

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 3:15b-17 (MSG)

¹⁵ ...There's nothing like the written Word of God for showing you the way to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. ¹⁷ Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.

1) The Word of God

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

¹² For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Mark 12:24 (NIV)

²⁴ Jesus replied, "Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God?"

a) The Bible is pointing to Jesus.

b) The Bible is a library not just a book.

c) The Bible is written for us but not to us.

d) Never read a Bible verse.

2) The storyline of the Bible (His Story) in eight sections with the main points

a) Kingdom Revealed – Genesis 1 - 2

Cosmic Temple, Divine Realm/Elohim, Earth Realm/human

b) Kingdom Rebellion – Genesis 3 - 11

The Fall, the Flood, the Tower of Babel

c) Kingdom Covenant – Genesis 12 - 50

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph

d) Kingdom Foreshadowed – Exodus – 2 Kings

Ten Plagues, Ten Words, Tabernacle, Temple

e) Kingdom Coming 1 Chronicles - Malachi

The Glory departs, the Exile, the Prophets

f) Kingdom Incarnate – Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

Tabernacles, Temple, Cross, Resurrection

g) Kingdom Tension – Acts – Revelation < 21

Now and Not Yet, Temple, One More

h) Kingdom Consummated – Revelation 21 - 22

All Things New, Life after life after death