



## The Unfolding Drama of Redemption

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)<sup>16</sup> ***All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,***<sup>17</sup> (so) that the man of God may be ***complete, equipped for every good work.***

2 Peter 1:20-21 (ESV)<sup>20</sup> ***knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.***<sup>21</sup> ***For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.***

<u>Characters</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Characters</u>	<u>Events</u>
God	Creation	Isaiah	Condemnation
Adam and Eve	Fall	Jeremiah	Judgment
Noah	Flood	Daniel	Exile
Abraham	Promise	Ezra	Restoration
Isaac	Blessing	Nehemiah	Rebuilding
Jacob	Nation	Years between OT & NT	Silence
Joseph	Slavery	John the Baptist	Foretelling
Moses	Exodus	Jesus	Fulfillment
Joshua	Conquest	The Apostles	Multiplication
Samuel	Judge	Holy Spirit	Power
Saul	Kingdom	Paul	Mission
David	Victory	Timothy	Appointing
Solomon	Temple	The Church	Commission

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1. The Bible is the book of all books. Nothing else even comes close to it with regard to reliability, accuracy, unity, and distribution.
2. The Bible is God's written revelation of His will for man.
3. The Bible is more than a guidebook or instruction manual. It is an invitation to know God in His fullness.
4. This is the foundational truth upon which the Assemblies of God was founded.

## 1. THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD

1. The Bible was written by over 40 people, over 1500 years, from many different vantage points but all with a unified theme because God is the author.
2. The Bible has been proclaimed as God's Word despite fierce opposition, persecution, skepticism, and many other obstacles. It only gets stronger in the face of adversity.

## 2. THE BIBLE CAN BE UNDERSTOOD

1. It takes less than 80 hours to read it completely.
2. It can be studied for a lifetime with fresh and growing comprehension.

## 3. THE BIBLE IS PRACTICAL AND BENEFICIAL

1. It is designed for your growth.
2. It will guide you into deeper understanding of how to live.

## 4. THE BIBLE IS POWERFUL AND TRANSFORMATIONAL

Hebrews 4:12 (ESV) <sup>12</sup> *For the word of God is **living** and **active**, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and **discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.***

1. It works in cooperation with the Holy Spirit to bring change in your life.
2. It has a dynamic effect on those who read it with a desire to know God.

## 5. THE BIBLE MUST BE STUDIED AND APPLIED

1. It requires diligent effort and dependence on the Holy Spirit to be effective.
2. 5 Questions to ask:
  - S- Is there a sin to confess or avoid.
  - P- Is there a promise to claim or to make
  - E- Is there an example to follow or avoid
  - C- Is there a command to obey
  - K- is there knowledge to grasp

## 5. THE BIBLE DESCRIBES GOD'S PLAN FOR MAN

1. Jesus is God's plan for man's redemption.
2. God is not willing for anyone to perish but has provide salvation for anyone who will believe in Jesus.