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## Overview

The Bible contains more mind-blowing information than most of us can possibly imagine. And it's anything but trivia. It's tons of Biblical facts ... and important yet neglected ideas that we all need to know and understand. Here are just a few examples:

- \* Are you aware that some prayers are actually detestable to God?
- \* Did you know the Bible is the likely origin for the fear of the number 13 as well as Friday the 13th?
- \* Did you have any idea that important Bible themes are secretly embedded inside famous Hollywood productions such as "The Matrix," "Star Wars," "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory," "The Big Short," "Blade Runner," "Groundhog Day," "The Truman Show," "The Walking Dead," and many others?

These are just some of the surprising issues addressed in the highly anticipated *Shocked by the Bible 2*.

Here are some others:

- \* the Bible's most shocking statement, and why it's avoided and suppressed by most pastors;
- \* Satan's destiny—it's not what most people think;
- \* Why the Bible talks about "Another Jesus"
- \* The very easy way the devil deceived "the whole world," and continues to do so
- \* the three words of Jesus that most Christians don't believe;
- \* the destiny of unrepentant evildoers—it's completely different from what most churches teach;
- \* the resurrection that no one talks about;
- \* Judgment Day—it does NOT mean that everyone is thrown into a fire;
- \* the important reason why God allows evil, and many pastors don't even know what it is.

In a fascinating, highly readable new sequel to his bestselling *Shocked by the Bible* (Thomas Nelson, 2008), author Joe Kovacs not only gives us key, meaty Biblical facts and ideas, but he connects the scriptural dots. Result? Readers can grow spiritually and perfect their personal characters. Most important, readers can come to a greater understanding about what God intends for us—eternal life, provided we adhere to the Bible's code for living in this, our physical world.

Perfect for an audience of pastors, religious academics, Bible scholars (professional), Bible students, and especially curious Christians.

## Press Release

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### **Hundreds of Bible shockers unearthed in "Shocked by the Bible 2"**

PALM BEACH, Florida -- Is God really going to torture disobedient people for all eternity?

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These are just some of the surprising issues addressed in the highly anticipated "Shocked by the Bible 2: Connecting the dots in Scripture to reveal what they don't want you to know" by best-selling author Joe Kovacs.

"Thank God there are people who still have an interest in truth, because the Bible is completely true, and it holds more mind-blowing information than we can possibly imagine," says Kovacs, a Bible-believing Christian whose original "Shocked by the Bible" hit No. 1 on three different Amazon.com best-seller lists.

"This new book is definitely more advanced than the first 'Shocked,' because it's time to grow up and mature into the person you're meant to be, making the transition from spiritual milk to spiritual meat. There are tons more facts we all need to know. I was even shocked by the Bible while writing this sequel."

"There is an extraordinary purpose to the Word of God, and this book will help you understand that purpose. Now that you know how to read the Bible, accepting it for what it says, this book will connect the dots on a variety of issues that will give you a much greater understanding of what God intends for us. We all need to keep growing spiritually, and if we avoid studying Scripture just because we think we know it already, then we are in danger of stopping our growth process. We need to put what is on the page into practice, letting God's Holy Spirit guide us as we continue to have our personal character perfected."

Among the issues Kovacs takes head-on in "Shocked by the Bible 2":

- The disturbing truth behind the little drummer boy
- Yule be stunned to learn the horrifying origin of Yule logs
- God has a serious problem with "every green tree" used to worship him
- The most shocking statement of the Bible is avoided and suppressed by most pastors
- Is God really a hater?
- Some prayers are detestable to God
- Important Bible themes are secretly embedded inside famous Hollywood productions such as "The Matrix," "Star Wars," "The Big Short," "Blade Runner," "The Shawshank Redemption," "Groundhog Day," "The Truman Show" and "The Walking Dead"
- Satan's destiny is not what most people think

- The destiny of unrepentant evildoers is completely different from what most churches teach
- There are three words of Jesus that most Christians don't believe
- The likely day of Satan's destruction revealed
- Did Jesus really nail the law of God to His cross?
- The biblical origin of the fear of the number 13 as well as Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>
- Worshipers of God did unspeakably evil things to their babies
- The world's most famous prostitute was never actually a hooker
- There is a resurrection no one talks about
- There is more than one chance for people to repent
- Judgment Day does NOT mean that everyone is thrown into a fire
- Believers have an important job to do once Jesus returns
- Jesus is not the only judge of the world
- The reason why people will want to obey God in the future
- The hidden meaning of shaking the dust off your feet
- Gay-pride parades are actually mentioned in Scripture
- God condemns homosexuality in both the Old and New Testaments, and strongly hints that same-sex marriages would wrongly take place
- Gays and lesbians are promised a glorious reward if they do one thing
- Deception began long before Adam and Eve were created
- The very easy way the devil deceived "the whole world"
- The Bible explains who creates and allows evil (Hint: It's not the devil)
- There's an important reason why God allows evil, and many pastors don't even know what it is
- There is an unknown sin that is killing millions of Christians
- The future way Jesus is going to "fulfill" the law
- Why the Bible talks about "Another Jesus"
- Most Christians don't know the Bible definition of "sin"
- The Bible says some Christian preachers are false apostles and deceitful workers
- There is something very wrong about hanging ornaments on trees
- The phrase "a little lower than the angels" does not really refer to angels
- Is the loving and merciful God of the Bible some kind of monster who will torture disobedient people and rebellious angels for all eternity?
- The heart of the gospel has been secretly hidden in a small book that many people feel should not even be in the Bible
- God says He despises many religious assemblies of His own worshipers
- Most people have a completely backwards idea of when days start in the Bible
- Protestant preachers love C.S. Lewis, with the exception of one quote from Jesus
- The Bible says flesh-and-blood humans are meant to be changed into spirit beings
- There is a time coming when there won't be darkness of night anymore
- The mystery of Enoch is no longer a mystery
- God hates many actions, and many people as well
- Some English Bibles today are adding words and ideas that are not present in the original languages
- Today's society is Opposite World

Plus many more ...

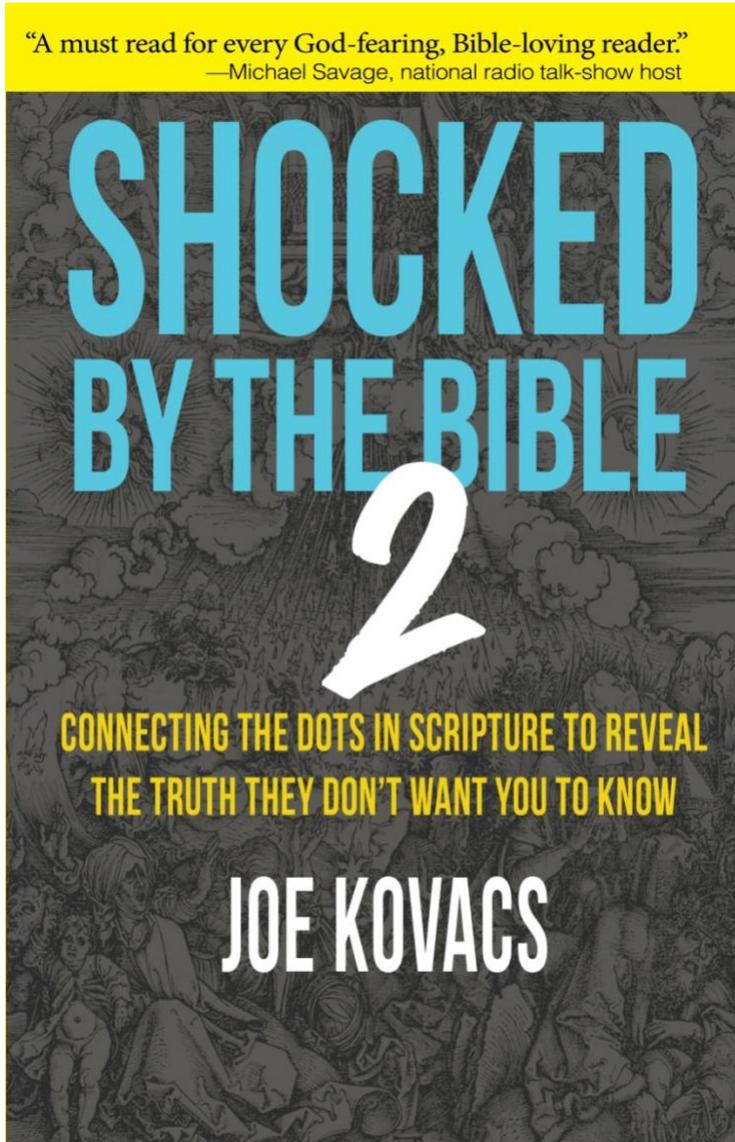
"I really want people to read the words on the pages of their own Bibles, and believe them," stresses Kovacs. "It is when people don't believe the Word of God that confusion and errors are born.

"Many don't realize that the Bible is more than an ordinary book. It is actually a code. It is the code for living now in this physical world, and the code that will get us into the spirit world. It is a map, like a treasure map that has tremendous riches awaiting us at the final destination in the kingdom of God. If we don't follow the map's directions, we'll never reach the destination with the treasure, which is everlasting life."

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## Praise for *Shocked by the Bible 2*



HEADLINES, HEARTLINES, AND BIBLICAL TRUTH”

“*Shocked by the Bible 2* is a must read for every God-fearing, Bible-loving reader. If you believe there is a ‘grand design’ created by the One True God, this book will become another light along your path.”  
— **MICHAEL SAVAGE, NATIONAL RADIO TALK-SHOW HOST**

“Joe Kovacs has always made the Bible understandable for today’s readers. Indeed, nobody in 100 years has done a better job informing people what the Bible really says. His books are not theology, just facts!”  
— **BOB BARNEY, EDITOR, THEPLAINTRUTH.COM**

“Reveals fascinating truths in Scripture that are routinely overlooked.”  
—**ERIC METAXAS, BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *MARTIN LUTHER* AND NATIONAL TALK SHOW HOST**

“Putting this book on your coffee table is a great way to get a conversation going about God.”  
—**RABBI ERIC WALKER, HOST, “REVEALING THE TRUTH:**

“I read the first *Shocked by the Bible* from the same author a few years ago and was flabbergasted by some of the amazing facts in the Bible that I never knew or didn’t take the time to pay attention to. Frankly, it made me realize how little that people (even Bible-believing Christians) understand, or refuse to understand about the words on the pages of their own Bibles. Basically, the author isn’t preaching to you about what the Bible means, but rather just asking you to read the words on the page and BELIEVE what it says. It really is shocking when you realize much of what you’ve been ‘preached to’ about in church and by family and friends isn’t even in the Bible! In fact, it’s often actually the complete opposite. All you have to do is open your eyes and read the words on the page and BELIEVE what the words say. God is speaking to you in plain and simple language. All you have to do is pay attention to the words on the page and you’ll see His entire plan for our lives. This new book *Shocked by the Bible 2* takes that to a

whole new level. I previously read the first *Shocked* book in spurts when I had time to spare. I thought it was eye-opening and even humorous. However, I couldn't put this new book down. It felt as if God was compelling me to read it, and as the author delved deeper and deeper into the Bible, I felt like I was being given a special 'gift' of information -- things previously unseen and unspoken. My mind was opened up to an amazing unseen world, a world that God wants you and me to understand and be a part of as one of His children. I highly recommend this book! Every Christian NEEDS to read this book!"

—**BRIAN H., STUART, FL, REVIEWING THE BOOK ON AMAZON.COM**

"I'm totally thrilled with the solid biblical facts in *Shocked by the Bible 2*, and it's extremely refreshing to find someone who believes what the Bible actually says. Joe Kovacs really does an outstanding job explaining in simple terms every topic he covers. By connecting the dots in Scripture, he shows how the Bible addresses many issues in more than one place, in the Old Testament as well as the New, and he does brilliant work highlighting what God is telling us, even when it differs from what some pastors claim. A very interesting aspect is his focus on not just the PHYSICAL meaning of any given Scripture, but the SPIRITUAL meaning as well. I feel like I'm actually getting a decent glimpse into the unseen world where God and the angels dwell to understand more of why everything is happening here on Earth. What Kovacs has unearthed about what's coded in Esther is nothing short of divine inspiration. I've never heard anyone else mention anything remotely close. And his chapter about movies with secret Bible themes embedded into them was one of the most enjoyable sections of any book I've ever read. I never imagined that almost the entire plan of God has been hiding in plain sight all these years in the original *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*. If you pay attention and focus on God's Word while watching, the message becomes more than obvious. He lists and explores many big-name films that are not even 'Christian,' but they broadcast many of the messages of Jesus. Even if you're well-versed in Scripture, you will definitely be shocked by *Shocked by the Bible 2*. It has far more spiritual meat than his first book. Well done, Mr. Kovacs! Five stars!"

—**RACHEL BRANDER, REVIEWING THE BOOK ON AMAZON.COM**

"Well-researched and provocative, *Shocked by the Bible 2* makes the point that we're just not hearing the full, unadulterated truth about the Bible. We're really not getting what it actually states in clear, unambiguous language about where believers go when they die and where non-believers go. That's pretty serious stuff given the choices we face. And that's really the great value of *Shocked*. It's up to each of us to discover the truth of the Bible by meticulously studying it for ourselves."

—**JOSEPH FARAH, NATIONALLY SYNDICATED COLUMNIST**

"So much in the Bible just passes us by. Joe Kovacs points out some very, very, important things that will leave many shocked! His book is riveting!"

—**PASTOR DAN CATLIN, MESSIAH'S BRANCH**

"I discovered things I did not know. Author provides scriptures to back up everything he says. Written in an easy to understand way. I recommend this book! Five out of five stars."

—**S. PETERSON (ON AMAZON.COM)**

"Well what can I say? I've been reading the Bible for 20 years (and yes I do read it). Learnt lots from this book. We are selective readers, aren't we? This book gets to the core, and that's always good."

— MCKEENZ (ON AMAZON.COM)

“This book is outstanding . . . and one I can highly recommend.”

— STEPHEN J. LEMMONSON (ON AMAZON.COM)

“Urgent message!!! God is calling us to not only go deeper in our prayer life, but to go deeper in the Word. What if you have been lied to from the pulpit your whole life? Too many pastors only preach to fill the offering plate. Have you actually studied the Bible yourself? You might be surprised by what it actually says, as Joe Kovacs makes clear in his new book *Shocked by the Bible 2*. We must be like the Bereans and study the Word for ourselves!!!”

— **REMNANT CALL RADIO (BROADCASTING TO “ALL DENOMINATIONS WHO DESIRE TO SURRENDER EVERYTHING TO JESUS”)**

“Wow, I love this book. Yes, I read the Bible all the time, and yes, I have read the Bible through a few times. But this book gave me insight into what the Bible is actually saying, what is actually written. I love this book!! Five out of five stars. A must read.”

— S.G. TEMPLETON, ON AMAZON.COM

“A dramatic, at times shocking re-examination of many Scriptural passages.”

— M. PAREGIAN BOOK REVIEWS

## Q&A with Joe Kovacs, Author of *Shocked by the Bible 2*



***Shocked by the Bible* seemed pretty comprehensive. Why did you decide to write a sequel, and what took you so long to decide to do so?**

The first edition of *Shocked by the Bible* was a much-needed attention-getter. It was intended to wake people up to stunning and fascinating facts that are included in Holy Scripture, of which few people seem to be aware. Some people who are well-versed in Scripture may not have found anything in there too shocking. But the problem is, most people are not very familiar with the content of the Bible, and I include countless Christians when I say that. (I did write another book after the first one, called *The Divine Secret*, which focused on people's divine destiny, should they choose to take hold of it.) The Bible is virtually an endless source of knowledge, and there is plenty more crucial information that most people still do not know, and it is anything but trivial facts. God wants people to understand who He really is and

why he takes certain actions. *Shocked 2* cracks open the window into the spirit dimension for readers to get a glimpse at what spirit beings are doing and why. It goes well beyond the spiritual milk of the first book and provides the spiritual meat that we all need to grow.

**Any desire to write a third such book?**

After having my eyes opened by God's Holy Spirit in the writing of *Shocked 2*, I am certainly open to writing another book. It is clear that the Bible is not just written with a single, physical meaning. There is also a spiritual story being told on a higher level that is hiding in plain sight. So every time I open up Scripture now, I am still shocked by the Bible.

**You work in news, and have done so most of your adult life. News is a pretty demanding occupation. How (and why) do you find the time to be such an intense student of the Bible?**

Yes, news is a demanding field, and paying attention to everything going on does take a lot of time and energy. But people need to remember that the Bible itself is a news report on how to gain everlasting life. The word "gospel" literally means "good news." In fact, not only does Scripture chronicle what has happened in the distant past, it tells you the news of what's happening right now and what's to come in the future. I try to make that clear in all my books, because the Bible is the most accurate news report ever written. And when people pay attention to the instructions of God, they will be able to understand why certain events happen to them on

a personal level, as well as nationally and globally on a political level. I'm one of those curious people who wants to know why things happen the way they do. And since God commands us to "pay attention," I have found the answers come easily and automatically when I make time to pay attention to Him and His Word. Finding the time to focus on the things of God gets a whole lot easier when we all realize that spending countless hours watching TV, sports events, or social media do nothing toward gaining eternal life.

**Do you consider any of your chapter discussions to be controversial and, if so, which ones and why?**

Every single chapter is highly controversial in its own way because, dare I say, many readers simply do not believe everything that's in their own Bibles. I keep telling people that if they're going to claim to be a believer in the God of the Bible, then they have to believe that the words on the pages of the Bible are true. So many people have been lied to over the centuries by the devil and those doing the devil's work here on Earth that they don't recognize Bible truth even when it's shown to them word-for-word in Scripture. Thus, millions of self-professing Christians have been tricked by the deception. They have unintentionally bought into half-truths and complete lies that have resulted in a society of people living contrary to God's instructions. I have coined the term "Opposite World" to describe this place where we all live now, and I provide a full chapter explaining that. I also have a fascinating chapter focusing on the ultimate end of Satan, and how the Bible says this wicked spirit will become a man, suffering the same fate as all men who reject God's truth after having known it. And that fate is NOT being alive forever writhing in agony in a never-ending blaze. Remember, the Bible clearly says "the wages of sin is death," not eternal life in a fire.

**One of the truly special elements of your book is your discussion of how embedded the Bible is in some well-known movies and TV shows. How did this occur to you and why did you think it important to include in this book?**

I really enjoyed writing this chapter because I know that most people will relate to it instantly. I've seen many popular films and TV shows over the years, and it has fascinated me how often themes that are prominent in Scripture have secretly found their way into the scripts of some of the biggest Hollywood productions of all time. I say secretly because I suspect the writers, producers, and directors are not aware of how closely their stories match what's in the Bible. Take *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*, for example. On the surface, it's a fun-filled, candy-coated adventure that everyone in the family can enjoy. But when you're familiar with the Bible, you can clearly see obvious messages from Scripture echoing throughout the movie. Here's a little hint: Think of Willy Wonka as a Jesus figure, the maker of all things good, who is testing the children's moral character to see who is worthy to inherit "the most fabulous prize one could wish for," as a newscaster declares in the film. Even the Oompa Loompas have an interesting Biblical connection that becomes obvious as soon as you learn what it is. I examine plenty of famous productions, including *The Matrix*, *Groundhog Day*, *The Truman Show*, and *The Walking Dead*, as well as many others. I sought to include it in this book to remind people that God is a powerful Spirit who is broadcasting His message on all frequencies, even in places you might never expect. He did not put us on this planet merely for us to throw some food down our faces, pay the rent, and say we believe in Jesus. Even the demons believe in Him, and they're trembling in fear. God wants everyone to know His glorious Master Plan, which, sadly, is going *unbroadcast* by far too many churches. But since most people enjoy going

to the movies, they're getting treated to the message of the Bible in a parable-style fashion, whether or not they know it, or even want it. Jesus Himself used parables to teach during His human ministry, and though He was hiding His message from the general populace, He was revealing it to those with eyes to see and ears to hear what He meant.

**You titled this book *Shocked by the Bible 2*. What has most shocked you about the Bible and why? And what do you think or hope will most shock readers, and why?**

The most shocking thing to me personally is how stunning God can be on different levels when we connect the dots in Scripture to understand His entire plan. When we read the words on the page, there is a very obvious (and sometimes shocking) physical meaning. But when we connect the dots of many Scriptures together, our eyes are opened to an astonishing amount of spiritual truth on a much higher level. It is truth that is rarely, if ever, mentioned in any church, despite all the professional preachers in the pulpits.

As I wrote this book, I myself was shocked at what God's Holy Spirit was revealing to me, despite the fact I had read the same Scriptures many times before. Though God's words were already on the page, I just had not connected the dots that provided a much more complete picture of what God is telling us. Once people read my new book and truly believe the Scriptures they see in their own Bibles, I think they'll be blown away by the amount of truth they had been missing.

*Shocked 2* contains hundreds of stunning facts concerning issues I never mentioned in the first book. For instance, the ultimate destiny of Satan and all evildoers is very different from what most people have been led to believe. There's also one brief book of Scripture that some people think should not even be in the Bible because it never mentions God or His personal name. But those folks will be shocked to find out that God has secretly embedded Himself and almost His entire plan in that controversial little book. And, surprisingly, the Bible may even be telling us the real reason why so many people fear the number 13 as well as Friday the 13th. And it has absolutely nothing to do with the Last Supper.

**Talk about the various audiences for your book—pastors/ministers, Bible scholars and students, and curious Christians. What different things will they get out of this book, do you think?**

Throughout my life, I have found that every person is at a different place in their journey to know and understand the truth. So what may be new and exciting to one believer is often not as thrilling to someone who is more advanced. But this book will provide eye-opening information for people at all levels, whether they are newcomers to the faith or have been preaching for years. In fact, I think this book will have the most impact on longtime Bible students and pastors.

The simple reason is because many of them have been TAUGHT WRONGLY from generation to generation. Millions of Christians say they believe the Bible, but when they're presented with certain statements from their Creator, they often say, "The Bible can't possibly mean that!" when it really does. The world has been deceived long enough, and it's finally time for everyone to start believing the truth, which, of course, is what is written in Holy Scripture. We all need to understand who and what we actually are, the true purpose for our existence, why God Himself created evil, and why He is allowing it continue.

We also need to understand why many pastors who call themselves Christian are not providing their flocks the entire truth because they avoid giving sermons on some of the most stunning statements in Scripture. Most believers do not know the Biblical answers to these questions, and presume that as long

as they have a nominal profession of faith in Jesus Christ, then they're good with God, and they'll receive a fabulous reward in the end. Many are unaware that Jesus will actually tell many of these believers to get away from Him, because He never knew them. So, countless people will be shocked by their Savior if they don't learn the truth and put it into practice. God says He doesn't want anyone to die, so I hope *Shocked by the Bible 2* can serve as a wake-up call for all believers to truly get their act together so they can inherit eternal life.

**If people have read the Bible before, why would they want to read your book?**

The Bible is a book that is not meant to be read just once. It actually instructs us to meditate on the Word constantly. There is simply no way we can humanly understand everything in Scripture if we read it just once and let it go at that. I have found that the more I read the Bible with the intention of understanding the truth, the more God fills my mind with His own Holy Spirit to make things crystal clear. So I've done a lot of heavy lifting for you in *Shocked 2*, highlighting a large number of Scriptures that many people are afraid to address, or may even be suppressing. I am sharing the solid truth with readers who may not have understood it the first or second or third time through the Bible.

It's like meeting people for the first time at a dinner party. Just because you spend a few hours with them does not mean you fully know them. You need to spend lots of time conversing with them to get a sense of who they really are. It's the same with the God of the Bible. Draw close to Him and He'll draw close to you. So my book does its best to give you a more complete picture of God's Word, allowing you to grasp concepts you may never have heard or understood before. If we avoid studying Scripture just because we think we know it already, then we are in danger of stopping our growth process. We need to put what is on the page into practice, letting God's Spirit guide us as we continue to have our personal character perfected.

**If you had to pigeonhole yourself, what Christian denomination would you say you're closest to and why?**

It's impossible to pigeonhole myself, because I simply do not belong to any particular Christian denomination. Denominations are the creations of men, and not of God. The heroes of the Bible such as Noah, Abraham, Peter, Paul, and even Jesus did not belong to any denomination. They all belonged to God our Father in heaven, and so do I. I call myself a Bible-believing Christian, because that is what I am. I simply am an ordinary Joe who believes what God has seen fit to provide us in Holy Scripture. I always encourage people to read and believe their own Bibles, even if it goes against what any denomination teaches . . . because it is the God of the Bible and not any denomination who will grant people eternal life.

**Who in the media would you most like to appear with to discuss your book?**

I would love for anyone in the media who wants to talk about the most important issues in life – not which celebrity is in rehab or who won the ball game – to discuss *Shocked by the Bible 2*. They don't even have to be religious in any sense. We constantly hear about news that is really a steaming pile of nothingness—news that does nothing to improve our world and advance why we're here. What I'm presenting in *Shocked 2* is the best news anyone could ever hear, and it's not what is broadcast in church. So, if anyone in TV, radio, print or the Internet has the guts to take on major misconceptions and wants to know what the Bible really says, I'm ready to let people know what they have never heard before. It's more shocking than you would ever think.

## AN ADDITIONAL Q&A WITH AUTHOR JOE KOVACS

### 1. **Your best-selling *Shocked by the Bible* was published by Thomas Nelson in 2008. What led you to write *Shocked by the Bible 2*?**

God's Holy Spirit led me to write *Shocked by the Bible 2*, prompting me to let everyone know there is a vast amount of information about God and His divine plan for us that most people, including millions of Christians, are simply unaware of. And I include myself when I say that. As I began writing this book, God opened up my eyes to see things in a very different light, moving from the basics of spiritual milk to the more advanced spiritual meat. Those who have read the first *Shocked* will definitely be able to perceive the difference in *Shocked 2*, as concepts build upon each other and are far more profound when the dots of Scripture get connected.

### 2. **Tell us about some of the shocking things in this latest edition of your work.**

People can find a list of some of the Bible shockers at my website, [shockedbythebible.com](http://shockedbythebible.com). But to give readers a preview, many folks might be stunned to learn there are three words of Jesus that He said more than once that most Christians don't believe. I find this astonishing because it's something of extreme importance that will make everyone realize why events take place the way they do here on Earth. Believers really need to agree with everything spoken by Jesus, especially these three words.

Also, the heart of the gospel has been secretly hidden in a small book that many people think should not even be in the Bible, because it never mentions God or His personal name. But when this highly maligned book of Scripture is read with our spiritual eyes and ears open, it is quite easy to see that God is broadcasting a hidden, parallel story that believers throughout the ages have missed. I'm very thankful that my eyes have now been opened to see it so it can be shared with others.

People may have heard the phrase "shake the dust off your feet" in the New Testament, but they may not understand the reason those words have been selected. I explain the intriguing meaning behind the phrase, based on what God has said elsewhere in Scripture. It has to do with what happens at the end of the age, when wicked people are finally destroyed, being turned back into the dust from whence they originally came.

The destiny of • Satan and other wicked individuals is not what most people think. Many presume there's an eternal existence of extreme pain and anguish, broiling in a horrific fire for trillions upon trillions of years that never end. The Bible says no such thing. It does talk about a fire, but that fire will completely consume and annihilate the wicked out of existence. People need to remember the Bible clearly says the wages of sin is death, not eternal life in some blazing furnace.

And *Shocked 2* has a very fun chapter focusing on • important Bible themes that have been secretly embedded inside famous films and TV shows. These are big-name titles including "The Matrix," "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory," "Star Wars," "The Big Short," "Blade Runner," "Groundhog Day," "The Truman Show" and "The Walking Dead." You might wonder, "How does Willy Wonka broadcast the message of God?" If you compare the story's plot and characters to the events in the Bible, it's easy to see that Wonka, the maker of all the goodies, represents Jesus, the Maker of all things good. Wonka, like Jesus, is testing children to see who has the moral character worthy of inheriting his entire kingdom. The child who is deemed worthy receives the most fabulous prize one could wish for.

### 3. **What do you say to Christians who say this sensationalizes the Bible?**

*Shocked 2* does not sensationalize the Bible in any negative fashion. However, the Bible itself is a sensational book, and it contains sensational material that countless people have either never heard, or have not understood completely. For instance, just knowing the true destiny of human beings is beyond sensational, and it is not what most people have presumed. People won't float on a cloud for eternity, doing nothing but playing a harp or flute, singing worship songs. We will actually become members of God's own family, sitting on His throne, judging angels and the citizens of the world. All these sentences are in the Bible, but they rarely, if ever, get talked about.

**4. What about non-believers? Why should they read *Shocked by the Bible 2*?**

First, let me say that my purpose here is not to convert anyone. That's what God does, and I'll leave that up to Him. But non-believers often have a preconceived notion about what's contained in the Bible based on what they see on TV or in movies, or what they hear from many Christians, who, sad to say, don't really know the content of the Bible beyond a few of their favorite verses. When people read *Shocked by the Bible 2*, they will come to the conclusion that much of what is broadcast in churches is simply erroneous, or dare I say, even the opposite of what the Bible actually says. I want people to understand that the Bible is completely true, but they need to study all of it to get the complete picture, not half-truths that are mixed with plenty of pagan nonsense.

**5. Have you ever had a reader who has argued with you over any of the examples you share in these books? What was your response?**

Yes. When the first *Shocked* came out in 2008, some people mistakenly thought I was attacking the Bible or Christianity in general, when nothing could be further from the truth. Again, I stress that I am a Bible-believing Christian who wants people to read and understand the Bible so they can inherit the eternal life that is intended for them. But some people got confused when I told them, for instance, that the Bible doesn't say Noah's ark rested on Mount Ararat. They wrote me angry letters calling me vicious names. They cooled down and apologized after I wrote them back to say the Bible says Noah's ark rested on the MOUNTAINS (plural) of Ararat. People need to pay close attention to every word that's in Scripture, because there's a big difference between a single mountain and a mountain range. I got similar mean letters when I informed people the Bible never says "three wise men" came to visit baby Jesus the night He was born in Bethlehem. The truth from the Bible is that an unknown number of wise men came to see Jesus as a young child in a house, not a babe in a manger, and Jesus may have been up to two years old at the time. Only shepherds came to see Him the night He was born.

**6. What has been your biggest surprise or "ah-ha" moment in your research?**

The most thrilling thing to me personally is the fact that in addition to the physical meaning of any given Bible verse, there is also a higher, spiritual meaning. For instance, when the Bible talks about "the wicked," it often is not just talking about evil people here on Earth. It is talking about the most wicked one in the unseen spirit dimension, and that, of course, is Satan the devil. It's an excellent mental exercise for people to think of the devil every time the Bible mentions "the wicked" or "the wicked one." It will open your mind to what is happening in the invisible world, as God is also broadcasting His message to spirit entities called angels. It is the same message that is being broadcast to all of us. God has set before us the ways of eternal life and eternal death. Everything we do in life is leading us to either everlasting life, which is being part of God's own family, or eternal death. It is up to all of us to follow His direct instruction to choose life. So let's live!

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