

CHANGED - Introduction to Miracles

Exodus 7:1-7; Deuteronomy 34:10-12; John 20:30-31; Acts 2:22, 43

BIBLICAL DEFINITION OF MIRACLES - 3 Major Words

SIGNS - point to the message of the one behind the miracle Acts 2:22; 3:12-16

POWERS - ability needed to do the miracle Acts 3:12-13; 14:8-15

WONDERS - awe the miracle created in the beholder Acts 3:9-16; 14:11

A visible act from a supernatural power that suspends God's laws of nature

Satan works miracles: sorcerers Ex 7-8; antichrist 2 Th 2:9; Rev 13:11-15; 19:20

BIBLICAL CLUSTERS OF MIRACLES - 5 Major Clusters

Moses & Joshua (1445 - 1380 BC) Ex 1-19; Josh 3:7-13; Acts 7:36

Elijah & Elisha (870 - 800 BC) 1 Kgs 17 - 2 Kgs 13

Christ & the kingdom (27 - 30 AD) Is 35:4-6; Mt 11:1-6; Acts 2:22; 1 Cor 1:22

Apostles & the early church (30 - 70 AD) Acts 2:43; 2 Cor 12:12; Heb 2:3-4

The tribulation (7 years) Rev 4:1-19:21

WHY DID GOD USE CLUSTERS OF MIRACLES?

When God added new revelation to the Bible, He often used miracle clusters to verify it!

BIBLICAL PURPOSE OF MIRACLES

To glorify God Jn 9:3; 11:4; Acts 3:13

To authenticate His message & messengers Acts 2:22, 43; Heb 1:1-2; 2:3-4

To believe in Christ and receive eternal life Jn 20:30-31

BIBLICAL RESPONSE TO MIRACLES

Seek Christ, not miracles Mt 6:33; 12:38-42; 16:1-4; Jn 10:41

Trust Christ, no matter what Esth 4:14; Dan 3:16-18; 6:27

Believe God, don't wait for a miracle Mt 13:58; 16:19-31; Jn 20:24-31