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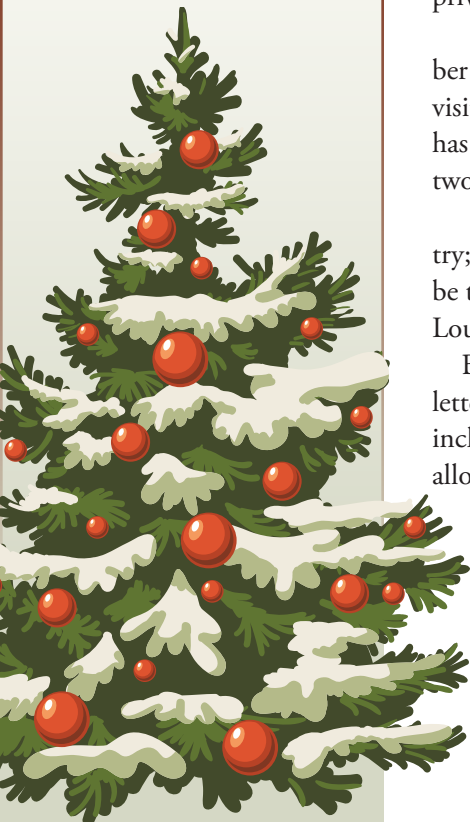
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A Sign from the Lord

Isaiah 7:14 *Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

Matthew 2:10 *When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.*

Luke 2:12 *And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.*



A LETTER FROM BOB

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May all the joys of Bethlehem be yours throughout 2015. He is born, He has risen, He will come again and He is with us!!!

The last time we sent a newsletter I had just finished my commentary on Psalms. It is now online! Since then I have finished Exodus. It has been proofed now and is in the final stages of completion. It should be online soon. Currently I am working on 1 Chronicles. Please pray for me as I write!

Early this year I was part of a special project in Armenia. The purpose was to train pastors from surrounding areas. It was really a blessing to me. We are doing more translations in their languages and have helped provide some electronic equipment that they needed. For security reasons I cannot be more specific about the countries involved.

In August I went to El Paso to teach Spanish speaking pastors and leaders. This was the third year that I taught there. This year we studied the book of Revelation. They have invited me back next year to teach Ephesians.

I also had the joy of teaching a Bible Conference at FBC in San Antonio on "Christology." It is now online. You can see it on our website (www.freebiblecommentary.org) by clicking on the first green box (Video Sermons) and scrolling down to near the bottom of the page. I have also had the privilege of teaching this study in several churches.

In this newsletter you will see listed all of the countries that have visited our website since October 2013. I think you will be surprised by the volume and scope of the ministry. More people have visited our website for Spanish translations than for English! As of October 22nd the Spanish page has been accessed 259,391 times. The total number of visits for all languages combined so far is over two million, three hundred thousand. We are truly "Bible Lessons International."

I am an approved teacher for the Ashram movement (i.e. an International family retreat ministry; www.christianashram.org), started by E. Stanley Jones. I so enjoy these retreats. Next year I will be teaching the book of Revelation for the 75th anniversary celebration of both the Texas and North Louisiana Ashrams. This is a real honor for me.












































































































































Because we are only sending one newsletter a year now, this one contains many more overseas letters than before. As you read these comments please pray for those who send them. We can only include a small portion of the letters/emails we receive. Your prayers and generous financial support allows us to do this ministry! Thank you, thank you.

Bob - I Peter 1:3-12

P.S. As I read over the emails and letters we have included it seemed to me that this could be misunderstood as an attempt for self-praise. Please let me clarify that these letters are meant to show how God is using and blessing this ministry. It is only possible because you pray and give. I fully realize that any and all glory and honor belongs to God who saved me, called me, gifted me and directs my heart and mind! This ministry wants to lift up Jesus and not any human instrument!

PEOPLE ARE SEEKING

Below is a list of foreign nations which have accessed our Bible study website in the last year. Please pray for these people. Many are seeking information about the Bible but many are also seeking to know Jesus!

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|  India (IN) | 5,280 |  Austria (AT) | 119 |  Mozambique (MZ) | 16 |
|  United Kingdom (GB) | 4,911 |  Ukraine (UA) | 115 |  Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (VC) | 15 |
|  Canada (CA) | 4,466 |  Armenia (AM) | 114 |  Congo (CG) | 13 |
|  Australia (AU) | 2,843 |  Turkey (TR) | 111 |  Grenada (GD) | 13 |
|  Philippines (PH) | 2,683 |  Qatar (QA) | 108 |  Macedonia (MK) | 13 |
|  Brazil (BR) | 2,646 |  Bulgaria (BG) | 106 |  Palestinian Territory (PS) | 13 |
|  South Africa (ZA) | 2,122 |  Fiji (FJ) | 105 |  American Samoa (AS) | 12 |
|  Mexico (MX) | 1,429 |  Myanmar (MM) | 104 |  Yemen (YE) | 12 |
|  Indonesia (ID) | 1,401 |  Nepal (NP) | 101 |  Faroe Islands (FO) | 11 |
|  Ethiopia (ET) | 1,212 |  Nicaragua (NI) | 97 |  Guadeloupe (GP) | 11 |
|  Singapore (SG) | 1,194 |  Moldova, Republic of (MD) | 84 |  Saint Kitts and Nevis (KN) | 11 |
|  Switzerland (CH) | 1,175 |  Botswana (BW) | 82 |  Cuba (CU) | 11 |
|  Korea, Republic of (KR) | 1,165 |  Latvia (LV) | 82 |  Belize (BZ) | 11 |
|  Nigeria (NG) | 1,131 |  Liberia (LR) | 81 |  Macau (MO) | 11 |
|  Malaysia (MY) | 1,046 |  Greece (GR) | 80 |  Virgin Islands, U.S. (VI) | 11 |
|  Ghana (GH) | 945 |  Panama (PA) | 80 |  French Polynesia (PF) | 11 |
|  Germany (DE) | 863 |  Congo, The Democratic Republic of the (CD) | 79 |  Micronesia, Federated States of (FM) | 11 |
|  Romania (RO) | 810 |  Bolivia (BO) | 77 |  Cayman Islands (KY) | 11 |
|  New Zealand (NZ) | 779 |  Kuwait (KW) | 74 |  Georgia (GE) | 10 |
|  Kenya (KE) | 759 |  Bahrain (BH) | 72 |  Eritrea (ER) | 9 |
|  France (FR) | 696 |  Holy See (Vatican City State) (VA) | 72 |  Djibouti (DJ) | 9 |
|  Colombia (CO) | 574 |  Papua New Guinea (PG) | 70 |  Dominica (DM) | 9 |
|  Spain (ES) | 564 |  Honduras (HN) | 68 |  Cape Verde (CV) | 9 |
|  Sweden (SE) | 492 |  Malawi (MW) | 67 |  Anguilla (AI) | 9 |
|  China (CN) | 492 |  Finland (FI) | 66 |  Kyrgyzstan (KG) | 9 |
|  Vietnam (VN) | 492 |  Malta (MT) | 65 |  Solomon Islands (SB) | 8 |
|  Italy (IT) | 475 |  Bangladesh (BD) | 62 |  Azerbaijan (AZ) | 8 |
|  Chile (CL) | 436 |  Namibia (NA) | 62 |  Tunisia (TN) | 7 |
|  Russian Federation (RU) | 428 |  Rwanda (RW) | 62 |  Suriname (SR) | 7 |
|  Zimbabwe (ZW) | 425 |  Lebanon (LB) | 61 |  Gambia (GM) | 7 |
|  Ireland (IE) | 423 |  Senegal (SN) | 59 |  Gibraltar (GI) | 6 |
|  United Arab Emirates (AE) | 414 |  Morocco (MA) | 59 |  Seychelles (SC) | 6 |
|  Netherlands (NL) | 405 |  Togo (TG) | 56 |  Brunei Darussalam (BN) | 6 |
|  Hong Kong (HK) | 399 |  Uruguay (UY) | 56 |  Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (LY) | 6 |
|  Argentina (AR) | 391 |  Jordan (JO) | 54 |  Mali (ML) | 5 |
|  Peru (PE) | 382 |  Estonia (EE) | 52 |  Mongolia (MN) | 5 |
|  Jamaica (JM) | 372 |  Mauritius (MU) | 51 |  Marshall Islands (MH) | 5 |
|  Norway (NO) | 357 |  Oman (OM) | 46 |  French Guiana (GF) | 5 |
|  Puerto Rico (PR) | 326 |  Denmark (DK) | 45 |  Equatorial Guinea (GQ) | 5 |
|  Pakistan (PK) | 325 |  Syrian Arab Republic (SY) | 44 |  Cook Islands (CK) | 5 |
|  Czech Republic (CZ) | 311 |  Guyana (GY) | 43 |  Kazakhstan (KZ) | 5 |
|  Japan (JP) | 294 |  Saint Lucia (LC) | 43 |  Bhutan (BT) | 4 |
|  Saudi Arabia (SA) | 283 |  Benin (BJ) | 39 |  Isle of Man (IM) | 4 |
|  Egypt (EG) | 254 |  Asia/Pacific Region (AP) | 36 |  New Caledonia (NC) | 4 |
|  Croatia (HR) | 248 |  Algeria (DZ) | 35 |  Luxembourg (LU) | 4 |
|  Cote D'Ivoire (CI) | 244 |  Cambodia (KH) | 35 |  Iceland (IS) | 4 |
|  Trinidad and Tobago (TT) | 238 |  Iraq (IQ) | 31 |  Montenegro (ME) | 3 |
|  Venezuela (VE) | 219 |  Sudan (SD) | 31 |  Aruba (AW) | 3 |
|  Zambia (ZM) | 217 |  Burkina Faso (BF) | 31 |  Northern Mariana Islands (MP) | 3 |
|  Tanzania, United Republic of (TZ) | 217 |  Lithuania (LT) | 30 |  Palau (PW) | 3 |
|  El Salvador (SV) | 213 |  Angola (AO) | 30 |  Turks and Caicos Islands (TC) | 3 |
|  Portugal (PT) | 210 |  Martinique (MQ) | 29 |  Guernsey (GG) | 3 |
|  Taiwan (TW) | 207 |  Paraguay (PY) | 28 |  Afghanistan (AF) | 2 |
|  Cameroon (CM) | 196 |  Albania (AL) | 28 |  Guinea (GN) | 2 |
|  Belgium (BE) | 194 |  Swaziland (SZ) | 27 |  Mauritania (MR) | 2 |
|  Hungary (HU) | 193 |  Samoa (WS) | 26 |  Andorra (AD) | 2 |
|  Sri Lanka (LK) | 185 |  Belarus (BY) | 25 |  Lao People's Democratic Republic (LA) | 2 |
|  Thailand (TH) | 173 |  Vanuatu (VU) | 25 |  Tajikistan (TJ) | 2 |
|  Slovakia (SK) | 169 |  Burundi (BI) | 22 |  Jersey (JE) | 2 |
|  Ecuador (EC) | 169 |  Netherlands Antilles (AN) | 22 |  Niger (NE) | 2 |
|  Dominican Republic (DO) | 169 |  Gabon (GA) | 21 |  Virgin Islands, British (VG) | 2 |
|  Barbados (BB) | 163 |  Bermuda (BM) | 21 |  Montserrat (MS) | 1 |
|  Serbia (RS) | 159 |  Iran, Islamic Republic of (IR) | 19 |  Tuvalu (TV) | 1 |
|  Uganda (UG) | 157 |  Bosnia and Herzegovina (BA) | 19 |  Central African Republic (CF) | 1 |
|  Bahamas (BS) | 152 |  Reunion (RE) | 18 |  Aland Islands (AX) | 1 |
|  Guam (GU) | 141 |  Tonga (TO) | 18 | | |
|  Guatemala (GT) | 138 |  Lesotho (LS) | 17 | | |
|  Costa Rica (CR) | 136 |  Kiribati (KI) | 17 | | |
|  Poland (PL) | 135 |  Cyprus (CY) | 17 | | |
|  Haiti (HT) | 130 |  Sierra Leone (SL) | 17 | | |
|  Israel (IL) | 130 |  Slovenia (SI) | 16 | | |
|  Madagascar (MG) | 127 |  Antigua and Barbuda (AG) | 16 | | |

COMMENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

(We print these letters just as they are written. It is interesting to see how they think and the expressions they use. Their effort to write in the English language is admirable!)

Dear Doctor Bob,

Greetings from Bamenda Cameron in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I hope this letter will meet you and your entire family in good condition of health. I had the opportunity to read some of your books which have of recent stood the taste of time.

We are a group of individual who have come together to teach the word of God to the villagers especially the widows and the under privilege for FREE. This group has been existing for the past four years and have been growing from strength to strength but what has of recent been killing us is the lack of study material.

I am therefore pleading with you on behalf of this group to support us with study material that can help this group continue to move forward.

*Gods innermost blessings.
Thanks, Hdzinwa Ngwayi*

Greetings Dr. Utley,

You don't know me, we've never spoken or even casually met. However, I feel compelled by the Lord to reach out to you and say thank you. I am a father of three, going to be 55 in a couple of months. I have enrolled at _____ University's M Div Program.

Many times when it is required of me to write research papers, I find myself going to your commentaries first. I cannot express how much I appreciate the way you write, it is so succinct and accurately addresses the Scriptures. I find your commentaries to be honest, to the point, and yet substantive.

I am currently researching James :18-26 and you mention something that I rarely read from any other scholar: "Evil is a reveled part of the Christian's world-view. Modern Christians have no right to redefine evil (the demythologizing of Rudolf Baltmann), to depersonalize evil (the social structures of Paul Tillich), or to attempt to explain it completely in psychological terms (Sigmund Freud), but its influence is pervasive."

I am not the type of individual that sees a demon behind every bush, but I know that evil is a present reality and not some metaphor for social ills. I am certain that the greatest tool the adversary has is to convince us that he does not exist.

So I was pleasantly surprised as I turned to my first choice scholar and see you unabashedly say the above.

Dr. Utley, you may or may not know this; but, I am convinced God is using you in so many places of which you have no knowledge. I wanted to write you and let you know that I am one of those places. Do I think you walk on water and raise the dead in passing; no sir, but I recognize a brother who despite his humanity, seeks to honor the Lord and for that I am thankful.

I hope someday I may have the privilege of meeting and/or speaking with you.

Thank you again and I pray that our Lord will continue to multiply your service for His cause and for His children.

Sincerely, Alan Criado

Hi Bob,

We are New Tribes missionaries in Indonesia. Thanks for making the Indonesian translation as well. I've been blessed by the commentary in preparation for Acts lessons in a local Indonesian language. Thank you and we know God will bless the free distribution of His Word.

Hello Dr. Bob,

You have no idea how much impact your research notes and intensive commentaries have made in the third world countries. May The Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him, remember your endless effort and giving.

Pastor Sylvester, Cape Town, South Africa

Respected Brother Bob,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Thanks for your kind message. I have gone through your new exegetical commentary on Psalms and also through your

Special Topics. They are really a new light for believers confronting with various types of false teachings and your exegetical commentaries are really giving a clear picture of what Lord our God has sent for people of all nations through the Holy Bible. It is really a good mission to share this message in various languages as well.

Pakistan being a nation with lot of discrimination to Christians by non-Christians and with a storm of false teachers really need your messages in our local languages.

In His Service, New Life Community Church

I'm the Dean of School of Business at Jibulee Institute of Higher Learning. We are teaching christian foundation a a core subject and I need bibles and other christian resources for my students. Greatly appreciate your help and God bless.

Tom, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Firstly I would like to give thanks to our living God one who enable me to do his ministry and secondly I give thanks to this ministry which is doing Gods ministry to save the people. I greet you in the name of our lord Jesus Christ. I am happy to comment about the free bible commentary cd rom, because through this I learned many things, so that I want spread about this ministry through the distributing the cd rom. As I am pastor I want work for the expansion of his glorious ministry. I hope that you will support by sending cd rom. May the lord bless this ministry.

Thank you, Yesuratnam, Andhra Pradesh, India

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

Africa University is a private University supported by the United Methodist Church. The University enrolls students from all over Africa, this year we have 2300 students (Zimbabwe, Congo, Angola, Ruanda, Burundi, Kenya, Soudan, Nigeria, Central Africa, South Africa, Zambia, Botswana, Mozambique, Malawi, Cameroun, Uganda, Tanzania, etc. It is located in Mutare/Zimbabwe. The mission of Africa

He is Highly Exalted; Prince and King

Isaiah 9:6 *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Zechariah 9:9 *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*

University is to provide quality education within a Pan-African context through which persons can acquire general and professional knowledge and skills, grow in spiritual maturity, develop sound moral values, ethics and leadership qualities.

Dear friends in Jesus Christ, we would like to ask you to send us the bibles for the first time. Because as lecturer in the Faculty of the Theology, chair woman of the spiritual formation and member of chaplain staff we are meeting many difficult when we want to encourage students to do the Bible study and devotional Bible meditation on campus and in their rooms. We want through your help to promote on campus to support the dissemination of the biblical message in the literature and audiovisual.

*Sincerely, Rev. Mukalay Mwadi Gertrude,
Zimbabwe*

Dear Dr. Bob Utley,

I received your free copy of Dr. Bob Utley's "Verse-By-Verse Computer Bible Study Library" on CD-ROM sent to me through mail. What a wonderful material! You have added eternal value to my life. The material is an eye-opener. May God bless for such diligence. Amen! Hope I am permitted to give to others around me to install in their PCs.

Yours in Christ! E. Honour

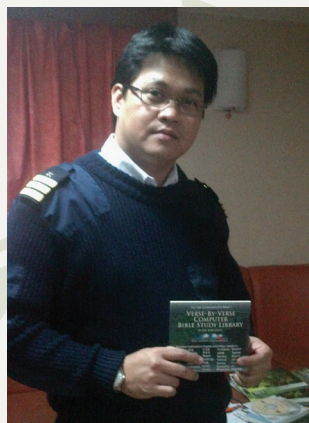
Dear Dr. Bob Utley,

Receive warm greetings me I pastor Collins. I do appreciate the disc you sent 2 me very much. I have been listening 2 it very keenly with my family and 2 leaders of my church so that we can be blessed together. Its now ten days since I received the disc. Thank you very much man of God 4 sending to me this disc. May our lord raise blessing in 2 you. I did not delay the way you sent me to visit your web.

Pastor Collins, Kenya

I'm young guy from Latvia, it's in Europe and your ministry have been so big blessing for me and my Christian faith and matyryti, thank you! I have a question. I'm right now staffing b.c. (bible core course) and the leaders ask me if I can teach about book of James, and I agree, but when I was study I came to Chapter 2 ohh Chapter 2.! And start to think how I deal with this? Then I look to your commentary and suddenly it was clear so my question is can I share with students with information what you have there, and discuss the questions what you have there?

With Big respect, blessings, Gatis



This is First Officer Ferdinand Capalihan from The Philippines on the Motor Vessel Cape Manila, a continental ship that sails between Vancouver, BC, Canada and Italy. I have met him on previous voyages. Ferdinand is hoping to write his Masters exam (Captain) soon. He is a good and honorable man with a deep sense of being a good seafarer and family man. We have talked about spiritual matters a bit. Yesterday when I was on the ship he saw the disk set and asked

about them. I explained it to him. And he readily accepted it.

Seeing as we are both teachers at heart we connect very well and I think his natural interest in information and knowledge will encourage him to use it at an appropriate time.

Brother Bob,

I just wanted to let you know how much my wife and I have enjoyed you for the past month. You delivered some messages as gentle as a dove and some roaring like a lion, both having the same powerful impact. It blesses my heart to hear a man get up in the pulpit and not worry about being politically correct, or hurting feelings. You speak the true word of God, which sadly is not taught very much anymore. I have never wrote, or e-mailed a pastor like this before. God came to this strayed lamb a year and a half ago, showed himself to me in a way I never thought or believed was possible. My life was forever changed. I am Jacob who forever more will walk with a limp. I have just been blessed by your rightly divided message and wanted you to know. You and your wife will be in our prayers. We love you and thank God for working through you.

Josh

Dear Dr. Utley

Thank you for all the support! I came back from Mexico (May 12-17), teaching John and Greek at Instituto Teologico Bautista Pablo (ITBP), Chiapas, Mexico. This is a Mexico Baptist seminary/institute (with a dozen regional branch campuses) in Chiapas, Mexico. The meeting place is a local church as they meet one week per month, rotating from one location to next (with 5-7 churches cooperating). This church is located in a rural area in Acapetahua (40-50 miles north of Tappachula - a big city with airport where I got there from Mexico city).

We had 21 students (pastors, church workers, and young men); we covered a good portion of your commentary and

gave them your CD. The rest of the materials was given to Pastor Natanael (for their later use).

The journey has been worthy and good, and I will be better prepared for next year.

Thank again in my prayer! *Richard Min*

It is a pleasure for me to write this e-mail to your organization. Let me introduce myself first. I am Daniela working at a Christian non-profit organization called One Body in South Korea. I have been searching for Christian resources on internet in Spanish to be able to use them for our work. We are now developing a Christian network service for smart phones.

I need some resources of introduction for each Bible chapters to be posted on our contents. Is it possible to use your resources without any restriction? It would be so nice if we could use them. Thanks for your time. God bless you.

Sincerely, Daniela, Costa Rica

I'm a pastor in the United Church of God (as well as a consulting engineer). My time is limited, and I depend upon sources to assist in preparing accurate and insightful studies into God's Word. I just wanted to extend my thanks for your commentaries posted on Bible.org. I have used them for at least the past two years. I find them consistently helpful, faithful to the word, and of very great assistance to me in preparing bible studies and sermons for the small (50 plus member) flock I serve. May God continue to bless your efforts.

Regards, Michael, USA

Dr. Utley,

I've been watching the sessions of your Bible Interpretation Seminar on You Tube. I just wanted to let you know that your text and videos are by far the most helpful thing I've ever found to aid in Biblical Interpretation. I have also ordered the fourth edition of How to Read the Bible for All it's Worth by Fee and Stewart that you have recommended. It should be out at the end of this month.

I grew up in the Southern Baptist Church but, I'm a Methodist now. Until about two years ago, I honestly thought that all Christians believed in the infallibility of the Bible. Apparently that's not true. There appears to be a conservative faction within my denomination that does believe in the authority and infallibility of the Bible and there appears to be a liberal or progressive faction that believes that scripture was written by humans and is as fallible as we are so, we have to dig for the truth and separate that which is from God from that which is from man. I reject this belief because it seems to enable those who follow it to ignore the clear text of the Bible regarding certain moral issues. It did however cause me to question what I do believe and I have been doing a lot of reading on Biblical inerrancy; specifically, the Chicago Statement on Biblical inerrancy. However, I have found that I prefer to think of the Bible more from your perspective in that the message intended to be conveyed by the inspired author is infallible. It is up to us to determine that intent and how it should be applied today.

Again, I just wanted to thank you for providing these materials. They have been a real help to me.

Bill

I am really enjoying the CD I received this week that I will give out to my pastor. Thanks a lot because you make me know the reason why I am a Christian and reason why Christianity is the truth and the way.

Fadare, Nigeria

Dear Dr. Utley,

I've always been taught that a handwritten note is more personal, but my egregious handwriting would tax even your great skill in translating the written word, so please just pretend this isn't typed.

It occurs to me that your method of teaching (internet, CDs, etc.) provided you with little feedback as to the number of people you reach and bless, and you have no way of knowing how often I watch your videos and listen to your lessons. Though I

The Promised Messiah, Born of a Virgin

Isaiah 11:1 *There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.*

Matthew 1:21 *She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.*

Matthew 1:23 *"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).*

Luke 1:30-31 *And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.*

Luke 2:15-16 *When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.*

can't claim to be a mature Christian, I'm of long experience in the faith and have heard pretty much all the great contemporary teachers (John MacArthur, R. C. Sproul, Chuck Swindoll, Chuck Smith, etc.), and while it would be ridiculous to accuse any of being the very best, I think it'd be safe to say that your teaching is second to none.

You manage to distill an intimidating academic knowledge and experience down to a folksy, friendly approach which is as enjoyable and interesting as it is educational and spiritually edifying. Maybe someday, I'll get to shake your hand and tell you personally what a blessing you are, but for now, this note will have to do.

Warmest Regards, Bob

Hello Dr. Bob.

My name is Adam and I'm a US Marine and am moving to Texas after I get out in February. God has used you tremendously in learning how to study the

bible and have a passion to learn it. Your bible study seminar is extremely humbling and I'm slowly getting through it. I have listened to most of your commentary.

Adam

Hi Bob;

I'm Henikaja, from Madagascar. I am a teacher in a little Biblical School. What you are doing is really wonderful. What a tremendous work God has done through you! Thank you for sharing all these things.

God bless your ministry. Henikaja

I received several CDs in my mailing address! Verse-By-Verse Computer Bible Study Library CD-ROM and Bonus DVD by Dr. Bob Utley.

I will be sharing with my brothers in Christ! I will write if I have questions...

Thank you! God Bless your ministry!

Eladio, Cuba

Hello Dr. Utley,

I hope this note finds you well.

I wanted to email you to tell you that your verse by verse teachings are amazing! I listen in my car to and from work each day, I'm currently on John. You are extremely gifted and I

wanted you to know that your audio's have been an incredible blessing to me. From understanding "how" to study the Bible to being able to really dive in verse by verse and wrap context around them – WOW! I'd like to make a donation as a thank-you, where would you like for me to contribute? If you are ever in the Austin area and need anything I hope you will call on my husband and I.

Thanks again! Andrea

Dear Bob Utley,

Greetings in the name of Jesus, who is savior and Lord! First of I am thankful to our great and wonderful God that He uses you for His Glory!

I am Pastor Imran Manzoor from Pakistan, also, from Baptist Church. I have

been gotten a CD, which is Multi-Lingual Bible Commentary. Really, this CD helped me to learn more about Bible and its teaching. Also, I am running a bit bible school in Karachi, Pakistan called "DTI, Discipleship Training Institute." Last year 25 students graduated with Certificate of Theology. We students, teachers and staff love and pray for you & your ministry as well.

Keep us up in your prayers as well. God bless you. By His Mercy,

Pastor Imran Manzoor, Principal, Pakistan

I want to thank Dr. Utley for his faithfulness to the leadings of the Spirit and for his outstanding Bible commentaries. I stumbled onto his work from my Logos library while doing a search for a Sunday School lesson. His work has been very helpful in my teaching and personal understanding of the scriptures.

If you ever need testimonials I would

be glad to take the time and really express my gratitude for the work that Dr. Utley has done. I especially like the attitude that we need to interpret scripture within

the scope of all scripture and not just take one particular portion on which to base ones theology. For instance the paradox of perseverance vs assurance.

Respectfully, Tom

Honorable Brother/Sister, This is Evangelist Khurram Ashiq here from Lahore Pakistan. I wanted to request you for a Bible Commentary. Please send me one copy of Bible Commentary. I will be so grateful to you.

Evangelist Khurram, Pakistan

It is a privilege for me to write you for the first time. I am a missionary and the Free Bible Commentary will be of very great use to me. Please include me in your

list for the next copies. Thanks and God Bless You. Amen
Becky, Cameroon

Dear Bob,

I'm not sure that I have ever written you to thank you for our great gifts/skill/dedication to Bible Study. I'm a United Methodist from Kansas, not a Baptist from Texas (as hammered home in your You Tube Videos on Interpreting the Bible), who first found out about you, your (Antiochian) methods, and your specific commentary as I was studying with American Bible College & Seminary in the 1990's. I played your cassette tapes as I did my own translations: I Cor.--Eph. It took me six years, but added some competence in Paul to the work in the Gospels I'd done at SMU...and really deepened my use of Greek.

Now I'm the Conference Missionary & have been blessed to teach Bible in several different theological colleges in various countries (CV). When I got back home, I found a new copy of "Bob's Letter" from B.L.I. This time I didn't just look at items for sale, but followed your links to your website & videos to a beloved colleague from Madhya Pradesh who recently wrote a new OT curriculum for the Serampore Senate (India-wide!). He really liked it & will be using clips to help his students see their "filters"...your method is close to ours & SO much healthier than the Post-Colonial Deconstructionism which dominate Indian mainline seminaries nowadays.

My pre-ministerial background is in Linguistic Anthropology & Behavioral Science which has proved really powerful to inoculate me against some forms of bias. A concept which seemed critical to Jesus (Mark 7:8-9) sums up much of how I try to classify & prioritize—AND so much of what you Teach: God's Commandments/Word must always "trump" mere Human Traditions!

I've spent so much of this weekend "with you" via your presentations—what a blessing. I'm going to attach my CV so you can see where else YOUR teaching has gone

“His work has been very helpful in my teaching and personal understanding of the scriptures.”

since 1998...& ME with 'my twin' for a college skit/parody.

I especially like to focus on Genre & Form when that is real & helpful (redeeming actual grain from the chaff of "Higher Criticism" schools), especially training students to spot (for themselves!) the "Markers" for different Genre which are IN the Texts, to notice when one Genre is "imbedded" in another, & handle different genres differently (including homiletical presentations modes, form as well as content). I also enjoy Kenneth Bailey's work (hermeneutics for Hebrew poetry/oratorical patterns). I contrast the unfortunately dominant steps in Exegesis which increase dependence upon scholars & commentaries, replacing that with steps that lead the students/preachers into a text rather than away from it! A "broken record" my seminarians all get used to is "The Text! The Text! The Text!"

Thanks again! David

Dear beloved bond slaves of Lord, I love you and respect you for your kindhearted love for Ethiopian churches ministries and the vision for developing leaders on this country. It's amazing to see the Cds you sent.

Abebe, Ethiopia

Please add me to your course through New Wine Bible Institute. They use Dr. Utley's bible outlines as a required study source. This is going to be a tremendous help! I'm so blessed you are offering it for free!

Thank you! Carter, USA

Thank you for offering this to teach English students in Mainland China. Hope to see selections of your commentary in both English and Chinese.

Paul, USA

My comment is that through your studies materials in the church, I am an evangelist and a teacher who is helping the Church in discipleship. Thank you.

Darius, Zambia

Thank you very much for your blessings to the entire world. I pray that the hands of the living God will continue to rest upon you and your family to be able to reach MANY with your teachings. God Bless you.

Owusu Fordjour, Ghana

Thank you so much Dr. Utley for offering this precious tool! I have been involved in the service of evangelical work, helping people to study the Word of God. I believe this tool will enhance people's understanding.

Lan, China

Keep up the good work. Those of us serving on the field need refresher courses like yours. Many thanks & pray every blessing on you in 2014!

Edward, Falls Church, VA

Dr. Utley,

I don't believe in coincidence. God led me to one of your U-tube video's about 6 months ago. My husband and I have listened to viewed and listened to many others since then. We ordered your bible C.D., downloaded it to every one of our computers, and linked your site to my web-page.

We want to express our deep appreciation for listening, and for willingly following, what God has led you to do.

Eloise and Eric, USA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am Rania from Digital Bible Society (DBS) nonprofit organization in Conroe, Texas, USA. DBS works on building Digital Bible Libraries in many different languages and making them available on miniSD cards. In building these libraries DBS uses the "Stand Alone" web-programming concept so user does not need to install any applications and also does not need to connect to the internet.

DBS gets permissions from a great organization like you for the material for free, add it to the library and make it available for users also free of cost. DBS does not

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buy or sell any of the material included in the libraries. DBS basically bridges the gap between Biblical material providers and those in need for such material.

You can get more information about DBS and the libraries we have created through the past years on our website www.dbsbible.org.

I'm writing to you today to see if you are interested to give us your permission to include part or all of your material on your website to be included in our new French library; and also, to see if you are interested in partnering with us in distributing such Christian materials. It is highly needed among the French speakers especially in Africa.

*Rania, Language specialist,
Digital Bible Society, USA*

Thank You So Much Dr. Bob. Can you send me one more copy of it as I have gifted your copy to one of our Priest here. He liked it so much. Please do send me a copy of your Dvds on my following address.

*Thank you and God Bless You More,
Adhijeet Gawande, India*

Dear Dr. Bob,

Its a blessing to see your mail in my Inbox. Your ministry has done unspeakable things for me and my family. I have downloaded each and every file both video and audio from your website and have heard/seen almost all of them. I must tell you that me and my wife are very grateful to God for leading us to you. We have been delivered from false preaching and false pastors who basis of authority is not from the scriptures.

You have helped us to see the Word of God as it is and we were initially shocked to see the difference of what God says and what the today's churches preach in India. Very grateful to God for leading us to your

website. Now, God has put a great passion into me to read and understand deeply and the more I understand about Him the more I am drawn to be like Him. Thank you.

*Yours loving family in Christ,
Stephen & Smitha, India*

I received Verse-By-Verse computer Bible study library in good condition. As a disciple school director and trainer, let me say, this resource will be of great help to our church planters. Indeed, our participants can understand the Bible. God richly bless Bible Lessons International. *Joseph*

Dr. Bob,

We at Camp E.D.G.E. Are grateful for the computer Bible Study Library that we got from you here in Kenya. This is deep and helpful. It will go such a long way in equipping many saints for good works unto God.

Thomas, Kenya

This is a picture of his children.



Dearly Christian Friend,

You have been a source of my spiritual insight in my pilgrim journey. The gospel literature you did send has been of a tremendous help in my christian walk. I owe every knowledge of the word of God to you and your ministry. The cost is ir-

reparable jewellery. It is only God therefore, who could reward your hard labour of love. May His unfailing love rest upon you.

Thanks Immanuel Chukwuebuka, Nigeria

Dear Dr. Utley,

I just wanted to take a moment to thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your software tool (verse-By-Verse Bible study library) online has made a huge difference and I have gained tremendous insight from your commentaries. You are truly a wonderful servant of Christ. I am grateful to be blessed by your knowledge and expertise.

In His Grip, Pastor Sung, CA

I'm a pastor and a graduate seminar expository preaching (SEPS) in Honduras and I am using your comments as a valuable tool for my Bible study, it has been a blessing to my life.

Dear Dr. Utley,

I happened upon your website some months ago and asked for a DVD which I have been studying almost every night. I was brought up in a Christian home (Plymouth Brethren) and was an adherent for a number of years. When I was 24 I left the church and joined the Church of Scotland where I quickly became an elder in the presbytery. I was always a bible student and enjoyed study very much. My wife and I emigrated to Canada when I was 30 and over about 3 years drifted away from the Lord. I am now 74 and for the last 7 years have returned to church going and I have an insatiable appetite for study. Among other things I facilitate our Sunday morning prayer meeting. I always start with a scripture. I have been appointed as an elder in the church which is an Alliance church. One of the churches biases is emphasis on healing. I have participated in these prayers a number of times in the last year. The idea of anointing someone during the prayer was foreign to me and I looked and looked for a parallel passage and with your study was able to find Mark 6 where the disciples were sent by Jesus to

cast out demons and heal the sick. They used the James terminology of confession of sin and repentance. I was asked last Sunday to anoint and pray with one of our pastors who is suffering from a chronic disease of the gut and this Mark 6 passage I quoted before the prayer. Because of your DVD I have become much more aware of biases. *Thank you. Ian*

Hello Pastor Utley,

I wanted to write you a quick note and thank you for all of your hard work, your great commentaries, and your sermons. My Mom and Dad are full time, self supported missionaries to the Philippines, and about 3 weeks ago, my wife and I sold everything that we owned and moved over here with them. My Dad has been using your commentaries for quite some time, and I am just now getting familiar with them. We have a missionary friend who is in his 60's who is using your commentary as well. I just found it interesting that a 23 year old, 46 year old, and someone in their mid-60's can all gain so much from the same book. So again, I thank you for all of your hard work, and just know that your work is blessing people by the hundreds over here in Caticlan Philippines!

Ethan Holden

Please pass on to Dr. Utley that I just want to say thank you to him for his free bible commentary on the web. I currently study the bible using an inductive bible study method i.e. Arthur (1994), McQuilkin (2009), and Bauer & Traina (2011). That is to say, I try to garner and understanding of what the Word of God says using the tools (bible, dictionary, and a basic knowledge of Greek) and the mental faculties God has given me first, and then after I have a good understanding of the text, I look at a commentary or other help to see how others interpret the scriptures. Doing so, I have found Dr. Utley's commentaries to be tremendously helpful. It is the best commentary I have

come across. I simply wanted to thank him. I would also be interested in obtaining a copy of his commentaries to have on hand on my computer if they are available.

Jerry, PhD. CA

Dear Bob,

I treasure the DVD's you sent me to use with missionaries and pastors and some laypeople, to get the Word out. I'm working with some MD's now twice a week. They are Bible hungry. We've been in ACTS for nearly a year, and in the other group is doing Proverbs...and will start on 2 Corinthians. In the first group we go to Romans first of the year.

The past year I handed out some of your DVDs to missionaries as I've traveled and spoken in Hungary, Czech Republic, Germany, and Scandinavian countries (can't recall which nations ones).

His, joyfully Waylon, USA

Dear Dr. Utley,

Thank you so much for making your "Verse by verse computer Bible study library" available to the students of my seminary here in South Africa. The portable easy nature of transporting this little pack of 2 discs has enabled many graduate students to go into Africa with a sound library.

The packed set of 2 discs makes for such a nice gift to every graduate student. I know that I may copy these – but the "packaged" ones that you sent me are in such a nice presentation cover.

Would you be so kind as to send me another 100 or more – as I'd like each of my students to use this resource.

Kindest regards and have a blessed Christmas and a blessed New Year of 2014.

Dr. Martin Pohlmann, South Africa

Hello Dr. Utley,

Thank you for touching base! A blessed and merry Christmas to you as well! I'm very happy to say that your Bible commentaries are now up and running. We still have a couple of bugs to work out, but for the most part they are now fully acces-

sible. You can view them at Biblia Vida.com. They are located under the tab of "Herramientas" (tools), and they are also located on the specific Scriptures that one looks out.

I hope you are happy with the way it all appears on our pages! And we especially hope that our current users and those to come will grow in their faith, knowledge and love of God as a result.

Thank you for letting me know about the additional book commentaries available. I will be sure to look them up when I get back in January.

On that note, my Dad (who first contacted you), sends you warm greetings. We are all in Minnesota for a cozy family reunion with weather eight below zero! It's beautiful and snowy Christmas.

Praise God for all His blessings! Julie, USA

Dear brother Dr. Bob in Jesus, Greetings in the name of most High,

I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to you for the amazing assigned work of AL-MIGHTY GOD by you where it is needed! Really I am so blessed to know about you and your dedication and commitment for the Lord! We humbled ourselves in front of throne of Grace with tear-filled eyes for you good servants of God!! Your efforts and dedication is so exciting and really encouraging to my family being Medical Missionaries! Really you are blessing to many more people. It is our privilege to have your blessed fellowship. Jesus made His mission very clear while He was on the earth. He wants us to reach out to those around us. But we shouldn't stop there. Something supernatural happens when we reach out to those in other countries, too.

We, Dr. Noah R. Ajay Kumar, 34 years, Physician & Surgeon and my wife Dr. Angelina who is also medical doctor, we both missionaries and evangelists with determi-

nation to preach and manifest the love of Jesus through our blessed profession (Mat 5:16), By the grace of God we traveled around thousands of Kilometres even in forest areas to bring the Light of Gospel for the people who are still in darkness!! By His abundant Grace we conducted about 206 medical camps to preach the good news of Christ Jesus.

This time I request you for any assistance you can offer to help me to touch many more sick people to spread the Gospel. At the movement, I am struggling with small amount of literature I have. I am also asking for some medicines to help my ministry when I go to remote areas. I will send some nice photos of Medical & Gospel crusades.

Best regards to your family! May God bless you as you continue to do that which pleases His will!

*With love and prayers,
Dr. Noah and Dr. Angelina*

Dear Peggy and Bob,
Thank you so much for your contribution to our

lives and Bible study. We are studying the gospel of John in Bible Study at Lakeside and I find your commentary invaluable. I refer to your website often but I have the notebook for John that you made available when you were here. I remember you said that when we stand to teach, we are representing God and it continues to spur me to pray and prepare.

May you have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Donna, USA

Dear Bob,

Thank you so much for making me aware of this resource. I will put it in a leaders update next month to be sent to our teams across Canada.

If you are interested, I am including the "save the date" card for our next national conference on ministry to Muslims.

Many Blessings, Randy, Coquitlam BC

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I use your commentary very frequently – almost daily – for my own personal study as well as preparing messages

Dear Dr. Bob,

Greetings to you, I am really blessed to have a brother like you so passionate toward the work of the Lord.

I am going through it as you previously gave me permission. Would you please make it written and scan it and send it to me so that I will be able to print them and make those available to the theological students at the cost of printing so that I will be able to make it for the poor students because since I have laptop, I can go through online and pdf books etc, but I am much concerned about people who are really into this and really having lot of burden for the gospel.

Blessings, Rev. Dr. Kiran Babu

Hi Bob,

I don't know you or really know too much about you. I have been using your free Bible commentary to gain further insight on texts I am preaching on for the past few years. I have been a lead pastor at a Christian and Missionary Alliance church of about 150 people for the past 5 years, and I really appreciate your commentaries and that they are available for free since that isn't easy to find. Thank you for offering them.

My question is that a few times, as I have read through your text notes I have also read about your theological position, understanding our position with God as a covenant. I find myself saying "this is what I hold and believe as well" but I am not sure where this theological framework is outlined or written on. I thought you might have something to offer, because I have read it in bits and pieces (such as your notes on election referenced in the John 3 commentary) working through books and texts, but don't really know if you or anyone else has written and/or published a position on your covenantal perspective more completely. I have been talking to people for years on the need to hold the tension between God's sovereignty with

our free will, but you are one of the only author/commentators who seems to be upholding or supporting that take. I would like to see more from

you on this theological position if possible, because it seems to be where I end up as I read the text too. Thanks for whatever help you can offer on this if you can. *Pastor Kirk*

As a Director of Missions, I am always looking for tools to share with my Bi-vocational pastors. I'll take a look. Thanks for the opportunity. I am about to start a "school" for some of these guys. Many of them cannot afford to take courses, but have a desire to grow in ministry. This might help me do that. *Ben, Alabama*

Thank you!

As I've probably mentioned before, I use your commentary very frequently – almost daily – for my own personal study as well as preparing messages and Bible studies for our (tiny) church and (larger) youth group. Here in Spain resources are far more limited than in the U.S., so your online commentary is extremely valuable. Especially because of the honesty and principles you follow.

Thanks so much! David, Spain

Dear Pastor Bob Utley,

Warm greetings in His name!

I'm so much blessed by your free internet commentaries and study methods. I found only you are giving materials freely and full. I was searching exactly same biblical sound study materials for long. Our Mighty God be praise that He spoke in your heart to teach me His Word and He is fulfilling my spiritual needs daily. I and other People of Nepal will be more bless if you make available in this language more than what you have made before. We do not have such materials in our own lan-

guage even if you want to buy. My pastor is also using your material to teach.

I'm working in U.A.E. To support my family and I do have fellowship to attend because of problem of transportation. I'm listening your teaching, preaching and using commentaries for my bible study.

Yours faithfully in Christ, Khabindra

Dear Dr. Utley,

I am very happy to write you this letter. I am Moses Monney, a young man of age 24 years.

The purpose of mail is to make a humble request...I have a heart for God and desire to know more about Him and the Bible. The problem I am facing is that despite my eagerness to know more about God there is no effective bible institute here and also false doctrines are all over the country making it difficult for me to join any church...It for this reason that I went online to search for bible messages online that I came across your website and requested for your bible commentary cd. I have downloaded it onto my computer and I listen to audio, watch the video and read the pdf notes almost everyday.

I honestly like your teachings and want to understand every points you make so that I can also be rooted in The Word of God and hence have the liberty to share it with the souls that are perishing in my part of the world.

I hereby want to humbly request that you send me any materials that you believe can help build my faith and get me rooted in The Word of God.

Your son in The Lord, Moses Monney

Dear Brother Bob,

Greetings to you in Jesus name, Amen.

I distributed some copies of your CDs to Bible Schools in Asaba, Delta State, the Chaplain of Delta State, and two students of Baptist College of Seminary, Ogbomoso. I am joyful of spreading your CD Rom to God's people in Nigeria freely. Praise God.

At graduation I will announce the commentary on Psalms to all ministers. I will

also use the opportunity to give out some few CD roms left with me in the office.

Whenever you plan to visit Africa country, kindly visit us in Nigeria, Edo State for the teaching of your materials to college students and pastors.

You have the best materials in training God's people. We are testimony of your Books.

Thanks, Bro. Godstime

I am truly grateful for your free ministry in all its various forms. Your passion for both rightly understanding the Bible and then having our lives changed by that understanding is really so important for us Christians to grasp.

Colin Jackson, Australia

Thank you! I do missionary work in Africa. Pastors are always asking me to bring them used laptops that they repay me for and I always put

your commentaries on the laptops. Also, I am putting the PDF files on Kindles and giving them to other pastors in Africa. Thanks for your service.

We are in the process of training 50 trainers spread across 10 African countries

who will be able to conduct basic Bible/theology seminars by 2018. If you know of men who would like to help me train trainers in Africa let me know or point them my way. Thanks.

By His Grace, Steve,

Int'l Training & Equipping Ministries, Oregon

Dear Dr. Utley,

On behalf of the visiting seafarers and volunteers who received a copy of your Bible commentaries a BIG thank you.

I am surprised at the number of seamen who accept a commentary. This says to me that some seamen are doing serious Bible study.

It has been a blessing to have the benefit of your experience and insight. I use it to assist in preparing to teach our adult Sunday School class.

Serving Him together, Chaplain/Dir Seamen's Ministry Port of Pascagoula, MS

Grace and Peace in Christ, Brother Bob,

Here in La Paz Bolivia with a group of pastors we have opted to form a Center of Biblical Interpretation, some have completed courses Seminar and others only basic courses, however, our desire is great to learn more on the Word of God. For this reason we turn to you to ask if we have any programs we can implement here, what we want is that this can be replicated with the pastors in our city.

Without further receive the most cordial greetings.

Sincerely, Juan Jose A. Cruz, Bolivia

Greetings in name of the Jesus Christ,

I am very pleased to receive the CDS which have new verse-By-Verse computer Bible Study Library, 2013 edition, includes a CD-ROM with all of your written Bible Study materials in English.....Urdu. It is very useful to me and for others.

BLESSINGS! In Christ, Javed, Pakistan

Dear Dr. Bob,

Greetings in name of the Lord Jesus! I am from India. I just read few bible commentaries from your website. I found them very useful. Would like to know whether you give permission to download some portion of your bible commentaries for free so as to share the beautiful thoughts with students. An urgent communication would be highly appreciated.

With regards & best wishes, Philip

Dear Sir Bob Utley,

I am Pastor Kasindi from Malawi at Dzaleka refugee camp. I am ministering

in a "Free Evangelical Church of Eden." I know that me and you are became ONE in Christ through His blood which connected us, so I can no more be ashamed to ask you a help.

My Request: I ask you please to help me with a BIBLE with Commentaries in French or in English. Know that when we fled the war there in Congo-DRC (our origin country) we left all of our pastoral documentations...so when we reached here in Malawi at Dzaleka refugee camp we are in the greatest impossibility to get a Bible, because of the financial challenge we are facing.

So I beg you please to help me with a "Bible with commentaries) to allow me to feed well the flock of God here in the camp. Thank you very much and very pleased to hear from you.

Pastor Kasindi, Malawi

Hi Dr. Utley,

I'm not sure if you will see this email, but I thought I'd drop you a quick note.

I'm especially sure that you won't remember me, but I met you several summers ago when you were the Bible teacher at Noonday Camp Meeting. You gave me digital copies of your Bible study guides, which have been a great resource.

Since then I've moved to India. I've been living in Chennai now for 7 years, tent-making full-time as a corporate trainer, and serving in the church here. I'm currently transitioning into a role that involves more teaching & preaching, and am right now in the middle of sermon prep.

All this to say – I'm using your study guide on John (now through Logos software!) tonight here in India. God is using your work on the other side of the world, through someone who's only met you once.

Also, you won't remember this, but when you taught that session at Noonday, I believe you were teaching from I Timothy 5. I remember you talking about the possibility that Paul's description of "eligible windows" may have been about ministry

assignments. For whatever reason, that discussion has stuck with me. At that time in my life, God was confirming a calling to full-time ministry, particularly teaching, which isn't always encouraged for women in East Texas culture. I really needed to hear that at that time.

SO, thanks from a sister in India.

In Christ, Bethany

Dr. Bob,

Thank you very much for your online free Bible study notes. I often refer those notes for my teaching, preaching and evangelism. Your ministry is a great blessing to me personally. You are there in my prayers always.

God bless. John A., India

Dear Bob,

I am pastor of Poplar Baptist Church in London, UK, www.poplarbaptistchurch.org, and I have been finding your commentary on Acts 18 helpful in my preparation for preaching.

Thank you for putting this resource online.

Henry

Dear Dr. Bob and Peggy,

I actually can't count the number of times I've thought to myself, "hmmm, I just wish I could sit down with Bob and get his counsel on this." And this is the way it always goes...the next thing I think of is, "well, actually, I probably can!" And I go to your free web page and begin searching until I find the right commentary or better yet, a sermon on the topic I am struggling with at the time. It happened again today. I always think I'll write and thank you and tell you how many times you've helped me and then procrastinate.

ination gets the better of me, and I just don't do it. So today, I'm going to do it!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!

I listened to a couple of your sermons today, one on eternal security and one on cultural Christianity (you were pastoring in Lubbock then, but its relevant today.) It answered the questions I've been having. What I really like about your preaching is that you go to the objections and speak to the hard scriptures. So often when I'm reading or listening to a teacher, I want to say, "I want to believe what you're saying, but what about these verses; what do you do with them?" I was doing that Sunday (in my mind of course) and today you actually addressed all of those verses!

Also, I want to mention that Michelle's CD has been such a blessing to me this year. I especially like the one that has No Other Name in it. I like all the songs, but that's the one I describe the CD by!

Dear Bob Utley,

It is because of God's grace and Holy Spirit works within you that you are able to dedicate your remarkable free bible commentary. Thanks for God. I really appreciate your work. It is beneficial for the church world wide. Hopefully I could learn from your writings. I am not yet capable of discussing due to my poor English. I am also very interested in your faith based methodology of interpretation. God bless you.

Max, Indonesia

Dear Brother,

In Pakistan we are very poor and every Pastor cannot able to use Computer, I hope you Publish your study in books shape and distribute Hope everyone can read and be blessed through your Study. I and our all Pastors can work in Pakistan for free distribution but we are not in condition to spend money. We can do with heart work but not able to spend money.

We request you publish your books and distribute among thirsty nation and be

blessed for poor Christian Community in Muslim Country.

We hope you will do all which God lead you to do.

Pastor Anjum, Pakistan

We are missionaries based in Australia but working in the South Pacific, 3 months out so far this year. We need a commentary that we can have on the computer for preparing sermons etc. Thanks for your offer.

Russell, Australia

We would like 400 or more if you can. Our church just started last January and there over 2000 Iraqi refugee live close to us and would like to send them you CD/DVD. Please feel free to contact me at my cell.

George, MA USA

Bonjour Dr. Utley,

My name is James. I lead a missionary team here in the south of France mostly from a Bible Church in Texas.

We do a lot of leadership training in Paris (with Haitians) and throughout Francophone West Africa.

I would be very interested in your materials. Is it possible to get them through a Dropbox folder or other electronic means than the CD-ROM? Thanks in advance.

Blessings, James, USA

Your ministry is like a breath of fresh air. I am an evangelical pastor of a SBC and will be recommending your ministry to others.

Danny, AR USA

Thank you for what you people are doing for us and for our country. God bless you all.

Roblyn, Fiji

I really appreciate that you provide such a good tool freely. It is very practical help to me. I am so happy to meet the free lessons and have cemented my faith in the written word of God.

Bongchul, Seoul, Republic of Korea

I happened to open your email on FREE BIBLE COMMENTARIES. Is it possible

I really appreciate your work. It is beneficial for the church world wide.

for me to have 'free copies' one for each book which is written in English? I believe it will enrich my ministry in North Sumatra, Indonesia as a Bible teacher. Thank you very much.

*Dr. M. Victor L. Tobing,
North Sumatra, Indonesia*

Dear Dr. Bob Utley,

I wanted to ask if I could use your CD courses as study materials. All study materials are free, or I could use it as a free course. JapanBibleInstitute.com The main idea is the courses will be given away free.

Ken

Dear Dr. Utley:

Thank you very much for sending me two DVDs with complete bible commentaries for comprehensive study of the Bible. That is a great help for me in serving God, the Almighty. Let the Lord of Hosts bless you tremendously with his infinite treasures.

With Great Respect, Your Brother in God,

Mulugeta Eshete, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Hello Bob,

Permit me to first of all thank God and thank you for the efforts you are putting to see the truth about the Bible taught and preached. It is recently that I learned about Bible interpretation and got very excited when I saw the DVD and CD you sent. It only confirmed that what Mark S. and his missionary team taught us. In Cameroon and Africa at large there has been a tradition of the word of Faith doctrine and it will take God's grace through bring us back to the scriptures. Our efforts now are to teach what we have learned while we study the scriptures like the Bareans to find out what is truth and what is not. Thanks again and God bless you for your work.

Enyang, Cameroon

Dear Dr Utley,

Thank you for the parcel of resources. Unbelievable – the amount of resources on 2 discs. The inclusion of Romans in

Shona/Zimbabwe is a bonus. We have a number of Zimbabweans here. Seven commentaries in Afrikaans is a huge bonus for our South African Afrikaans population. Then having some work in Portuguese is a bonus because we have a number of people from Mozambique.

Thank you for this incredible tool and thanks to your donors for making this possible.

Kindest regards from the Baptist Seminary in Randburg, South Africa.

Dr. Martin Pohlmann, Africa

Thanking sir good material in Telugu. Useful for me I am take bible study for students. Please send verse computer bible study library CD.

Thanking you, Jagadeesh, India

I am grateful for in-countering your website; I was blessed when I did a study on Matthew 3:1-17 by using your commentary. I was able to have a great deal of information that has deeding my knowledge on salvation process.

Clarence, Liberia

Sir may God bless you richly. Your life is a worthy one committed to sharing the Truth about our Lord and Master and His precious word. I have been richly impacted by your materials on bible.org. It's a blessing. I pastor a church in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria and my call is to unveil Jesus, and this the Spirit has been helping me fulfill little by little. Still there is this gaping hole that I still do not know Jesus. Sir, my one great passion is to know Jesus. Studying His word daily reaching for unsearchable wealth in His word. Thank you for being there.

God bless you. Collins, Nigeria

I recently discovered your site and ordered on-line the free Bible Commentary on CD disk. I teach Bible interpretation for our denomination's Academy for ministry training. I am letting my granddaughter know about this for another reason. She is a junior at Goshen College, Indiana, and is getting ready for a mission service semester for the Mennonite Church in Tanzania, Africa. I have alerted her to the Swahili edition because she is in intense Swahili language studies right now.

James, VA

Thank you so much for your email. I have used your commentaries in my Logos program, so I recognized your name. Now I know your internet resources, I can point our people there. Thanks so much. May the Lord greatly bless you.

Dr. David Nelson,

Crossing Cultures International

Dear Sir,

I would be grateful if you could send me a copy of the bible commentary in Swahili and English. I am a Catholic Priest in Tanzania,

Damana

Hello!

My name is Ruben Couto and I'm the current pastor of Praia da Vitoria's Evangelical Baptist Church, in Terceira Island, Azores, Portugal. We are affiliated with the Portuguese Baptist Convention and the Azorean Baptist Association. We are currently preparing a bible study material, on the book of Acts, to use in our Youth and Adult Sunday School class. Recently I came across your commentary on the book of Acts (attached) and we would like to ask for your permission to use portions of it (particularly the "Special Topics") in our study manual, providing the proper references and credits are attributed. Considering that this is a material with no commercial purposes whatsoever, would you allow

us to use parts of your commentary for this purpose? If so, we would like to also post our finished material (once it is done), at our website, so that it may be freely used by others.

In the love of Christ, Couto, Portugal

Dr. Utley thanks for your quick reply to my email. I have watched hours of your videos which have help me understand a great deal about my faith. I'm a Baptist, a deacon and a Sunday school teacher. I can say that you are one of the few that I agree with 100% of time. Thanks for your offer to send a copy of the Christology Bible Conference notes. I will refund your postage along with a donation to help with all you do for us poor wondering strangers. Thanks again and may God continue to bless you.

James, GA

Hello Dr. Bob Utley,

My name is Vitaliy Alexander Groesbeck. I was adopted from Russia when I was 14 years old and now I'm 26 and doing long time in Tomoka Prison. I'm writing to ask you for some Bible Studies in Russian or English and the Bible preferably (NKJV) I also would like any reading material that you send out or more studies. I would like to get them. I thank God for the ministries

like yours. I don't know about everybody but you guys help me a lot. May the Lord will bless you and your ministry.

Vitaliy

Dear Dr. Bob Utley, I send thanks for the exegetical studies which are very useful for us all, both laity and clergy.

*Rt. Francisco M. Moreno,
The Anglican Church of Mexico*

Thank you for the excellent, detailed teaching of the Holy Bible with energy

and enthusiasm. And your teaching was without a posturing to bow down to oddities of evangelical and Baptist traditions and hobby horses. I give you thanks for your blunt words that challenged items that needed challenging. Our traditions as Baptists and evangelicals have long needed a purification, a renewal, and a testing against the Scripture.

In every way I found the material engaging, faith building, interesting, and uplifting of our Lord Jesus Christ. Your scholarship and depth was apparent to all. Your humility of attitude and scholarship was a refreshing breath of fresh air, and added to my enjoyment of the Bible conference. Keep up the great work.

I just had to write you and thank you for all of your hard work in putting forth materials that aid in Scripture interpretation. Your views have settled many theological questions I've had over the years that were, quite frankly, troubling. It seems my Christian life for so many years has been a struggle to define my own theology around Christ in the midst of so many extreme positions held by different denominations. You helped me to understand it is not a matter of an either/or proposition, but rather, an acceptance of both positions in harmony and balance.

God leads us in our path with Christ.

He led me to you and I am forever grateful.

Blessings to you and yours, Joe.

P.S. He really did lead me to you.

Good day

As a 54 year old man, with a very dodgy past, I have begun to find

God in my life. I have started to read the Bible, but found some of the texts difficult to understand and comprehend.

Doing a search on the net, I came across your site. What an oasis in the desert. Your texts are easy to understand, well presented. I did find some of the audio

files are a bit hard to hear, but listening carefully one can get by.

I will definitely be passing on your link to others that need the Word in a language that can easily be comprehended.

God bless you, MIKE

Dr. Bob,

I thank our God for his life and ministry that has done so much to our understanding, knowledge and study of Scripture. I want you to know that the work of God through you has driven me to continue the path of educator and urging them to touch the future generations to search the Scriptures. God the Holy Spirit and the person who comes to Scripture is the most important of the equation, that's one of the best lessons I've had in years. God bless you, keep it in health and strength and her heart filled with joy.

Dr. Sergio San Luis Potosi, Mexico

Hello Bob,

My name is Doug from Tex. I'm a gray haired, middle aged fellow that visited with you during a couple of the breaks between services. God's blessings of a new approach to bible study practices after your visit with us.

I'm one of those who has opened the same precious bible for the past 35 years because I am so comfortable with it. Personal notes and all. The study bibles just overwhelmed me with all the information. It seemed to take me away from reading the word. Your encouragement, enthusiasm and urgency of purpose was the nudge God has used to open a new panorama of what the word says thru helps and commentaries and I am so thankful for your work that God has appointed you.

Thanks again for your message as I attempt to listen as the first hearer.

Sincerely, Doug

Thanks Dr. Bob for the reply—the video commentaries have helped me and I have converted them to mp 3 using online conversion tools...thanks for the prompt response..

By the way, all your preaching has a Life changing impact and is having a chain effect with all whom I share, many people are getting delivered from false preaching and modern day Pharisee-ism.

Thank you, May God continue to strengthen and pour his love through your ministry.

Stephen

Respected Dr. Utley!

Greetings in the name of Lord Jesus Christ! I am blessed studying your free bible commentaries and I am also using them in conducting Bible studies in our daily early morning prayers in our Church as well.

It is my desire to translate your Bible commentary into Tamil language. After my commitment to full time ministry, God guided me to study in Union Biblical Seminary (An Evangelical Seminary) Pune, India.

I studied Greek in 8 terms of three years of my BD. So, if you give me the opportunity, I would like to translate your commentaries into Tamil language. Thank you!

Yours in Christ, Johnson

Dear Dr. Utley:

I am Quynh-Hoa Nguyen and I teach New Testament at Wesley Theological College in Saigon, Vietnam. Thanks very much for sharing your exegetical Vietnamese commentaries. Relevant theological resources in Vietnamese is very limited. My students struggle to find the resources for their research paper. I will share with them your commentaries.

Again, thanks for what you do to share the study of God's word.

Quynh

Thank you so much Dr. Utley for offering this precious tool! I have been involved in the service of evangelical work, helping people study the Word of God. I believe this tool will enhance people's understanding.

Dr. Lin, China

Dear Brother in Christ,

Thank you for your email. Your website is a much helpful one! Thank you very much for your hard work. Trust God will continue to bless you and your ministry.

Tony, Hong Kong

Your materials have been and will continue to be recommended to hundreds of servant leaders around the world with whom I have contact.

His love and blessing, Dan, USA

I have just discovered your "Free Commentary" site, and not a moment too soon. I am an age-four-score retired pastor who is still teaching Bible interpretation in a ministry training Academy.

James, VA

Dear beloved people of God, I want you to know that I have been encouraged and strengthened by requesting your giant materials to so many Christian people living here, who have been received from you after I fulfilled your form online. They are pure meat, and have developed them into spiritual maturity and to be transformed by the timeless God's message.

Dr. Utley,

I am pastoring a small independent student ministry. And I can hardly afford commentaries and materials. Thank you for this CD-Rom.

Zimik, India

Thanks very much for sharing your exegetical Vietnamese commentaries.

Relevant theological resources in Vietnamese is very limited.

I am a former student of Dr. Bob Utley. I attended ETBU from 1988-1992. I am presently pastoring in Dallas, Texas. My prayer is that God will continue to bless you Dr. Utley.

Donald, USA

Thank you because I share anything I have about the word of God with the other women in the shelter where I live.

Priscilla, California

For a long time I have been praying to own my own Bible Study Library. I am a missionary with Navigators who is ministering in the villages of northern Malawi.

Andy, Malawi

When I first saw your free bible commentary online, I thought, here's a true man of God, who refuses to make profit in spreading the word of God. Thank you very much.

It is so encouraging to see how many different countries are requesting the CD/DVD. The Lord is opening doors for the Gospel in countries that do not allow Christians to worship freely!

It is our prayer that God will use all of our efforts (that includes you!) to lead people to seek Him! Thank you for praying for these "lost souls."



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