

Book - Bible Quotes and Sayings,
with Proverbs and Psalms too.

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"Alpha and Omega"

Modern Day Meaning: The Be all, End all;
the whole nine yards; or soup to nuts, etc.

Biblical source from Revelation 21:6 "*He said to me: 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.'*"

"All Things to All Men"

Modern Day Meaning: Is a person that makes all people happy by giving them what they want or telling them what they want to hear.

Biblical source from 1 Corinthians 9:22-23 "*To the weak, I became weak to win the weak.*"

I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.

I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings."

"Apple of My/His Eye"

Modern Day Meaning: Something or someone who is highly cherished, usually above others.

Biblical Source from Psalm 17:8-9 "*Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings from the wicked who are out to destroy me, from my mortal enemies who surround me.*"

Deuteronomy 32:10 "*In a desert land he found him, in a barren and howling waste. He shielded him and cared for him; he guarded him as the apple of his eye,*"

Zechariah 2:8 "*For this is what the Lord Almighty says: 'After the Glorious One has sent me against the nations that have plundered you — for whoever touches you touches the apple of his eye.'*"

"Ash Wednesday"

Modern Day Meaning: The day that kicks off the Lenten Season. The word "Lent" derives from the Old English word for "lengthening," as in how the days after winter growing longer with more daylight. The word Lent also denotes the season of spring in Old German, the language of Teutonic people in northern Europe.

Fasting and abstinence during the season of Lent, particularly on Ash Wednesday are a practice of some denominations.

The Holy Roman Catholic Church believed that the Lenten Season was based upon Jesus being tested for forty days in the wilderness by Satan.

The Biblical source of Lent does not exist. However, the Lenten Season itself began in the fourth century AD after the Caesar Constantine declared Christianity to be the official religion of the Roman Empire. A consequence of the move was paganism, inspired by Roman mythology, entered into Christianity of the day.

"All these Things Must Come to Pass"

Modern Day Meaning: Every situation or everything eventually ends. Nothing lasts forever.

Biblical source from Matthew 24:6 "*You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such*

things must happen, but the end is still to come."

"Apocalypse"

Modern Day Meaning: A particular type of writing in the Bible such as: the Book of Revelation, which is an apocalyptic book of the end times.

Biblical source from Matthew 24:6-8 *"You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains."*

"Armageddon"

Modern Day Meaning: A conclusive battle between the forces of good and evil. A catastrophic event or conflict that may bring about, or is compared to, the end of the world.

Biblical source from Revelation 16:16 *"Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon."*

"Ashes to Ashes, Dust to Dust"

Modern Day Meaning: Most commonly said at funerals, it is a reference to the cycle of life. We come from the ground, and return to it at death.

Dust is associated with lowliness of humanity or humility or a return to the earth.

Biblical source from Genesis 3:19 *"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it was thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."*

Quotable Quotes - "Bible Study"

"I have a fundamental belief in the Bible as the Word of God, written by those who were inspired. I study the Bible daily."

Sir Isaac Newton

"I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from The Savior of the world is communicated to us through this Book."

Abraham Lincoln

"Don't yield to Satan's lie that you don't have time to study the scriptures. Choose to take time to study them. Feasting on the word of God each day is more important than sleep, school, work, television shows, video games, or social media. You may need to reorganize your priorities to provide time for the study of the word of God. If so, do it!"

Sir Richard G. Scott

"The right to freedom is the gift of God Almighty. The rights of the Colonists as Christians may be best understood by reading, and carefully studying the institutes of the great Lawgiver and head of the Christian Church. They are to be found clearly written and promulgated in the New Testament."

Samuel Adams

"And we are never too old to study the Bible. Each time the lessons are studied comes some new meaning, some new thought which will make us better."

John D. Rockefeller

"A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't."

Charles Spurgeon

"Without implementation, all of our Bible studies are worthless."

Rick Warren

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"I read novels but I also read the Bible and study it, you know? And the more I learn, the more excited I get."

Johnny Cash

"By studying the Bible one can at best know about God. There is a vast difference between knowing God and knowing about God. Knowing God comes through direct power encounters and through biblical study. These power encounters are usually of a variety which cannot be found within the context of the dusty moldy pages of God's past tracks."

Tommy Tenet

"What comes to mind when you think of heaven? Heaven is referred to in fifty-four of the Bible's sixty-six books, and the final two chapters of the Bible are a virtual travelogue of our heavenly home. To visualize heaven accurately, study the Bible continually."

Dr. David Jeremiah

"No educated man can afford to be ignorant of the Bible."

Theodore Roosevelt

"Ninety-nine Christians in every hundred are merely playing at Bible study; and therefore, ninety-nine Christians in every hundred are mere weaklings, when they might be giants, both in their Christian life and in their service."

R. A. Torrey

"I cannot too greatly emphasize the importance and value of Bible study - more important than ever before in these days of uncertainties, when men and woman are apt to decide questions from the standpoint of expediency rather than the eternal principles laid down by God, Himself." John Wanamaker

"I think a lot of people, even Christians, are willing to be satisfied with gaining lots and lots of biblical knowledge - and many people go to Bible studies and don't realize it isn't enough to know what's right, it's

applying the information and the knowledge that you have."

Dr. Charles Stanley

"It is impossible to enslave, mentally or socially, a bible-reading people. The principles of the bible are the groundwork of human freedom."

Horace Greeley

"Bad Company Corrupts"

Modern Day Meaning: The company we keep and their influence on us matters.

Biblical source from 1 Corinthians 15:33 NIV

"Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character.""

"Babel"

Modern Day Meaning: Confusing noise made by a number of voices or other sources.

Biblical source from Genesis 11:9

"Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth."

"Burning Bush"

Modern Day Meaning: Burning bush, also called firebush, summer cypress, a shrubby plant, Kochia scoparia, of the amaranth family, having dense, feathery foliage that turns red in fall.

Biblical source from Exodus 3:2-4 *"There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush.*

Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.

Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up".

When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses, Moses!"

And Moses said, "Here I am."

Deuteronomy 33:16 "May their land be filled with all that is good, blessed by the goodness of the Lord, who spoke from the burning bush."

Acts 7:30-32 NIV After forty years had passed, an angel appeared to Moses in the flames of a burning bush in the desert near Mount Sinai. Moses was amazed by what he saw, and went near the bush to get a better look. But he heard the Lord's voice: 'I am the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.'

Moses trembled with fear and dared not look."

Luke 20:31-32 "And Moses clearly proves that the dead are raised to life. In the passage about the burning bush, he speaks of the Lord as 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' He is the God of the living, not of the dead, for to him all are alive."

"Breath of Life"

Modern Day Meaning: That which one needs or depends upon for a healthy, fulfilled life. Breathe is a necessity for living.

Biblical source from Genesis 2:7 "Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being."

"Baptism of Fire"

Modern Day Meaning: A very difficult initial experience. Refers to a soldier's first battle.

Biblical source from Matthew 3:11 "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

"Broken Heart"

Modern Day Meaning: This is not a physical condition, but a great amount of sadness or sorrow over a situation.

Biblical source from Psalm 34:18 "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saves such as be of a contrite spirit."

"Bottomless Pit"

Modern Day Meaning: A pit without a visible bottom to it, an abyss, Hell.

Biblical source from Revelation 20:2-3 "And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season."

"A Bird in the Hand is Worth Two in the Bush"

Modern Day Meaning: It is preferable to have a small but certain advantage or possession than a mere potential of a greater one.

Also, reference back to Medieval falconry where a hunting falcon is a very valuable asset versus other birds in a bush.

Biblical source from: Ecclesiastes 6:9-11 "Better what the eye sees than the roving of the appetite.

This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

"Bite the Dust"

Modern Day Meaning: Fail at something miserably or to end an existence.

Biblical source from: Psalm 72:9 *"They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust."*

"A Little Birdie Told Me"

Modern Day Meaning A lighthearted phrase to withhold the source of information.

Biblical source from Ecclesiastes 10:20 *"Never make light of the king, even in your thoughts. And don't make fun of the powerful, even in your own bedroom. For a little bird might deliver your message and tell them what you said."*

"Bogat"

Modern Day Meaning: The siring of a man in a genealogical list.

Biblical source from 1 Chronicles 8:1-2 *"Now Benjamin bogat Bela his firstborn, Ashbel the second, and Aharah the third, Nohah the fourth, and Radha the fifth."*

"Be of Good Cheer"

Modern Day Meaning: Be happy at all times. There is always a reason to be optimistic.

Biblical source from Matthew 9:2 *"And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; 'Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.'"*

"Behemoth"

Modern Day Meaning: Something powerful and monstrous in size (a creature, multinational corporation, etc.)

Biblical source from Job 40:15 *"Take a look at Behemoth, which I made, just as I made you. It eats grass like an ox."*

"Biblical Proportions"

Modern Day Meaning: A reference to the scale of a large natural disaster or cataclysmic event so vast it draws comparisons to biblical accounts of devastation such as the parting of the Red Sea.

Biblical source from Exodus 7:14 *"And the Lord said unto Moses, Pharaoh's heart is hardened, he refuses to let the people go."*

Exodus 11:10 *"And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh: and the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go out of his land."*

"Am I my Brother's Keeper?"

Modern Day Meaning: A flippant response to an inquiry as to the whereabouts of another, especially when the whereabouts is known to them.

Biblical source from Genesis 4:9 *"Then the LORD said to Cain, 'Where is your brother Abel?'"*

"I don't know," he replied. 'Am I my brother's keeper?'"

"Born Again"

Modern Day Meaning: A renewed or confirmed commitment of faith especially after an intense religious experience.

Biblical source from John 3:3 *"Jesus answered and said unto him, 'Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be*

born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

"Blind Leading the Blind"

Modern Day Meaning: A life situation in which following a blind leader, either physically or *spiritually ends in disaster.*

Biblical source from Matthew 15:14 *"Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."*

"Book of Remembrance"

Modern Day Meaning: A book commemorating those who have died, usually listing their names in date or alphabetical order.

Biblical source from Malachi 3:16 *"Then they that feared the Lord spoke often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name."*

"Be Afraid, be Very Afraid"

Modern Day Meaning: A warning that something imminent and ominous is about to happen. It can be a phrase used as a lighthearted interjection.

Biblical source from Jeremiah 2:12 *"Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the Lord."*

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"Cradle to Grave"

Modern Day Meaning: Controlled events that develop all through a person's life. The government wants to take care of citizens for life's duration.

Biblical source from Job 10:19 *"I should have been as though I had not been; I*

should have been carried from the womb to the grave."

"Cross to Bear"

Modern Day Meaning: A hardship or burden someone must endure.

Biblical source from Luke 14:27 *"And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple."*

Matthew 16:24 *"Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.'"*

"Columbus/Indigenous People Day"

Modern Day Meaning: Columbus Day, also called Indigenous Peoples' Day is an American holiday. It is celebrated on about October 12, the day Christopher Columbus landed in the new world in 1492. But, since 1971 the second Monday in October is used to commemorate the event.

The indigenous people of America are celebrated and commemorated for their numerous histories and cultures. They inhabited this land before a massive amount of Europeans immigrated.

A Biblical source does not exist. However, Christopher Columbus was widely known for quoting from:

Psalm 119:30-32 *"I have chosen to be obedient;*

I have paid attention to your judgments. I have followed your instructions, Lord; don't let me be put to shame.

I will eagerly obey your commands, because you will give me more understanding."

"Cloud of Witnesses"

Modern Day Meaning: Portrays the idea of being completely encircled by something that is stacked high on every side.

Biblical source from Hebrews 12:1 *"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,"*

"The Crown of Life"

Modern Day Meaning: Life's prize for lifetime victories over trials and sin.

Biblical source from James 1:12 *"Blessed is the man that endures temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."*

"Cinco de Mayo"

Modern Day Meaning: The 5th of May, Cinco de Mayo, is the day celebrated by many people with gatherings, food, drink and festivities.

It commemorates the Mexican militia's victory over the overwhelming forces of the Second French Empire at battle of Puebla in 1862.

A specific Biblical source does not exist. However, the battle of Puebla is clearly a reenactment of David and Goliath.

Benny Hinn Ministries prays: "God of all nations, tongues, and tribes I come to you today on Cinco de Mayo to pray. I pray for my family, friends, loved ones, and even myself as we face times of struggle against forces that are much bigger than our own strength and power.

We shall remember the account of David and Goliath and how David defeated the giant with a single stone and a slingshot.

May we have David's confidence and trust in you like when he said:

1 Samuel 17:32 *'Let no one loose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.'* In prayer now I pray for increased strength, encouragement, and faith to fight with the Sword of the Lord, the Word of God, and not give up in the battle because we fear we are not strong enough. Help us instead to proclaim as in:

1 Samuel 17:45-47 with David, *"You come against me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty...This day the Lord will hand you over to me ...and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel...for the battle is the Lord's."*

"Cast the First Stone"

Modern Day Meaning: Is to be the first to make a criticism or the first aggression.

Biblical source from John 8:7 *And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.'*

"Cast Thy Bread Upon the Waters"

Modern Day Meaning: Is a metaphor for being generous even if a return of the generosity seems unlikely. Be generous and someday you will be rewarded. Do good wherever you go and do not expect anything in return.

Biblical source from Ecclesiastes 11:1 *"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days."*

"Charity Begins at Home"

Modern Day Meaning: Help the people closest to you before you begin to help others who are farther away.

Biblical source from 1 Timothy 5:4 *"But if any widow has children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home,*

and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God."

"Christmas"

Modern Day Meaning: It is a day for giving gifts, hanging festive decorations, and enjoying delicious meals. It's also an opportunity to express gratitude for the birth of Jesus Christ.

Biblical source from Isaiah 9:6-7 "A child is born to us!

A son is given to us!
And he will be our ruler.

He will be called, "Wonderful^[b] Counselor,"
"Mighty God," "Eternal Father,"
"Prince of Peace."

His royal power will continue to grow;
his kingdom will always be at peace.

He will rule as King David's successor,
basing his power on right and justice,
from now until the end of time.

The Lord Almighty is determined to do all this."

"Coat of Many Colors"

Modern Day Meaning: An emotion that can creep up on you, whether within your own heart or through the actions of someone else. (Jealousy)

Biblical source from Genesis 37:3 "Now Israel (Jacob) loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colors."

"Children of Light"

Modern Day Meaning: A human being has a human Soul. A Soul who experiences to be temporary a human being, until the human life cycle ends, and the Soul returns on its path to Heaven or in other

words to live again directly and in with God.

Biblical source from John 12:36 "*While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light.*" These things spoke Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them."

"A Person is Known by the Company he Keeps"

Modern Day Meaning: A person tends to be very similar in attitude, character, ability, or personality to the people which he associates with everyday.

Biblical source from Proverbs 13:20 "*He who walks [as a companion] with wise men is wise,*

but he who associates with [self-confident] fools is [a fool himself and] shall smart for it."

"Clear as Crystal"

Modern Day Meaning: A cliché for very clear and transparent.

Biblical source from Revelation 22:1 "*And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb,*"

D

The Parable of the Cost of Becoming a Disciple

Luke 14:30 NIV "*Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.*

And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."

"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty-thousand?

If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace.

In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

"Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

"Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

"Digging One's Own Grave"

Modern Day Meaning: Doing something that will have negative consequences that are easily able to be seen.

Biblical source from Proverbs 28:10
"Whoever leads the upright along an evil path
will fall into their own trap,
but the blameless will receive a good inheritance.

"Den of Thieves"

Modern Day Meaning: A group of people engaged in or suspected of illegal, immoral or underhanded activities.

Biblical source from Matthew 21:12-13
And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money changers, and the seats of them that sold doves, and said unto them, "It is written, my house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves."

King David – "The Good Shepherd"

Psalm 23 "The Lord is my shepherd, I will not be in need.
He lets me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside quiet waters.
He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of His name.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil; My cup overflows.

Certainly, goodness and faithfulness will follow me all the days of my life,
And my dwelling will be in the house of the Lord forever."

Quotable Quote - The Devil

"When a Christian shuns fellowship with other Christians, the devil smiles, when he stops studying the Bible, the devil laughs. When he stops praying, the devil shouts for joy."

Corrie Ten Boom

"Doubting Thomas"

Modern Day Meaning: Someone who is demanding physical evidence, in order to be convinced (especially when this demand is out of place).

Biblical source from John 20:24-31 *"But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, we have seen the Lord. But he said unto them,*

Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.

And after eight more days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them. Jesus cometh, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, 'Peace be unto you.'

Then saith he to Thomas, 'Reach hither thy finger, and see my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and put it into my side: and be not faithless, but be believing.' Thomas answered and said unto him, *My Lord and my God.*

Jesus saith unto him, 'Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.'

"The Day is at Hand"

Modern Day Meaning: A book tells us where we are only as we "look behind" ourselves to see from where we come.

Biblical source from Romans 13:12 *"The night is far spent, and the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of God."*

"One Day at a Time"

Modern Day Meaning: Living in the moment

Biblical source from Philippians 4:6-7 *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition,*

with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

"Don't let the Sun Go Down on Your Anger"

Modern Day Meaning: Do not let anger be prolonged lest sin has a chance.

Biblical source from Ephesians 4:26 *"Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:"*

"Decent and Orderly"

Modern Day Meaning: A necessary condition for life to exist. It is more than functional; it is beautiful.

Commitment to good order has deep, sturdy roots.

Biblical source from 1 Corinthians 14:40 *"But everything should be done properly; in a fitting and orderly way."*

"Dreamer of Dreams"

Modern Day Meaning: A person that experiences sensations, emotions, or ideas that usually occur while one is sleeping.

Biblical source from Deuteronomy 13:1 *"If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and gives you a sign or a wonder,"*

"Drop in a Bucket/Ocean"

Modern Day Meaning: A minute quantity, or an insignificant contribution towards a larger problem

Biblical source from Isaiah 40:15 *"Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he takes up the isles as fine dust."*

"David and Goliath"

Modern Day Meaning: A situation in which a small or weak person or organization tries to defeat another much larger or stronger opponent.

Biblical source from 1 Samuel 17:44-49
"The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the sky and the wild animals."

But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and a spear, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of armies, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defiled.

This day the Lord will hand you over to me, and I will strike you and remove your head from you.

Then I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that this entire assembly may know that the Lord does not save by sword or by spear; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will hand you over to us!"

Then it happened, when the Philistine came closer to meet David, that David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine.

And David put his hand into his bag and took from it a stone and slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground.

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"Easter Sunday/Resurrection Day"

Modern Day Meaning: In addition to the religious celebrations and significance of the holiday, there are some secular traditions. These include the Easter Egg

Hunt. Tradition says that the Easter bunny hides eggs for children to find each year. In the United States these eggs are often candy or chocolate. Kids search for the candy, usually outdoors, and put the candy and eggs they find into their Easter basket.

Biblical source from Luke 24:1-3 *"Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the entrance to the tomb, so they went in; but they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.*

Luke 24:26 *"Then Jesus said to them, "How foolish you are, how slow you are to believe everything the prophets said! Was it not necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and then to enter his glory?"*

And Jesus explained to them what was said about himself in all the Scriptures, beginning with the books of Moses and the writings of all the prophets."

Biblical source from Luke 24:37-39 *"They were terrified, thinking that they were seeing a ghost. But he said to them, "Why are you alarmed? Why are these doubts coming up in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet, and see that it is I myself. Feel me, and you will know, for a ghost doesn't have flesh and bones, as you can see, I have."*

"The Eleventh Hour"

Modern Meaning: The last possible moment before it's too late to act or intervene.

Biblical source from Matthew 20:6 *"And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?'"*

"Quotable Quotes"

Ephesians is the "go-to" book in the New Testament for an understanding of God's sovereignty in salvation by grace, and therefore it shares much in common with Paul's other masterwork: Romans.

Dr. Stephen Armstrong

Christian believers in the day of the Apostle Paul, as well as up to this day, have been blessed with a distinct image to illustrate what is needed to live the "New Way of Life".

Sir Alden Pines

"East of Eden"

Modern Day Meaning: A metaphor for living in a fallen world that signifies the lost.

Biblical source from Genesis 4:16 *"And Cain went out from the presence of the Lord, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden."*

"Eating One's Words"

Modern Day Meaning: To retract, regret or feel foolish about what one has previously said.

Biblical source from Jeremiah 15:16 *"Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts."*

"Eye for an Eye, Tooth for a Tooth"

Modern Day Meaning: If someone does something wrong, they should have the same thing done back to them as a punishment.

Biblical source from Exodus 21:23-25 *"But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise."*

Leviticus 24:19-20 *"Anyone who injures their neighbor is to be injured in the same manner: fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth. The one who has inflicted the injury must suffer the same injury."*

Matthew 5:1-2 *Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them many things:"*

Matthew 5:38-39 *"You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also."*

"Ends of the Earth"

Modern Day Meaning: The far reaches of the world. Extreme effort to overcome difficulties.

Biblical source from Zechariah 9:10 *"I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle-bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth."*

"Eat Drink and be Merry"

Modern Day Meaning: Whereby caution is thrown to the wind and pleasure is the order of the day.

A jovial call for others to enjoy themselves and make the most of the moment (usually at a party or celebration).

Biblical source from Ecclesiastes 8:15 *"So I commend the enjoyment of life, because there is nothing better for a person under the sun than to eat and drink and be glad. Then joy will accompany them in their toil all the days of the life God has given them under the sun"*.

Luke 12:19 *And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many*

years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."

"Go the Extra Mile"

Modern Day Meaning: Do more than you're obligated to do

Biblical source from Matthew 5:1-2 *"Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them many things:"*

Biblical source from Matthew 5:41 *"If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles."*

"See Eye to Eye"

Modern Day Meaning: When two parties are in agreement or have the same view on a situation.

Biblical source from Isaiah 52:8 *"Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion."*

F

"Fall Flat on One's Face"

Modern Day Meaning: To fail miserably, usually in a performance.

Biblical source from Numbers 22:31 *"Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face."*

"Four Horsemen"

Modern Day Meaning: In times of crises, people look to these indicators to determine if they are omens for social or economic collapse.

Biblical source from Revelation 6:1-8 *"And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, Come."*

And I saw, and behold, a white horse, and he that sat thereon had a bow; and there was given unto him a crown: and he came forth conquering, and to conquer."

And when he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, Come."

And another horse came forth, a red horse: and to him that sat thereon it was given to take peace from the earth, and that they should slay one another: and there was given unto him a great sword."

And when he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, Come. And I saw, and behold, a black horse; and he that sat thereon had a balance in his hand. And I heard as it were a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, a measure of wheat for a shilling, and three measures of barley for a shilling; and the oil and the wine hurt thou not."

And when he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, Come."

And I saw, and behold, a pale horse: and he that sat upon him, his name was Death; and Hades followed with him. And there was given unto them authority over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with famine, and with death, and by the wild beasts of the earth."

"Faith unto Death"

Modern Day Meaning: More to do with staying faithful to God and not ever giving up, no matter what happens.

Biblical source from Revelation 2:10 *"Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give life as your victor's crown."*

"Fall from Grace"

Modern Day Meaning: Losing your standing, status or rank over a previous situation or failure.

Biblical source from Galatians 5:4 *"Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace."*

"Fashion of this World"

Modern Meaning: The prevailing style (as in dress) during a particular time. The most current fad to get into versus staying with the practical and honored past.

Biblical source from 1 Corinthians 7:31 *"those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away."*

"Little Foxes that Spoil the Vines"

Modern Day Meaning: Those little things that slip into a life and affect the outcome. They are hard to stop and can mount up to be more severe.

Biblical sources from Song of Solomon 2:15 *"Catch for us the foxes, the little foxes that ruin the vineyards, our vineyards that are in bloom."*

"Fall by the Wayside"

Modern Day Meaning: Failure to persist in an endeavor or undertaking.

Biblical source from Matthew 13:3-4 NKJV *Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went*

out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them.

"Feet of Clay"

Modern Day Meaning: Fundamental weakness that has the potential to lead to the downfall of something or someone, otherwise great and powerful.

Biblical source from Daniel 2:31-33 *"Your Majesty looked, and there before you stood a large statue—an enormous, dazzling statue, awesome in appearance. The head of the statue was made of pure gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of baked clay."*

"Father's Day"

Modern Day Meaning: A holiday, set aside to honor fathers and their contribution to family and society.

Noah stands out among fathers in the Bible as a man who clung to God in spite of the wickedness all around him. What could be more relevant today? Noah was far from perfect, but he was humble and protective of his family. He bravely carried out the task God assigned to him. Modern fathers may often feel they are in a thankless role, but God is always pleased by their devotion.

Surely one of the most underrated fathers in the Bible was Joseph. He was the foster father of Jesus. He went through great difficulties to protect his wife, Mary, and their, then saw to Jesus' education and needs as he was growing up. Joseph taught Jesus the carpentry trade.

Biblical source from Proverbs 4:1-5 *"Listen, my sons, to the instructor of a father, and pay attention so that you may gain understanding, for I give you good teaching; Do not abandon my*

instruction. When I was a son to my father, Tender and the only son in the sight of my mother, he taught me and said to me, "Let your heart take hold of my words; Keep my commandments and live; Acquire wisdom! Acquire understanding!"

Exodus 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be prolonged on the land which the Lord your God gives you."

"Fight the Good Fight"

Modern Day Meaning: Signify persistence in the face of obstacles an encouragement to persist and overcome any difficulties, by doing what is right.

Biblical source from 1 Timothy 6:12 "Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses."

"Flesh and Bone"

Modern Day Meaning: A condition of the mortal man whereby his flesh needs blood to live and his bodies frame is made of bone.

Biblical source from Genesis 2:23 "The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

"Flesh and Blood"

Modern Day Meaning: The human nature or physical existence, together with its weaknesses

Biblical source from Romans 8:8-9 "and they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. But if any man has not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

"Fly in the Ointment"

Modern Day Meaning: A potential or existing situation that may have an effect on an outcome.

Biblical source from Ecclesiastes 10:1 "Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savor"

"Forbidden Fruit"

Modern Day Meaning: Something desired, but not permitted.

Biblical source from Genesis 3:3 "when Adam and Eve were commanded not to eat from the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. "But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die."

"Forgive Them, for They Know Not What They Do"

Modern Day Meaning: To ask for forgiveness for those who act out of ignorance and do not know what they are doing is wrong.

Biblical source from Luke 23:34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

"Fig Leaf"

Modern Day Meaning: Something that camouflages or conceals something that is inadequately or dishonestly present.

Biblical source from Genesis 3:7 "And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig-leaves together, and made themselves aprons."

"Four Winds of Heaven"

Modern Day Meaning: Previously representing destruction and affliction on

earth and now serves as the most moving and hope-filled promises.

Biblical source from Daniel 11:4 *"After he has arisen, his empire will be broken up and parceled out toward the four winds of heaven."*

It will not go to his descendants, nor will it have the power he exercised, because his empire will be uprooted and given to others."

"Be Fruitful and Multiply"

Modern Day Meaning: Have children and subdue the earth.

Biblical source from Genesis 1:22 *"And God blessed them, saying, be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth."*

"Fire and Brimstone"

Modern Day Meaning: The threat of hell and eternal torment.

Biblical source from Genesis 19:24 *"Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;"*

Psalm 11:6 *"Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and a horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup."*

Revelation 21:8 *"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."*

"Four Corners of the Earth"

Modern Day Meaning: The length and breath, far reaches, of the globe.

Biblical source from Isaiah 11:12 *"He will raise a signal for the nations and will assemble the banished of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth."*

"Fall on Your Sword"

Modern Day Meaning: Can be used as a phrase that indicates someone has already been defeated at something or lost at what they have tried to accomplish.

Biblical source from 1 Samuel 31:4-6 Then Saul said to his armor bearer, "Draw your sword and pierce me through with it, otherwise these uncircumcised Philistines will come and pierce me through, and abuse me."

But his armor bearer was unwilling, because he was very fearful. So, Saul took his sword and fell on it.

When his armor bearer saw that Saul was dead, he also fell on his sword and died with him. So, Saul died with three sons, his armor bearer, and all his men on that day together.

G

"Garden of Eden"

Modern Day Meaning: The Garden of Eden imagery was used for symbolic expression of conflicts among social groups, acting at times as a vehicle for conflict, and in other instances as a means of reducing conflict.

It was the place where Adam and Eve lived before the fall, because of disobedience.

Biblical source from Genesis 2:8-9 Then the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the East, and there he put the man he had formed. He made all kinds of beautiful trees grow there and produce good fruit. In the middle of the garden stood the tree that gives life and the tree that gives

knowledge of what is good and what is bad.

Genesis 2:15-16 *"Then the Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to cultivate it and guard it. He told him, 'You may eat the fruit of any tree in the garden, except the tree that gives knowledge of what is good and what is bad. You must not eat the fruit of that tree; if you do, you will die the same day.'"*

Genesis 2:18 *Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to live alone. I will make a suitable companion to help him."*

Genesis 2:18 *"He formed a woman out of the rib and brought her to him."*

Genesis 2:25 *"The man and the woman were both naked, but they were not embarrassed."*

Quotable Quote - Vengeance

"I studied every page of this book, and I didn't find enough love to fill a salt shaker. God is not love in the Bible; God is vengeance, from Alpha to Omega."

Rugh Hurmence Green

"Better to Give than to Receive"

Modern Day Meaning: It is more fulfilling and morally virtuous to give something than to receive something.

Biblical source from Acts 20:35 *"And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

"Go Through the Eye of a Needle"

Modern Day Meaning: Used as part of a comparison indicating that something is futile, impossible or extremely difficult to accomplish.

Biblical source from Matthew 19:24 *"And again I say unto you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."*

"Golden Rule"

Modern Day Meaning: An opportunity for all of us to reflect on and celebrate the universal principle of treating others the way that we want to be treated.

Biblical source from Matthew 5:1-2 *Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them many things:*

Matthew 7:12 *"In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets"*

"Tell it Not in Gath"

Modern Day Meaning: Don't state or proclaim things in the street if a wrong element is part of it.

Biblical source from 2 Samuel 1:20 *"His successor will send out a tax collector to maintain the royal splendor. In a few years, however, he will be destroyed, yet not in anger or in battle."*

"Do Not Gather Figs of Thistles"

Modern Day Meaning: Enter the narrow gate and walk the hard road of life.

Biblical source from Matthew 7:16 *"By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles?"*

"Golden Calf"

Modern Day Meaning: The golden calf has come to represent both idolatry and false worship.

Biblical source from Exodus 32:4 "Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." So, all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron.

He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool.

Then they said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt."

"Give up the Ghost"

Modern Day Meaning: Let something or someone die

Biblical source from John 19:30 "When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "*It is finished.*" With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."

Luke 23:46 "And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, '*Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit:*' and having said thus, he gave up the ghost."

Acts 12:23 "And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost."

"Good Friday"

Modern Day Meaning: Good Friday, the Friday before Easter, is the Christian day to commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus and His death at Calvary. According to Jewish Sabbaths of the, Jesus was actually crucified on Thursday

Biblical source from:

As God had to turn away from the sin that Jesus had taken on himself, Jesus felt abandoned and said: Matthew 27:46 "About the ninth hour, Jesus cried out, '*My*

God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Jesus continues to intercede for the same people who inflicted so much upon Him. Luke 23:34 "*Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.*"

The thief on the cross next to Jesus showed true repentance, even if in his last moments on earth. Luke 23:43 "*I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.*"

Jesus recognized Mary and spoke to the Apostle John: John 19:26-27 "*Dear Woman, here is your son!*" and "*Here is your mother!*"

A Messianic prophecy was fulfilled. Psalm 69:21 "*They put gall in my food and gave me vinegar for my thirst.*" Jesus said: John 19:28 "*I am thirsty.*"

His Father sent Him to do His will, which was to establish the Gospel and achieve reconciliation for sinners. The debt of sin was paid. John 19:30 "*It is finished!*"

Jesus willingly gave up His own life. It was not taken from Him. Luke 23:46 "*Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.*"

H

"House Built on Sand"

Modern Day Meaning: An idea or plan that is not very sensible and is likely to fail. A house or building that is built on a foundation sure to fail.

"And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

"A House Built on a Rock"

Modern Day Meaning: An idea or plan that is very sensible and is likely to remain standing or in force.

Biblical source from Matthew 7:24-25 *"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock."*

"He Who is Not with Me is Against Me"

Modern Day Meaning: No neutrality on choosing sides.

Biblical source from Matthew 12:30 *"He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathers not with me scatters abroad."*

"God Save the King"

Modern Day Meaning: A rallying cry to support a Monarch.

Biblical source from 1 Samuel 10:24 *"And Samuel said to all the people, See, ye him whom the Lord hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, God save the king."*

"The Burden and Heat of the Day"

Modern Day Meaning: Being hired to work all day, especially the heat of the day.

Biblical source from Matthew 20:12 *"These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day."*

"Harvest Day/Halloween"

Modern Day Meaning: Halloween is a secular holiday, like Valentine's Day or

Thanksgiving, meaning it's not associated with any particular religion.

Biblical source from Romans 13:12 *"The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light."*

1 Corinthians 10:21 *"You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons."*

Ephesians 5:11 *"Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them."*

1 Peter 5:8 *"Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour."*

John 3:19-20 *"And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed."*

"Hewers of Wood and Drawers of Water"

Modern Day Meaning: Those who are used solely for manual labor or menial tasks at the behest of others.

Biblical source from Joshua 9:21 *"They continued: Let them live, but let them be woodcutters and water carriers in the service of the whole assembly. So, the leaders' promise to them was kept."*

King Solomon - "What Does the Lord Hate?"

Proverbs 6:16-19 "There are six things that the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to Him:

Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands

that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that run rapidly to evil, a false witness *who* declares lies, and one who spreads strife among brothers."

"Hanukkah"

Modern Day Meaning: A week long celebration of "dedication" for the Jewish people.

Biblical source from Leviticus 24:2-4 "*The Lord said to Moses, "Command the Israelites to bring you clear oil of pressed olives for the light so that the lamps may be kept burning continually. Outside the curtain that shields the ark of the covenant law in the tent of meeting, Aaron is to tend the lamps before the Lord from evening till morning, continually. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come. The lamps on the pure gold lamp stand before the Lord must be tended continually."*

"Highways and Hedges"

Modern Day Meaning: People going out into the highways and hedges to bring others in.

Biblical source from Luke 14:23 "*Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.'*"

"Put Your House in Order"

Modern Day Meaning: Resolve personal problems or organize business affairs for a reason.

Biblical source from Isaiah 38:1 "*In those days Hezekiah became ill and was at the point of death. The prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to him and said, "This is what the LORD says: Put your house in order,*

because you are going to die; you will not recover."

"A House Divided Cannot Stand"

Modern Day Meaning: A house divided cannot stand, meaning the North and the South over the Civil war. The most destructive war fought in American History was the Civil war. For four long bloody years, Americans were killed at the hand of each other.

Biblical source from Matthew 12:25-26 *Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand. If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand?"*

"Head on a Platter"

Modern Day Meaning: An exaggerated warning of harsh punishment or punishment given out.

Biblical source from Mark 6:25 "*At once she hurried to the king and said, 'I want you to give me John the Baptist's head on a platter immediately.'*"

"Head for the Hills"

Modern Day Meaning: To flee hastily; to clear out or depart quickly. Run away as if in a panic.

Biblical source from Genesis 31:19-21 "*When Laban had gone to shear his sheep, Rachel stole her father's household gods. Moreover, Jacob deceived Laban the Aramean by not telling him he was running away. So, he fled with all he had, crossed the Euphrates River, and headed for the hills of Gilead."*

"Hard Hearted"

Modern Day Meaning: Incapable of being moved to pity or tenderness; unfeeling

Biblical source from Exodus 14:1-4 "Now the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Go and tell the sons of Israel to turn back and camp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Midget and the sea; you shall camp in front of Baal-zephon, opposite it, by the sea. For Pharaoh will say of the sons of Israel, 'They are wandering aimlessly in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.' And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will chase after them; and I will be honored through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord." And they did so.

Quotable Quote - "Heaven"

"What comes to mind when you think of heaven? Heaven is referred to in fifty-four of the Bible's sixty-six books, and the final two chapters of the Bible are a virtual travelogue of our heavenly home. To visualize heaven accurately, study the Bible continually."
David Jeremiah

"Heaping Burning Coals on Someone's Head"

Modern Day Meaning: To cause someone else to feel remorse by returning good to their evil.

Biblical source from Proverbs 25:21-22 "If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; for you will heap burning coals on his head, and the Lord will reward you.

I

"Independence Day"

Modern Day Meaning: Independence Day, the 4th of July, is an American holiday that celebrates America's independence from England. The declaration of independence was signed on this day in 1776.

Biblical source from Galatians 5:1 "It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery."

2 Corinthians 3:17 "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

1 Peter 2:16 "Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bond slaves of God.

J

"Don't Judge"

Modern Meaning: You should let other people make a choice that you don't understand or agree with, as long as, they are not hurting anyone.

Biblical source from Matthew 5:1-2 "Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him, and he began to teach them many things:

John 7:24 "*Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.*"

The Sign of Jonah

Luke 11:29-30 "As the crowds increased, Jesus said, "*This is a wicked generation. It asks for a sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah.*"

For as Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites, so also will the Son of Man be to this generation.

"Jezebel"

Modern Meaning: A troublesome woman who is completely immoral and her name is synonymous with harlot.

1 Kings 16:31 "And it came to pass, as if it

had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him."

"Joy Comes in the Morning"

Modern Meaning: You may be experiencing turmoil now, but if you choose it, joy is coming soon.

Biblical source from:

Psalm 30:5 *"For his anger is but for a moment;
His favor is for a life-time:
Weeping may tarry for the night,
But joy cometh in the morning."*

K

"Kiss of death"

Modern Meaning: An act or association which ultimately causes ruin.

Biblical source from Matthew 26:48-50 *The traitor, Judas, had given them a prearranged signal: 'You will know which one to arrest when I greet him with a kiss.' So Judas came straight to Jesus. 'Greetings, Rabbi!' he exclaimed and gave him the kiss.*

Jesus said, 'My friend, go ahead and do what you have come for.' Then the others grabbed Jesus and arrested him.

"Know for a Certainty"

Modern Meaning: Knowledge that is without doubt.

Biblical source from Joshua 23:13 *"Know for a certainty that the Lord your God will not drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye*

perish from off this good land which the Lord your God hath given you."

"Kingdom Come"

Modern Meaning: Words from the Lord's prayer, serving as an invitation for God to come to earth and reign, bringing the heavenly tabernacle with him.

Biblical source from Matthew 5:1-2 *Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him. He began to teach them many things:*

Matthew 6:10 *"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth."*

"Kick Against the Goads"

Modern Meaning: The image is that of a person, as of a beast of burden, that kicks back against oppressive domination when it is inflicted upon by the one who is in charge.

Biblical source from Acts 26:12-15 *"While so engaged, as I was journeying to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, at midday, O King, I saw on the way a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining all around me and those who were journeying with me.*

And when we had all fallen to the ground, I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew dialect, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.' And I said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.'"

L

"Don't Let the Left Hand Know
What the Right Hand Does"

Modern Meaning: Giving alms to the poor in secret; in contrast to giving alms to draw attention to giving.

Biblical source from Matthew 5:1-2 "Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him. He began to teach them many things:

Matthew 6:3-4 "*But when you do give alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand does: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy father which sees in secret himself shall reward thee openly.*"

"Love Your Neighbor as Yourself"

Modern Day Meaning: Being a good neighbor; looking out for your others best interest first.

Biblical source from Leviticus 19:18 "Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: I am the Lord."

Mark 12:28-31 A teacher of the Law was there who heard the discussion. He saw that Jesus had given the Sadducees a good answer, so he came to him with a question: "Which commandment is the most important of all?"

Jesus replied, "*The most important one is this: 'Listen, Israel! The Lord our God is the only Lord. You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'*"

The second most important commandment is this: 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.' There is no other commandment more important than these two."

"Law unto Themselves"

Modern Day Meaning: A person or group of people who act independently, ignoring

social and moral norms or expectations.

Biblical source from Romans 2:14 "For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves."

Jesus Heals Ten Men With Leprosy

Luke 17:11-19 NIV Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee.

As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"

When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?"

Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

"Labor of Love"

Modern Meaning: Something primarily completed for pleasure, not money or reward.

Biblical source from 1 Thessalonians 1:3 "Remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

"The Laborer is Worthy of His Hire"

Modern Day Meaning: Church bodies must honor and care for hard-working pastors to prevent them from becoming overworked and underpaid.

Biblical source from 1 Timothy 5:8 *"But if any provides not for his own, and specially his own household, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever."*

"Lesser Light"

Modern Day Meaning: Night time, by light of the moon.

Biblical source from Genesis 1:16 *"And God made the two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also."*

"Here a Little, There a Little"

Modern Meaning: You can choose whatever you like. You can eat as much as you wish. Variety is the order of the day.

Biblical source from Isaiah 28:13 *"Therefore shall the word of Jehovah be unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, there a little; that they may go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken."*

"Lunar New Year"

Modern Day Meaning: The Lunar New Year isn't only observed in China, but also in South Korea, Vietnam, Tibet and Singapore. The Lunar New Year is closely linked to astrology.

The Jewish calendar is lunisolar, "a month is still defined by the moon, but an extra month is added periodically to stay close to the solar year."

Biblical source from Deuteronomy 18:10-11 *"There should not be found in you anyone who makes his son or his*

daughter pass through the fire, anyone who employs divination, anyone practicing magic, anyone who looks for omens, a sorcerer, anyone binding others with a spell, anyone who consults a spirit medium or a fortune teller, or anyone who inquires of the dead."

"Letter of the Law"

Modern Day Meaning: To the fullness and precise wording of the law, with no consideration to any perceived intent or spirit in which it was written.

Biblical source from 2 Corinthians 3:6 *"He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant - not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life."*

"Let there be Light"

Modern Day Meaning: A lighthearted remark when someone turns on a light. Let the facts be known.

Biblical source from Genesis 1:3 "And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light."

"The Love of Money is the Root of All Kinds of Evil"

Modern Day Meaning: This phrase is often misquoted as "Money is the Root of All Evil". The principle that the love of money will result in greed, selfishness and wicked behavior.

Biblical Source from 1 Timothy 6:10 *"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs."*

"Living Fountains of Water"

Modern Day Meaning: Water is one of the most important natural resources for sustaining plant and animal life.

Biblical source from Jeremiah 2:13 *"For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."*

"Like a Lamb to the Slaughter"

Modern Day Meaning: is someone or something blissfully unaware of the disaster about to befall them.

Jeremiah 11:19 *"I had been like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter; I did not realize that they had plotted against me, saying, 'Let us destroy the tree and its fruit; let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more.'"*

Isaiah 53:7 *"He was oppressed and treated harshly, yet he never said a word. He was led like a lamb to the slaughter. And as a sheep is silent before the shearers, he did not open his mouth."*

"A Leopard Cannot Change Its Spots"

Modern Day Meaning: Implying that you cannot alter who you are innately meant to be, especially if negative.

Biblical source from Jeremiah 13:23 *"Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? Then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil."*

"Land of Milk and Honey"

Modern Day Meaning: A desirable place of abundance.

Biblical source from Exodus 3:8 *"So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey--the home of the Canaanites, Hittites,*

Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites." Menintights?

Leviticus 20:24 *"But I said to you, 'You will possess their land; I will give it to you as an inheritance, a land flowing with milk and honey.' I am the LORD your God, who has set you apart from the nations."*

Numbers 13:27 *"This was their report to Moses: 'We entered the land you sent us to explore, and it is indeed a bountiful country—a land flowing with milk and honey. Here is the kind of fruit it produces.'"*

Deuteronomy 6:3 *"Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors,"*

"Maudlin"

Modern Day Meaning: The weeping woman sinner who washed the feet of Jesus with her tears and dried them with her hair.

Biblical source from Luke 7:37-38 *And behold, a woman who was in the city, a sinner; and when she knew that he was sitting at meat in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster cruse of ointment, and standing behind at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the oil*

"Many are Called, but
"Few are Chosen"

Modern Meaning: A lighthearted remark to imply most are unworthy of a particular task or endeavor and only a select few will succeed.

Matthew 22:14 *"For many are called, but few are chosen."*

"Millstone Around One's Neck"

Modern Day Meaning: Some kind of oppressive burden or responsibility.

Biblical source from Matthew 18:6 *"But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea."*

Mark 9:42 *"But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone hung around your neck."*

Luke 17:2 *"It would be better to be thrown into the sea with a millstone hung around your neck than to cause one of these little ones to fall into sin."*

Quotable Quotes -
"Martin Luther King"

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today."

"The time is always right to do what is right."

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

I wish I had space for many more!

"As Old as Methuselah"

Modern Day Meaning: Someone or something that is extremely old.

Biblical source from Genesis 5:25-27 *"When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he became the father of Lamech. After he*

became the father of Lamech, Methuselah lived 782 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Methuselah lived a total of 969 years, and then he died."

Then the flood began.

"Multitude of Sins"

Modern Day Meaning: Any number of flaws, imperfections, problems, mistakes, misdeeds, crimes, etc.

Biblical source from 1 Peter 4:7-8 *"But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore of sound mind, and be sober unto prayer: above all things being fervent in your love among yourselves; for love covers a multitude of sins."*

"Move Mountains"

Modern Day Meaning: Achieving something that seems impossible.

Biblical source from Matthew 17:20 *He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."*

Matthew 21:21 *Then, Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done."*

Mark 11:23 *"Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them."*

1 Corinthians 13:2 *"If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing."*

"How the Mighty have Fallen"

Modern Day Meaning: A description for a once-great person or entity that has since diminished in stature or respect.

Biblical source from 2 Samuel 1:19 *"The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy high places: how are the mighty fallen!"*

2 Samuel 1:25 "How the mighty have fallen in battle! Jonathan lies slain on your

"Miserable Comforters"

Modern Day Meaning: Adding to the griefs that they vainly try to assuage.

Biblical source from Job 16:2 *"I have heard many such things: Miserable comforters are ye all."*

"Man Does Not Live on Bread Alone"

Modern Day Meaning: A reminder to nourish your soul.

Biblical source from Deuteronomy 8:3 *"He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD."*

Matthew 4:1-4 *Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the Devil. After spending forty days and nights without food, Jesus was hungry. Then, the Devil came to him and said, "If you are God's Son, order these stones to turn into bread."*

But Jesus answered, "The scripture says, 'Human beings cannot live on bread alone, but need every word that God speaks.'"

"Manna from Heaven"

Modern Day Meaning: Manna from Heaven indicates a divine intervention, an unearned gift from God.

Biblical source from Deuteronomy 8:3 *"He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord."*

"Mother's Day"

Modern Day Meaning: A holiday, set aside to honor mothers and their contribution to family and society.

Eve was the first woman and the first mother. Without a single role model or mentor, she paved the maternal way to become "Mother of All the Living." Her name means "living thing," or "life."

Sarah was one of the most important women in the Bible. She was the wife of Abraham, which made her the mother of the nation of Israel. She shared in Abraham's journey to the Promised Land and all of the promises God would fulfill there.

Mary was the most honored mother in the Bible, the human mother of Jesus, who saved the world from its sin. Although she was only a young, humble peasant, Mary accepted God's will for her life.

Quotable Quote - "Mothers"

"The influence of a mother upon the lives of her children cannot be measured. They know and absorb her example and attitudes when it comes to questions of honesty, temperance, kindness and industry."

Dr. Billy Graham

Biblical source from Exodus 20:12 *"Honor your father and your mother, so that*

your days may be prolonged on the land which the Lord your God gives you."

"Be a Man"

Modern Day Meaning: A call to take courage and be strong.

Biblical source from 1 Kings 2:2 *"I am going where everyone on earth must someday go. Take courage and be a man."*

"A Man After God's Own Heart"

Modern Day Meaning: Admiration for someone who shares the same opinion or interests.

Biblical source from 1 Samuel 13:14 *"But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the Lord's comm."*

Acts 13:22 *"After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: "I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do."*

"Memorial Day"

Modern Day Meaning: A federal holiday, held on the last Monday in the month of May, honoring and mourning the U. S. Military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces.

Biblical source from John 15:13 *"For the greatest love of all is a love that sacrifices all. And this great love is demonstrated when a person sacrifices his life for his friends."*

Willingness to leave family and friends, in order to face possible death for them is the highest expression of love. Giving one's life in sacrifice is the ultimate.

Psalm 82:3-4 *"To defend the defenseless, the fatherless and the forgotten, the disenfranchised and the destitute. Your duty is to deliver the poor and the powerless; liberate them from the grasp of the wicked."*

Psalm 116:15 *"When one of God's holy lovers dies, it is costly to the Lord, touching his heart."*

Our lives belong to God. Jesus did not suffer for them to fall needlessly, until their work was done. He welcomes the precious souls when they are with him again.

Romans 13:7 *"So it is your duty to pay all the taxes and fees that they require and to respect those who are worthy of respect, honoring them accordingly."*

N

"New Year's Day"

Modern Day Meaning: In the present day, with most countries now using the Gregorian calendar as their civil calendar, the first of January, according to the calendar among the most celebrated public holidays in the world, often observed with fireworks at the stroke of midnight following New Year's Eve as the new year starts in each time zone.

Other global New Year's Day traditions include making New Year's resolutions and calling one's friends and family.

Biblical source from Isaiah 18-19 *"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past."*

See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"

Exodus 12:1-2 *The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, "This month is to be for*

you the first month, the first month of your year."

The Parable of the New Cloth on Old Garments

Matthew 9:16 NIV *"No one sews a patch of un-shrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse."*

The Parable of the New Wine in Old Wineskins

Matthew 9:17 NIV *"Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."*

"Land of Nod"

Modern Meaning: A metaphor for being asleep

Biblical source from Genesis 4:16 "So Cain went out from the LORD's presence and lived in the land of Nod, East of Eden."

"Nimrod"

Modern Day Meaning: A skillful hunter, foolish person or someone who is inept.

Biblical source from Genesis 10:8-9 *"And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. He was a mighty hunter before Jehovah: wherefore it is said, Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before Jehovah."*

"Nothing New Under the Sun"

Modern Day Meaning: As an expression of world-weariness and a tiredness of a lack of new ideas, the old adage that there is nothing new under the Sun.

Biblical source from Ecclesiastes 1:9 *"What has been is what will be, and what has*

been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under these days."

"Nest of Vipers"

Modern Day Meaning: Those of continual persecution of the righteous

Biblical source from Matthew 3:7-8 NIV *But when he (John the Baptist) saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.*

O

Quotable Quote - "Offer of Salvation"

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me." Jesus Christ

"Old Wives' Tales"

Modern Day Meaning: A widely held traditional belief that is now thought to be unscientific or incorrect.

Biblical source from 1 Timothy 4:7 *"But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself rather unto godliness."*

"Out of the Mouths of Babes"

Modern Day Meaning: Sometimes, the greatest wisdom comes from children, who are not afraid or weary of the world and its pressures.

Biblical source from Psalm 8:2 *"Out of the mouth of babes hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou might still the enemy and the avenger."*

Matthew 21:16 *"And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful*

things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were sore displeased,"

"Good Old Age"

Modern Day Meaning: It is one of the most important and widespread symbols in ancient religion and today's modern world as well. It represents patience and wisdom.

Biblical source from Genesis 15:15 *"And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look, now toward heaven, and number the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be."*

"O ye, of Little Faith"

Modern Day Meaning: Usually said in jest to rebuff someone's pessimistic attitude.

Biblical source from Luke 12:28 *"If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?"*

P

Quotable Quote - "Bible Study"

"A man may study because his brain is hungry for knowledge, even Bible knowledge. But, he prays because his soul is hungry for God." Leonard Ravenhill

Why Speak in Parables?

Matthew 13:10-15 *"The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?"*

He replied, *"Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from*

them. This is why I speak to them in parables: "Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand."

In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:

You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.

For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes."

Matthew 13:15 *"Otherwise they might see with their eyes hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them."*

Matthew 13:16-17 *"But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."*

Hosea 12:10 *"I have also spoken to the prophets, and I have multiplied visions; and by the ministry of the prophets I have used parables."*

Ezekiel 24:3 *"Utter a parable to the rebellious house, and tell them, Thus says the Lord the LORD,"*

The Parable of the Sower

Matthew 13:3-9 *"Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.*

Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.

Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants.

Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

Meaning of the Parable of the Sower

“Matthew 13:18-23 Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.

The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.

But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

“President’s Day/
Martin Luther King Day”

Modern Day Meaning: A holiday in honor of George Washington’s birthday as the first president of the United States.

Biblical source from Proverbs 28:2-3 “For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof; but by a man of understanding and knowledge the state thereof shall be prolonged.”

“Practice What You Preach”

Modern Day Meaning: If you say that some practices what they preach, you mean that they behave in the way that they encourage other people to behave.

Biblical source from Matthew 23:3 ‘So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.’

“Peace Offering”

Modern Day Meaning: An offering that procures reconciliation, peace and/or satisfaction; satisfaction offered to an offended person, especially to a superior.

Biblical source from Exodus 24:5 “And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the Lord.”

“Passover”

Modern Day Meaning: An eight day festival of freedom that marks the Hebrews exodus from slavery in Egypt 3000 years ago.

Biblical source from Exodus 12:13-16 “On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn of both people and animals, and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the Lord. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are, and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

“This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord—a lasting ordinance. For seven days you are to eat bread made without yeast. On the first day remove the yeast from your houses, for whoever eats anything with

yeast in it from the first day through the seventh must be cut off from Israel. On the first day hold a sacred assembly, and another one on the seventh day. Do no work at all on these days, except to prepare food for everyone to eat; that is all you may do."

"A Mess of Pottage"

Modern Day Meaning: Something meaningless or trivial or of inferior value.

Biblical source from Genesis 25:29 *"And it came to pass in the morning that, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, what is this thou hast done unto me? Did not I serve with thee for Rachel? Wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?"*

2 Samuel 11:8 *"And David said to Uriah, go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him a mess of food from the king."*

"The Powers that Be"

Modern Day Meaning: Unknown people who control things.

Biblical source from Roman 13:11 *"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God."*

"Physician Heal Thyself"

Modern Day Meaning: A need for a miracle worker to do his work at home.

Biblical source from Luke 4:23 *"And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country."*

"Precept upon Precept,
Line upon Line"

Modern Day Meaning: Keeping laws, listening to council, and learning wisdom

Biblical source from Isaiah 28:11-13 *"Nay, but by men of strange lips and with another tongue will he speak to this people; to whom he said, this is the rest, give ye rest to him that is weary; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear."*

Therefore, shall the word of Jehovah be unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, there a little; that they may go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken."

"The Pride of Life"

Modern Day Meaning: Anything that leads to pride in self, ostentation, presumption, arrogance or boasting.

Biblical source from 1 John 2:16 *"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."*

"Pentecost"

Modern Day Meaning: "The Christian festival celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his Ascension, held on the seventh Sunday after Easter."

Biblical source from John 14:15-17 *"If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth."*

The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."

Acts 2:1-4 *"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a*

violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

"Palm Sunday"

Modern Day Meaning: For Christian households around the world, Palm Sunday marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem before His later crucifixion on Good Friday.

Biblical source from John 12:12-15 NIV
The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!"
"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"
"Blessed is the king of Israel!"
Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

*"Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;
see, your king is coming,
seated on a donkey's colt."*

"Psalm 23"

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

*He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,*

*he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.*

*Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.*

*Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.*

"Prisoner of Hope"

Modern Day Meaning: One who remains hopeful in spite of circumstances that seem hopeless.

Biblical source from Zachariah 9:12 "As for thee also, because of the blood of thy covenant I have set free thy prisoners from the pit wherein is no water. Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope: even today do I declare that I will render double unto thee."

"Put Words in One's Mouth"

Modern Day Meaning: The false suggestion that someone said or meant something else.

Biblical source from 2 Samuel 14:3 "And come to the king, and speak on this manner unto him. So, Joab put the words in her mouth."

"Pride Comes before a Fall"

Modern Day Meaning: A saying meaning that if you are too confident in yourself, something will happen to humble you and put you back in your place.

Biblical source from Proverbs 16:18 "Pride goes before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."

"Cast Pearls Before Swine"

Modern Day Meaning: To give something to another who is unable to appreciate the

offer. Provide something prized or valuable to someone who does not appreciate it.

Biblical source from Matthew 5:1-2 *"Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him. He began to teach them many things:"*

Matthew 7:6, *"Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces."*

"He that Touches Pitch"

Modern Day Meaning: Anyone who has even the slightest contact with someone who's up to no good cannot avoid becoming corrupted themselves.

Biblical source from Ecclesiasticus 13:1 *"He that touches pitch shall be defiled therewith; and he that has fellowship with a proud man shall be like unto him."*

"Paradise Lost"

Modern Day Meaning: Disobedience, manifestation of eternal providence and justification of divine ways that produce a negative result.

Biblical source from Genesis 3:22-23 NIV *And the Lord God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.*

"Philistine"

Modern Day Meaning: An uncultured and narrow-minded person

Biblical source from Genesis 21:32 *"After the treaty had been made at Beersheba,*

Abimelek and Phil the commander of his forces returned to the land of the Philistines."

Judges 13:1 *"Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, so the Lord delivered them into the hands of the Philistines for forty years."*

R

"Rainbow"

Modern Day Meaning: An arch of colors formed in the sky under certain circumstances, caused by the refraction and dispersion of the sun's light by rain or other water droplets

Biblical source from Genesis 9:13-16 *"And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:*

And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

"Part the Red Sea"

Modern Day Meaning: An event in history that carries such a miraculous theme that it could have only been accomplished by God, thus giving Him all glory.

Biblical source from Exodus 14:21 *"Then Moses reached out with his hand over the sea; and the Lord swept the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided.*

So, the sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on the dry land, and the

waters were like a wall to them on their right and on their left.

Exodus 14:26-27 *"Then the Lord said to Moses, "Reach out with your hand over the sea so that the waters may come back over the Egyptians, over their chariots and their horsemen."*

So Moses reached out with his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal state at daybreak, while the Egyptians were fleeing right into it; then the Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea.

"Reap What You Sow"

Modern Day Meaning: Often used as a warning to convey the moral principle that our actions carry consequences.

Biblical source from Galatians 6:7 *"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows."*

"Rise and Shine"

Modern Day Meaning: A call to wake up, get out of bed and start the day.

Biblical source from Isaiah 60:1 *"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you."*

"Reap the Whirlwind"

Modern Day Meaning: Suffering now because of mistakes that were made in the past.

Biblical source from Hosea 8:7 *"For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk; the bud shall yield no meal: if so, be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up."*

"Rash Hashanah"

Modern Day Meaning: The Jewish New Year which marks the 10 days of penitence culminating in Yom Kippur.

Biblical source from Leviticus 23:23-24 *"The Lord said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites: 'On the first day of the seventh month you are to have a day of sabbath rest, a sacred assembly commemorated with trumpet blasts. Do no regular work, but present a food offering to the Lord.'"*

"Ramadan"

Modern Day Meaning: Is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar. It is observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection and community. Christians also fast during Lent.

Biblical source from John 14:6-7 *"Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."*

"Red Sky at Morning, Sailor's Warning"

Modern Day Meaning: A red sky at sunrise is a sign that bad weather will follow.

Biblical source from Matthew 16:3 *"And in the morning, It will be foul weather today: for the heaven is red and lowering."*

Ye know how to discern the face of the heaven; but ye cannot discern the signs of the times."

"Spare the Rod, Spoil the Child"

Modern Day Meaning: A child's attitude and behavior will deteriorate if you do not adequately punish wrongdoing.

Biblical source from Proverbs 22:15 *"Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;*

But the rod of correction shall drive it far from him."

"Take Root"

Modern Day Meaning: Become settled or established and stable in one's residence or lifestyle."

Biblical source from 2 Kings 19:30 *"And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward, and bear fruit upward."*

S

"Stumbling Block"

Modern Day Meaning: A hindrance, obstacle or impediment

Biblical source from Leviticus 19:14 *"Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I am the Lord."*

"Salt of the Earth"

Modern Day Meaning: A person or group of people who are highly regarded for their kindness, honesty or reliability.

Biblical source from Matthew 5:1-2 *"Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him. He began to teach them many things:"*

Matthew 5:13 *"You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless."*

"Whited Sepulchers"

Modern Day Meaning: A person inwardly corrupt or wicked but outwardly or professedly virtuous or holy: a hypocrite

Biblical source from Matthew 23:27 *"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!*

For ye are like unto whited sepulchers, which outwardly appear beautiful, but inwardly are full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness."

"Sign of the Times"

Modern Meaning: is something that is typical of the way that things are now, generally in a negative way.

Biblical source from Matthew 16:3 *"And in the morning, it will be foul weather today: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?"*

"Shibboleth"

Modern Day Meaning: A trite idea or platitude, or slogan or catchword

Biblical source from Judges 12:6 *"then said they unto him, say now Shibboleth; and he said Sibboleth; for he could not frame to pronounce it right: then they laid hold on him, and slew him at the fords of the Jordan. And there fell at that time of Ephraim forty and two thousand."*

"Sour Grapes"

Modern Meaning: Someone who is bitter about something, that was not gained.

Ezekiel 18:2 *"Why do you quote this proverb concerning the land of Israel: 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, but their children's mouths pucker at the taste?'"*

"From Strength to Strength"

Modern Day Meaning: To become better and better over time,

Biblical source from Psalm 84:7 *"They go from strength to strength;*

Every one of them appears before God in Zion."

"Scapegoat"

Modern Day Meaning: Where a goat is chosen by lot to be sent into the desert to make atonement or bear the blame for sin.

Biblical source from Leviticus 16:9-10 *"But the goat chosen by lot as the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the Lord to be used for making atonement by sending it into the wilderness as a scapegoat."*

"Saint Patrick's Prayer"

The power of God to guide me,

The might of God to uphold me,

The wisdom of God to teach me,

The eye of God to watch over me,

The ear of God to hear me, The word of
God to speak for me, The

hand of God to protect me, The way of
God to lie before me, The

shield of God to shelter me, The host of
God to defend me, Christ

with me, Christ before me, Christ
behind me, Christ within me,

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ at my right, Christ at my left,

Christ in breadth, Christ in length,

Christ in height, Christ in the heart

of every man who thinks of me,

Christ in the mouth of every man

who speaks to me, Christ in the eye

of every man who sees me, Christ

in the ear of every man who hears me.

"Straight and Narrow"

Modern Day Meaning: Walking a path of proper, honest, and moral behavior

Biblical source from Matthew 5:1-2 *"Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him. He began to teach them many things:"*

Matthew 7:14 *"But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."*

"Still Small Voice"

Modern Day Meaning: Speech in a voice that is barely discernible.

Biblical source from 1 Kings 19:12 *"and after the earthquake a fire; but Jehovah was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice."*

"For Everything There is a Season"

Modern Day Meaning: The motivation for the song "Turn! Turn! Turn!" by the Byrds. There is a right time or period for everything.

Biblical source from Ecclesiastes 3:1 *"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven"*

"Suffer Fools Gladly"

Modern Day Meaning: Putting up with nonsense of others.

Biblical source from 2 Corinthians 11:19
"For ye bear with the foolish gladly, being wise yourselves."

"He Who Lives by the Sword,
Dies by the Sword"

Modern Day Meaning: A saying which means that if you use violence against others, you can expect to have it used against you; you should expect to have the same means used against you that you use against others.

Biblical source from Matthew 26:52 *"Then said Jesus unto him, 'Put up again thy sword into its place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.'"*

"By the Skin of One's Teeth"

Modern Day Meaning: Escaping by the slimmest of margins

Biblical source from Job 19:20 *"My bones cleave to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth."*

"Simony"

Modern Day Meaning: It was the buying and selling of spiritual office, act or privilege.

Biblical source from Acts 8:18-19 *"Now when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, saying, 'Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay my hands, he may receive the Holy Spirit.'"*

"Nothing but Skin and Bones"

Modern Day Meaning: Emaciated, skinny or dreadfully thin.

Biblical source from Job 19:20 *"All my intimate friends detest me; those I love*

have turned against me. I am nothing but skin and bones;

"Stand in Awe"

Modern Day Meaning: To have an overwhelming amount of respect for something or someone.

Biblical source from Psalm 4:4 *"Stand in awe, and sin not:*

Commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still."

Psalm 33:8 *"Let all the earth fear Jehovah: Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him."*

Psalm 119:161 *"Princes have persecuted me without a cause;*

But my heart stands in awe of thy words."

"By the Sweat of Your Brow"

Modern Day Meaning: By one's own labor or hard work.

Biblical source from Genesis 3:19 *"By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."*

"Clear Shining after Rain"

Modern Day Meaning: After the storm, the sun will shine again.

Biblical Source from 2 Samuel 23:4 *"He shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun rises, a morning without clouds, When the tender grass springs out of the earth, through clear shining after rain."*

"Struck on the Road to Damascus"

Modern Day Meaning: It indicates a divine revelation or enlightenment that totally changes one's life.

Biblical Source from Acts 9:3-6 *"And as he journeyed, it came to pass that he drew nigh unto Damascus: and suddenly there shone round about him a light out of heaven: and he fell upon the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord?"*

And he said, 'I am Jesus whom thou persecute: but rise, and enter into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou

"Shavout"

Modern Day Meaning: is also called the feast of the weeks. It commemorates the revelation of God on Mount Sinai and the gift of the Torah, the law.

Biblical source from Exodus 34:22 *"You shall celebrate the Feast of Weeks, that is, the first fruits of the wheat harvest, and the Feast of Ingathering at the turn of the year."*

Numbers 28:26 *"Also on the day of the first fruits, when you present a new grain offering to the Lord in your Feast of Weeks, you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work"*

"Thanksgiving Day"

Modern Day Meaning: A national holiday in Canada and the United States celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year

Biblical source from Psalm 100:4-5 NIV
*"Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his
name.
For the Lord is good and his love endures
forever;
his faithfulness continues through all
generations."*

"Tax Day"

Modern Day Meaning: On April 15th of every year, Americans are due to settle their taxes with Uncle Sam.

Biblical source from Mark 12:13-17 *"Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch him in his words. They came to him and said, "Teacher, we know that you are a man of integrity. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"*

Should we pay or shouldn't we?"

But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. "Why are you trying to trap me?" he asked. "Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." They brought the coin, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

"Caesar's," they replied.

Then Jesus said to them, "Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's."

And they were amazed at him."

"Twinkling of an Eye"

Modern Day Meaning: Something that happens very, very quickly.

1 Corinthians 15:52 *"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."*

King Solomon - "Trust"

Biblical source from Proverb 3:5-7 *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.*

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

*Do not be wise in your own eyes;
Fear the Lord and turn away from evil."*

"Talent"

Modern Day Meaning: A natural aptitude or skill; a former weight of currency

Biblical Source from Exodus 25:39 "Of a talent of pure gold shall it be made, with all these vessels."

"Thorn in the Flesh"

Modern Day Meaning: Something that is a constant source of irritation.

Biblical source from 2 Corinthians 12:7 "So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited."

"Two-edged Sword"

Modern Day Meaning: Something that has both good and bad consequences.

Biblical source from Proverbs 5:4 "For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness:

Evil shall not sojourn with thee."

"The Truth Will Set You Free"

Modern Day Meaning: Knowing and accepting the truth of a matter brings clarity, releasing any burden of ignorance or a lie.

Biblical source from John 8:32 "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

"Turned the World Up-side Down"

Modern Day Meaning: To drastically change one's outlook, circumstances or lifestyle.

Biblical source from Acts 17:6 "And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, these that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;"

"Times of the Seasons"

Modern Meaning: A time characterized by particular circumstance or features that cannot be determined.

Biblical source from Acts 1:7 "And he said unto them, 'It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the father hath put in his own power.'"

"Two are Better than One"

Modern Day Meaning: Some tasks may be accomplished easier by two or more people working together than one working alone.

Biblical source from Ecclesiastes 4:9 "Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor."

U

V

"Nest of Vipers"

Modern Day Meaning: Iniquitous people congregating together.

Biblical source fro Matthew 23:31-33 "Wherefore ye witness to yourselves, that ye are sons of them that slew the prophets. Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. Ye serpents, ye offspring of vipers, how shall ye escape the judgment of hell?"

"Valley of Decision"

Modern Day Meaning: A biblical name given to the Valley of Jehoshaphat by the prophet Joel. It is the location of Jehovah's inflictions on Zion's enemies.

Biblical source from Joel 3:14 *"Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of Jehovah is near in the valley of decision."*

"Voice Crying in the Wilderness"

Modern Day Meaning: An English idiom for someone who expresses an idea or opinion that is not popular or that the individual is the sole person expressing that particular opinion with the suggestion that the opinion is then ignored.

Biblical source from John 1:23 *"He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Isaiah."*

W

"White as Snow"

Modern Day Meaning: Very bright white and another meaning of pure

Biblical source from Numbers 12:10 *"And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous."*

Psalm 51:7 *"Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."*

"Valentine's Day"

Modern Day Meaning: It was a pretty common name during Late Antiquity. As far as anyone can tell, the Saint Valentine of Valentine's Day was one of two guys preaching the good word in Rome in the third century. It has nothing to do with

greeting cards, chocolates or expensive restaurants.

There is no Biblical source for celebrating Valentine's Day. In fact, Jesus does not want any Christian celebrating any pagan holiday.

King Solomon - "Wisdom"

Modern Day Meaning: King Solomon, son of King David and Bathsheba, is widely accepted as the wisest man to ever live.

Biblical source from 1 Kings 3:16-28 "One day, two women went to King Solomon, and one of them said:

"Your Majesty, this woman and I live in the same house. Not long ago my baby was born at home, and three days later her baby was born. Nobody else was there with us. One night while we were all asleep, she rolled over on her baby, and he died. Then while I was still asleep, she got up and took my son out of my bed. She put him in her bed, then she put her dead baby next to me.

In the morning when I got up to feed my son, I saw that he was dead. But when I looked at him in the light, I knew he wasn't my son."

"No!" the other woman shouted. "He was your son. My baby is alive!"

"The dead baby is yours," the first woman yelled. "Mine is alive!"

They argued back and forth in front of Solomon, until finally he said, "Both of you say this live baby is yours. Someone bring me a sword." A sword was brought, and Solomon ordered, "Cut the baby in half! That way each of you can have part of him.

"Please don't kill my son," the baby's mother screamed. "Your Majesty, I love

him very much, but give him to her. Just don't kill him."

The other woman shouted, "Go ahead and cut him in half. Then neither of us will have the baby."

Solomon said, "Don't kill the baby." Then he pointed to the first woman, "She is his real mother. Give the baby to her."

Everyone in Israel was amazed when they heard how Solomon had made his decision. They realized that God had given him wisdom to judge fairly."

"Woe is Me"

Modern Day Meaning: Used to show that the speaker feels distress or misery.

Biblical source from Psalm 120:5-7 *"Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech, that I dwell in the tents of Kedar!*

My soul hath long dwelt with him that hates peace.

I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war.

"Woe Unto You"

Modern Day Meaning: A feeling of grief or sorrow for misfortune.

Biblical source from Matthew 23:13 *"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the door of the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to."*

"Fall by the Wayside"

Modern Day Meaning: It fails to be seen through to completion or is side-lined in favor of some other project or endeavor.

Biblical source from Matthew 13:4 *"And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside;*

and the birds came and devoured them."

Mark 4:4 *"And it happened, as he sowed, that some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it."*

"Wits End"

Modern Day Meaning: When things are really not going well at all and you are feeling like you have exhausted all of your patience and hope and you are in fear.

Biblical source from Psalm 107:23-27 *"Some went out on the sea in ships; they were merchants on the mighty waters.*

They saw the works of the Lord, his wonderful deeds in the deep. For he spoke and stirred up a tempest that lifted high the waves.

They mounted up to the heavens and went down to the depths; in the peril their courage melted away.

They reeled and staggered like drunkards; they were "at their wits' end."

"Wolf in Sheep's Clothing"

Modern Day Meaning: A person who seems benign but has malicious intentions, as an enemy who appears to be friendly.

Biblical source from Matthew 5:1-2 *"Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered around him. He began to teach them many things:*

Matthew 7:15 *"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves."*

"Washing One's Hands of the Matter"

Modern Day meaning: One refuses to accept responsibility for something.

Biblical source from Matthew 27:24 *"When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person."*

"Weighed in the Balance"

Modern Day Meaning: It has come to mean giving equal consideration to two opposing views

Biblical source from Job 31:6 *"Let me be weighed in an even balance that God may know mine integrity."*

"What God has Joined Together
Let No Man put Asunder"

Modern Day Meaning: Marriage is forever.

Biblical source from Matthew 19:7-8 *"Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?"*

Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery. "

Matthew 19:4-6 *"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning, the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So, they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate."*

"Wife of the Bosom"

Modern Day Meaning: His beloved wife, his companion, and his intimate partner.

Biblical source from Deuteronomy 13:6 *"If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, that is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers;"*

"Howling Wilderness"

Modern Day Meaning: A wild desolate place inhabited only by wild beasts.

Biblical source from Deuteronomy 32:10 *"He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; He compassed him about, he cared for him, he kept him as the apple of his eye."*

"The Writing is on the Wall"

Modern Day Meaning: When something bad is about to happen, or there is no way for something to succeed.

Daniel 5:5-6 *"Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall, near the lamp stand in the royal palace. The king watched the hand as it wrote. His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his legs became weak and his knees were knocking.*

Daniel 5:22-24 *"But you, Belshazzar, his son, have not humbled yourself, though you knew all this. Instead, you have set yourself up against the Lord of heaven.*

You had the goblets from his temple brought to you, and you and your nobles, your wives and your concubines drank wine from them.

You praised the gods of silver and gold, of bronze, iron, wood and stone, which cannot see or hear or understand.

But you did not honor the God who holds in his hand your life and all your ways. Therefore, he sent the hand that wrote the inscription."

"No Rest for the Wicked"

Modern Meaning: The principle that those who do wrong will lack peace and tranquility. Sometimes used in jest to explain why a person must work long hours.

Biblical source from Isaiah 57:21 *"There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."*

"The Whore of Babylon"

Modern Day Meaning: Is utilized as a critique of oppressive governments and perceived persecution.

Biblical source from Revelation 17:5 *"and upon her forehead a name written, Mystery, Babylon the Great, the mother of the Harlots and of the Abominations of the Earth"*

"Weighed on the Scales and Found Wanting"

Modern Day Meaning: Someone is evaluated fairly and falls short of expectation.

Biblical source from Daniel 5:25 *"This is the inscription that was written: Mene, mene, tekel, pars-in"*

Daniel 5:26 *"Here is what the words mean: Mene: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end."*

Daniel 5:27 *"Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting."*

Daniel 5:28 *"Peres: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians."*

Daniel 5:29 *"Then at Belshazzar's command, Daniel was clothed in purple, a gold chain was placed around his neck,*

and he was proclaimed the third highest ruler in the kingdom."

Daniel 5:30-31 *"That very night Belshazzar, king of the Babylonians, was slain, and Darius the Mede took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two."*

Y

"Yoke Around the Neck"

Modern Day Meaning: An oppressive or debilitating burden.

Biblical source from Matthew 11:29-30 *"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

"You're the Man"

Modern Day Meaning: This idiom is used often to congratulate or thank someone for being skilled or doing something well immediately after they have done it.

Biblical source from 2 Samuel 12:7 *"And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul;"*

"You Don't Work, You Don't Eat"

Modern Day Meaning: The preliminary phase of the evolution towards communist society.

Biblical source from 2 Thessalonians 10-11 *"For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, if any will not work, neither let him eat. For we hear of some that walk among you disorderly, that work not at all, but are busybodies."*

"You Can't Take It with You"

Modern Day Meaning: It is not possible to take any material wealth to whatever world may await one after death.

Biblical source from Ecclesiastes 5:15 *"As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labor, which he may carry away in his hand."*

"Yom Kippur"

Modern Day Meaning: Is observed on the 10th of Tishri and is the day of repentance and atonement for Jews. It comes from the Torah and can be found in the story of the golden calf.

It is referred to as the Sabbath of Sabbaths.

Biblical source from Leviticus 16:3 *"This is how Aaron is to enter the Most Holy Place: He must first bring a young bull for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering."*

Leviticus 16:6-10 *"Aaron is to offer the bull for his own sin offering to make atonement for himself and his household."*

Then he is to take the two goats and present them before the Lord at the entrance to the tent of meeting.

He is to cast lots for the two goats—one lot for the Lord and the other for the scapegoat. Aaron shall bring the goat whose lot falls to the Lord and sacrifice it for a sin offering.

But the goat chosen by lot as the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the Lord to be used for making atonement by sending it into the wilderness as a scapegoat."