



# NEW MONDAY EVENING GROUP STUDY:

- **Starts Mon,  
April 29, 630pm**
- Books are \$10
- *Learn and grow  
with others who  
want to learn  
and grow!*

# AVENGERS: END GAME

- Sets new box office record –
- **Marvel Pic Is Fandango's Biggest Preseller Of All Time**
- WHY??

FINDING HOPE DAILY -  
*THE PROMISES OF GOD*

- ***Unshakable  
Hope***

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# HOW MANY PROMISES IN THE BIBLE?

- **According to one account, there are 3573 promises in the Bible.**
- The word **promise** itself occurs over 50 times in the King James Version of the Bible.
  - <https://www.bibleinfo.com/en/questions/how-many-bible-promises-are-there>

- **According to another website, they count 5467 promises!!**

- <https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/dictionary-of-bible-themes/5467-promises-divine>

- So, what constitutes a promise???

# PROMISE:

- Undertaking or assurance given to indulge in or refrain from some specific form of activity. Such commitments are made commonly between individuals, and can embrace a wide range of human activity. Simple promises can be both written and oral. They can be temporary in nature or made binding for the indefinite future.

- Promise holds an important place in the Scriptures and in the development of the religion that culminated in Christ. The Bible is indeed full of "precious and exceeding great promises" (2 Peter 1:4), although the word "promise" is not always used in connection with them.

- <https://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionary/promise>

## BIBLICAL PROMISE:

- 3. (a.) That which causes **hope**, **expectation**, or **assurance**; especially, that which affords expectation of future distinction; as, a youth of great promise.
  - <https://biblehub.com/topical/p/promise.htm>



## MEMORY VERSE: 2 PETER 1.4

- *Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.*
  - 2 Peter 1.4, NIV

## 2 PETER 1.4:

- Not the promises of the Old Testament are meant, that Christ *should come*; but those of the New Testament, that ***Christ should come again.***
- ***The certainty of Christ's return to reward the righteous and punish the wicked is one of the main subjects of the Epistle.***
  - [https://biblehub.com/2\\_peter/1-4.htm](https://biblehub.com/2_peter/1-4.htm)

# TYPES OF PROMISES:

- For **protection**
- For **salvation**
- For **provision**
- For **comfort**
- For **strength**
- For **healing**

## THE FIRST PROMISE?

- **GEN 3.15** And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

# 1<sup>ST</sup> PROMISE = HOPE

- And I will put enmity between you and the woman,
- and between your offspring and hers;
- **Satan and mankind**
- he will crush your head,
- **Jesus' deathblow to Satan**
- and you will strike his heel.
- **Jesus on the cross**

## THE FIRST PROMISE POINTS DIRECTLY TO THE FINAL PROMISES:

- Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.<sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

- <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and **he will dwell with them**. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

- 4 ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”



- <sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new! ”Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” (i.e., a PROMISE!)
  - Revelation 21

# WHAT PROMISE DO YOU NEED?

- The Bible has something for you right now
- The promise won't help you unless you:
  - **Read it** (better yet, **memorize** it)
  - **Believe it!**
  - **Act on it!**

# 'STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF GOD'

- Now **faith** is the **assurance** (title deed, confirmation) of things **hoped for** (divinely guaranteed), and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality— ***faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses***].
  - Hebrews 11.1, Amplified