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The Reliability of The God's Word
Selected Script.

There are people that do not believe the Bible is inerrant and infallible, but merely a book like any other, not the divine revelation of God. 2Tim. 3:16-17; 2Pet. 1:19-21

The records of 1-2Chronicles provides evidence they are God's Inspired word characterized by three things.

- I.** The prophetic line of the Messiah.
- II.** The prophetic judgment and captivity of Judah.
- III.** The prophetic return to the land of Israel.

I. The prophetic line of the Messiah.

- A.** The family of Adam to Abraham. 1Chron. 1:1-27
 - 1.** These are genealogical records that were taken to Babylon after the destruction of the temple and Jerusalem, "Adam, Seth, Enosh, Cainan, Mahalalel, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth." vs. 1-4
 - a.** The key word genealogy. 1Chron. 4:33; 5:1, 7; 7:9; 9:22; 26:31; 2Chron. 31:18
 - b.** The key word genealogies. 1Chron. 1:29; 5:17; 7:5, 7, 40; 9:1; 2Chron. 12:15; 31:19

- c.** 1-2Chronicles are of the kings of Judah, not Israel, quoted in Kings. 1Kings 14:29; 15:7, 23; 22:45; 2Kings 8:23; 12:19; 14:18; 15:6, 36, 19, 20; 21:17, 25, 28; 24:5
 - d.** The first nine chapters are the longest genealogical record in the Scriptures and none in human history equals in length.
 - e.** The genealogy reveals the Jews trusted in the authenticity of the genealogy of Adam to the present. Gen. 5:1-32
- 2.** The reference to this genealogical record means the Jews believed the Genesis record of creation as reliable truth.
- a.** That God created everything in existence. Gen. 1:1-2:1
 - b.** That God created Adam and Eve. Gen. 1:26-27; 5:2
 - c.** That man lived for hundreds of year prior to the flood. Gen. 5
- 3.** The reference to this genealogical record means the Jews believed the fall as reliable truth therefore understand evil in the world.
- a.** That Eve was deceived and Adam transgressed, sin and death passed to all man in Adam, as the Federal head of the human race. Gen. 3; Rom. 5:12
 - b.** That Adam had children in his own likeness, fallen with evil intents and thoughts continually. Gen. 5:3; 6:5

4. The reference to this genealogical record means the Jews believed in God's judgment of the world through a flood.
 - a. They believed Enoch was Noah's Great Grandfather, walked with God and was translated from the earth. Gen. 5:24
 - b. They believed Noah's Grandfather was Methuselah, whose name means "when he dies the end will come", the longest living person, 969 years. Gen. 5:27
 - c. They believed Lamech was the father of Noah, the ninth generation from Adam and Noah the tenth. Gen. 5:28, 30-32
 - d. They believed Noah fathered three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth at age 500, that God told Noah to build an ark, warn the world of the judgment, the entire world perished and was repopulated by Noah's three sons. Gen. 5:32; 6:10; 7:11; 9:19
* Covering about 1556 years of man's existence to this point!
 - e. They believed the line of Messiah was the line of Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah, Eber, Peleg, Reu, Serug, Nahor, Terah, and Abram, who *is* Abraham." 1Chron. 1:24-27; Gen. 11:10-27

B. The family of Abraham to David. 1Chron. 1:28-2:15

1. The genealogy of Ishmael. 1Chron 1:28-31

- a. They believed the genealogy of Ishmael revealed he was the son of Abraham by the Egyptian bondswoman Hagar. Gen. 16
- b. They knew Ishamel was not the heir to the promise.
2. The genealogy of the sons of Keturah. 1Chron. 1:32-33
 - a. They believed the sons of Keturah were sons of Abraham of his concubine that he married after Sarah's death. Gen. 25:1-4
 - b. They understood the sons had no part of the promise, for Abraham still living sent them eastward, away from Isaac his son, to the country of the east." Gen. 25:6
3. The genealogy of Abraham begotting Isaac, who begot Esau and Israel. 1Chron. 1:34-54
 - a. They believed Isaac was the son of promise.
 - b. They understood Esau, the nation of Edom was excluded from the promise.
4. The genealogy of Israel or Jacob through Judah to David. 1Chron. 2:1-15
 - a. They believed Jacob begot twelve sons, "These *were* the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher." vs. 1-2
 - 1) The number and order of lists of the twelve tribes are different. Gen. 49:3-27; Ex. 1:2-4

- 2) Levi had no land inheritance; Jacob included the two sons of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim in the tribes.
 - b. They believed the genealogy was traced from Judah to David, through Tamar to David. 1Chron. 2:3-15
 - 1) The sons of Judah were Er, Onan, and Shelah. vs. 3
 - 2) “Boaz begot Obed, and Obed begot Jesse; Jesse begot Eliab his firstborn, Abinadab the second, Shimea the third, Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth, Ozem the sixth, *and* David the seventh. vs. 12-15
- C. The family of David to Messiah. 1Chron. 3:10-4:1
- 1. The genealogy of Solomon. 1Chron. 3:10-24
 - a. They believed the family of Judah was the line of the Messiah. 1Chron. 4:1-23
 - 1) “The sons of Judah *were* Perez, Hezron, Carmi, Hur, and Shobal.” vs. 1
 - 2) “Now the records are ancient.” vs. 22g
 - b. They believed Nathan gave the prophecy to David, “When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall **build** a **house** for My

- name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.” 2Sam. 7:12-13
- 1) Short-term through Solomon.
 - 2) Long-term through Jesus the Messiah.
- 2. Matthew believed the genealogy and recorded the ascension from Abraham through Solomon to Joseph, yet Coniah was cursed from the throne, but Joseph was not the father of Jesus. Matt. 1
 - * These genealogies were kept in the temple at Jerusalem in the days of Jesus, anyone could verify the accuracy of the line of Jesus, yet no one ever contested it.
 - a. “The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham: Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his brothers. Judah begot Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram. Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Salmon. Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her *who had been the wife* of Uriah.” vs. 1-6
 - b. “And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David *are* fourteen

generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon *are* fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ *are* fourteen generations.” vs. 16-17

3. Luke believed the genealogy and recorded the descension from Mary back through Nathan, the brother of Solomon, the legal blood line. LK. 3
 - a. “Now Jesus Himself began *His ministry* at about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) *the son of Joseph, the son of Heli.*” vs. 23
 - b. “*the son of Melea, the son of Menan, the son of Mattathah, the son of Nathan, the son of David.*” vs. 31
 - c. “*the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalel, the son of Cainan, the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.*” vs. 36-38

Illustration

Take our present society that is allowing individuals to go back and change their sex on their birth certificates if they want to, under Statute: Cal. Health & Safety Code § 103426 (2018). Or that illegal citizens can vote in national election, as citizens!

* Altering the authentic public record and reliability!

Application

1. The Jews believed these genealogical records as authentic and reliable, think of the time proximity of Adam to the days of Noah to transfer them reliably.
 - a. If there are no gaps in the Genesis record after the flood then it gives to us a period of 2,000 years between Adam and Abraham.
 - b. Noah was born in 1056 B.C., 126 after Adam’s death in 930 B.C., and fourteen years before the death of Seth in 1042 B.C.
 - c. Enoch lived 308 years as a contemporary with Adam, Methuselah lived 243 years and Lamech, Noah’s father lived 56 years as a contemporary with Adam.
 - d. Eight of the ten generation were alive at Lamech’s birth except for Adam and Seth’s.
2. Noah had first hand knowledge of Creation, the fall, Abel’s murder and Enoch taken by God.
 - a. If so, then Terah the father of Abraham was born 222 years after the flood. Gen. 11:10-24
 - b. Noah lived 350 years after the flood. Gen. 9:28
 - c. If you do the math Noah and Terah would have been contemporaries for 128 years.
 - d. Terah begot Abram at one-hundred and thirty years not 70 as it seems to imply. Gen. 11:26
 - e. For Terah died at 205 years of age and Abram left Haran at 75 years of age, if you subtract them you get 130 years.

- f. The age of Terah at Abram's birth, which is 352 years after the flood reveals Noah died two years before Abram was born. Gen. 11:32; 12:4
- g. Even if you do not correct the age of Terah for the birth of Abram, then it would show Noah living 58 years as a contemporary of Abram.

This is the reliable prophetic line of the Messiah!

II. The prophetic judgment and captivity of Judah.

- A. The political state of Judah had been under the judgment of God.
 - 1. Jeremiah the prophet suffered much and is known as the "Weeping Prophet".
 - a. He prophesied a forty years to Judah.
 - * Probably up to fifty plus years being forced to go to Egypt and he prophesied their judgment. Jer. 43-44
 - b. Jeremiah warned of coming judgment.
 - 1) "And this whole land shall be a desolation *and* an astonishment, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon **seventy years.**" Jer. 25:11
 - 2) "then I will make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth." Jer. 26:6
 - 3) "So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah

- speaking these words in the house of the LORD." Jer. 26:7
- c. Three times God told Jeremiah not to pray any longer for the people.
 - 1) "Therefore do not pray for this people, nor lift up a cry or prayer for them, nor make intercession to Me; for I will not hear you." Jer. 7:16
 - 2) "So do not pray for this people, or lift up a cry or prayer for them; for I will not hear *them* in the time that they cry out to Me because of their trouble." Jer. 11:14
 - 3) "Then the LORD said to me, "Do not pray for this people, for *their* good." Jer. 14:11
- d. Chronicles confirmed the judgment.
 - 1) "Jehozadak went *into captivity* when the LORD carried Judah and Jerusalem into **captivity** by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar." 1Chron. 6:15
 - 2) "And those who escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon, where they became servants to him and his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfill **seventy years.**" 2Chron. 36:20-21

2. The Chronicles were written when Judah was no longer a monarch, having no king.
 - a. Judah was comprised of a small group of exiles returning from their captivity of Babylon after 70 years.
 - b. Judah had returned as a vassel to Persia.
 - c. The Jews believed Chronicles cover 3500 years of authentic and reliable records from Adam to the captivity. 1Chron. 1-2Chron. 36
3. The prophetic clock of God was right on schedule.
 - a. Persia was the second empire to rule the world as revealed to Nebuchadnezzar by an image. Dan. 2
 - b. The entire period is known as “The Times of the Gentiles”, the metals of the image decline in purity and worth being inferior to the previous one.
 - 1) Babylon was the head of gold.
 - 2) Medo-Persia was the shoulders and arms of silver.
 - 3) Greece was the belly of brass.
 - 4) The legs of iron was Rome.
 - 5) The last empire is the ten toes of iron and clay, the Anti-Christ and the ten-nation confederacy.
 - 6) The rock that struck the image at the feet is the Second Coming of Jesus to set up the Kingdom. Dan. 2:31-45

- B. The religious state of Judah was equally under the judgment of God.
 1. The Temple of Solomon was gone, Nebuchadnezzar had it completely destroyed. 2Kings 24-25; Ezk. 10
 - a. All the gold, silver and bronze was taken.
 - b. All the furnishings the priest, etc.
 - c. All evidence of a temple was removed.
 - d. The Shekinah glory left the temple.

* “Thus says the LORD: ‘Behold, I will bring calamity on this place and on its inhabitants, all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah, ‘because they have forsaken Me and burned incense to other gods, that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands. Therefore My wrath will be poured out on this place, and not be quenched.’””
2Chron. 34:24-25
 2. The corrupt times had spiritual reforms and revivals by five good kings, recorded in 21 of the 36 chapters. 2Chron. 14-35
 - a. The reform of Asa. 2Chron. 14-16
 - b. The reform of Jehoshaphat. 2Chron. 17-20
 - c. The reform of Joash. 2Chron. 23-24
 - d. The reform of Hezekiah. 2Chron. 29-32
 - e. The reform of Josiah. 2Chron. 34-35

* The key to every one of these reforms and renewal of revival was the return and

obedience to the Word of God. 2Chron. 15:8, 9; 17:3, 4; 23:16-21; 24:1-6; 29:3-36; 30:1, 15, 16; 34:18-21

- C. The judgment state of Judah called the people to repentance to receive the blessings of God.
1. The repeated theme in Chronicles is for the people to repent, appearing eleven times.
 - a. The key verse is quoted often out of context, “if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2Chron. 7:14
 - b. “And *when* they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they have been carried captive, and pray toward their land which You gave to their fathers, the city which You have chosen, and toward the temple which I have built for Your name: then hear from heaven Your dwelling place their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive Your people who have sinned against You.” 2Chron. 6:38-39
 - c. The comment on Rehoboam, “And he did evil, because he did not prepare his heart to seek the LORD.” 2Chron. 12:14

- d. Asa hired the King of Syria to defend him from Baasha the king of Israel, “For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of *those* whose heart *is* loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars.” 2Chron. 16:9
 - e. “For a multitude of the people, many from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet they ate the Passover contrary to what was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, “May the good LORD provide atonement for everyone *who* prepares his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though *he is* not *cleansed* according to the purification of the sanctuary.” 2Chron. 30:18-19
2. The repeated words, phrases and declarations related to repentance are many.
- a. “Loyal heart, all their heart, set their hearts to seek the LORD God of Israel, he did not prepare their heart to seek the LORD, sought the LORD with all his heart, not with a loyal heart, when he was strong in his heart was lifted up, willing heart, singleness of heart, tender heart, and hardened his heart.”
 - b. The word heart appears in 1-2Chronicles 48 times singular, 5 plural, 53 in total.

3. The judgment in 1-2Chronicles is laid on the responsibility of the King and leaders.
 - a. The Northern Kingdom was led to idol worship by Jeroboam all evil kings.
 - * “And they were unfaithful to the God of their fathers, and played the harlot after the gods of the peoples of the land, whom God had destroyed before them. So the God of **Israel** stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, that is, Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria. He carried the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh into captivity. He took them to Halah, Habor, Hara, and the river of Gozan to this day.” 1Chron. 5:25-26
 - b. The Southern kingdom had a good number of her kings.
 - 1) “So all Israel was recorded by genealogies, and indeed, they *were* inscribed in the book of the kings of Israel. But Judah was carried away captive to Babylon because of their unfaithfulness.” 1Chron. 9:1
 - 2) “So Saul died for his unfaithfulness which he had committed against the LORD, because he did not keep the word of the LORD, and also because he consulted a medium for guidance. But *he* did not inquire of the LORD; therefore He killed him, and turned

the kingdom over to David the son of Jesse.” 1Chron. 10:13-14

- 3) Asa depended on God, then he did not, “And at that time Hanani the seer came to **Asa** king of Judah, and said to him: “Because you have relied on the king of Syria, and have not relied on the LORD your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped from your hand.” 2Chron. 16:7

Illustration

Noah preached for 100 years, no one believed!

Application

1. The state of our nation is fractured and corrupt like Judah for the same reasons rejecting God and idolatry.
 - a. The Trojan Horse to America is progressive education that has corrupted the youth teaching there is no God, morals or ethics.
 - b. The educators, political leaders and judges have replace these authentic and reliable truths with Political Correctness of hate crimes, racism, sexism and feminism.
 - c. The news media has become the cheer-leaders to the liberal progressive political socialism to restrain and silence the patriot, conservative, veteran and Christian, as in the days of Jeremiah.
 - * “Understanding *is* a wellspring of life to him who has it. But the correction of fools *is*

folly. The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, And adds learning to his lips. Pleasant words *are like* a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the bones. There is a **way** *that seems* right to a man, But its end *is* the **way** of **death**.” Prov. 16:22-25

2. The problem with the state of our nation is spiritual.
 - a. Churches and Pastors have become liberal and worldly, mixing psychology and humanism.
 - b. Churches and Pastors do not believe doctrine is important, so the Emergent Church teaches no objective reliable truth can be learned or trusted from the Bible!
 - c. Churches and Pastors are redefining the Church and a Christian, a parallel to progressive humanism.
 - * “For whatever things were written before were written for **our learning**, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.” Rom. 15:4
3. The only thing that can correct the state of our nation is individual repentance through the gospel.
 - a. Believing Jesus died for the sins of the world.
 - b. Believing and confessing I am a sinner in need of forgiveness of my sins.
 - c. Believing and trusting Jesus to live through me!
 - * “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord,

who has believed our report? So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” Rom. 10:15c-17

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III. The prophetic return to the land of Israel.

- A. The return from captivity was prophesied.
 1. Jeremiah prophesied the punishment of Babylon before the 70 year captivity was over, “Then it will come to pass, when **seventy years** are completed, *that* I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity,” says the LORD; ‘and I will make it a perpetual desolation.” Jer. 25:12
 2. Jeremiah prophesied the return before they went into captivity, “For thus says the LORD: After **seventy years** are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place.” Jer. 29:10
 3. Jeremiah confirmed the judgment of Babylon by a letter in the midst of the captivity, “So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that would come upon Babylon, all these words that are written against Babylon. And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, “When you arrive in Babylon and see it, and

read all these words, “then you shall say, ‘O LORD, You have spoken against this place to cut it off, so that none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but it shall be desolate forever.’ Now it shall be, when you have finished reading this book, *that* you shall tie a stone to it and throw it out into the **Euphrates**. Then you shall say, ‘Thus Babylon shall sink and not rise from the catastrophe that I will bring upon her. And they shall be weary.’” Thus far *are* the words of Jeremiah.” Jer. 51:60-64

B. The Jews had been placed by God in positions of influence in Persia.

1. The prophet Daniel had served as prime minister in Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar and Persia under Cyrus. Dan. 2, 6
2. The young woman Hadassah or Esther was made Queen and her uncle Mordecai prime minister of Persia by Ahashuerus. Esth. 2, 6
3. The prophet Zerubbabel was the political leader that led the first return to repatriate the nation and rebuild the temple in 536-7 B.C. under Cyrus. Ezra 1-6
* Only 49,897 Jews returned, Zerubbabel’s temple was completed in 516 B.C.
4. The Scribe Ezra led the second return that occurred 80 years after Zerubbabel, about 457 B. C. with only 1497 Jews. Ezra 7-10

5. Artaxexes gave the decree to Nehemiah to restore and rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem in troublous time, March 14, 445 B.C. Neh. 1-2
6. The people were back in the land, but not with their God dismissing the covenant and promise of the Messianic Davidic Kingdom.
7. This spiritual stagnation is revealed through the six post-exilic books, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi.
8. Chronicles were written to remind and encourage the people of God’s faithfulness focusing on the line of David and Judah, the tribe the Messiah would come from.

C. The instrument of God was Cyrus.

1. The author closes the book with the declaration, “Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also *put it* in writing, saying, Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD God of heaven has given me. And He has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem which is in Judah. Who *is* among you of all His people? May the LORD his God *be* with him, and let him go up!” 2Chron. 36:22-23

2. The author is most likely Eza since he open his own book with the same words and a commentary, “Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also *put it* in writing, saying, Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD God of heaven has given me. And He has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem which *is* in Judah.” 3 Who *is* among you of all His people? May his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem which *is* in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel (He *is* God), which *is* in Jerusalem.” Ezra 1:1-3

Illustration

Jeremiah was told by God to redeem some land at Anathoth and he question how he would be possible since the city was being taken and God asked him, “Behold, I *am* the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too **hard** for **Me**?” Jer. 32:27

Application

1. God also prophesied Israel would return to the land before His Second Coming.
- a. Ezekiel prophesied about the vally of dry bones that would comes alive and live. Ezk. 37

- b. The prophecy is two-fold, short-term they have returned to the land, but not their God, as in the time of Chronicles and Ezra, long-term is during the Great-Tribulation as God will pour out His Spirit on His remant.
 - * “Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.” Amos 3:7
2. The empires of the world by the image revealed to Nebuchadnezzar have been fulfilled, except the ten toes of iron and clay, the kingdom of the Anti-Christ.
 - a. We are in the Age of Grace as God is gathering up His bride, the church.
 - b. The church age will close at the rapture to start the Day of the LORD, a seven year Tribulation.
 - c. God calls you to repent, lest you be left behind for God’s worst judgment in the history of man!
 - * “For when they say, “**Peace** and **safety**!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.” 1Thess. 5:3

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Conclusion

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