

When the plain sense of Scripture makes common sense, make no other sense, therefore take every word at its ordinary, usual, literal meaning, unless the facts of the immediate context studied in the light of related passages and axiomatic and fundamental truths indicates clearly otherwise.

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The anti-war left has its celebrities, and one of them was “Army Ranger” Jesse MacBeth. Now, what made the 23-year-old “corporal” a hero to the anti-war crowd was not his Purple Heart or his being afflicted with post-traumatic stress disorder from tours in Afghanistan and Iraq...

No – what made “Army Ranger” Jesse MacBeth a hero to the left was his “courage,” in their view, *off* the battlefield. Without regard to consequences, he told the world the abuses he said he had witnessed in Iraq. American soldiers killing unarmed civilians – hundreds of men, women, and even children. In one gruesome account, translated into Arabic and spread widely across the Internet, MacBeth describes the horrors this way: “We would burn their bodies... hang their bodies from the rafters in the mosque.” ...

Recently Jesse MacBeth, the poster boy for the anti-war left, had his day in court. He was sentenced to five months in jail [and] three years' probation for falsifying a Department of Veterans Affairs claim; his Army discharge record, too. Yes, Jesse MacBeth was in the Army. Briefly. *44 days*. Before he was washed out of boot camp. MacBeth is *not* an Army Ranger; he is not a corporal; he never won the Purple Heart; he was never in combat to witness the horrors he claimed to have seen...

But don't look for retractions, folks – not from the anti-war left, the anti-military Drive-By Media, or the Arabic websites that spread his lies about our troops. Fiction serves their purposes; the truth, to borrow a phrase, is inconvenient to them.”

Rush Limbaugh

Luke 24:44, “Now He said to them, ‘These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.’”

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1 Chronicles 26:18, “At the Parbar on the west there were four at the highway and two at the Parbar,”



“The literal sense of Scripture alone is the whole essence of faith and of Christian theology.”

Martin Luther



“It is the first business of an interpreter to let his author say what he does, instead of attributing to him what we think he ought to say.”

John Calvin

“...they subordinated scholarship meanwhile to mysticism and to propaganda.”

“Again the crisis was reflected in biblical studies. The speculation of Joachim [of Fiore] signified a new wave of mysticism.”

“Revolution and uncertainty have discouraged biblical scholarship in the past and stimulated more subjective modes of interpretation...”

“...Conditions today are giving rise to a certain sympathy with the allegorists. We have a spate of studies on medieval ‘spirituality’.”

Beryl Smalley, *The Study of the Bible in the Middle Ages*, 1964

Matt. 2:5, “And they said to him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet,

Matt. 2:6, “‘And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah; for out of you shall come forth a Ruler, Who will shepherd My people Israel.’”

Mic. 5:2, “But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be Ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity.”

Matt. 2:15, “and was there until the death of Herod, that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, ‘Out of Egypt did I call My Son.’”

Matt. 2:17, “Then that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying,

Matt. 2:18, “‘A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children; and she refused to be comforted, because they were no more.’”

Jer. 31:15, “Thus says the LORD, ‘A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.’”

Matt. 2:23, “and came and resided in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, ‘He shall be called a Nazarene.’”