

**General Topics :: The Bible series begins tonight...****The Bible series begins tonight... - posted by MaryJane, on: 2013/3/3 8:21**

Greetings

For those who have interest tonight the Bible series begins on the History channel at 8:00 pm EST.

here is a link: <http://www.history.com/shows/the-bible>

here is a small write about:

The Bible comes to life in HISTORY's epic new series. From Genesis to Revelation, these unforgettable stories unfold through live action and cutting-edge computer-generated imagery, offering new insight into famous scenes and iconic characters. Created by producer Mark Burnett and featuring an international cast that includes Roma Downey, this 10-hour docudrama explores the sacred text's most significant episodes, including Noah's journey in the ark, the Exodus and the life of Jesus.

I first heard about this series through YouVersion Bible app for the Iphone. I am going to be checking it out and just thought I would pass on the info in case others have interest as well.

God bless  
maryjane

**Re: The Bible series begins tonight... - posted by jenny1234, on: 2013/3/3 10:29**

Thanks for that MaryJane. God bless you.

**Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2013/3/4 14:26**

Greetings

So we watched the first part of the Bible series last night...did anyone else get to?

My thoughts: it was kind of hard to follow, they flew through events in the Bible so fast that it felt really disjointed. I realize for time they probably had to take this approach but left major parts of key points in the Bible out while adding in their own adaptations...example fighting ninja angels coming to Lot's rescue before God destroys Sodom.

The scene when Abraham takes Isaac up to sacrifice was not done well. For one thing Abraham and Isaac travel for three days to get to the place of sacrifice yet Sara is portrayed as running there in a few short moments to try and stop him from sacrificing Isaac. The three days is important because it is a foreshadow of JESUS being in the tomb for three days before GOD raises HIM from the dead.

Then we come to Moses and the Exodus just felt so rushed with very important key elements being left out. Most noticeable they did not speak to or show any part of the pass over that the Israelites were to take part in as the angel of death was going through out Egypt. They did show the blood on the door posts but here again the lack of what this represents really causes the whole thing to lose some of its meaning.

The show itself was not bad, it was well acted. The filming was nicely done but for me I think I would rather spend the time reading the WORD itself and get the full story :)

God bless  
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**Re: - posted by SkepticGuy, on: 2013/3/4 14:29**

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**Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2013/3/4 14:36**

by SkepticGuy on 2013/3/4 8:29:52

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Thanks for sharing your thoughts it is true some research in reading the Bible itself would have gone a long way to improve this series...

God bless  
mj

**Re: - posted by romanchog (), on: 2013/3/4 14:45**

Having gotten rid of my TV years ago I did not watch this, but I expected nothing less. If it is going to be on secular television I had no high hopes for it. Thank God once again for not having wasted my time in front of a TV.

Stick to reading your Bible. Nothing is going to be better.

I even bought the "What's in the Bible?" Series for my children and had to return it. There is no substitute for the Bible. We should stop trying to make shortcuts. They are actually "long-cuts" as I call them.

God Bless.

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it made moses look like a wizard. thought i was watching harry potter or sumthing. god was not given the glory for any of the miracles, it was as if moses was the source of the miracles. very disappointing. they effectively removed god from the bible.

**Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2013/3/4 15:16**

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well, lets be careful not to turn bible characters into sum kind of catholic art from the renaissance period. moses and sarah were human beings just like the rest of us. as a married couple they faced the same challenges married couples face 2day. sarah obviously disobeyed god, who had spoken to her husband when it came 2 the issue of having a son. that was a great disrespect not only to god and to her husband, but also to herself as abraham's wife. she had her husband sleep with her maidservant in order to birth a child 4 abraham. whats worse is that abraham went along with this stupid idea of hers.

it is interesting how over and over again in the bible there are examples of husbands listening 2 their wives instead of god when they KNEW god had spoken. it started with eve and continued throughout the bible. it never breeded anything but grief, heartache and sin. sarah and abraham were no exception.

we are still paying for that mistake today! ishmaelites = arab muslims.

so lets keep in view the fact that these people in the bible were every bit as human as we are.

**rry - posted by dohzman (), on: 2013/3/4 16:43**

I don't watch much TV and I have very few Sundays off to begin with. But I was asked to watch this and it came very recommended to me from ministerial circles. I felt like MaryJane that it was rushed and dis-jointed, I actually fell asleep and only saw the first 45-50 mins of it, just up to Lots wife being turned into a pillar of salt. I think the well intention-ed people who created this series lacks both biblical accuracy and fresh imagination in the putting forth of biblical truth, it was pretty uninspired and boring to me, from what I saw. But that's me personally, I won't be breaking any records to see any more of this program, the down side is that there are people who will want to argue the bible with me now that have never read it cover to cover....Christian people even:0)

**Watched the first episode, on: 2013/3/4 16:54**

Well, lets at least give History Channel credit for airing a biblical program.  
It did seem like a "rush job" with some major errors, but perhaps people who want to read "the rest of the story" will look in The Book :-)  
Sister Leslie

The Abraham/Isaac episode on the mountain was very moving, in spite of Sarah's fast climb.

The digital flood and parting of the waters really gave a sense of the majesty and awesomeness of God.

Let's at least give it A for effort. And I am a stickler for the Word of God, but if one person decided to look further into the Bible, it is ok with me.

**Re: srly - posted by SkepticGuy, on: 2013/3/4 16:59**

roma downy and her husband (who is a producer on 'survivor') wrote and produced this movie. roma downy was on a show called 'touched by an angel' a long time ago. while i do not question their intentions, it should be no surprise 2 any1 who saw 'touched by an angel' this the movie would have inaccuracies and be very watered down and tame. 'touched by an angel' was called a 'christian' tv show too, but i do not believe that the name of jesus christ was mentioned even once in any of the episodes, and salvation was presented in typical hollywood fashion: do enuf good in the world to outweigh t he bad and u get 2 heaven. we neednt expect anything with any theological depth from these folks.

example: there was a scene that depicted joshua praying before the ark of the covenant right out in the open with people just walking around like it was no big deal. that never would have happened. it was in the tent of tabernacle! such disrespect for the lord would (and often did!) result in the immediate death of everyone in sight. my six year old caught that and commented on it.

all downy had 2 do was open her bible and study the issue for 5 minutes and she would have known better.

**Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2013/3/5 0:14**

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No where I said that Sara is perfect and we need to worship her. But when Apostle Peter inspired by Spirit writes about Sara saying she was a holy women who should be example of new covenant wives then there should be something special about her respect for Abraham. I was referring to a movie on Abraham where the conversation between them sounded so argumentive. If Sara was such a women then the Spirit would not have written such a word about her. Let God alone be true and every man who thinks he has a worldly wisdom to speak against God's word be a liar.

Sara definitely made mistakes so did every men of Old Covenant. But that does not make her from being an example to women who want to be a respecting wives.

1 Peter 3-5:-

For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands; just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.

**Re: , on: 2013/3/5 0:23**

I wanted to be surprised by this, but sadly its cartoonish and two dimensional and of course errors. I think when you are so passionate about the Word of God and truth and you see this sort of stuff ( the two angels in Lot morph into two Ninja's, which is what finally finished me off) it just makes you cringe. I guess my only mistake was to have my wife, who is not a Christian, sit down with me to watch it and after a few minutes she wandered away saying it was " hoaky." Anyway, there has never been a film or any representation that I have liked, I did not even like the Passion.....bro Frank

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2013/3/5 8:03**

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I guess my attitude when programs like this are on tv is to be very glad it is on, but not to over expect or be overly critical about minor errors or omissions. I guarantee there are thousands, maybe millions, who watched this that have never read a bible. Maybe we should just pray that the HS will move through this program instead of holding it up to a standard of perfection. After all, we cannot even agree on biblical interpretation here on SI.

**Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2013/3/5 8:49**

by TMK on 2013/3/5 2:03:54

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I do see what you are saying but I disagree about the inaccuracies being less important. I do think there are very real dangers and harm that can and do come from "leaving" things out. As one poster mentioned the entire part of Moses was done in such a way that GOD got little to no recognition for freeing the Israelite from their bondage. Moses was portrayed as if all the power and miracles came from him. Where was GOD in the story...HE barely had a part?

You maybe correct in saying that there might be thousands who watch who have never read a Bible and if it causes them to dig deeper into the WORD then that is good but in my experience the opposite has been true. Sadly those I know at least tend to respond as Frank's wife did...they walk away thinking its lame.

You said that we shouldn't hold it up to a standard of perfection...I wonder why shouldn't we hold it up to a standard of perfection?? GOD is perfect and the BIBLE is HIS WORD why shouldn't we be able to share that with others without needing to water it down, change it to make it something its not, or leave huge important truths out...the only reason I can think of is so that more men will be reached with a series that will not offend them. One thing I am learning is that GOD offends...

Anyway this is just my opinion and not a recommendation to watch or not watch. If others choose to watch this series further please come back and let me know if it improves. Perhaps it will, I hope it will and I pray that the LORD allows many to come to repentance of their sins, cry out to the HIM and be saved!

Thank you for sharing your thoughts.  
God bless  
mj

**Re: , on: 2013/3/5 11:16**

Maryjane writes.....

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I never seem to disagree with MJ :) Amen sister. Watering down is the crisis of our age. This is reported to be the most biblically illiterate generation in 300 years.....bro Frank

**Re: - posted by SkepticGuy, on: 2013/3/5 14:33**

Some Christian friends of ours engaged me in conversation last evening about this movie. They love everything to do with the Christian sub-culture and are big fans of 40 Days of Purpose, and etc.

They were very upset with me for not loving this movie and for 'finding fault'. When I pointed out some of the glaring inaccuracies they responded with 'we didn't notice any inaccuracies'!

And therein lies the problem. The movie doesn't dive into anything deep, and the errors were right there on the surface, and most Christians will never notice because they don't know their Bibles. Other Christians who do know their Bibles will accept it and promote this movie because 'at least someone is doing something!'

As for me, my regard for Scripture is far too high to let God's holy word be treated like playdoh in a child's hand and not say anything.

**Re: - posted by dohzman (), on: 2013/3/6 0:09**

I'm with you on this issue...but I could accept the surface interpretation of the Bible if it's at least accurate. As I said, I fell asleep just after Lot's wife looked back. The Ninja Angels, I believe, was their attempt to draw into the Bible younger people and to engage their imaginations and get them to read the Bible, and that's me trying really hard to give them the benefit of the doubt. Personally I was not upset or angry about what I saw, it was just a little disappointing because I felt it was done poorly and inaccurately. I can accept certain liberties these folks take if they did their homework on the time period, social culture of each time period, etc...They really needed to consult someone who was in-tune with God and that way at least the liberties they took would have been semi-acceptable. In the case of the angels, the 2 cherubim that cover the mercy seat over the Christ (in this case the pre-incarnate Christ) and the whole visitation scene was really kinda disrespectful not only to the Word of God but also to the character of God. There is no doubt that those messengers of God's justice would have blinded Sodom's evil Sodomites with a flash of light so bright that they went blind from its brightness. The slashing was not necessary and was added for effect and appeal and really shows that in this country us Americans must have a thirst for the dramatic and blood, how sad. Personally I hope they have someone who is Godly in their lives that will be bold enough to counsel them and hopefully they will listen. This program has the potential to be a powerful tool for social interaction but it will need to make drastic changes fast for this to happen. Who knows maybe it'll get better?

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2013/3/6 8:23**

Unfortunately, if we are waiting for a bible movie with a budget big enough so as to not look cheesy and with John MacArthur. Paul Washer as technical advisors, we are going to have to wait for a very long time.

I guess the major point of disagreement here is that I think in this day something like this movie is better than nothing, and most of y'all don't. That's fine.

**Re: The Bible series begins tonight... - posted by DEADn (), on: 2013/3/6 10:45**

What I would be interested in knowing is how many people will say this series will encourage their faith vs. how many people will say it just proved to them there is no God.

**Re: - posted by davidtowers (), on: 2013/3/12 17:19**

Reading through this thread I am a little disheartened. 15 million people watched the premiere in the US. Frankly I think it's good their watching this than other trash there is on TV.

We live in a culture where people spend hours in front of the TV and whilst yes we should pray for God to turn people's hearts to Him through reading the Word and being convicted through it by the Holy Spirit, this TV series could for many be what God uses to bring them to examine the scriptures for themselves.

On this point, rather than us rant on a Christian forum about the inaccuracies (of which I was also saddened) can I suggest we are more constructive? Think about this, if people are going to be watching this series and then themselves diving into the bible themselves to see what was true and what was fabricated, could we not do something to help? I run a website and on it we could for example list all the inaccuracies in each series so the viewers themselves can see what was added, with the objective being that this will help viewers to dive into the Word for themselves and discover for themselves the truths of the Bible. If anyone is interested please let me know, as I feel we should be more constructive and actually doing something to help build a bridge from this film which will be seen by millions into exploring the Word for themselves.

If we want God to be honoured and glorified in this generation, I think we should be using the opportunity that comes from a big series like this to pray for and encourage non-believers to examine the scriptures for themselves. Following Christ isn't a club for the elite, we're sinners saved by grace called to share the message of Christ to a dying generation...

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2013/4/1 7:31**

I heard on the news yesterday that 85 million people have downloaded the free Bible app that has been advertised during the show.

That certainly is a good thing.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2013/4/1 8:00**

As a family we do not have a TV in our home. But we have been on a trip to Kentucky visiting Pure Life ministries and brother Steve Gallagher. We stopped on the way back at a hotel and out of interest I went through some channels to see christian tv stations etc I ran across the history channel and it was the Bible program that I heard saints sharing about.

The show ended with Jesus Christ appearing to John on Patmos and saying things that were not even in the bible and ending that when he comes back he will bring with him world peace, joy and these things.

This is a delusion and the presentation is preparing the masses to look for an antichrist figure who will come back to usher in world peace and tranquility in the midst of great stress and confusion.

The series has been backed by men like Rick Warren and others so it is not surprising that there were many unscriptural statements throughout the show.

I feel this is doing greater damage than good and brainwashing many who do not read their bibles at all (unbelievers) or those who do not read their bibles carefully (believers).



Me and my wife were sobering and shocked at what we saw at the end and in some of the clips.

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2013/4/1 9:11**

Brother Greg, thanks to a lot of the phonie TV preachers, they have started a new type Christianity, it's called compromised Christianity. 1 Timothy 4:1 says,  
The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

**Re: - posted by hoohoou (), on: 2013/4/1 9:14**

I would have to agree with Greg on the last episode. My wife and I have watched the entire series. While we did notice inaccuracies in the previous episodes, none of them seemed to detract from the overall message each story conveys.

The last episode, however, really came up short and that was very disappointing.

I will say this, the episode where Jesus calls Matthew was incredibly moving. I think that scene really got to the heart of Jesus' ministry on earth. The care and love conveyed about the broken and lost in this world brought me to tears. They took some license with the calling of Matthew and used the parable of the pharisee and tax collectors prayer as the dialog of Matthew's calling. As Jesus is telling the parable, the camera pans to Matthew's face when Jesus says the words, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner." As Jesus says these words, Matthew mouths them with Jesus as if they are the words of his prayer. It was a beautiful combining of two separate instances.

But yeah, that last episode was very disappointing.