Television and Movies Problem with the Bible

Introduction: Every year there seems to be a number of movies and television shows “based on the Bible.” Why? Such movies or shows have a core group of viewers. In other words they make money. The good news is that people are interested in watching and seeing movies about the **Bible**. The bad news is that people are interested in **watching**  and **hearing** movies based on the Bible.

**I) Facts:**

1. A lot of people are Biblically illiterate

2. Many of those people will accept the movies version instead of the Bible version

3. The Movies version is often wrong! They are not true to the Bible. Just enough truth so as to make it appear Bible based.

a. Noah --- about environmentalism

b. Moses – a terrorist

c. Jesus – a great spiritual leader

**II) Why Most Bible Based Shows and Movies Miss the Truth**

**A) Ignorance among the writers and producers, Luke 6.39**

1. Noah and Moses were not contemporaries.

2. People and events are taken out of context and Bible stories are mixed up.

3. No concept of Old Testament and New Testament.

a. Do not understand there are three dispensations in the Bible.

b. Do not understand that we are now under the Law of Christ.

**B) Human tradition 1 Peter 1.18**

1. Mary Magdalene being the woman caught in adultery in **John 8.3**

2. She being the same woman who washed Jesus’ feet in **Luke 7.**

3. The women following after Jesus often shown wearing clothing resembling nuns.

4. They are being pretentious at best and presumptuous at worse, **Psalm 19.13; 1 Peter 4.11.**

**C) They do not believe in the inspiration of the Bible.**

1. A collection of “stories” and myths that are woven together to make a narrative.

2. Much like Grimm Fairy Tales and Mother Goose stories. They have some value but not much authority.

3. Once you diminish the inspiration point then the authority is out the window.

a. Many talk about *spiritual authority* and not *scriptural authority.*

b. The days of creation are not days but ages of creation.

c. The walls of Jericho falling down have a natural explanation.

4. The television series “The Bible” 2013 docudrama had this at its beginning “This program is an adaptation of Bible stories. It endeavors to stay true to the spirit of the Book.”

a. The Bible is what people hear when they see the text.

b. It is what we feel the word of God says.

5. Miracles are given natural explanations of cause and effect.

a. Jesus feeding the multitude in **John 6. 9**

b. Parting of the Red Sea, **Exodus 14.**

c. David killing Goliath, **1 Samuel 17.**

**D) People not content to speak where the Bible speaks and be silent when the Bible is silent, Deut. 29.29**

1. There are a lot of things not revealed to us in the Bible.

2. Jesus’ ministry contained in 4 Gospels, **John 21.25.**

3. Speculation is added to make the story more interesting, exciting, entertaining, etc. **Revelation 22.18-19**

**E) Skeptics and Critics are making many movies**

1. They see the movies as a way to promote their agenda. Environmentalism, homosexuality, etc.

2. They twist the scriptures, **2 Peter 3.16**

3. The Bible is what I know in my heart.

**III) The Bible Is**

**A) Produced by God and not by mere men, 2 Peter 1.20-21**

**B) Confirmed by miracles, Hebrews 2.4.**

**C) A produce of the Holy Spirit and thereby correct, John 14.26; 16.12.**

Conclusion: Our studies on Wednesday nights will go into more detail of how we know the Bible is reliable and our guide.