

# Learn to Read the Bible Effectively Seminar

## CROSS-REFERENCES

## Workshop/Homework Study Sheet #3

### Jesus Answers the Temptation in Luke 4

#### Luke 4:1-13

Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, Mt 4:1; Mr 1:12; Lu 2:27; 4:14 2 being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. Ex 34:28; 1Ki 19:8 3 And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." 4 But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'" De 8:3 5 Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish." Joh 12:31; 14:30; Re 13:2,7 7 "Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." 8 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" De 6:13; 10:20 9 Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. Mt 4:5 10 "For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,' Ps 91:11 11 "and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" 12 And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'" De 6:16 13 Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time. Joh 14:30; Heb 4:15

What phrase does Jesus repeat in every answer he gives? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the devil ever repeat this phrase? \_\_\_\_\_

The first temptation was to use God's Holy Spirit power to make bread to fulfil his own hunger. What O.T. passage does Jesus quote in his answer? \_\_\_\_\_

**BONUS:** Can you find the passage where Jesus makes bread to satisfy the hunger of others? (Try searching for a couple key words, such as 'five loaves')

The second temptation was to 'worship' the devil in order to short-circuit God's plan of salvation and take the Kingdom before the cross. What O.T. passage does Jesus quote in his answer?

**BONUS:** Can you find the passage where Jesus is tempted by other Jews (perhaps zealots) to take the kingdom before the cross? (Try searching for a couple of key words, such as 'make him king')

The third temptation was to cast himself off a very high pinnacle and force God to publicly demonstrate His supernatural power to rescue His Son.

What O.T. passage does the devil quote to test Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

What O.T. passage does Jesus quote in his reply? \_\_\_\_\_

**BONUS:** Can you find the passage where Jesus narrowly avoids being pushed off a high hill by his Jewish neighbours? (Try searching for a few key words, such as ‘might throw (or ‘cast’) him down’)

Have a careful look at the two chapters from Deuteronomy, that Jesus quoted from.

Why was Deuteronomy 6 an important chapter for Jesus to know ‘off by heart’?

Deuteronomy 8 is also very significant! See how many parallels you can find to God testing Israel in the wilderness as ‘His Son’, and God testing Jesus Christ in the wilderness - His most important Son.

There are many! \_\_\_\_\_  
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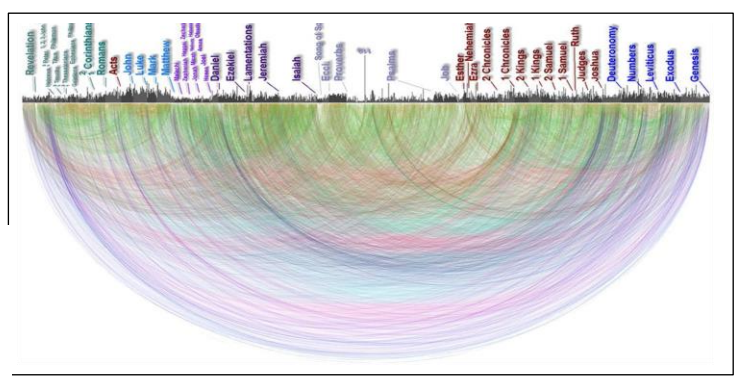
**THAT THE BIBLE IS INSPIRED BY GOD**

**A CONSISTENT MESSAGE FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION**

The Bible was written over a period of about 1500 years, with 40 different messengers receiving God’s word and carefully recording it. The symbols, the Gospel plan of salvation, the central theme of a coming Messiah with all the types and Laws that pointed forward to him are consistent from beginning to end. Such consistency would be very difficult, if not impossible for humans to get right over such a long period of time and with no opportunity for communication between them.

This image shows how many cross-references there are between all the books of the Bible.

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In the online article [Manuscript evidence for superior New Testament reliability | carm.org](http://Manuscript evidence for superior New Testament reliability | carm.org),

Matt Slick (Dec. 6, 2008) says:

“The New Testament is constantly under attack, and its reliability and accuracy are often contested by critics. But, there is ample manuscript evidence for superior New Testament reliability over all other ancient documents. If the critics want to disregard the New Testament, then they must also disregard other ancient writings by Plato, Aristotle, and Homer. This is because the New Testament documents are better preserved and more numerous than any other ancient writings. Because they are so numerous, they can be cross-checked for accuracy . . . and they are very consistent.

There are presently 5,686 Greek manuscripts in existence today for the New Testament. If we were to compare the number of New Testament manuscripts to other ancient writings, we find that the New Testament manuscripts far outweigh the others in quantity.”

