

#### A. The Bible contains many questions

First consider just the number of occurrences by book.

### B. Simply looking over a list of them is very enlightening & profitable

Examples: The beginning of Job 1: (verses 7, 8, 9, 10) 2: (verses 2, 3, 9, 10, 11)

OR the 1<sup>st</sup> 4 chapters of Genesis 3: (verses 1, 9, 11, 13) 4: (verses 6, 7, 9, 10)

## C. This will lead to more questions.

- What kind of questions does God ask? Why?
- ➤ What kind of questions does man ask? Why?
- What kind of questions does Satan ask? Why?

### D. Let's do a simple exercise to see what we can find!

- Break the Bible into its logical sections (1-10 below: MEMORIZE them!!!)
- > Look at the FIRST question of each section.
- Look at the LAST question of each section.
- Consider who is talking and to whom the question is addressed.
- Note any patterns in God's divine book, and try to summarize it into a sentence.
  - 1. The Bible as a Whole (Genesis Revelation)
  - 2. The Old Testament (Genesis Malachi)
  - 3. The New Testament (Matthew Revelation)
  - 4. The OT Historical Books (Genesis Deuteronomy Malachi)
  - 5. The OT Experiential Books (Job Song of Solomon)
  - 6. The OT Prophetical Books (Isaiah Daniel Malachi)
  - 7. The NT Historical Books (Matthew Acts)
  - 8. The NT Pauline Epistles (Romans 2 Thessalonians)
  - 9. The NT Pastoral Epistles (1Timothy Philemon)
  - 10. The NT General Judeo-Christian Epistles (Hebrews Revelation)

| 1. Whole Bible   | Ref.     | Questions  | Asker       | Receiver    |
|------------------|----------|--|-------------|-------------|
| First            | Gen 3:1  | Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?   | Serpent     | Eve         |
| Last             | Rev 17:7 | And the angel said unto me, <b>Wherefore didst thou marvel?</b> I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. | Angel       | John        |
| 2. Old Testament | Ref.     | Questions  | Asker       | Receiver    |
| First            | Gen 3:1  | Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?   | Serpent     | Eve         |
| Last             | Mal 3:13 | Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, <b>What have we spoken</b> so much against thee?  | Israel      | The<br>Lord |
| 3. New Testament | Ref.     | Questions  | Asker       | Receiver    |
| First            | Mt 2:2   | Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.   | Wise<br>Men | Herod       |
| Last             | Rev 17:7 | And the angel said unto me, <b>Wherefore didst thou marvel?</b> I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns. | Angel       | John        |

| 4. OT History    | Ref.             | Questions   | Asker       | Receiver   |
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| First            | Gen 3:1          | Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?                                  | Serpent     | Eve        |
| Last of 5 Major  | Deut<br>32:37-38 | <sup>37</sup> And he shall say, Where are their gods, their rock in whom they trusted,  | The<br>Lord | Israel     |
| (End of          | 32.37 30         | <sup>38</sup> Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices,  | Lord        |            |
| Pentateuch)      |                  | and drank the wine of their drink<br>offerings? let them rise up and help you, and<br>be your protection.   |             |            |
| Last of Minor    | Esth 10:2        | And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the declaration of the greatness of Mordecai, whereunto the king advanced him, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia? | Mordecai?   | Israel     |
| 5. OT Experience | Ref.             | Questions   | Asker       | Receiver   |
| First            | Job 1:7          | And the LORD said unto Satan, <b>Whence comest thou?</b> Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.  | The<br>Lord | Satan      |
| Last             | Song 8:8         | We have a little sister, and she hath no breasts: what shall we do for our sister in  | The         | The        |
|                  |                  | the day when she shall be spoken for?   | Bride       | Bridegroom |

| 6. OT Prophecy                                | Ref.     | Questions  | Asker       | Receiver    |
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| First   | Isa 1:5  | Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. | The<br>Lord | Israel      |
| Last of 5 Major<br>(End of<br>Major Prophets) | Dan 12:8 | And I heard, but I understood not: then said I,  O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?                   | Daniel      | The<br>Lord |
| Last of Minor                                 | Mal 3:13 | Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, <b>What have we spoken</b> so much against thee?  | Israel      | The<br>Lord |

| 7. NT History              | Ref.              | Questions   | Asker | Receiver                   |
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| First                      | Mt 2:2            | Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the   | Wise  | Herod                      |
|                            |                   | east, and are come to worship him.  | men   |                            |
| Last                       | Acts 26:27        | King Agrippa, <b>believest thou the prophets?</b> I know that thou believest.   | Paul  | King<br>Agrippa            |
| 8. Pauline                 |                   | T Know that thou believesti   |       | Agrippa                    |
| Church Epistles            | Ref.              | Questions   | Asker | Receiver                   |
| First                      | Rom 2:3           | And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?  | Paul  | Jews<br>(O man)            |
| Last                       | 2Thes 2:5         | Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?  | Paul  | Thessalonians (the Church) |
| 9. Pauline                 | Ref.              | Questions   | Asker | Receiver                   |
| <b>Pastoral Epistles</b>   | Kei.              | Questions   | Askei | Receiver                   |
| First                      | 1Tim 3:5          | (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)   | Paul  | Timothy                    |
| Last                       | Philemon<br>15-16 | 15 For perhaps he therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him for ever; 16 Not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much more unto thee, both in the flesh, and in the Lord? | Paul  | Philemon                   |
| 10. General (J-C) Epistles | Ref.              | Questions   | Asker | Receiver                   |
| First                      | Heb 1:5           | For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?  | Paul  | Hebrews                    |
| Last                       | Rev 17:7          | And the angel said unto me, <b>Wherefore didst thou marvel?</b> I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.  | Angel | John                       |