

“How I Know the Bible is God’s Word.”*

The Bible is the most astonishing and incredible book in the entire history of the human race.

It has been published in more copies and editions than any other book in history — without even a close second!

► **The Bible says,**

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16).

► **Of the 26 religious scriptures claimed by their followers to be “from God,” how do we know that the Bible is indeed God’s Word?**

- Over 2,600 times in the Old Testament alone, it is claimed that the scriptures were written by God.
- It is incredible that good men could lie about the same subject 2,600 times.

► **God Himself tells us how we may know whether a book or a prophet has come from Him; God is the only one who knows the future.**

“When a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does

not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken...” (See Deuteronomy 18:27).

“I am God ... Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done ...” (Isaiah 46:9a, 10).

► **Only the Bible contains specific predictive prophecies**

- There are some 350 specific prophecies in the Old Testament that Jesus fulfilled in His birth, ministry, death, and resurrection. Just a few among them:
 - He would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)
 - He would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14)
 - He would crucified (Psalm 22)

Nothing in all of the literature of mankind even vaguely approaches this.

▶ The Bible shows amazing unity.

- The Bible is composed of 66 different chapters or books.
- These books were written centuries apart by about 40 different authors, living in several different nations on several different continents
- They were written in three different languages—Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek.
- Yet, it is fully self-consistent and tells one coherent story: of the redemption of sinful man by the grace of God through faith in the shed blood of the Redeemer.

In the words of the great Westminster Confession of Faith, “the consent of all the parts, the scope of the whole ...are arguments whereby it does abundantly evidence itself to be the Word of God.”

▶ The Bible is also confirmed by archaeology.

- Every time the archaeologists turn over their spades, it seems they discover another confirmation of the Scripture. For example:
 - The Dead Sea Scrolls, first discovered in 1947, showed

the Old Testament text had been transmitted extremely faithfully through the ages.

- The Hittites, described in the Bible, were thought by academics to be mythological—until late 19th century archaeologists discovered their vast kingdom.
- Nelson Glueck, famed archaeologist, said that it can be categorically stated that not one single archaeological discovery has ever controverted a Biblical text.

▶ No other book in the history of mankind has ever endured such continued attack by so many, for so many ages.

- For 2,600 years, all of the powers of this world have combined to destroy this book, yet it still remains. The anvil stands: the hammers lie broken about it.

▶ The Bible can transform lives and nations, if we will let it. It has done that repeatedly.

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