

Headline News



“Another century and there will not be a Bible on earth!”

Voltaire (1694 – 1778)

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What different topics would you expect to see in news headlines?

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Are these news items
current or Bible-based?
Or could some be either?

**Princess adopts
abandoned baby**

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Moses

although his mother did this to save him.

Exodus 1:22 – 2:10

**Brothers reunited at
father's funeral**

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Isaac & Ishmael

There had been a huge family rift when Isaac was young which was repaired in later years.

Genesis 25:7-9

Crackdown on families of foreign workers

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Hebrews enslaved in Egypt

Exodus 1:11-14; 2:23-25

**Thousands flee Middle East to
escape oppressive regime**

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**Hebrews escaped from slavery
to Pharaoh**

Exodus 12:37-38

**Self-isolate to
protect your family**

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Leviticus 13 has regulations
about such issues.

Save the environment now!

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Every 7th year, the land was to rest.

Protection laws for fruit trees

Leviticus 25; Deuteronomy 20:19

**Working animals to have
regular R & R**

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Care for animals
Exodus 23:4-5, 10-12

**Widows supported by
traditional food bank system**

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Ruth and Naomi

Leviticus 19:9-10, Ruth 2

**New kid defeats
seasoned player**

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David and Goliath

1 Samuel 17

**King champions
single mum's plight**

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Solomon & the 2 mothers

1 Kings 3:16-28

Corruption at highest level

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King Ahab & his wife Jezebel
steal Naboth's vineyard by having
him executed on a fake charge.

1 Kings 21

Mole hunt at government HQ

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Elisha helps defend
Israel from Aram

2 Kings 6:8-23

**Government ignores breach of
trade regulations**

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Inaccurate scales

Amos 8:5-6; Leviticus 19:35-36

**Royal family massacred by
homicidal grandmother**

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Baby Joash rescued by his aunt.
2 Chronicles 22:10-12

**Beauty queen foils minister's
attempt at genocide**

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Queen Esther

Esther 7

**Boy prodigy astounds
professors**

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Jesus aged 12

Luke 2:41-52

**New religious movement sees
turn around in race relations**

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**Peter and Cornelius broke the taboo
on Jews socialising with Gentiles**

Acts 10:28

“Not by accident is Genesis a book about the family. The family is where we learn emotional and spiritual intelligence.

There is nothing simple or idealized about the families of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Leah and Rachel.

There are tensions, rivalries, setbacks and unfulfilled hopes as well as love, kinship and loyalty.” Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

- We have seen that there is much that hasn't changed since Bible times if we take a close look.
- People still do similar things and face similar problems.
- But what about when we find passages that we find difficult to apply to our own lives? Like offering food to idols or not?

2 Timothy 3:16 says

‘All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and for teaching how to live right.’

Does this mean that every verse is relevant

- to every person,
- in every culture,
- in every century?

“As western Christians, we sometimes forget that other cultures still experience realities not unlike the biblical world, and they can point out perspectives that might never occur to us.”

Lois Tverberg
OurRabbiJesus.com

When my home group was reading the advice about offering food to idols in the New Testament, our two friends who had grown up in Eastern cultures instantly recognised its relevance.

It's not all about 'my world'!

“The Torah, as the Word of God who is beyond time, has a message for every time and each generation.”

Much has changed over the centuries.

“In God’s word for all time [we must hear] His word for this time.” Rabbi Sacks

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

How could you adapt this for your own lifestyle?

For everything there is a season,
a time for every activity under heaven.
A time to plant and a time to harvest.
A time to tear down and a time to build up.
A time to cry and a time to laugh.
A time to search and a time to quit searching.
A time to keep and a time to throw away.
A time to tear and a time to mend.
A time to be quiet and a time to speak.
A time to love and a time to hate.
A time for war and a time for peace.

Do you think that reading the Bible can help us maintain good mental and emotional health?

And Voltaire?

His house is now a distribution centre
for Bibles in many languages!

Credits

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