

Interview Questions for Stephen M. Miller Author of *The Complete Visual Bible*

Questions about Writing *The Complete Visual Bible*:

- Who is your audience for *The Complete Visual Bible*?
- Why did you write *The Complete Visual Bible*?
- How do you see Bible readers using *The Complete Visual Bible*? Would you use it instead of a typical Bible?
- Do you feel the visuals make the Biblical concepts more simplistic?
- What were the sources for the images and graphics in *The Complete Visual Bible*?
- How do you decide what to include and what to leave out in a condensation of the Bible?
- What was the hardest book of the Bible to write for *The Complete Visual Bible*?
- How is writing about the Bible different from writing for a newspaper? What skills do both have in common?

Questions about the Content of *The Complete Visual Bible*:

- You sometimes paraphrase the Bible yourself. Why do you do that, given how many versions you have to choose from? For example, the default Bible version you use, the New Living Translation, presents Proverbs 6:27 this way: "*Can a man scoop a flame into his lap and not have his clothes catch on fire?*" But you put that verse into a Proverbs article called "The Sex Talk," (page 188) and you paraphrase it this way: "*If you build a fire in your pants, what makes you think you won't get burned?*"
- You have a visual chart in Genesis (page 17) that shows how the human lifespan seemed superhuman before the Flood, and how it gradually leveled off afterward. Do scholars think there was something physiological that happened during the Flood that diminished human lifespan?
- In Exodus, you report a theory that suggests the 10 plagues of Egypt followed a three-season cycle of natural disasters, starting with an autumn flood of the Nile and ending with the springtime harvest of contaminated crops (pages 36-37). What evidence supports that theory? And do you think it diminishes the miraculous work of God when you offer natural explanations like that?
- When you report the Bible story of the Jordan River stopping to allow the Jews to cross into the Promised Land, you add some examples of how

earthquakes in modern times stopped the Jordan—once at the same spot mentioned in the Bible (page 79)?

- In Matthew you report a theory that says the star of Bethlehem may not have been a star at all, but an unusual alignment of Saturn and Jupiter in the Pisces constellation. You have a picture showing what it might have looked like from Jerusalem, facing south toward Bethlehem. How much merit is there to that theory? (page 312)
- You studied the healing miracles of Jesus alongside some medical treatments that Roman doctors used during that same century. Did you find any interesting links between the two? (pages 318-319, 387)
- You title the section dealing with 1, 2 Corinthians as “Church of the Pain in the Neck” (p. 423). Do you think that style of writing will offend some Christian readers who might see this as flippant treatment of the Holy Scripture?

January 2011

The Complete Visual Bible

By Stephen M. Miller

ISBN: 978-1-60260-688-3

PRICE: \$19.99

FORMAT: Trade Paper, 7 x 9.5”, Full-Color Throughout

PAGE COUNT: 528

BISAC: Religion/Biblical Studies/General