

Why The Bible Is The Word Of God Pt. 2.

JOHN 1:1-5 NKJV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not [a]comprehend it.

Why You should be certain that God is the Author of the Bible.

1. The Bible says so. Those who were used of God to write the Bible claim frequently (over 3000 times) that they were transmitting the very word of God. This is an incredible claim for anyone to make so emphatically if it were not so. Isa. 44:6, 43:1, Jer. 30:1-2, Eze. 38:1, Hos. 1:1, Rev. 1:1-3

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- 2 The historical accuracy of its prophecies and predictions. Hundreds of Biblical prophecies and predictions dealing with individuals, cities, and nations have been literally and precisely fulfilled often long after the death of the writer. Christ alone fulfilled over 300 prophecies. To say that these are fulfilled by chance is an astronomical impossibility. There is no other book that can demonstrate this kind of specific prophetic evidence on such an overwhelming scale. Isa. 46:10, 44:7-8, 42:8-9

Some Other Prophecies Of Scripture That Are Now Historical Facts

- a. The coming of Cyrus to defeat ancient Babylon, release the Jews from Exile and order the rebuilding of the Temple was accurately predicted over 150 years before it occurred and before the Jews went into exile or the temple was destroyed. This is a historical fact. Isa.44:28; 45:1-4; Ezra 1:1-4

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- b. Daniels Prophecy about the kingdoms of the World received through Nebuchadnezzar's dream 63 years before they began to be fulfilled all confirmed by History so far. Dan.2:29-48; 8:1-22;
 - I. Babylonian Empire: 612 BC - 539 BC
 - II. Medo-Persian empire: 539BC - 331 BC
 - III. Grecian Empire: 331 BC - 146 BC
 - IV. Roman Empire; 146 BC - 476 AD

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- c. Daniel predicted the rise of the Grecian empire and details of the conquests of Alexander the Great in Daniel 8:1-22; about 200 years before they came to pass. That is a historical fact. Dan.8:20-22
- d. Daniel predicted in about 538 BC the exact time (483 years after the order of Cyrus to rebuild the temple) that Christ will come as the messiah, and it was exactly so. Daniel 9:24-26A

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- e. God told Abraham that his descendants will be slaves in a foreign Land for 400 years over 250 years before the enslavement in Egypt began. This is also a historical fact. Gen.15:13-14; Exo.12:40-41
- f. The scattering and reemergence of Israel as a nation predicted by scriptures over 600 years before they were scattered and over 2000 years before they reemerged as a nation in 1948. Lev.26:33; Deut.28:64; Jer.16:14-15; Isa.11:12; 43:5-6; Ezek.36:24; 36:33-35;

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3. The Bible works. It contains the solution to all of life's problems which has been proven by the testimonies of many. Our personal experiences prove that the Bible is the word of God. And not just ours but experiences of people from over 3500 years ago has given witness to the supernatural power and wisdom in this book.

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4. The Bible's tremendous influence. Although there is no other book on earth that has been as hated, as attacked, as resisted, as the Bible, yet there is no other book that has been read, published, and distributed more than the Bible. Its' tremendous success in the face of all opposition proves that the hand of God is behind it.
5. The authority with which the Bible speaks. No book speaks with that kind of authority Isa. 43:11, 44:6, 46:9-11

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6. The unity, consistency and singleness of its theme though written by 40 different authors, with 40 different personalities and experiences, on a multitude of contentious issues, in three languages, on three continents, over several generations spanning a period of about 1500 years.

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7. Archeological accuracy of the scriptures: Archaeology has independently confirmed the historical accuracy of the scriptures. Not only have many of the locations and traditions that are mentioned in the Bible been confirmed by field workers in the Middle East and researchers that study ancient histories, but specific events cited have often been shown to match in great detail

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8. Scientific Accuracy of the Bible. Science has confirmed empirically many principles of nature already contained in the Bible long before science discovered them. Only God the creator could have understood those principles of nature at the time they were stated in the Bible.

Scientific Principles In The Bible Before Science Discovered Them

- a. Roundness of the earth Isa. 40:22; Prov.8:27;
- b. Innumerability of stars Jer. 33:22; Jdg.5:20
- c. The universe has a beginning. Gen.1:1; Heb.1:10-12
- d. The expanding universe. Job 9:8; Isa.42:5; 40:22; Jer.51:15;
- e. The earth hangs on nothing. Job 26:7
- f. Rotation of the Earth and Time zones. Lk.17:34-36.

ISAIAH 40:22 NKJV

It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.

PROVERBS 8:27 NKJV

*When He prepared the heavens, I was there, When He
drew a circle on the face of the deep,*

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JEREMIAH 33:22 NKJV

As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.'

JUDGES 5:20 NKJV

They fought from the heavens; The stars from their courses fought against Sisera.

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GENESIS 1:1 NKJV

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

HEBREWS 1:10-12 NKJV

And: “You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. 11 They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; 12 Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail.”

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JOB 9:8 NKJV

*He alone spreads out the heavens, And [a]treads on the
[b]waves of the sea;*

ISALAH 42:5A

*Thus says God the Lord, Who created the heavens and
stretched them out,*

JEREMIAH 51:15 NKJV

He has made the earth by His power; He has established the world by His wisdom, And stretched out the heaven by His understanding.

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JOB 26:7 NKJV

*He stretches out the north over empty space; He hangs
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LUKE 17:34-36 NKJV

I tell you, in that night there will be two [a]men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. 35 Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. 36 [b]Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left.”

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- h. Atmospheric Circulation. Eccl.1:6;
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ECCLESIASTES 1:7 NKJV

All the rivers run into the sea, Yet the sea is not full; To the place from which the rivers come, There they return again.

JOB 36:27-28

For He draws up drops of water, Which distill as rain from the mist, 28 Which the clouds drop down And pour abundantly on man.

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ECCLESIASTES 1:6 NKJV

*The wind goes toward the south, And turns around to
the north; The wind whirls about continually, And
comes again on its circuit.*

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LEVITICUS 17:11 NKJV

For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'

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LEVITICUS 7:23 NKJV

“Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘You shall not eat any fat, of ox or sheep or goat.

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LEVITICUS 12:3 NKJV

And on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

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“Have you entered the springs of the sea? Or have you walked in search of the depths?”

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MATTHEW 24:24 NKJV

For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

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MATTHEW 24:6-7 NKJV

And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for [a]all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, [b]pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

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MATTHEW 24:12 NKJV

And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

2 TIMOTHY 3:1-5 NKJV

But know this, that in the last days [a]perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, [b]unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

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2 THESSALONIANS 2:3 NKJV

Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of [a]sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

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EZEKIEL 36:24 NKJV

For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.

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Matt.4:4
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MATTHEW 4:4 NKJV

But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’ ”

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MATTHEW 5:17-18 NKJV

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one [a] jot or one [b] tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

ACTS 19:20 NKJV

So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

Prayer

Father, in the name of Jesus, let Your word grow mightily and prevail in my life, in my family and in the life of every member of this church, thereby establishing our dominion on the earth both as a church and as individuals this year in the name of Jesus. -Acts 19:20