

Four Questions to Ponder

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The Word of God is overflowing with wisdom and lessons to meditate on. Obvious imperatives and hidden principles may lodge side by side. The diligent student will not be disappointed when he digs a little deeper.

A quick search for the all the interrogatives in the Bible yields an approximate count of 457. There are four of these questions that we will list here. Is the Word of God expressing wisdom by the placement of these questions? Below are the first and last questions in the Old Testament and the first and last questions in New Testament.

The First Question in the Bible and Old Testament:

(Gen. 3:1 KJV)

*Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, **Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?***

Satan is questioning God's Word. May I interject that Satan built his entire kingdom (Babylon?) on a question!

The Last Question in the Old Testament:

(Mal. 3:14 KJV)

*Ye have said, **It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts?***

Man is being quoted as questioning God and the benefit of his ordinances.

The First Question in the New Testament:

(Matt. 2:1–2 KJV)

*Matt. 2:1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Matt. 2:2 Saying, **Where is he that is born King of the Jews?** for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.*

The Gentiles are asking where they might find the King!

The Last Question of the Bible and New Testament:

(Rev. 18:16–18 KJV)

Rev. 18:16 And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!

Rev. 18:17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,

*Rev. 18:18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, **What city is like unto this great city!***

Man is asking, what was greater than Babylon as they see it utterly destroyed in only an hour.

Do these questions have some deeper lessons for us? This is for you, dear student, to decide!

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