



## The Bible: Part 2

*Can I Trust the Bible*

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There is \_\_\_\_\_ truth

### 1. Has the Bible Been Changed or Corrupted?

- Apply the science of \_\_\_\_\_ Criticism:
- Blackout Periods for Ancient Texts:
  - Herodotus = \_\_\_\_\_ years.
  - Caesar's Gallic War = \_\_\_\_\_ years.
  - Livy's Roman History = \_\_\_\_\_ years.
  - Homer's Iliad = \_\_\_\_\_ years.
  - The New Testament = Between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ years.
- Number of Ancient Manuscripts:
  - Herodotus = \_\_\_\_\_ copies
  - Caesar's Gallic War = \_\_\_\_\_ copies
  - Livy's Roman History = \_\_\_\_\_ copies
  - Homer's Iliad = \_\_\_\_\_ copies
  - The New Testament = \_\_\_\_\_ copies.
- Application: Deeply cherish your copy of the \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. Is the Bible Divinely Inspired?

- There were over \_\_\_\_\_ prophecies written in the Old Testament that were later fulfilled by Jesus.
- The important events of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus were foretold in the Old Testament.
- Application: Rejoice that God has \_\_\_\_\_ himself to us through the Bible.

### 3. If the Bible written for a different culture, is it still applicable to our lives today?

- The Culture was actually very similar to what it is today.
- The Bible was more counter-cultural in the Greco-Roman Culture than it is for us today.
- Application: Delight that God has shown us how to \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Excerpts from Isaiah 53

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief... Surely, he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows...

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

By oppression and judgment, he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

...although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth... yet he bore the sin of many

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