

#2 THE PEOPLE FACTOR

- 1. There is no correct understanding of the Bible without understanding that the Bible is written to \_\_\_\_\_ types of people. This is often called the "ethnic division principle" – by those with higher education.

1 Corinthians 10:32-33

When God deals with mankind, He sees 3 different, unique divisions of people:

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
b. \_\_\_\_\_
c. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

KEY – You must take into account to whom the passage was primarily written.

So...the old song goes..."All the promises in the Bible are mine, every chapter, every verse, every line"...No they are not! ...aren't you glad – this Book promises hell to the lost – not me!

The entire Bible is broken down, directly and indirectly, into one of these three people groups...pay close attention!

These three people groups break down into the \_\_\_\_\_ types of people we are all familiar with in this world...

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_
b. \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

Although there is a very distinct difference in these two, both are equally lost!

The entire Bible is written \_\_\_\_\_ you; not all the Bible is written \_\_\_\_\_ you: (repeat until it sinks in)

Note: All scripture is divinely inspired and has some application to your life (2 Timothy 3:16); you must determine whether it is direct or indirect...

Some examples:

- a. James 1:1 (12 twelve tribes = \_\_\_\_\_; consider the author...)

James,
a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,
to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad,
greeting.

- b. 1 Peter 1:1 (Strangers = \_\_\_\_\_, not Israel)

Peter,
an apostle of Jesus Christ,
to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus,
Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

2 Peter 3:1

This second epistle,
beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

- c. Ephesians 1:1 (“saints”, “faithful” saints...written to a church, \_\_\_\_\_ to an individual!)

Paul,  
an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,  
to the saints which are at Ephesus,  
and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

- d. Isaiah 1:1; 13:1, 19; 15:1; 17:1; 18:1; 19:1; 34:1, 16 (pay close attention!)
- e. Hebrews (The title gives it away – written to \_\_\_\_\_!)
- f. 1 & 2 Timothy; Titus (written to individuals – church leaders – who are saved!)
- g. Matthew - It is the Gospel with a uniquely \_\_\_\_\_ nature:

The THEME of this Gospel is: “The \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_”

Chapter 1 - The genealogy of the KING. (1:1, 6)

Chapter 2 – The BIRTH of the King.

Chapter 3 - John the Baptist announces the King. (*John is the last OT prophet; Isa 40*)

Chapter 4 - The TESTING and preparation of the King.

Chapter 5-7 - The constitution of the KINGDOM.

Chapter 8-9 - Christ presents His CREDENTIALS as the King.

Chapter 10 - The 12 apostles are sent forth to preach the gospel of the KINGDOM to Israel.

Chapter 11-12 - The REJECTION of the King and His Kingdom by the leaders of Israel.

Chapter 13-25 - The Kingdom enters a state of mysteries or \_\_\_\_\_ because of Israel’s unbelief.

Matthew 24:13

Note: this is often misapplied to the church – Jesus is speaking to 12 \_\_\_\_\_ converts – still in \_\_\_\_!

**KEY – part of understanding the context is taking into account the primary group of people to whom the passage was written.**

Chapter 26 - The final night of the King.

Chapter 27 - The crucifixion and burial of the King. (Isa 53)

Chapter 28 - The resurrection of the King.

**NOTE: The danger of not understanding this point is expressed by Christ in Rev. 2:8-9; 3:7-9**

Rev 2:8-9 ... and I know **the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.**

Rev 3:7-9 ... I will make **them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie...**

Ok – hold on to your seat...do you want the truth? Galatians 4:16

Question: Who, by their loud and clear doctrines, “say they are Jews and are not”?

Answer:

**NOTE: Be careful – be aware – remember 2 Tim 3:16 – don’t tear out whole sections of your Bible!**