

Our Declarations

These concepts are the basis and motivation for our study.

1. All of the Bible is written for the edification of each of us.¹ The Bible is our primary source.
2. God does nothing without telling His servants.²
3. Understanding the Bible is crucial to the faith and endurance of God's people at the end of the age.³
4. The focus of everything is the relationship we have with God. God wants us to willingly share His values. He wants us to willingly love the things He loves and hate the things He hates.⁴
5. Those who love God will want to follow God's instructions. Not because any works will save but because those who love God will understand and share the values that God has. Having those values will cause a person to be like Jesus.⁵
6. All of the prophecies dealing with time have meaning at the end of the age. This does not depreciate how prior generations understood the prophecies and benefitted from them.
7. The illustrations, allegories, and symbols used in the Bible are there so that every generation can see the concepts as applicable to themselves.
8. The illustrative purpose of the tabernacle system is just as valuable today as when God gave it at Mt Sinai. It continues to show us how God will eliminate evil and what our role in that process is.
9. Jesus died on the Cross, paying the price required by the law.⁶ With His death, Jesus was the sacrifice that the tabernacle sacrificial system predicted. The death of the animals was prophetic of what would happen to Jesus. Once Jesus died, there was no more need for animals to die, as the real sacrifice had been made. The death of animals never saved anyone.⁷
10. God's appointed times commemorate the events of the Exodus. The appointed times were also prophecies that pointed to Jesus and what would happen when He was on Earth. God's appointed times are also prophecies of what will happen at the end of the age. All of the appointed times have significance at the end of the age.
11. The festivals, like the multiple stages of the ancient marriage ceremony, reveal the steps in the elimination of evil from the universe.
12. The festivals listed in Leviticus 23 are the key to understanding when the time prophecies begin and end.

¹ 1 Corinthians 14:3, 2 Tim 3:16-17

² Amos 3:7

³ 2 Peter 1:19-21

⁴ Romans 12:9, Proverbs 8:13, Psalms 97:10

⁵ Ezekiel 36:26-27

⁶ Matthew 5:17

⁷ Hebrews 10:4

13. At the end of our age and on the annual rehearsals that God asks to participate with we understand the Bible to mean what it says when it uses a day for a day.
14. In God's calendar, there are never 360 days in a year. A solar year is one revolution around the sun. A lunar year has between 350 and 358 days or between 380 to 388 days in a year. Months have 29 or 30 days. There are 12 or 13 months in a year. God controls when a month and a year starts on His calendar and mankind cannot always know when these will be until observed.
15. It is not possible to know the day or the hour of Jesus' return⁸ because of how God has built into His calendar system an intentional unpredictability.
16. Satan is the antagonist that is behind every evil agent described in the Bible. Satan will use whoever he can to attack and undermine God and God's people.
17. Understanding prophecy means nothing, if I don't have love.⁹
18. Satan will impersonate Jesus.¹⁰ Most of the people on the planet have and will worship the imposter.¹¹
19. Satan will seat himself on God's throne.¹²
20. We study prophecies not to predict when the second coming happens but to help us recognize the imposter and because the times marked on God's calendar provide a blessing.
21. We continue to be here on Earth 2000 years after Jesus died because the appointed times have not come yet and because there is a role God has for humanity to play in defeating evil.¹³
22. At the end of the age, God chooses a group of humans to be His champions. God puts His faith and trust in this group of humans like He put it in Job. God is confident that His chosen champions can and will withstand every temptation and every test.
23. The Bible provides the champions, via the prophecies and festivals, with the information that they need to know of what is coming so that they can fulfill their role and so that their faith can endure. They will be like Jesus as they implicitly trust the Father, no matter what happens.
24. Nothing matters except our relationship with God. Do we love Him? If we do, we will emulate Jesus and we follow His instructions.¹⁴ We will do this because we want to and not out of any sense of obligation. Those who love God will be loving, joyous, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, self controlled, and be in harmony with the Spirit.¹⁵ These are things we cannot consistently be unless we allow God to live in us.¹⁶

⁸ Mark 13:32, Matthew 24:36, 42-44

⁹ 1 Corinthians 13:2

¹⁰ Matthew 24:5; 2 Thessalonians 2:4

¹¹ Revelation 13

¹² 2 Thessalonians 2:4; Daniel 8:13

¹³ Revelation 12:11

¹⁴ John 14:21-24

¹⁵ Galatians 5:22-25

¹⁶ 1 John 4:12