

Rembrandt – Insight into an Artist’s Mind

Rembrandt’s self-portraits are legion. He also painted himself into some of his Biblical and historic paintings. Here are three of them:

Rembrandt is
the 14th person
on the boat

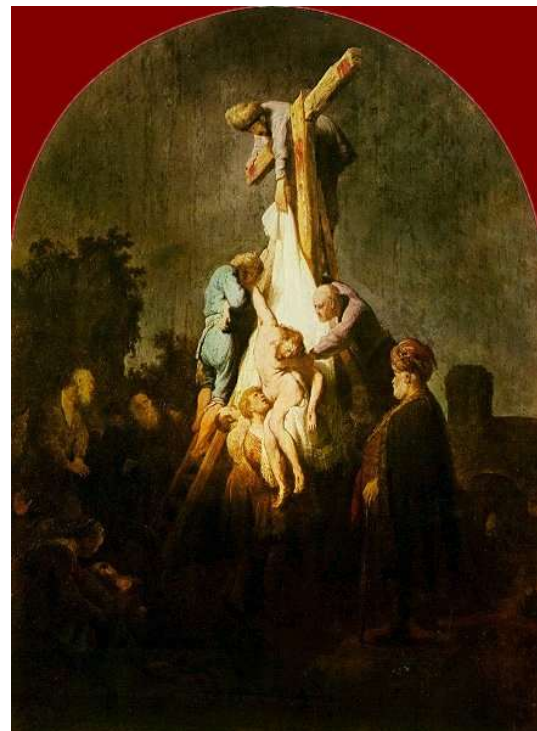


“The Storm on the Sea of Galilee”



“The Raising of the Cross.”

Rembrandt is the man in the blue cap



“The Descent from the Cross.”

Rembrandt is the man on the ladder

Rembrandt's Bible-based body of work

Here is a *partial* list of Rembrandt's Bible-based paintings, etchings, and drawings. It is only partial because some of these subjects he revisited time and again, drawing or painting from a different perspective. Fully a third of his entire output was based on the Bible. Many of these titles refer to events in the same chapter in the Bible. (e. g., "Simon with Jesus" and "The Presentation"; both are from Luke 2). Trying not to count the same chapter twice, I came up with a figure of more than 75 different Bible chapters represented in these titles – an impressive oeuvre, all influenced by the Word of God.

Paintings

A Heroine from the Old Testament , Abraham and the Angels, Abraham's Sacrifice, Balaam and the Ass, Bathsheba , Boaz and Ruth, Boaz pouring Six Measures of Barley into Ruth's veil, Christ and Mary Magdalene at the Tomb, Christ and the Samaritan at the Well, Christ in the Storm, Christ on the Cross, Christ Resurrected, Christ Washing the Feet of His Disciples, Daniel and King Cyrus in front of the Idol of Bel, Daniel in the Lion's Den, David and Jonathan, David Playing the Harp for Saul, David presents the Head of Goliath to King Saul, Ecce Homo, Esau Sells his Birthright to Jacob, Esther is Introduced to Ahasuerus, Esther with the Decree of Destruction, Haman and Ahasuerus visit Esther, Head of Christ, Jacob Blessing the Children of Joseph, Jacob wrestling with an Angel, Jeremiah Lamenting the Destruction of Jerusalem, John the Baptist Preaching, Joseph and Potiphar's Wife, Joseph Tells his Dreams. Judas Repentant, King Uzziah with Leprosy, Laban greets Jacob, Returning the Pieces of Silver, Martha and Mary at Jesus' feet, Matthew and the Angel, Moses Found, Moses at the Burning Bush, Moses smashing the Tables of Stone, Peter Denies Christ, Presentation in the Temple, Return of the Prodigal Son, Ruth and Naomi, Samson and Delilah, Samson at the Wedding, Samson Threatening his Father-in-law, Simon with Jesus, St Paul at his Writing-Desk, St. Peter and St. Paul disputing, The Adoration of the Shepherds, The Angel Appearing to Hagar in the Desert, The Apostle Bartholomew, The Apostle James, The Apostle Paul, The Apostle Paul in Prison, The Apostle Simon, The Ascension, The Baptism of the Eunuch, The Blinding of Samson, The Departure of the Shunamite, The Descent from the Cross, The Entombment, The Fall in Eden, The Feast of Belshazzar: The Writing on the Wall, The Holy Family, The Lamentation over the Dead Christ, The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, The Prodigal Son in the Tavern, The Raising of Lazarus, The Raising of the Cross, The Reconciliation of Jacob and Esau, The Rest of the Flight into Egypt, The Resurrection of Christ, The Rich Man from the Parable of Luke 12, The Samaritan at the Well, The Stoning of St. Stephen, The Supper at Emmaus, The Vision of Daniel on the Banks of the River Ulai, The Visitation, The Woman Taken in Adultery.

Etchings and Drawings

A Holy Family, A Sketch for a Flight into Egypt, Abraham Caressing Isaac, Abraham Entertaining the Angels, Abraham Sending Away Hagar and Ishmael, Abraham with his Son Isaac, Abraham's Sacrifice, Adam and Eve, Christ Preaching, David on his Knees, Jacob Lamenting the Supposed Death of Joseph, Jacob with Laban, Jesus and His Parents Returning from Jerusalem, Jesus and the Samaritan Woman, Jesus Christ Entombed, Jesus Christ's Body Carried to the Tomb, Jesus Disputing with the Doctors, Jesus Driving out the Money Changers, Jesus Healing the Sick, Jesus Preaching, Joseph and the Wife of Potiphar, Joseph Telling his Dreams, Our Lord and Disciples at Emmaus, Our Lord before Pilate, Our Lord in the Garden of the Olives, St. Peter, St. Peter and St. John at the Gate of the Temple, The Adoration of the Shepherds, The Angel Appearing to the Shepherds, The Baptism of the Eunuch, The Crucifixion, The Descent from the Cross, The Descent from the Cross; a Night Scene, The Flight into Egypt, The Flight into Egypt; Called "In the Style of Elzheimer," The Flight into Egypt; The Holy Family Crossing the Rill, The Good Samaritan, The Holy Family; With the Serpent, The Martyrdom of St. Stephen, The Nativity, The Presentation in the Vaulted Temple, The Presentation; In Rembrandt's Dark Manner, The Presentation; With the Angel, The Prodigal Son, The Resurrection of Lazarus, The Samaritan Woman--at the Ruins, The Star of the Kings, The Three Crosses, The Tribute Money, The Triumph of Mordacai, The Virgin Mourning the Death of Jesus, The Virgin with a Basket of Linen.