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The mini-series by Roma Downey and Mark Burnett, The Bible, took stage in 2013 and was quite a sensation. However, after viewing two of the four DVD's, there is much that has been misinterpreted. I know they have the caveat at the beginning saying that they've tried to stay true to the spirit of the message, but when there are misrepresentations, it shows lack of credibility. With the money that was put into it and it's very well done, they should have done more research on their characters and stories to depict them scripturally using the Bible as their clear guide.

Here is a list, although not exhaustive, of discrepancies;

- Abraham's wife Sarah was not cast as a beautiful woman but as quite homely but in actuality she was a beautiful, so much so that the Pharaoh took her for his wife! [Genesis 12:14-15](#)
- Moses buried the Egyptian he killed in the sand, not the Israelite as they portrayed. [Exodus 2:11-12](#)
- Moses had a speech impediment and so Aaron spoke on his behalf, not Moses speaking to Pharaoh. [Exodus 4:10-17](#)
- Moses sister Miriam is older than Moses, as she hid him in the basket in the Nile River and watched over him. In the movie they show her very young, and that she has little boys. Moses was about 80 when he came to Pharaoh, [Exodus 7:7](#) This means Miriam would have been at least in her mid 80's!
- Moses and Aaron were in the sight of Pharaoh when the water turned to blood. The movie shows them hiding in the bushes! [Exodus 7:19-20](#)
- The angel of God and the pillar of cloud came between Pharaoh's army and the children of Israel so they could pass through the Red Sea. The movie shows they ran in right after them as soon as they saw them, which isn't true. [Exodus 14:19-20](#)
- The spies sent into Jericho were hidden by Rahab under stalk of flax. They just didn't enter, run upstairs as the movie shows. [Joshua 2:4-16](#)
- Samson! I think this is clearly a misrepresentation of the man. Who wouldn't be scared of this huge body builder and muscle man. It discredits the fact that God gave Samson his strength. Nonso Anozie was a great actor, but clearly cast wrong. [Judges 14:6](#) shows that the Lord gave him his strength, I'm sure not the local body building gym.
- Saul was another erroneous miss-cast. The movie shows him already old (closer to 60), weathered and not handsome, whereas the Bible clearly says in [I Samuel 9:2](#) that there was no one more handsome and taller in all Israel than him! It's said he was about 30 when he was anointed.
- Young David when he was anointed by the Prophet Samuel was said to be ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. Another misrepresentation with the young actor they chose who definitely was not the way the Bible described. [I Samuel 16:12](#) and [I Samuel 17:42](#). Ruddy actually means speaking of their face as having a healthy red colour, or rose, flushed or glowing.
- Goliath had an armour bearer who carried his shield, who they didn't show. [I Samuel 17:41-42](#)
- King Saul was wounded in battle first with an arrow, and then he fell on his sword. They didn't show he had been wounded but just killed himself. [I Chronicles 10:1-6](#)
- The Prophet Nathan's word to King David about his adultery with Bathsheba and killing Uriah. They didn't give the whole prophecy and hence took it out of context. [II Samuel 12:1-15](#)