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Jesus Confirmed Adam & Eve

• *And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' 5 and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? 6 So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate." Matt 19:4-6*

Jesus / Apostles Confirm Gen. 3

- *You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. John 8:44-45*
- *But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 2 Cor 11:3-4*
- *So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Rev 12:9*

Jesus Confirmed Noah & The Ark

- *And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: 27 They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; 29 but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.
Luke 17:26-30*

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- *Remember Lot's wife. Lk 17:32*

Peter Confirmed Balaam's talking Donkey

- *They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; 16 but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man's voice restrained the madness of the prophet. 2 Peter 2:15-16*

Jesus Confirmed Jonah & the Fish

- *But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. 41 The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here. Matt 12:39-42*

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| Eve and the Serpent | <u>2Cor. 11:3</u> |

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All or Nothing

God will not allow us to parcel up Scripture.

All Scripture given by inspiration inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 2Tim 3:16

Either Genesis to Revelation is ALL all inspired of God or NONE of it is.

If ONE thing is wrong ALL must be rejected!

when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him. Dt 18:22

The truth, the whole truth, nothing but the truth! Jn 17:17

The Bible: of **God** or **Man**

- How do we view the Bible?
- In its entirety?

For the word of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us who are saved it is the power of God. 1 Cor 1:18

- In individual passages that create difficulties?
 - Gen 1-3 – God created all in six days?
 - Gen 9:5-6 Death Penalty for all murder
 - Rom 1:24-28 – Homosexuality an abomination
 - 1Tim 2:8-15 - Women preachers forbidden
- Many today are selective. What about us?

God wants us to fully understand the nature of inspiration.

He explained it carefully and precisely.

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Tim 3:16-17

Applications of Inspiration

- Mt 5:18 Not even a dot on an "i" or crossed "t"
- Gal 3:16 Paul bases his argument in Gen 12:3 that on the singular.

Dotted "I's" Crossed "T's" and Verb Tenses

- *For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Mt. 5:18-19*
- *Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.
Gal 3:16-17*

Applications of Inspiration

- The tense in Ex 3:16 written 2000 years earlier used by Jesus to prove doctrine. They don't argue with Him either. Mark 12:24-27

Tenses of Verbs

24 Jesus answered and said to them, "Are you not therefore mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God? 25 For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. 26 But concerning the dead, that they rise, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the burning bush passage, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? 27 He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living. You are therefore greatly mistaken." Mark 12:24-27

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