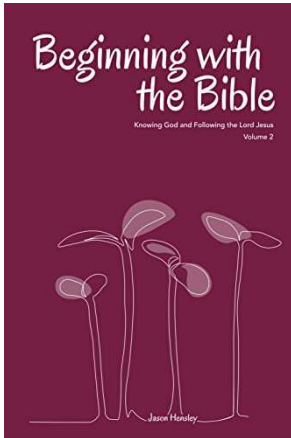


NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY JULY 2023



BEGINNING WITH THE BIBLE - VOLUME 2 by Jason Hensley

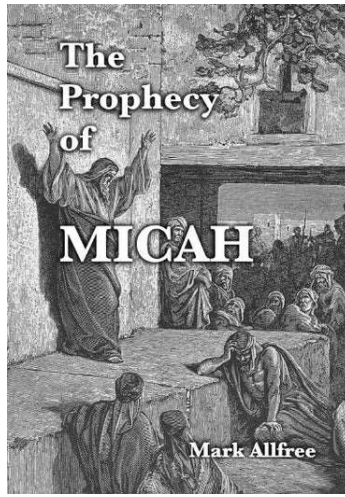
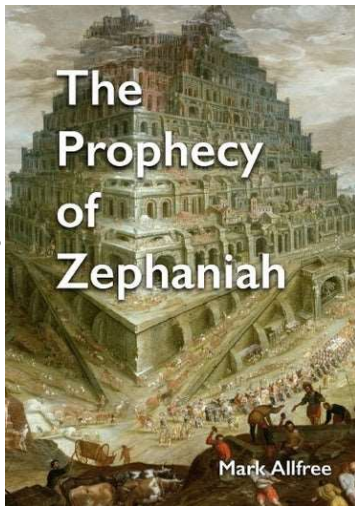
Now that I understand God's plan, what do I do with that knowledge? How is the gospel meant to impact my life? Can I keep living the same way that I always have?

Beginning with the Bible, Volume 2 is a followup to It is Written and Beginning with the Bible, Volume 1.

It tackles the power of the gospel to change our lives—looking at the essential changes that God requires of His followers. Once we have heard the gospel, we cannot stay the same. Knowing the Lord is a life-changing experience, and our knowledge of God's plan and what He has done for us compels us to a new life. This book will explore those new facets of life and will give encouragement for how to live anew.

THE PROPHECY OF ZEPHANIAH by Mark Allfree

The prophecy of Zephaniah is probably not a section of the scriptures that occupies our attention a great deal. In our English Bible it consists of three short chapters, comprising a total of only fifty three verses. There are no major New Testament quotations from Zephaniah's prophecy. Yet for all its brevity it is no less the word of God. We discover that Zephaniah is not just an obscure prophecy, dealing with certain specific events pertaining to the kingdom of Judah in the days of king Josiah. His prophecy has a much wider scope – he speaks of the time when apostasy will be eradicated from the whole earth, and the scattering of the nations that took place at Babel in Genesis 11 as a result of the work of Nimrod will eventually be reversed, resulting in all nations of the earth being united and reconciled to God. This is really the substance of Zephaniah's message.

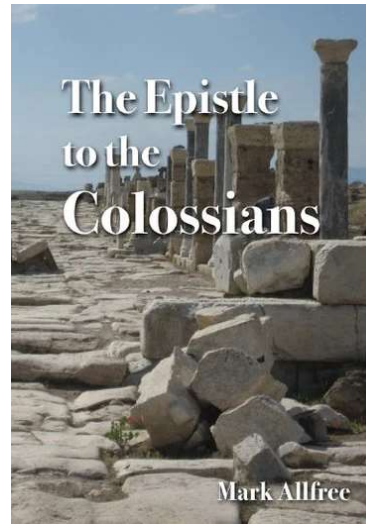
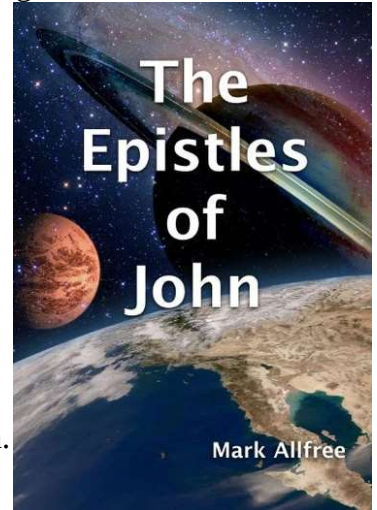


THE PROPHECY OF MICAH by Mark Allfree

An exposition of the prophecy of Micah, with particular emphasis on the main theme of the restoration of Israel as the Kingdom of God, and the advent of the Messiah who would be both Shepherd and King.

THE EPISTLES OF JOHN by Mark Allfree

An exposition of the Epistles of John, interpreted in the context of the impending destruction of the Jewish commonwealth in AD 70, and the development of apostasy within the first century church.



THE EPISTLE TO THE COLOSSIANS by Mark Allfree

A detailed study of Paul's epistle to the Colossians, showing that the letter was written to counter the Jewish threat to the ecclesia at Colosse. The common theme of the development of the Christ body, and the New Creation in Christ, is

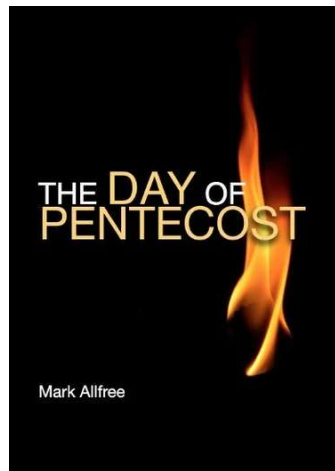
explored at length.

BIBLE READING DISCUSSION CARDS

From the Christadelphian Office. This deck of 61 idea cards stimulate discussion of the daily Bible readings.

40 unique topics and activities are organised under 6 broad subject areas: practical lessons, Bible links, questions, preaching practice, study skills, and a handful of special activities. Two blank cards are included for you to personalise with your own discussion points. Each deck comes in a clear plastic presentation case.





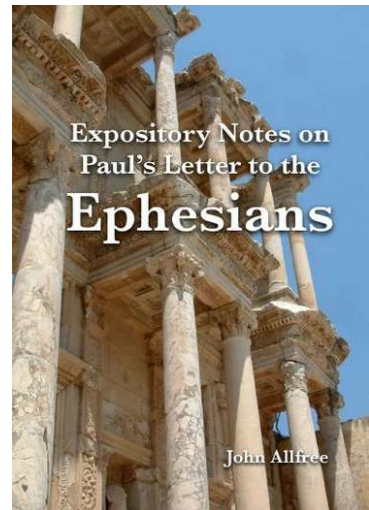
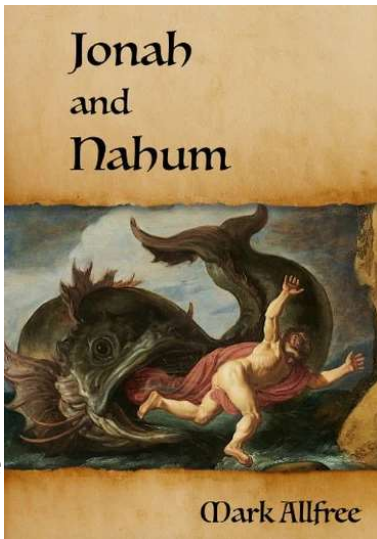
THE DAY OF PENTECOST by Mark Allfree

An exposition of the apostle Peter's speech on the day of Pentecost. This book examines the issues surrounding the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the early church, and demonstrates that this dramatic event fulfilled the ancient prophecy of Joel. The Holy Spirit gifts were given for a limited

time, and their main purpose was to enable the early Christians to effectively witness to the truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

JONAH AND NAHUM by Mark Allfree

An exposition of two related Bible prophecies, Jonah and Nahum. Jonah's ministry foreshadowed the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. His ministry was to preach to the Ninevites, and their repentance foreshadowed the ultimate incorporation of the Gentiles into the purpose of God. The prophecy of Nahum illustrates how that the repentance of the Ninevites did not last, and the destruction of Nineveh was foretold in the Bible. This prophecy has been accurately fulfilled, and this is a powerful proof that the Bible is the word of God. The downfall of Nineveh is seen as foreshadowing the future destruction of the kingdom of men prior to the establishment of the God's Kingdom on earth.



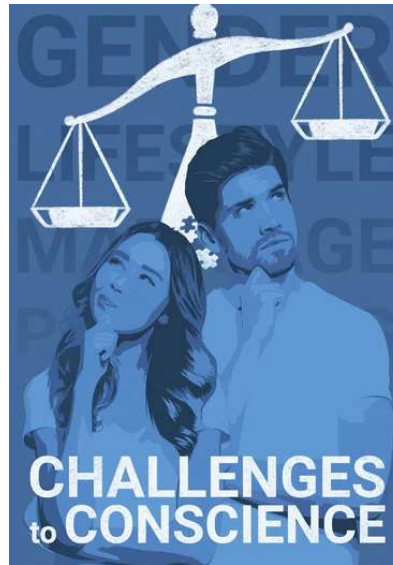
EXPOSITORY NOTES ON PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS by John Allfree

This is a reprint of Bro John Allfree's notes on the Epistle to the Ephesians. They were first produced in 1973 to accompany series of talks given at a Bible Study Weekend in Toronto. They achieved a limited circulation in North America, and were then serialise in the Bible Student Magazine, and in 1978 were published in book form by VCE Publications,

Canada. They have been out of print for some years, but have been reprinted in response to requests for their republication.

The book represents an attempt to expound the principal themes of the Epistle to the Ephesians, and is not intended to be an exhaustive exegetical verse-by-verse commentary.

The final chapter seeks to extract from the apostle's words counsel to meet the needs of the 21st century disciple, and encouragement to those who seek to "be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might".



CHALLENGES TO CONSCIENCE by UK Christadelphian Military Service Committee

This book is divided into two parts. Each topic is introduced in its Biblical context in the 'Foundations' section. Topics are then covered again in the 'Handbook' section, where issues arising from recent UK legislation relating to the topic are discussed.

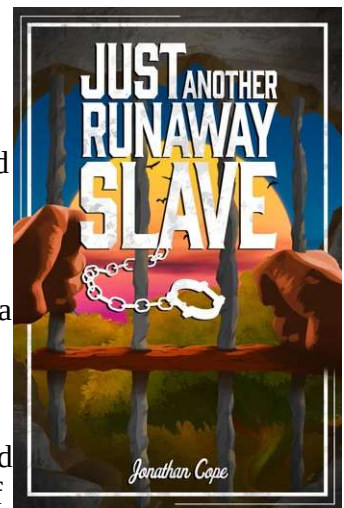
The seven topics are: Separation, Gender, Marriage, Lifestyle, Parenting, Witness, Work

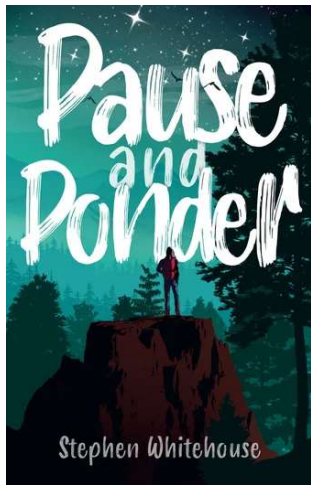
JUST ANOTHER RUNAWAY SLAVE by Jonathan Cope

The Roman captain who managed the jail looked at the man who stood before him. He turned and addressed his men: "So, gentlemen, what we have here is a runaway. Just another runaway slave."

That man was Onesimus, who had fled from his master, Philemon of Colossae. But is that all Onesimus would ever be? A fugitive? A runaway? Destined to die on the streets of Rome or to be sold on to another rich family? How could he ever achieve the true freedom for which he had been searching all his life? The answer lay in his encounter with the Apostle Paul.

Written as a novel for easy reading and for all too enjoy.





PAUSE AND PONDER
by Stephen Whitehouse

Life is so busy that we often find it hard to stop and reflect on how we can grow closer to the Lord Jesus.

This book contains fifty-two short reflections on various aspects of our spiritual life, one for each week of the year. With only about 600 words, we can read each one in just two or three minutes. Now is the time to pause what we're doing for a moment, ponder our lives and prepare for the coming of our Lord.

THE BIBLE IN CONTEXT: A METHODOLOGY FOR INTERPRETING THE BIBLE
by Jason Hensley

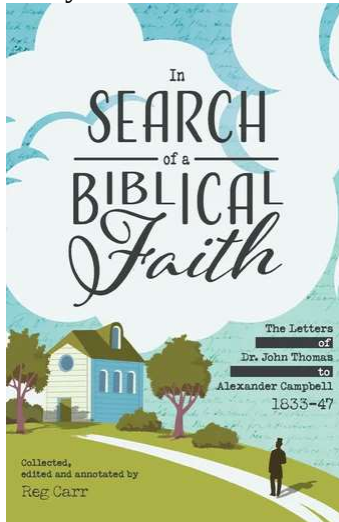
Have you ever wondered why so many people have different ideas about the Bible? How could one book inspire such disparate concepts and interpretations? Bro. Jason explores why methodology matters: even though the passages in the Bible don't change from person to person, their interpretation does. Yet, the Bible was not intended to be read in whatever way one might want. This book presents a specific methodology for determining what the Bible meant when it was written, and to whom it was written. From there, it suggests ways that the message can apply today—how the depth and power of the Bible can be understood in its original context and in its meaning for today.



IN SEARCH OF A BIBLICAL FAITH
by Reg Carr

How did the Christadelphian faith come into existence? That is the question this book sets out to answer, through the letters of John Thomas to Alexander Campbell between 1833 and 1847.

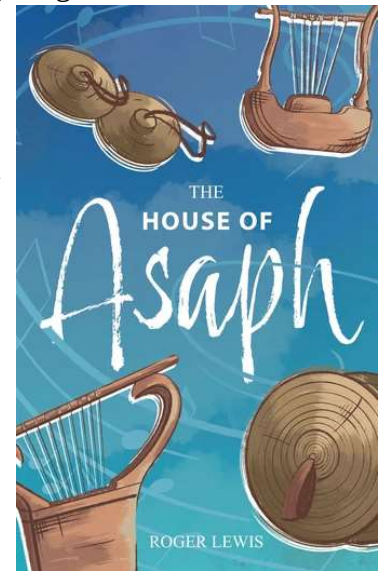
It is well established that Dr. John Thomas (1805–71) was the means, under God, of 'rediscovering' in the nineteenth



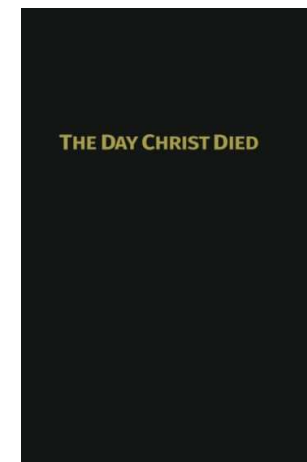
century the original gospel of Jesus Christ and the teachings of the first-century Christian Church. But how and when did John Thomas come to understand what the Bible actually teaches? Did the key truths of the Christian gospel come to him all at once, 'fully formed'? Or did Dr. Thomas "search the Scriptures," as Jesus advised his contemporaries to do when he saw that their understanding was faulty (John 5:39)? And if the things "most surely believed among" the Christadelphians today owe their origin, initially at least, to John Thomas' careful searching of the Bible—his "search for a biblical faith"—then why did he first join the Campbellite community, only to spend the best part of fifteen years discovering that many of their principal beliefs were not biblical?

THE HOUSE OF ASAPH by Roger Lewis

As a faithful family the House of Asaph had few equals, but as master musicians they were without peer. When did they develop such a strong spiritual standard? What was the secret that enabled them to show such passionate faithfulness for the Truth? How did they maintain such commitment for centuries of time? Why was their music so crucial to their history?



There were hidden secrets here, awaiting the scrutiny of earnest Bible students. But what blessing comes to those who meditate upon such things, for their story is an inspiration to encourage the best in family life, to build enthusiasm for the Truth, and to guard a household heritage. For those seeking to develop a faithful dynasty, there could be no finer example to ponder than the House of Asaph, a family of extraordinary commitment and zeal.



THE DAY CHRIST DIED
28th Australasian Youth Conference

Twenty-four hours is not a long time. In this time, our Lord went from being a free man with the company of all his closest friends, to a crucified criminal, denied and forsaken by all.

"The Day Christ Died" is a consideration of the life of one

man, on one day, on the very day that he knew he would die.

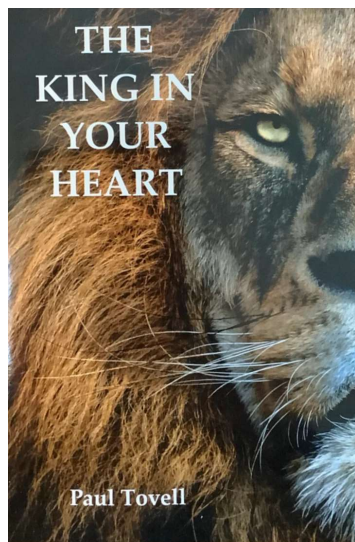
It was the last day that our Lord spent as a mortal being. He began it in a secluded session with his closest friends where he instituted the Last Supper. He then departed for a few hours of heartfelt meditation and prayer on the stony slopes of Olivet. Here amongst the olive groves, he steadied himself for the ordeal that he alone knew lay ahead. The betrayal by his familiar friend. The denial by another. The awful feeling of loneliness. Then the trials. The injustice and hypocrisy, the torture and abuse, the hatred and spite. The pain of the crown of thorns, the torture of carrying the cross, and the agony of death are almost incomprehensible in their brutality.

But amazingly through all this, his mind was clear, his character consistent.

This is a study of the mind of the greatest man to ever grace Israel's soil. We see him in some of his darkest moments, under the most intense pressure that any human being has ever been subjected to, and yet despite all this we see him ultimately in his greatest triumph.

Any contemplation of these last few precious hours of the life of our Lord will inevitably fall short in expressing the drama and the pathos of the day. This is left for each reverent reader to fill in during their lonely hours of meditation as we all count the cost of this supreme sacrifice.

These Notes, although verse-by-verse, have been written, we hope, in an easily readable style, so that this volume may be of use not merely as an expositional tool, but also as a devotional one as well.



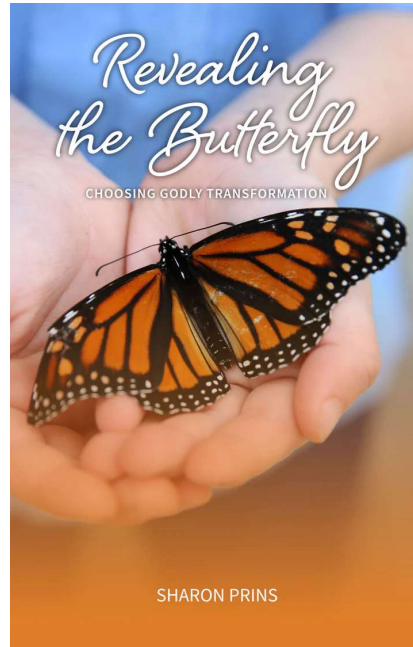
THE KING IN YOUR HEART
Samuel and the story of Israel's worst choice. by Paul Tovell

Around a thousand years before Christ, following the spiritually turbulent days of the judges, Israel asked for a king. The royal and holy nation desired one man to act as their figurehead and champion, instead of the LORD God. And the spark for this request was that the nations around them already had one.

This moment was a pivotal point in the history of Israel. The books of Samuel present it from all angles: we are told

how the request comes about, what problems the new king creates, why God responds with an alternative, and where the two incompatible kings clash. This story is so relevant to disciples too, since we face a similar choice. We must decide whether to let sin have dominion over us, ruling as a king in our hearts, as Paul says in Romans; or to enthrone God there instead. This book considers our choice in the light of Israel's and encourages us not to follow in their footsteps.

REVEALING THE BUTTERFLY by Sharon Prins

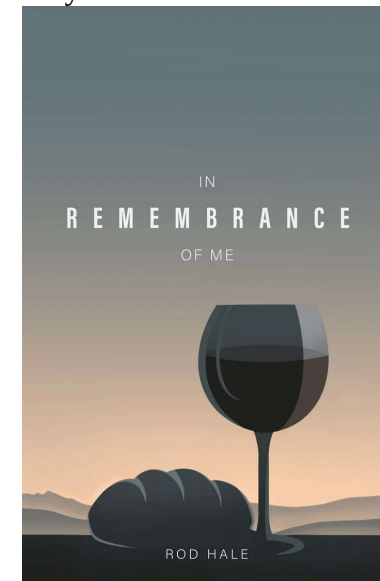


Have you ever asked yourself, 'How can I be a better person?' Have you ever pondered your purpose in life? Do you desire to be valued, wanted, loved and worthwhile?

Revealing the Butterfly takes us on a journey of transformational change.

Discover the way God sees you as loved, valued and purposeful. Learn to grow, change and develop

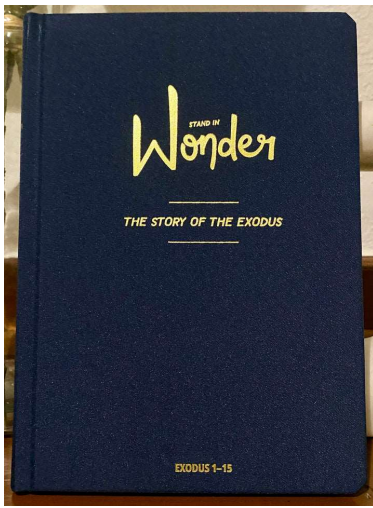
to fill up your God-given potential. Live a positive, purposeful, confident, secure, faithful and productive life. Gain insight into how a deep and intimate relationship with God give us the courage to face change. From a humble caterpillar to a beautiful butterfly – are you ready for the call to action?



IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME by Bro. Rod Hale

This collection of twenty-five exhortations, each based on the Lord Jesus, is written to help us ensure that our weekly memorial of him is not merely the act of eating bread and drinking wine, but is done with our Saviour as the true focus of our attention. Real benefit is derived from our memorial meetings only when they are done, as he asked of us, 'in

remembrance of him'.



STAND IN WONDER

This book was prepared as a study resource for the 37th Australasian Christadelphian Youth Conference, to be held in Adelaide 2023 (God Willing). It follows the study theme for the conference The story of the Exodus (Exodus 1 - 15), and uses imaginative ways to present what is a fascinating section of God's word.

Written by a group of nine young brothers and sisters.

The accompanying workbook can be downloaded free of charge from ayc2023.com/workbook

THE STORY OF ISRAEL AND THE COMING OF ELIJAH by Stephen Whitehouse

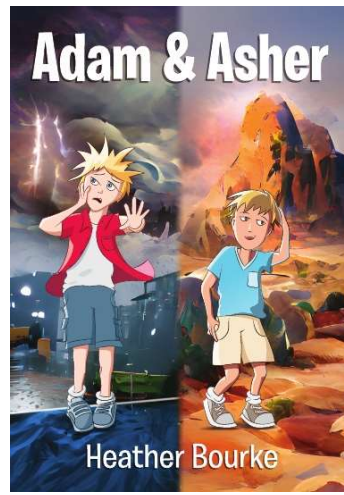
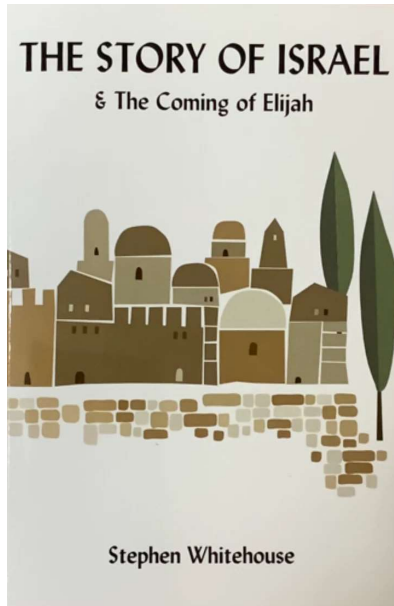
Do you wonder about Elijah's role in God's kingdom? Jesus said Elijah would restore all things (Mark 9:12). This book unveils Elijah's mission.

Filled with eye-catching photos, charts, and a helpful appendix, Bro. Stephen's book caters for

all readers, from Bible scholars to newcomers. With accessible language and an engaging style, it's an enjoyable read best enjoyed with a Bible in hand.

The book unfolds in five parts.

1. Israel's Biblical History: Abraham's promises to Old Testament events up to 70 AD.
2. The Last Two Thousand Years: The Jewish Diaspora, their prophetic return, and early Christadelphians' reactions.
3. Challenging Times Ahead: Elijah's future work and prophecies about Gog and Israel's invasion.
4. Israel's Transformation: God's deliverance and Israel's spiritual journey under Elijah's guidance.
5. The Kingdom of God: The final gathering of God's people in the Promised Land and King Jesus' reign.



Adam and Asher

A story about Christ's return by Heather Bourke

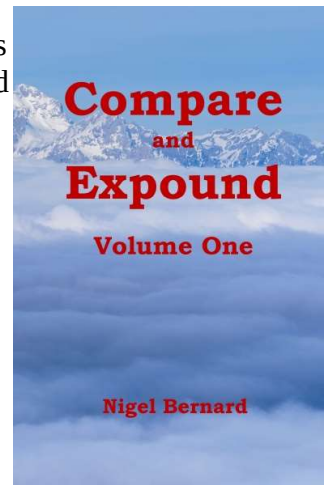
When Asher says he will disappear on the day Jesus returns to the earth, Adam doesn't believe him. Then, the unexpected happens. No words can describe Adam's shock when he realises that Asher and his family have vanished from their home.

Meanwhile, Christ's followers

have been taken to a secret location where they are preparing to meet Jesus. Will every member of Asher's family feel excited when they finally see the Lord they have promised to serve?

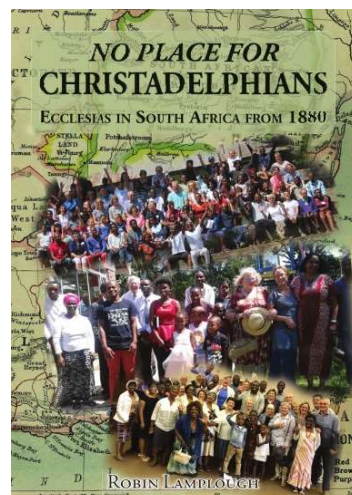
Life is very difficult for Adam as he struggles to cope in a troubled world, where one disaster follows another. As each day passes, Adam waits with increasing desperation, hoping that Asher will come back to help him.

Compare and Expound Volume One by Nigel Bernard



This book is a collection of twenty studies on a variety of Bible topics. Written from a Christadelphian perspective, they consider subjects ranging from Genesis through to Revelation.

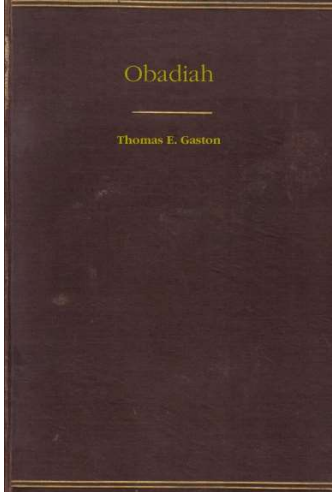
Most of the studies draw on Old Testament background to shed light on passages in the New Testament. Some key problems are addressed such as the enigmatic last verse of Psalm 72, the significance of the 153 fishes and the meaning of "from faith to faith". All the studies follow the principle of "comparing spiritual things with spiritual".



No Place for Christadelphians by Robin Lamplough

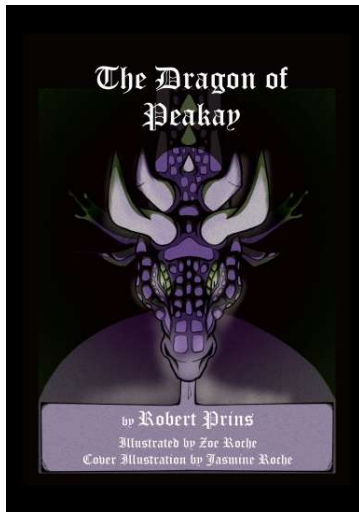
In May 1881, a doleful letter appeared in The Christadelphian magazine. It was written by Charles Sims, formerly of Dudley, England, who had recently emigrated to the colony of Natal. His new home, Sims lamented, was "no place for Christadelphians."

As things turned out, he was quite wrong. In the country he had thought unsuitable, he remained and lived out his life. Not only that but his descendants continued to live and flourish and to faithfully serve the Lord. Throughout the intervening decades, there has been a Christadelphian presence in many parts of the country. This book recounts the history of the Christadelphians in South Africa, through the turmoil of civil war, world wars and apartheid.



Obadiah by Thomas Gaston

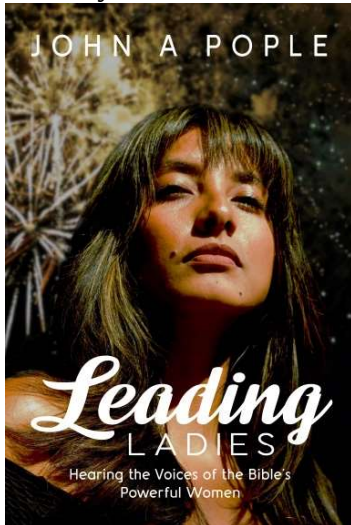
A commentary of the shortest book of the Old Testament, Obadiah



The Dragon of Peakay by Robert Prins

"Go outside and chase dragons or something!" James and Ron thought chasing dragons was a great idea, but then it turned into something much more real. Ron and James are the Chosen Twins. Will they be able to save the Kingdom of Peakay from the ravages of an evil dragon? What dangers and adventures will they have on the way? And how could a giant ball of slobber help?

Join the twins and find out the answers in The Dragon of Peakay.



Leading Ladies – Hearing the Voices of the Bible's Powerful Women by John Pople

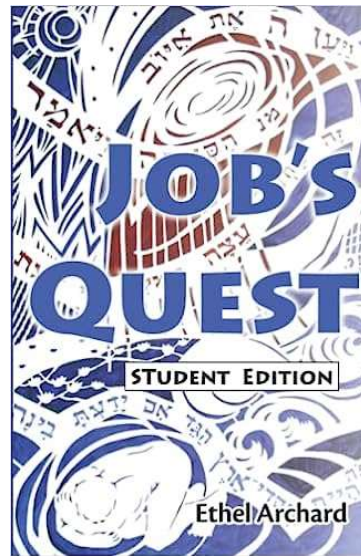
Gain new insights into the Bible's heroines!

The Leading Ladies Case Studies delve into the Biblical text of each heroine's story to unearth fine details, and deep patterns, previously unseen. We are thus challenged to see Rahab as the midwife of God's nation Israel; to see that Jael fulfills the

Eden covenant in precursor cameo; to see that Delilah was

assassinated; and to see that Esther completes her hidden agenda to remove the disgrace from the house of King Saul. Over-arching this we see the creation of Adam and Eve describing a harmonizing of the spiritual and the natural, a fusion of Heaven and Earth, with the woman emblemizing the Heavenly component and the man the Earthly one.

Seeing the Leading Ladies' stories together reveals that their accomplishments directly parallel the well-known feats of the greatest Biblical male heroes. Yet characteristically the women achieved their goals with fewer resources and less preparation time. The Ladies' victories are often unseen because they are encoded in the Bible record in a much quieter voice, which is God's own signature communication style.



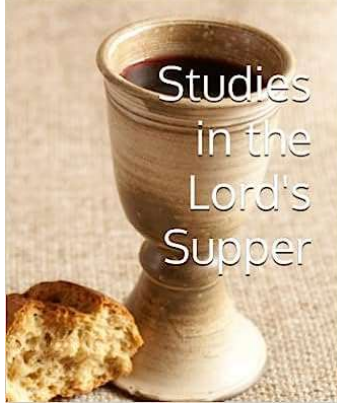
Job's Quest: Student Edition by Ethel Archard

The fascinating topic of Job's quest raises the obvious question – what is that quest? Is it Job's desire to counter once and for all the claims of his "friends" that he is a wretched sinner? Is it his wish to have his complaints heard in a divine court of law where he feels sure of his vindication? Is it his aim to be accepted honorably once more into the community? These elements, and perhaps several others, are clearly involved. But do they constitute the essence of the quest?

This study shows convincingly that the underlying structure of the book points in another direction. The chiasmic structure focuses on Job 28 as the centerpiece around which the whole book is framed – the hymn to divine wisdom. The preceding part of the book deals with the quest for answers based on human thought, conversation, and reason. The subsequent part of the book focuses mainly, by sharp contrast, on divine revelation as essential to providing abiding answers and perspective to the human condition.

Shawn Moynihan

Studies in the Lord's Supper
by Shawn Moynihan

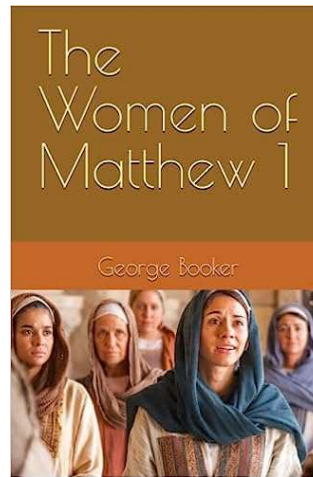
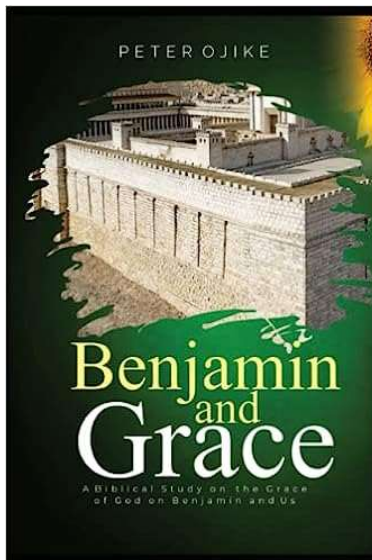


Two thousand years ago, on a spring evening in an upper room in Jerusalem, thirteen people met together. Although this event is popularly known as the “Last Supper”, it was actually the “First Supper”. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus did something for the first time. He directed his disciples to come together, in the context of a meal, to remember him, to affirm covenant commitments through self-reflection, and to proclaim his death. Jesus further stated that he expected his followers to participate in this ritual “often”; therefore, the Lord’s Supper began in Jerusalem, continues to this day, and will extend into the kingdom (Luke 22:16,18).

This book attempts to recapture Jesus’ intention for his Supper. Jesus established the rite to connect us to our Father, to connect us to him, and to connect us to each other. Like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, we want to know Jesus in the Breaking of Bread (Luke 24:30-31).

Benjamin and Grace
by Peter Ojike

Peter Ojike has written a powerful work that demonstrates the gracious hand of God in the life of Benjamin. He begins by examining the relationship between Benjamin and his older brother, Judah. Then he develops the story of the failure of the house of Saul, and the mercy to be shown to David’s son. He then takes us to the First Century, where Benjamin’s Saul of Tarsus ravens as a wolf, but is transformed by the gospel of grace. Finally, Bro. Peter demonstrates how this will all culminate in the Kingdom of God, when Christ will sit on the throne of grace in Zion. Benjamin and his descendants teach us about grace in ways we may not learn from any other character in the Bible, apart from Christ.



The Women of Matthew 1
by George Booker

Matthew 1 traces Jesus' lineage forward from Abraham through to David. It emphasizes the great Jewish covenants and the progression of God's purpose, finally fulfilled in Jesus, who is the seed of Abraham and the king of Israel.

Here in Matthew 1 is a lengthy list of names, a list that can be very dull to read. But if we make the genealogy personal, it comes alive. Read the genealogy as though it were your own family history. It is! “For if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed (Gal 3:26-29), and heirs according to the promises” (Gal 3:16, 27-29).

When read that way, the boring list is immensely exciting. You suddenly discover that you are an heir to a vast inheritance — the whole world in fact (Gen 13:14, 15; Rom 4:13; 2 Sam 7:12-16) through an obscure branch of the family tree that you never knew about before. Just think: if you learned of this possible inheritance, with what excitement would you read and re-read that "dull", "dry" list of names, just to be sure that it did, in fact, lead finally to you? And then how eagerly and seriously would you go to work at the family's enterprise, knowing that one day it would all belong to you!

This then becomes our starting point to review the lives of the five women who are mentioned in this genealogy — Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and (last and most extraordinary of all) Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Starters Paperback
by Bruce Parker

These “Starters” are brief, intentionally incomplete studies of Bible-related topics intended to aid you in personal meditation, study, group discussions, or preparations for presentations. They are intended to prompt your initial interest, leading you to further thoughts and study, alone or with others. The intended result is the development of encouraging, relevant, and instructive materials.

