

The Spirit of the Scriptures



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The Prince of Egypt

Dreamworks Animation, 1998

The motion picture you are about to see is an adaptation of the Exodus story.

While artistic and historical license has been taken, we believe that this film is true to the essence, values and integrity of a story that is a cornerstone of faith for millions of people worldwide.

The biblical story of Moses can be found in the book of Exodus.

The Bible

The History Channel, 2013

THIS PROGRAM IS AN ADAPTATION OF
BIBLE STORIES THAT CHANGED OUR WORLD

IT ENDEAVORS TO STAY TRUE TO
THE SPIRIT OF THE BOOK



Stay true to...



- “The essence, values and integrity”
- “The spirit”
 - The general meaning or intent of a statement, document, etc. (as opposed to the letter)
- Implies choices about what to put in, and what to leave out

Can we test?



- What did they choose to include?
- What did they add?
- What did they leave out?
- What is the effect?
- Why?

Spirit of the Scriptures



❧ Many recurrent themes:

❧ Sin

❧ Redemption/Salvation

❧ Love

❧ Perseverance

❧ Ultimately, it's an interpretation

❧ What is the central statement/meaning of the Bible?

God is!

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God is...

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- ☞ God exists
- ☞ God is powerful
- ☞ God is wise
- ☞ God is just
- ☞ God is love
- ☞ God is worthy to be praised

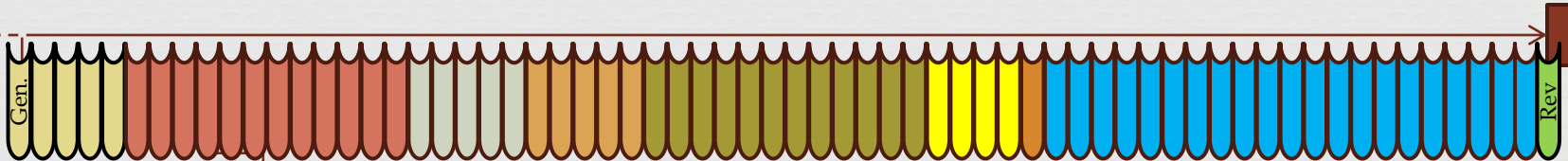
God is our Creator, our reason for living, and our eternal destiny!

God is...



Compassionate,
gracious, slow to
anger,

Planned abounding in
salvation love and
faithfulness...



God created
the heavens
and the
earth

Promised
salvation

Judged
man in
flood

From everlasting to everlasting, Thou art God

Exod. 34:5-7
Num. 23:19
Deut. 3:24
Deut. 4:24
Deut. 4:31
Deut. 6:4-5
Deut. 9:3
Deut. 10:17
Deut. 20:1
Deut. 20:4
Deut. 33:27
Josh. 1:8-9
Josh. 23:3
2 Sam. 22:32-34
2 Chr. 30:9
Ezra 8:22
Ps. 10:4
Ps. 33:11-13
Ps. 37:30-31
Ps. 46:1-2
Ps. 46:4-5

Ps. 48:14
Ps. 50:6
Ps. 54:4
Ps. 59:9-10
Ps. 62:7-8
Ps. 68:19-20
Ps. 73:26
Ps. 84:11-12
Ps. 94:22
Ps. 116:5
Ps. 144:15
Pro. 30:5
Isa. 61:1-3
Matt. 12:28
Matt. 22:32
Mark 1:15
Luke 7:28
Luke 10:9
Luke 16:16
Luke 17:21
John 4:24

John 6:33
Acts 10:34
Rom. 5:5
Rom 6:23
Rom. 7:1
Rom. 14:17
I Cor. 1:9
I Cor. 4:20
I Cor. 10:13
I Cor. 14:33
2 Cor. 9:8
Gal. 6:7-8
Eph. 4:24
Heb. 4:12
Heb. 11:16
Heb. 13:16
I Jn. 1:5
I Jn. 4:7-9
I Jn. 4:16
Rev. 21:3

Exodus 34:6-7

“The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.”

Examples



- **Prince of Egypt**
 - Moses' childhood detailed
 - Aaron's role left out
 - Children of Israel and golden calf left out
- **The Bible (TV Series)**
 - Intense action scenes
 - Emphasized emotions
 - Humbling elements left out
 - Bathsheba's side detailed

Conclusions



- Compete with modern film for production values
- Focus on humanity to enhance identification
- Appeal to curiosity about things not recorded
- Create awe, excitement and interest

“these ancient people are people we can identify with, these people are us, this is our story – ultimately a story of hope and redemption” – Roma Downey (producer of The Bible TV Series).

• Preaching

- Can't preach the whole Bible!
- Choose elements that highlight a point
- Add stories and anecdotes to further illustrate

If I preach a lesson, and God is not glorified...I'm doing it wrong!

Being True to the Spirit

• Living

- We choose what to put in
- We choose what to leave out
- We choose our actions, thoughts, and speech

Are we being true to the Spirit of the Scriptures in our own lives?

Being True to the Spirit

Jesus shows the way

- ▣ The only way to be true to the spirit of the law...
- ▣ It to be true to the letter!
- ▣ They are in perfect harmony!

- ▣ Movies are one thing

- ▣ Don't let your life be a true tragedy

- ▣ Live for Jesus
 - be true to the spirit of the scriptures
 - follow what God commands