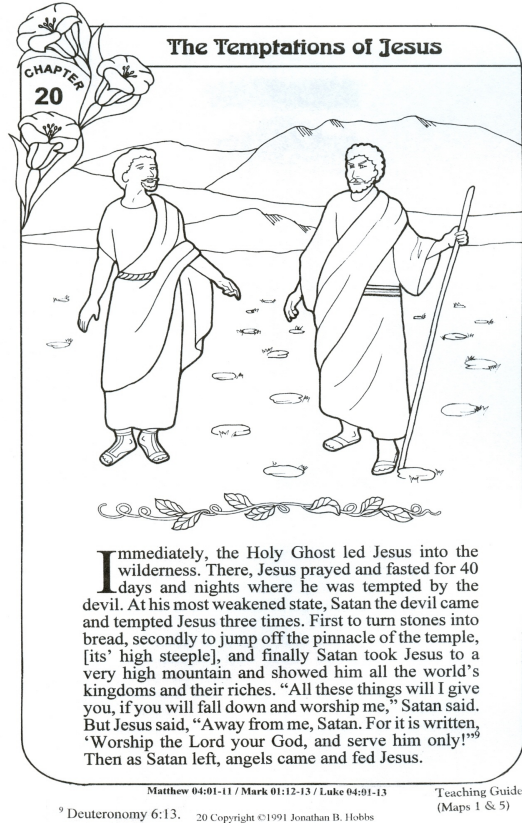


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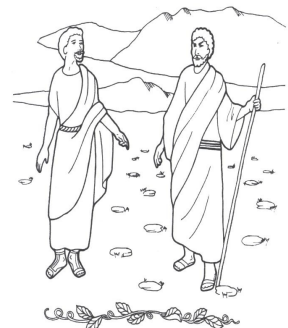
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“Bible Notes” – A Summary Study Guide

Immediately afterwards, Jesus, being full of the Holy Ghost, was led from the area of the Jordan River into the wilderness. [This could become quite chilly. Nightfall no doubt found Jesus atop a high place in the hills, where He prayed. During the day, Jesus would seek shade under the tough acacia, a small variety of the shittim tree, believed to be the burning bush that Moses stood before on Mount Sinai (Exodus 3:2-8). The tamarisk tree and few scattered bushes or desert plants dotted this rugged landscape.] Jesus stayed there for forty days, eating no food, while being tempted by the devil. Only the wild beasts that roamed this hostile area accompanied Jesus. [Meanwhile Jesus' first three disciples, Philip, Andrew and Peter, returned to their formal occupations at Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee.]



When the forty days of Jesus' temptation by Satan ended, Jesus was very hungry. "If You are the Son of God," Satan challenged Jesus, "tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus replied, "It is written, 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God'" (Matthew 4:4; Deuteronomy 8:3).

Having failed at that attempt, Satan took Jesus to the holy city of Jerusalem and sat Him upon the pinnacle of the temple, its high steeple. He was trying to get Jesus to commit suicide. Satan told Jesus, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written, 'He will command His angels concerning You, and they will lift You up in their hands, so that You will not strike Your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus replied, "It is also written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test'" (vv.5-7; Deuteronomy 6:16).

Then Satan took Jesus to a very high mountain. In an instant, Satan, the god of the underworld, showed Him all the ancient kingdoms and their riches. Nations like Rome, India and China in Asia, Egypt and all the nation of Africa including the thriving trading and educational municipality of Timbuktu, Arabia, and South America pre-civilizations like the Mayas, Incas and Aztecs. Precious stones like jade, rubies, diamonds, silver and gold were seen everywhere. Satan promised Jesus that if He would only bow down and worship him, he would give all to Him. "Away from Me, Satan. For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only!'" (v.10; Deuteronomy 6:13). Then Satan left and suddenly angels came down from heaven and ministered to Jesus' needs.

Sermon#20, Biblical Scriptures:

Gospel of Matthew - Chapter 4.

1. Then was Jesus led of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. 2. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterwards very hungry. 3. And when the tempter came to him, Satan said, If you be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4. But Jesus answered and said, It is written (Deut. 8:3), Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. 5. Then the devil took Jesus up into the holy city [Jerusalem], and sat him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6. And said to him, If you be the Son of God, cast yourself down. For it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning you, and in their hands they shall bear you up unless at any time you dash your foot against a stone (Ps. 91:11-12). 7. Jesus said to him, It is written again (Deut. 6:16), You shall not tempt the Lord your God. 8. Again, the devil took Jesus up into an exceeding high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory [riches] they held. 9. And said to him, All these things will I give you, if you will fall down and worship me. 10. Then said

Jesus to him, Get away from here, Satan. For it is written (Deut. 6:13), You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only shall you serve. 11. Then the devil left Jesus, and suddenly, angels came and ministered [served] to him.

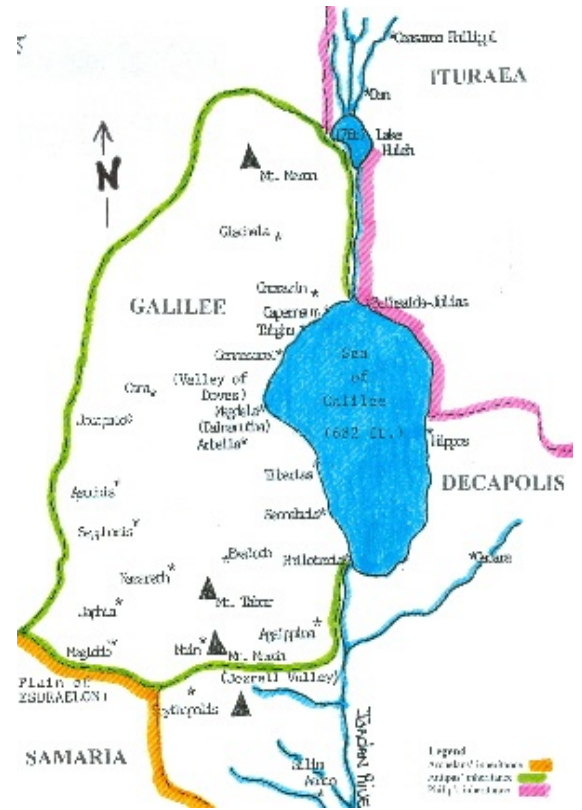
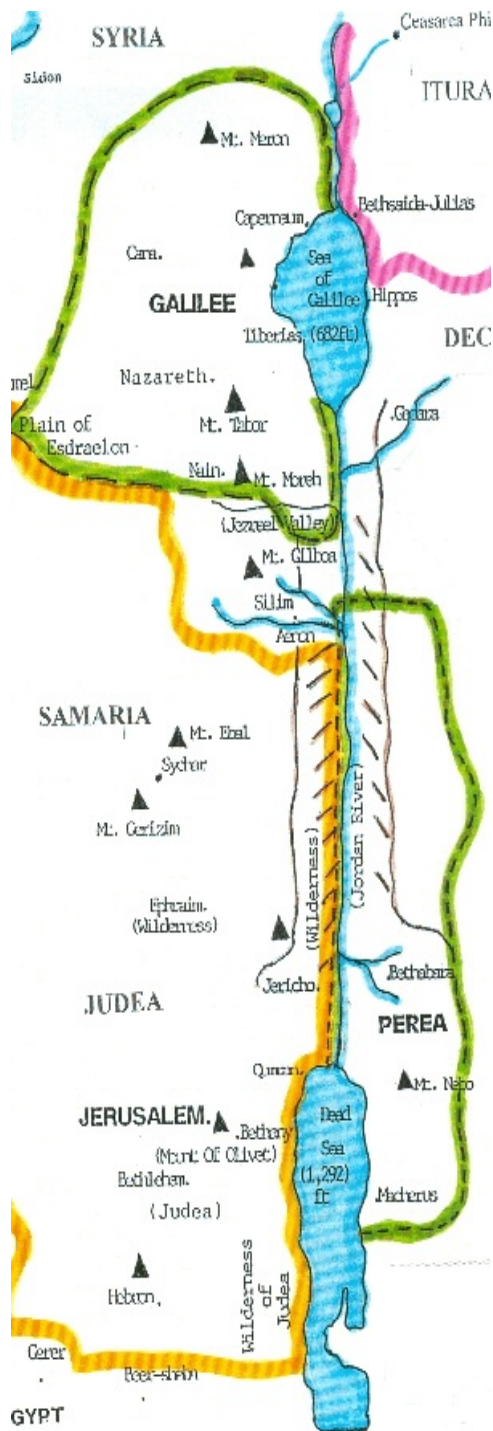
Gospel of Mark - Chapter 1.

12. And immediately the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness. 13. And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan, and was with the wild beast, and angels ministered to him.

Gospel of Luke - Chapter 4.

1. And JESUS being full of the Holy Ghost returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2. Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing, and when they were ended, he afterward was very hungry. 3. And the devil said to him, If you be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. 4. And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. 5. And the devil, took him up into a high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6. And the devil said to him, All this

power will I give thee, and the glory of them. Because it has been delivered to me, and to whomsoever I will I give it. 7. If you there will worship me, all shall be yours. 8. And Jesus answered and said to him, Get you behind me, Satan. For it is written, your God, and him only shall you serve. 9. And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said to him, I you be the Son of God, cast yourself down from here. 10. For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over you to keep you. 11. An in their hands they shall bear you up, unless at any time you dash your foot against a stone. 12. And Jesus answered by saying to him, It is said, You shall not tempt the LORD your God. 13. And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.



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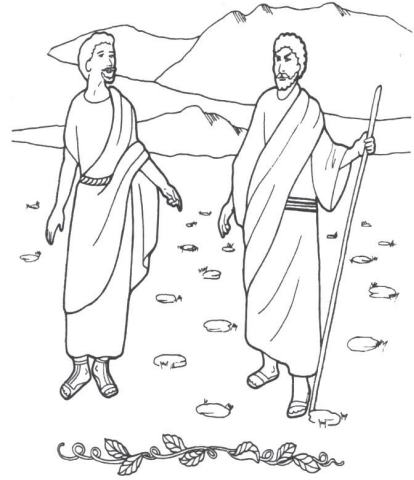
“EMMANUEL”

[Jesus, The Promised Messiah]

Immediately after being joined by Andrew, Philip and Simon, Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from the Jordan, and led by the Holy Spirit into the Judea wilderness. This area runs atop and parallel to the Jordan River and Dead Sea area. (see Mark 1:12) In a secluded location at sunset following one or two days traveling, Jesus left his three disciples and ventured further into this potential barren landscape where he prepared to fast for forty nights and days. Bring the Christ, Jesus would now prepared himself to claim the throne of Israel.

The time period was the ultimate sacrificial even which one could embark upon before the LORD God. Like Moses the first deliverer, who also fasted 40 days and nights atop Mount Sinai to receive God’s Ten Commandments following the Israelites’ Exodus from Egypt, Jesus would now led the Jews and the world into the LORD God’s earthly kingdom to come. Dressed in his woolen tunic draped with a blanket or bedroll from his neck and tied about the waist along with some type of a rod in hand, Jesus wandered until he found the place where he would begin his fasting and praying.

The nights in the wilderness could become quite chilly. Nightfall found Jesus atop a peak or high place, where he prayed to God the Father all night. However, twilight saw Jesus descending from his hilltop perch to find shelter. The days in the wilderness sweltered with heat as temperatures reached 110 degrees. Jesus now sought shade under an acacia, a small variety of the shittim tree. This is also believed to be the burning bush that Moses stood before on Mount Sinai. (see Exodus 3:2-8) At the end of each night Jesus grew weaker and hungrier. The Christ’s only companions were of variety of wild creature and beasts that made this desolate place their home. Among such conditions of the 40 days and nights, Satan the devil continually tempted Jesus.



Meanwhile, alone in the exterior of the wilderness, Jesus' three disciples began to quickly lose faith with each passing day. Soon, the disciples had eaten the few provisions they had taken. Because food and water were a scarcity, the three men became scavengers of this barren landscape. Perhaps the thought of eating insects and honey, which their prior master John had survived on, repulsed these early disciples. They also had to content with the heat of the day and chill of the night ran its toll. Finally, after one or two weeks, the disciples' patience ran out perhaps believing that Jesus had even perished. They abandoned the wilderness, purposely bypassing Bethabara. Not returning to John the Baptist who may have harshly scolded them for leaving their new master, the three journeyed back up the Ghor valley to Galilee and the fishing city of Bethsaida high up on the Sea of Galilee. Home, Andrew and Peter returned to their old occupation not expecting to even see Jesus again.

With each passing hour Jesus' body had grown weaker and weaker. Days slowly passed and turned into weeks, and nearly six weeks slowly passed. Finally, the 40 days of prayer and fasting were finished.

Satan, the tempter, came to Jesus. "If you are the Son of God," he challenged Jesus, "tell these stones to become bread." Jesus replied, "It is written, 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"⁵⁷ (**Matthew 4:4**)

[In flashback of the 2nd day of creation (Gen. 1:7-8), Lucifer was created the most beautiful super archangel, whose wings along with the second super archangel Michael's wings covered the holy throne of heaven. This is the very representation of the mercy seat of the Ark of the Covenant. Lucifer was also the anointed cherub, the son of the morning (Isa. 14:12), and was decorated in all manner of precious stones as he walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire in heaven playing instruments before the throne of God Almighty. Lucifer was created perfect until iniquity or vain was found in him. In his arrogance, Lucifer rebelled against God Almighty and tried to usurp divine power. After a great battle in heaven, Lucifer was kicked out, believed by the second super archangel Michael, and became Satan the dragon. In his failed coup d'état, Satan the devil's dragon tail reached back into heaven and gathered with him 1/3 of the angels, who shared Satan's vision and they became demons. Together, Satan and his demon army planned to torment God Almighty's creation on earth (Ezek 28:13-19)]

Having failed at that attempt, Satan in an instant took Jesus into the holy city and had him stand on the steep, 200-foot *pinnacle of the temple*." Satan told Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" (Psalms 91:11,12) Jesus replied, "It is also written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"⁵⁸ (**Luke 4:5-7**)

Then the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain. In a split second, in the valley below Satan, the god of the underworld and keeper of the world's excessive material possessions (2 Cor. 4:4), and the super-natural architect behind pagan civilization. These riches and glory were Satan's to freely give (see Luke 4:6). In this flash, Satan called up a huge mural of all the kingdoms of the world and their glorious riches. Nations like Rome, India and China in Asia, Africa, Persia, Arabia, and South America pre-civilizations like the Mayas, Incas and Aztecs. Gold and precious stones like jade, rubies, diamonds silver and gold were seen everywhere. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you bow down and worship me." He told Jesus. God had already anointed Jesus to someday sit on King David's throne and rule the world, but Satan would now give this very price to him if he would betray his Father. But the Son of God replied, "Away from me, Satan. For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"⁵⁹ (**Matthew 4:10**)

Fearful that he might overstep his limited authority, immediately, Satan left him. Weak and hardly able to move, Jesus was soon joined by a number of angels, who descended from heaven. Instantly, upon setting up a protective shield about the Christ, they ministered to Jesus by serving him vitally needed nourishment. Jesus most likely rested the night in the wilderness. At daybreak, Jesus awoke fully revitalized and began his journey back to Galilee.

⁵⁷ Deuteronomy 8:3.

⁵⁸ Deuteronomy 6:16.

⁵⁹ Deuteronomy 6:13.