

Take the Guesswork Out of Biblical Interpretation – Part 2

In [Part 1](#), I forthrightly declared that contemporary “Christianity” (Catholic and Protestant) has failed to accurately understand what the Bible is about and who it is for. This is primarily because **man’s imposed schemes have wrongfully identified and defined the starting point** for all biblical interpretation.

Finding the Starting Point

I submit that to correctly understand what the Bible actually says and means requires a commonsense approach based on the fact that **the Bible is a historical document**. Simply, the Bible is a story – a true story. If we follow the biblical story from the beginning as it progresses through its recorded history, we can begin to understand God’s unfolding plan. As we read the story, we can connect all the key people, key events, and key covenants and how they fit together. This reveals an unforced, unified, consistent and non-contradictory blueprint that reveals how the Creator God was fulfilling His purpose in history.

What is His purpose? To establish His Kingdom in and through His covenant People in real time and space. Our approach then, is to read the biblical story from the beginning, letting the Bible speak for itself. No preconceived schemes or predigested conclusions outside of the story.

The Starting Point Explained

Interestingly, the truth of the story of Jesus Christ follows the same idea to verify this historical account. Luke 1:1-4 explains the specific process:

*“Inasmuch as many have undertaken to **compile an account** of the things accomplished among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who **from the beginning were eyewitnesses** and servants of the Word, it seemed fitting for me as well, **having investigated everything carefully from the beginning**, to write it out for you **in consecutive order**, most excellent Theophilus; **so that you may know the exact truth** about the things you have been taught.”*

- Compile an account of eye witness evidence
- Investigate everything carefully as to its validity
- From the beginning
- In consecutive order.

Start at the beginning and follow the story.

When we approach the Bible as a whole, that’s what we do.

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