **It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**”

b. The second part of Table 4, the gospel in Deuteronomy. Look at the Table, you see once again Jesus is a frequent quoter of Deuteronomy as recorded in Matthew. (You have

Deut 18:15,19	Insert from Acts: Acts 3:22,23			
Deuteronomy 19:15	18:16			
Deut 23:3-6	5:43			
Deut 23:25				2:24
Deuteronomy 24:1	5:31		10:4	
Deut 25:5ff			20:28,38	
Deut 25:5,6				12:9

noticed that the tax collector was also a good accountant of quotes from his Master, once again with assistance of the Holy Spirit, we can not emphasize that too much based on II Peter 2. And good ole Apostle Paul, the former religious lawyer of

the Hebrews, comes in again with quotes in Mark and Luke.

II. Topical on Deuteronomy.

The Law of Moses

“The uniform teaching of the Bible is that ‘the law was given through Moses’ (John 1:17; 7:19; 5:45-47; Luke 24:27).” 1. The 10 commandments fundamental.

1. Christian Attitude Toward Sabbath. **{You can see that Sampey does some topical and expository, even textual.}**
3. Duties to God.
4. Duties to our Fellow Man.
5. The Law of Love.
6. First Draft of the Civil Law.
7. The Ritual Law.
8. What the Law Could Not Do.
9. Lessons from Leviticus.¹
 - (1). Offerings to God must be without blemish (1:3; 3:1).
 - (2). First-fruits belong to Jehovah (Lev 23:10).
 - (3) Sin unwittingly committed demands atonement as discovered.
 - (4). Sins of rulers demand more expensive offerings.
 - (5). Restitution must be made.
 - (6). A clean life in every respect.

10. The Deuteronomic Code.

“The great lawgiver plies his people with reasons for observing Jehovah’s commandments. He does not quote the laws previously given verbatim; but presents them in a popular manner, sometimes enlarging upon the brief code found in Exodus 21-23.”

11. Inferiority of the Mosaic Law to the Gospel of Christ.²

3-4: Importance of Witnesses in Deuteronomy as Background for Consistency Testimonies to the Bible as the Word of God. (Deut 1-17).

1. The Laws of the 10 commandments remained a consistent testimony to the consistency of the Bible, from Jesus, the Apostles, and the Prophets. Jesus uses in Mark 7:10 **{with a quote from Deut 5:16, Exodus 20:12 and 21:17, and Leviticus 20:9}**, and in answer to the criticisms of the Pharisees about His disciples, the commandment to honor father and mother as an example of how it had become distorted by these religious leaders as they: (a) honored God with their lips and not their hearts; (b) practiced vain worship; and (c) substituted the commandments of God for teaching the doctrines of men’s

(1). All they had to do was say “Corban”, this money is instead used as a gift to God, and they no longer had a responsibility to their parents.

¹. Yes Sampey like Carroll likes to preach, and to make NT applications on the OT.

². We will also want to discuss these as we go along in Top Topic #3, “Listen to the Consistencies of the Bible”.

(2). It is important to get Jesus' interpretation of what they were doing on this commandment as well as the others--a process of commandment perversion by interpretation that is also prevalent today, more on other commandments like adultery, murder, and covetousness than this one--as the harrow, according to Jesus was, that they by giving a priority to their long standing traditions like this one which was making null and void the Word of God (Mark 7:13)

(3) Then Jesus dealt with the original complaint against His disciples--that they ignored "the traditions of the elders", they ate bread with unwashed hands; and tried to make clear that it was what came out of the heart of man, not what went into his mouth, that defiled him.²

"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness." (Mark 7:21-23)

2. The Continuing Importance of the Laws of the 10 Commandments, Deuteronomy 5:16-20 and Mark 10:19.

What we have today on the Ten Commandments is the two extremes of religious practices, where (1) some try to make all of their morality, religion, and sometimes even Christianity as the Ten Commandments **you have heard it, "all the**

1. Here Jesus in the Mark 7:6,7 dispute quotes from Isaiah 29:13 to describe the false worship and religion of the religious leaders of His day. You notice that we make full circle as first Mark 7 and Jesus throw light on the proper interpretation of commandments like to honor father and mother, and then with another quote goes back to the OT in Isaiah to explain the behavior of the Pharisees, a long tradition among them of the nation of Israel that dated back to the time of the Prophet Isaiah.
2. We should briefly look at Sampey's "Inferiority of the Mosaic Law to the Gospel of Christ" here even before we get to the next subsection of "The Continuing Importance of the Laws of the 10 Commandments". The inferiorities, which we will list now and refer to in more detail later, are: (1) the Law was a yoke of bondage; (2) a ministration of condemnations and death; (3) a tutor to lead men to Christ (Galatians 3:24); and (4) typical of the new covenant, that is better than the law and sort of a prototype {please read the book of Hebrews}.

religion I need is the 10 commandments; but in reality like the religious leaders of Jesus day, also a common practice among the people, they have a surface and legalistic interpretation and application of the commandments which ignores all along, and in Deuteronomy and Leviticus itself, were summarized as love for God and love for fellow man; and (2) the other extreme of thinking that Christ and the Apostles, the teachings of Christ of the Bible, did away with the requirements of the Ten Commandments, the New Covenant and New Testament with the Old Covenant and the Old Testament.

Yet Jesus clearly taught that He came not to destroy the law but to fulfill it. Granted that many of the rules and regulations that were more civil than moral was nailed to the cross with sacrifice and religious rituals, the ten commandments and many principles, such as the principle of consistency, remained.

1. Jesus came not to destroy the law.

Jesus taught and made clear with quotes from Deuteronomy and Leviticus how the 10 commandments all along have been summarized as love for God and love for fellow man. These were not new teachings of Jesus, of the New Testament, and of Christianity: they were there all along. And when we place all this emphasis on faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation, which by the way is the way God the Father has set it up and ordained it, we are not going past respect for God the Father as given in the first commandments. Without respect for God the Father, there is nothing: no religion, no salvation, no Jesus, no Gospel, and no new birth. The person who takes God's name in vain as a habit of life is defunct: they have nothing, they are nothing in the sight of God, and in the teachings of Jesus and the Bible. This is composite also!

2. Jesus came to Fulfill the law.

What the "law could not do in that it was weak in the flesh", God through Jesus provided a cure for. With the atonement and faith in the atonement a proper attitude is established before God the Father that makes possible the two-step salvation process of new birth and sanctification, one can not exist without the other even as "to believe" in John can not exist without the "believing", and vice versa.

3-5: Old and New Testament Consistencies with Quotes from Deuteronomy.

If we make a rapid survey of the many quotes of Deuteronomy throughout the New Testament, you will begin to appreciate somewhat this consistency between the Prophets and the Apostles, between the New and Old Testaments, between even grace and law. **{Always keep in mind that while the Bible is a gradual revelation of the nature and character of God Himself, finally shown clearly in the Lord Jesus Christ, God has chosen that the central focus for salvation and the Bible be on the Prophet Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ. While we come to see Christ as the Messiah, actually Christ is Greek for the Hebrew word "Messiah" in books like Isaiah, during the divided kingdoms of Israel after David and Solomon, we start right here in Deuteronomy getting a lot of insight on Christ as the top Prophet to be heeded and listened to.}**

1. From the quote of Deuteronomy 5:16-20 in Mark 10:19, Mark 10:28-31 and Luke 10:26,27, with the consistency of God is first and love of fellow man is second, a steady theme of truth runs through both Testaments.

2 The "special people" of God theme runs throughout the Bible from Deuteronomy 7:6 to Titus 2:14; and although God gets disgusted with us today like with His original people, God's righteousness today being broken even as the old covenant was done the same in the Old Testament, God's intention then and now remained and remains the same: (1) to get a holy people to the LORD your God, (2) a people for Himself, (3) "a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth" (Deut 7:6) **{there has been a lot of broken hearts for God the Father here}**, and (4) a people "zealous of good works", (5) redeemed for every lawless deed, and (6) a people "purified for Himself" (Titus 2:14).

NOTE: Sometimes like above in Titus 2:14 while there is not a direct quote, there is so much of the thought and words of a particular OT verse and/or passage, that it is like a precis or paraphrase. More of this consistency or composite nature of the Bible.

3. You probably thought the saying "man shall not live by bread alone" started with the teachings of Jesus as recorded in Matthew 4:4 and Luke 4:4, but Jesus was actually quoting from Deuteronomy 8:3.

NOTE: And by the way how about the consistency of the Gospel of Matthew with the Gospel of Luke, as well as Mark and John. You can appreciate it more if you will study A HARMONY OF THE GOSPELS by A.T. Robertson, and keep in mind as one of the outstanding legal authorities on evidence, Simon Greenleaf, formerly of Harvard Law School, wrote, "the testimony of the four evangelists would stand up as a prima facie case in any court of law." And keep in mind about those who find inconsistencies in the Bible because of their own superficial study of the Bible and spiritual immaturity {the Bible is spiritually discerned}, makes such foolish statements as the Bible is inconsistent since one place Jesus feeds 4,000 and another 5,000.

Jesus, the Apostles, and the Prophets in their teachings and writings in the Bible all speak with one voice because God the Father is the one, same source for all their teachings {doctrines}.

4. Moses in Deuteronomy 18:15,19 presented Jesus as the Prophet, albeit less clearly than Peter was able to do in Acts 3:22,23 as he quoted Moses because he just saw in the life and teachings of Jesus how it was so, also the germ and principle of salvation in "destruction from among the people" {the people of God}, and the overwhelming necessity of listening to this Prophet Jesus.

NOTE: Listen is one of the main messages from God that we should get from Deuteronomy and all its quotes and explanations in the New Testament along with how to listen and what to listen to, also WHO! This is also consistency in the Bible as a composite witness, established far more than two or three times.

5. The testimony of God the Father to God the Son is consistent in Old and New Testaments from the transfiguration in Mark 9:7 and same wording from God in Deuteronomy 18:15,19, also in Psalm 11:7.

"Then a cloud formed overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, 'This is My Beloved Son, listen to him!'" (Mark 9:7, Deut 18:15,19, and Psalm 11:7)

NOTE: We will not pause to list all the consistent testimonies of the Father to the Son, like this, as listed like in the Gospels in the Baptism of Jesus and as in the quotes from Paul in Hebrews.

(1). Listen to Jesus is the word directly from God, from the Prophets, and from the Apostles--the consistent message of the Bible; and this is listening to the extent of believing, for this kind of listening is required for salvation, most generally expressed as the only way "not to be cut off from the people", the people, of course, meaning the people of God.

(2). Immediately after the cloud cleared at the Transfiguration where the Prophets Moses and Elijah disappeared as God spoke, then the Bible said, "Jesus remained alone". Just one more way to emphasis as Jesus is alone as a provider of solid teachings and salvation!

6. Matthew 18:16 for Christians and churches, that of taking a grievance to a brother by way of two or three witnesses and then to the local church, is based on the "Principle of two or three witnesses" of Deuteronomy 19:15.

7. When Paul wrote to the church at Corinth (II Corinthians 13:1), quoting from Deuteronomy 19:15 on the Principle of Witnesses, and basing the whole argument for two epistles to Corinth and correcting them 3 times, it was based on that famous principle of consistency of the Bible.

8. When Jesus in John 8:17 speaks of the witness of Himself as Son of God and the witness of God the Father {you know John thought of this as he later wrote near the end of the first century of the 3 witnesses on earth and from heaven}, also an echo of what happened with testimony from the Father both at baptism and transfiguration, He appealed to those schooled in the Law and the Prophets, and on the well known "Principle of Witnesses" of Deuteronomy 19:15.

9. Likewise the Apostle Paul in I Timothy 5:18, on how not to accept any accusation or gossip about a pastor {bishop}, without two or more witnesses, was quoting from the Principle of Witnesses in Deuteronomy 19:15.

NOTE: Once again the Principle of Witnesses is larger than one verse, Deuteronomy 19:15, as it is as large as the whole book of Deuteronomy, the whole law of the five books of the Pentateuch, called in the Bible "the law of Moses". It is as large as the mind and character of God Himself. This is not only the way God wants man to behave in civil matters, in social matters; but also in the church and in the establishment of all truth, Bible or otherwise.

10. The subject of the cross, like that of the Prophet and Messiah Jesus, is consistent throughout the Bible as in Deuteronomy 21:22 and Galatians, where first of all there is a curse on everyone hanged from a tree, and then second as in the Crucifixion of Christ He was cursed by God for man, once and for all, which we now consistently identify as the atonement, or in the words of the Bible "Christ died on the cross for our sins."

NOTE: This is another example and place where you can learn facts and history of the Bible and not get the message. The message is for you to accept the atonement from God, not simply learn about this agreement on the Cross and the blood from the Old and New Testaments. It, the Scripture, "is profitable" (II Timothy 3:16,17). It can correct you; it can instruct you, and it can bring you all the way into spiritual maturity. It is a textbook for living, not a scholarly treatise; and God far from trying to hide secret messages in the Bible, had in the writing of the Bible with over 40 human authors over a period of thousands of years, the goal of direct communicate of humans with the right attitude.

11. Granted that Moses granted a writ of divorcement in Deuteronomy 24:1, but that this was not to be an easy way of marriage for those who would seek a younger wife, turning their back on the wife of their youth (Malachi 2:14), Jesus clarified in Matthew 5:31 and Mark 10:4 {more consistency of teachings from Jesus as recorded by the Apostles, the Gospel writers, of course Mark was sponsored by the Apostle Paul, the chief editor with 14 epistles of the New Testament}, how it was always intended that there be only one cause for divorce; where adultery or fornication had been committed, and once again established among two or more witnesses; and the reason Moses even permitted such a writ of divorce {and keep this in mind when you consider divorce, and of course this is old and past stuff for the many who have already asked for and received forgiveness and "cleansing from all unrighteousness" from God in prayer} is because of their hard hearts.

NOTE: In other words divorce is only a last resort when one or more members of the marriage has gone all the way into a hardened heart; and although this wrong and condemned by God and Jesus, it like all sins, if confessed, can receive from God the Father, immediate forgiveness. And if it is from God the Father, you need nothing from anyone else!

12. The Principles from God of Deuteronomy, like in 25:3-5 about not to muzzle the mouth of the ox in order that he can eat as he plows, are as practical to just payment of the pastor of a church (I Timothy 5:18), religious law if you would, as they are to civil and social law. **{A notable characteristic of the people of Israel, like God had Moses established it, was that the civil law was the same as the religious law; and Paul who would later write 14 epistles of the NT, being the chief quoter of Old Testament scriptures second to Jesus, was a lawyer of Israel, established in civil and religious law, also whose prime ministry was as chief editor of the New Testament.}** The details get juicy in I Timothy from Paul as it is even specified that double compensation should go to any pastor that both teaches and preaches.

13. Deuteronomy 25:6, Luke 20:28,38, and Mark 12:19: the consistent testimony of the Bible is that (1) all like Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob who died in the Lord are still alive, (2) that there is no marriage in heaven and on the New Earth as living souls **{with resurrection bodies}** are like the angels; and that (3) that the dead are as living as the Living God Himself.

14. Deuteronomy 27:26 and Galatians 3:10: even as the principle is established in Deuteronomy that every man is cursed, alias guilty and damned, that does not live up to the whole ten commandments and law, it is clarified in Galatians that on one can be justified by the law, only by faith.

NOTE: Paul makes the case very well in Romans how the law, ten commandments and otherwise, is our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ. Only guilt, not morality and justification, can come from the law. We are justified by faith!

15. Deuteronomy 32:12 and I Corinthians 10:20: even as in Deuteronomy God led Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel and who with 12 sons became a nation of the 12 tribes of Israel, preserved and protected until Christ could be born of their lineage, and who “with him was no foreign gods” (32:12), so Paul urges Christians and church members in I Corinthians not to have “fellowship with demons”, with Gentiles of idols or gods other than the God of the Bible and of the Universe. Prime loyalty to God the Father, that God of the Universe, the Son of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Great Creator, the One taught in the Bible, is a consistent message of the whole Bible, only the form of idols and secondary gods change from year to year.

3-6: Prophet and Prophets in Deuteronomy and the Bible and Today.

Yes, this is very much a contemporary issue today in this time of “the heaping up” of itching ears Bible teachers and preachers who would expect you to accept them like a Prophet, or Prophets; and who with their special revelations, extracurricular words and concepts and revelations to the Bible, to accept them as a special spokesman for God. (The following outline is based on Deuteronomy 18:15-22.)

1. The Prophet Lord Jesus Christ in Deuteronomy.

If you fail to get salvation from God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and then learn how to live like Christ, then you miss the message of the Bible.

2. Peter's quote and explanation of the Prophet like Moses of Jesus.
3. Did you get the message of the Transfiguration about Prophets?
4. Establishment of the Office and Work (prophecy) of the Prophet. The Principle of Which Prophet and Prophets to Listen To. **{Which ones are you listening to today?}**

3-7: The Flavor of Deuteronomy {Selected passages for Exegesis}.

1. Deuteronomy 4:9-24. **{Craigie in his commentary likes to call this passage "The Law and the Nature of God", and about God and how we are to think about Him we will learn some amazing things, even more from the Scripture itself in Deuteronomy than Craigie.}**

(1). You can see in Moses **{Deuteronomy 4:9-9}** much basis for the admonitions and encouragements of the former lawyer Paul in his epistles as Moses tells the people just before his death and their entrance into the Promised land to: (a) guard themselves carefully, (b) guard very carefully your desire **{what this word "desire" and "wants" remind us of is II Timothy 4:3,4 about the Falling Away, which of course is a second historical event of our own time based on the very example of what Moses is talking about to the children of Israel as he addresses the second generation in the wilderness to remind them of what happened to the first generation in the wilderness, that is in the second stage of development after "the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine", church members and other Christians will be motivated more by their own desires and wants than by Christ and the Holy Spirit, and certainly we see the germ in Warren's Purpose Driven where church member desires are replace the Spirit and Christ for motivation}; (c) do not forget what you have seen and experienced in the wilderness **{Paul in Hebrews--"Brethren, beware lest there be in you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the Living God" (Hebrews 4:12)--uses what happened to the first generation in the wilderness--that is, all over 20 years of Age fell from among God's people based on their evil heart of unbelief--as an example of what could happen to any Christians, also as a basis for the final great Falling Away of II Thessalonians, before the Second Coming of Christ; and (d) make them known to your children and your grandchildren.}****

(2). God called the assembly of the congregation. (Deuteronomy 4:10) **{Paul as we will look at later in Hebrews 12:18-29 uses Horeb, the coming to Mount Zion, as a stepping stone, with the messages of Moses in Deuteronomy where he rehashes the recent history in the wilderness as an example for contemporary assemblies, never forgetting that sometimes the Greek word for church, "ecclesia", is translated assembly in the Bible.}** God gave to Moses at Sinai the reason for the assembly of the whole congregation: (a) so God could cause His own people to hear His own words; (b) and thus God's people would learn "to fear" **{see the "Fear and Faith", last chapter of REPORTS TO BELIEVE AND FOR BELIEVING at www.biblecombibleman.com/Reports_for_Believing/}** God all the days of their lives that they were alive; and (c) lastly to encourage them to teach their children these first two things.

(3). Moses in Deut 4:11-14 rehearses the exact history of what happened to the congregation of Israel at Mount Sinai: (a) the people approach Mount Sinai and stood below the mountain so as to have a good view, which of course is where they got much more than they wanted, so much so that at the end of this encounter with God Himself, they essentially said, "no more"; (b) the mountain was a picturesque sight with the sky as a background as it was "burning with fire", the brightness of the mountain itself was contrasted by the darkness that surrounded it from the darkness, cloud, and dense mist **{as you will see later one reason that no one saw a "form" for God, and based on which God will tell His people to never make a form or image for Him, for one thing they have never seen one}**; (c) However God did speak directly to the people of God **{something that had never happened and never has happened since to a whole assembly of God, although many assemblies today try to fake it--see "Fake Worship" from HIDEOUT FOR BAD HABITS online at www.biblecombibleman.com/Hideout_For_Bad_Habits/}** out of the midst of the fire, God Himself stressing that while they heard "the sound of words", God repeats the word "sound" twice, they did not see a "form" (Deut 4:12); (d) God declared to them His Covenant, namely the Ten Words **{Ten Commandments}**, and God Himself with His own finger wrote them on two Tablets of Stone, twice; (e) and at the same time God commanded Moses to teach the people of the assembly "statutes and ordinances" **{much of what else you see in Exodus, Leviticus, and Deuteronomy besides the Covenant of the Ten Commandments}**.

.NOTE: Perhaps you have never thought of the Ten Commandments as the Covenant of God with His own people, but according to the words of God Himself that is exactly what it is; of course, Moses repeated these words and wrote them down so that the people of the second and third generation and the generations to follow up to the present would not forget them. Don't every kid yourself about the fact that the old covenant of the 10 commandments still exist between God and man, like Jesus said He "came not to destroy but to fulfill the commandments"; and check the book of Hebrews on what was nailed to the cross at the same time of the Crucifixion of Christ, it was most of the civil statutes and ordinances with burnt sacrifices and temple worship.

(4). NO IDOLS: Deuteronomy 4:15-19. With first another reminder, an early reminder if you would of the stages of development of the Falling Away, to guard their own desires and wants **{ "to obey is always better than to sacrifice", and like Pastor James says the personal desires and wants of Christians and church members have to be guarded and watched because "the spirit within us lusteth to envy" and covet}**, there are some surprising sounds from God about the dos and don'ts of idols: (a) You didn't see any "form" at Horeb therefore do not "act corruptly by making a form of God **{Craigie likes to point out (1) this warning was not so much against the worship of other gods in the form of images, but rather attempts to represent the God of Israel and the Universe in any physical form; and (2) today, even without representations in wood or stone, like in Jeremiah, we are attempted to place God in our mind in such a form as to limit and contain him--remember "Your God Is too Small" by Phillips and the "God is Greater than Conscience" (I John 3:20) Jerry McMichael}**; (b) do not make a statute or image in any form such as in the shape of any male or female, any animal, any beast or bird, or of any fish; (c) and lastly do not look at the host of the heavens, the sun, moon, and stars and with awe "bow down to worship and serve them" **{God has given and assigned these**

host of the heavens to all the peoples of the earth, not exclusively for His own people, so that it makes them sort of secular and of the world.

(5). Moses is about to die, giving final warnings of this address or message of Deuteronomy 4:21-14.

a. Guard against forgetting the covenant of the Ten Commandments that God made with all His people.

b. Do not make an image of God in the shape or “form” of anything on earth and in the heavens that God has forbidden, by the way the subject of the first few commandments of the Ten and the Covenant.

c. Moses provides an ending quote to Hebrews 12 for Paul with the concluding statement about the nature of God, a summary of much of what the congregation saw at Sinai and what God said, “For our God is a consuming fire” (Deut 4:24 and Hebrews 12:29), except Moses in that last verse includes something about God, also a summary of the nature of God in dealing with His own people, which Paul does not add but knew that the Hebrews to whom He wrote would know it from the law of Moses {the first five books of the Bible, the Pentateuch}, “He is a jealous God”; and don’t you ever forget it! **{See “Prime Loyalty” from REPORTS TO BELIEVE AND FOR BELIEVING, a two-step salvation process, at www.biblecombibleman.com/Reports_for_Believing/.}**

NOTE: Please read the last four passage of Deuteronomy below as we are running out of space and time.

2. Deuteronomy 5:22-33, Craigie Calls it “Moses’ Mediatory Role at Horeb”.

3. What is Most Important from God Himself, TO LOVE GOD, Deut 6:1-9.

4. The Prophet Like Moses, Jesus, of Deuteronomy 18:15-22.

5. The Blessing and the Curse on God’s People and therefore on the nation and the people of Deuteronomy 30 and 11:26-28.

3-8: Five Short Exegetical Messages Based on Deuteronomy.

NOTE: Please also read devotional the five messages below from the Apostles Peter, Paul, and John based on Deuteronomy and the Prophet Moses.

1. The Apostle Peter’s Second Message in Acts 3:11-26 about Jesus as the Prophet like Moses based on Deuteronomy 18:15,18,19.

2. What Have You as Christians and Church Members Come to? Hebrews 12:18-29 based on the congregation before God at Mount Horeb and the summary of the same by Moses in Deuteronomy 4:9-24. **{The exegetical points and flavor of the last section is used for a basis just like it was when Paul originally wrote Hebrews on the Falling Away.}**

NOTE: Appreciation is expressed to Craigie with his commentary on Deuteronomy from the New International Series.¹

3. Good Prophecy versus Bad Prophecy in I Corinthians 14 based on Deuteronomy 18:20-22.

4. Setting forth of the Curse of disobedience on God's People in Galatians 1:6-10 when even an angel delivers another of a different kind Gospel, like the current Gospel of Heath and Wealth **{generally called the Gospel of Prosperity}**, and the curse of false prophecy and special revelations of Revelation 22:18,19, both based on the true and false prophets passage of Deuteronomy 18:20-22, also the blessings of a National Blessing and the curses of a National Curse on the land and the people, because of a lack of righteousness and effectual, fervent prayer

1. You have to admire the scholarship and conservative faithfulness to the Bible as the Word of God in spite of the current trends on interpretation and historical criticism. We have to give much credit for this to the late F.F. Bruce with his writing of many helpful and conservative books including a commentary on Luke in the same set of commentaries, and books such as THE BOOKS AND THE PARCHMENTS, but mainly because of his work as chief editor of this great set of commentaries that is head and shoulders above any thing else you can read today for a verse by verse exegetical commentary. B. H. Carroll in AN INTERPRETATION OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE in 17 volumes is more topical and is indispensable for understanding Bible in the total context, and you will appreciate as well as his part in the history of Southern Baptist as President of Baylor and founder of Southwestern Seminary {where by the way the notes from those 17 volumes took students all the way through the Bible}, you will appreciate his examples from life and sermons. As yet the fighting fundamentalists that control the SBC and the Lifeway book stores have not had the nerve to remove Carroll and R. G. Lee from their bookshelf's but as the Falling Away progresses all the way from (1) intolerance to sound doctrine, (2) to priority for the wants and desires of church members and leaders over Christ and sound doctrine, and (3) to the vast "heaping up" of Bible teachers and preachers with "itching ears" (II Timothy 4:3,4), that is from these first three stages of Falling Away development to where we are now--(4) turn completely away from truth and (5) turn into fables, then you will see this happen also just like now they are putting certain Gospel magazines under the counter.

of God's people, Deuteronomy 11:26-28 and Deuteronomy and Deuteronomy 30. **{Actually this message although more exegetical in sections is topical in that it is on "The Curse, not Blessing, on a Nation because of the Shortcomings of God's People".}**

5. The Three Witnesses to Jesus of Heaven and Earth, **{actually a total of 7 witnesses when you consider the internal witness in believers}** the Prophet Messiah or Son of God, in I John 5:6-13 based on the Principle of Witnesses in Deuteronomy and the rest of the Bible, Deuteronomy 19:15-21.

III. Textual Outline of the Literal Bible of Deuteronomy and Its NT Quotes and Explanations.

NOTE: This textual summary of Deuteronomy with topics imposed will be repeated in all 4 messages on Deuteronomy in the hopes that you will read it all four times and store it in your heart, for like David said, "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee." And we only pass this way 4 times in a year of the "PTB in one year".

2-3: THE COMPOSITE WITNESS OF THE BIBLE

I. The Importance of Witnesses.

1. Deuteronomy 5:16, Exodus 20:12 and 21:17, Leviticus 20:9, and Mark 7:10 where with Honor to parents and the law of death with dishonor, Jesus teaches that what is inside man rather than what goes inside him is defiling.

2. Importance of knowing the Commandments: Deut 5:16-20 and Mark 10:19.

You know the commandments, DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, DO NOT DEFRAUD, HONOR FATHER AND MOTHER.

(Mark 10:19 NASV)

3. What Commandment is Foremost? Mark 10:28-31 and Luke 10:26,27.

(1). First is THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD, Deut 6:4,5 and Mark 10:29,30.

(2). Second is Love Neighbor, Lev 19:18 and Mark 10:31.

4. Worship God only and serve Him: Deuteronomy 6:13 and Luke 4:8.

5. The importance of a special people to bear witness to God begins here and runs throughout the Old Testament: Deut 7:6 and Titus 2:14.

6. Deuteronomy 8:3, Matthew 4:4, and Luke 4:4: Man should not live by bread alone.

II. OKAY, HOW IS MAN TO LIVE?

1. Live by Listening to what Jesus, the Prophet Messiah has to say: Deut 18:15,19, Acts 3:22,23, and Acts 7:37.

Listen to the Apostle Peter as he preaches quoting from the Prophet Moses in Deuteronomy: Moses said, 'The Lord God shall raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren; to Him you shall give heed in everything He says to you. And it shall be that every soul that does not heed that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people. (Acts 3:22,23 NASV)

2. Live by Listening to the testimony of God the Father to God the Son: Mark 9:7, a paraphrase of Deut 18:15,19 except from God Himself, and a direct quote in Psalm 11:7.

Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, 'This is My beloved Son, listen to him! (Mark 9:7 NASV)

3. Live by Listening to other reliable and trustworthy witnesses: Deut 19:15.

One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth; at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established. (Deut 19:15 KJV)

(1). Deut 19:15 and Matthew 18:16: if your brother sins against you but refuses to listen, take your grievance to him by way of two or three witnesses; and if that does not work take it before the local church.

(2). Deut 19:15 and II Corinthians 13:1: Listen to the Apostle Paul!

This is the third time I am coming to you; EVERY FACT IS TO BE CONFIRMED BY THE TESTIMONY OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES. (II Cor 13:1)

(3). Deut 19:15 and John 8:17: Listen to Jesus Himself!

Even in your law it has been written, that the testimony of two men is true. I am He who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me. (John 8:17,18)

(4). Deut 19:15 and I Timothy 5:18: Listen to the elder of any local church (same as the pastor or bishop) right up to the point that any accusation against him has been established in that local church at the mouth of two or three witnesses.

III. How Can you Listen to a Common Criminal Like Jesus of Nazareth who was cursed in that He was hanged or crucified on a tree (cross)? Deut 21:22 and Galatians 3:13

1. Deuteronomy 21:22.

And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree; His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged is accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled; which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance. (Deut 21:22,23 KJV)

NOTE: Jesus was very familiar with this portion of the Word of God as He was with all of the Old Testament, and when crying

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me a cry of grief more than questioning He knew that God had to turn His back on such a curse on Christ for the sins of the whole world.

2. Galatians 3:13.

ALL OF GODS WORDS AND WORD IS SERIOUS AND TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY WHETHER WRITTEN IN THE OLD TESTAMENT OR NEW TESTAMENT! Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse **for us for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree. (Galatians 3:13 NASV)**

(1). We were cursed by the Law since striving to live by them and therefore keeping them, we knew ourselves to come far short; and therefore without real life!

(2). Jesus in the death on the Cross became a curse in our place.

IV. Listen to Jesus seriously on a few other matters.

NOTE: Especially if you think you were not under a curse because of your failures to live up to the Law and therefore did not need for Christ to become a curse in your place!

1. Deuteronomy 24:1, Matthew 5:31, and Mark 10:4.

(1). Deuteronomy 24:1.

When a man hath taken a wife (this is not necessarily the way you are cursed), and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favor in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her; then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house. And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another mans wife. (Deut 24:1,2 KJV)

(2). Matthew 5:31.

And it was said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of dismissal; but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for the cause of unchastity, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. (Matt 5:31,32 NASV)

(3). Mark 10:4.

And some Pharisees came up to Him, testing Him, and began to question Him whether it was lawful for a man to divorce a wife. And He answered and said to them, what did Moses command you? And they said, Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away. But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, And the two shall become one flesh; consequently they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate. (Mark 10:2-9 NASV)

2. Deuteronomy 25:3-5 , I Corinthians 9:9, and I Timothy 5:18.

(1). Be just in judgment in that the punishment correspond with the violation; don't muzzle the ox as he treads the corn, and let a brother raise up children to his dead brothers wife.

(2). It was written for our sakes more than for oxen in order that the worker may work with hope of reward for his works.

(3). The elder (pastor or bishop) that works hard at preaching and teaching should receive likewise double compensation.

3. Deuteronomy 25:6, Luke 20:28,38, and Mark 12:19.

(1). Your dead brothers name is not to disappear from Israel.

NOTE: Why should the eternal laws of God be so concerned about this one single name of a brother who died before he could have any children. After all the last name of the dead childless and the brother would be the same!

(2). According to Jesus it is more important to realize that in heaven there is no marriage, rather men are like the angels; and that men do not die who believe in God and Christ like Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, because they are still alive with the Living God! (Luke 20:28,38 and Mark 12:19)

NOTE: The real concern is that any man's name, alias himself and his real existence, not disappear from the eternal Israel of Gods real people of believing Jews and Gentiles!

V. Listen also to a few other matters from the Apostle Paul in the Word of God!

1. Deuteronomy 27:26 and Galatians 3:10.

(1). Cursed is every man that does not confirm all the laws of God by doing all of them!

(2). None can truly be justified by the Law, only by faith.

2. Deuteronomy 32:12 and I Corinthians 10:20.

(1). The LORD God led Israel and there were no strange gods among them.

(2). The Gentiles sacrifice to demons not to God, and the Christian is to have no part in this worship of demons.

IV. Some exegesis of II Peter 2:16-

For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. ¹⁷For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; ²⁰knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private ²¹interpretation, ²¹for prophecy never came by the will of man, but ²¹holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." (II Peter 2:16-21)

Right here and now, if never in your life, you can get a great feel from the Apostle Peter on what the Bible is all about, and how it came about in the internal structure.

1. The main subject of the Bible is the Lord Jesus Christ which later will become the glory of God the Father as Jesus delivers the forever kingdom to Him.

a. The Apostles that also wrote the books of the NT were eyewitnesses (once again the establishment of consistency with two or more witnesses): The Power and Coming

of the Lord Jesus Christ. While today we in the Church witness many Christian fables as predicted in II Timothy 4:3,4, these Apostles of Christ were the first apologists on evidences with surety of with the power and coming, there were no cunningly devised fables. (Disciples today, especially among the Scofield mites, are leading in the Christian fables with Scofield's theology and words – rapture, millennium, and dispensationalism – not even found once in the Bible.)

b. Scofield mites winch when you quote from II Corinthians 15 when they hear the words from Paul and the Holy Spirit that at the end Jesus will deliver the kingdom to God the Father in order that the Father may be all in all.

²⁴Then *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death. ²⁷For “He has put all things under His feet.” But when He says, “all things are put under *Him*,” *it is* evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. ²⁸Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.

2. God Himself was a witness to the reality that Jesus was and is the Son of God, breaking the silence of heaven at the transfiguration of Jesus by saying, “This is my Beloved Son”.

3. The Prophetic or Preaching Word of the Bible, OT and NT, is confirmed often by God Himself, and all the time by God the Holy Spirit.

4. It is hard to say “The quotes in the NT of the OT are the most important for NT Christians to hear” since we know “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be complete, furnished unto all good works”. However, even though All Scripture is “profitable”, it is still fair within the scope of the inspiration and interpretation of the Bible that God the Spirit chose what was most important for Christians to know in the OT quotes, and explained; and that this method of outlining and preaching thru the Bible based on OT quotes in the NT is more than an adequate Preaching thru the Bible in one year.

5. The ASPI non-private as Authorized from God Himself through the work of the Holy Spirit Interpretation; the ASPI Bible can seldom be understood when treated as a scholarly work for Theology degrees as the new birth and illumination of the Holy Spirit make is semi-private – that is, a select number of seminary students have and will learn the Bible of God the Holy Spirit.