

THE MOST MISUNDERSTOOD AND MISUSED

VERSES FROM SCRIPTURE - Part I

Reference: miscellaneous Scripture

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The Bible is the most published book from all time, the bestselling book from all time, the most read book from all time, the most referenced and most quoted book from all time, and it is also the most misinterpreted, most misunderstood and misused book from all time.

The first ever biblical misrepresentation was Satan himself misquoting something God had said earlier.

Reference: **Genesis 3:1**, *“Now the serpent was more cunning (or more deceitful) than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’”*

Reference: **Genesis 3:2-3**

verse two, *“And the woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden.’”*

verse three, *“but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’”*

Eve was doubtful about what God said so she started to reinterpret what God said. She did three things in responding to Satan:

- She _____ something God had said. She said, *‘We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden.’*
- She _____ something to what God had said. She added the phrase *“nor shall you touch it.”*
- She _____ what God had said. She questioned if what God had said would actually happen.

The first example of an often misinterpreted and misused biblical text is **II Chronicles 7:14**.

God instructed David’s son, Solomon to build a permanent worship center in Jerusalem. That building became known as Solomon’s temple or the first temple. Construction on that temple started about 966 BC and the end result was a magnificent structure.

Solomon’s prayer at the temple’s dedication is recorded in **II Chronicles 6:14-42**. God’s response to that prayer is found in **II Chronicles 7:1** and the people’s response to God’s Shekinah presence that filled the temple is found in **II Chronicles 7:2-11** (see screen). Then in **II Chronicles 7:12-14** God revealed Himself to Solomon one night (see screen) and made him a conditional promise (**verse fourteen**).

There are five things we need to understand about this verse:

One...God specifically addressed this promise to _____.
verse twelve

Two...The place God references is the ancient Jerusalem _____ Solomon constructed.
verse twelve

Three...These *“My people”* are the ancient _____ people God had made a covenant with.

God promised Abraham four principle things as part of the Abrahamic covenant:

- a great _____ (**Genesis 12: 2a**)
- a great _____ (**Genesis 12:2b**) Israel
- a great _____ (**Genesis 12:2c and 3c**) Abraham’s descendants or Israel would be a blessing to all people
- a great _____ (**Genesis 12:1b**) the promised land and now called Palestine

Four...This was a _____ promise.
verse fourteen begins with the word *if...*

Principle: Obedience to God brings _____ from God and disobedience to God brings chaos, confusion and a _____ from God.

Five...The healing God promised was a _____ of **the actual land** God had promised Israel.
verse thirteen *“When I shut up heaven and there is no rain (meaning when God sends a severe drought on the land) or command the locusts to devour the land (meaning when God sends locusts to consume the crops) or send pestilence among my people (pestilence means a fatal epidemic or disease)”*