



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“God is more than just omnipresent. He was also omnipast and will be omnifuture.”

I Was There

I remember growing up watching a TV series called [“You Were There”](#). “The first telecast took place on February 1, 1953 and featured a re-enactment of the Hindenburg disaster. The final telecast took place on October 13, 1957. The series featured various key events in American and world history, portrayed in dramatic recreations. Additionally, CBS News reporters, in modern-day suits, reported on the action and interviewed the protagonists of each of the historical episodes. Each episode began with the characters setting the scene. [Walter Cronkite](#), from his anchor desk in New York City, gave a few words on what was about to happen. An announcer then gave the date and the event, followed by a loud and boldly spoken “You are there!”. The program was seen again on Saturday morning as a videotaped color program from 1971 to 1972. The format of the revival was basically the same as the original versions. A total of 90 episodes were broadcast. Only 75 episodes are known to exist in recorded form.”¹

I recently watched a new series by the History Channel. It is called “I Was There”. It is hosted by “Theo E.J. Wilson who leads us on an immersive journey to uniquely discover fascinating pieces of history. The audiences will feel as though they were right there in the action during such events as President Lincoln’s assassination or the battle of Stalingrad... Wilson is a fly on the wall as he breaks down the barrier between the audience and the action to revisit a series of critical historical events, disasters, triumphs and true stories to learn unexpected facts in an engaging, fast-moving, and often unpredictable way.”² Personally, I found this series excellently done because you are a participant.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.” John 1:1-4 This passage speaks about Christ who was present and participated in creation.

Yes, Christ can say about creation, “I was there”. During Noah’s flood, Christ can say; “I was there”. While Moses and the people crossed the Red Sea, Christ can say; “I was there”. During the Revolutionary, Civil War, and all wars, Christ can say; “I was there”. During the [great Chicago fire](#), [Johnstown flood](#), and the [Hindenburg disaster](#), Christ can say; “I was there”. At the death of your loved one, Christ can say, “I was there”. At your car wreck, Christ can say, “I was there”. At your wedding, Christ can say, “I was there”. For both bad and good events, Christ can say, “I was there”. He was present everywhere in the past, is at the present, and will be in the future. As a historian, I cannot wait to sit down with Him and talk about the past. History is really His store.

Yes, Christ can say that every event in human history and every event in your life, “I was there”. Now, it is up to you how He reacts. Christ could be just an observer / reporter, or He could be as a comforter, advisor, leader, miracle worker, or even a participant, in your or world events. “I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.” Matt 28:20 “Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.” Jer. 33:3 “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.” Rom 3:23 “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebs 4:16



I was there.
Both series had this disaster first.

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“Whither shall I go from thy spirit or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.”

Ps139:7-10



¹[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/You_Are_There_\(series\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/You_Are_There_(series))

²www.broadwayworld.com/bwwtv/article/The-HISTORY-Channel-Announces-New-I-WAS-THERE-Series-20220126

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