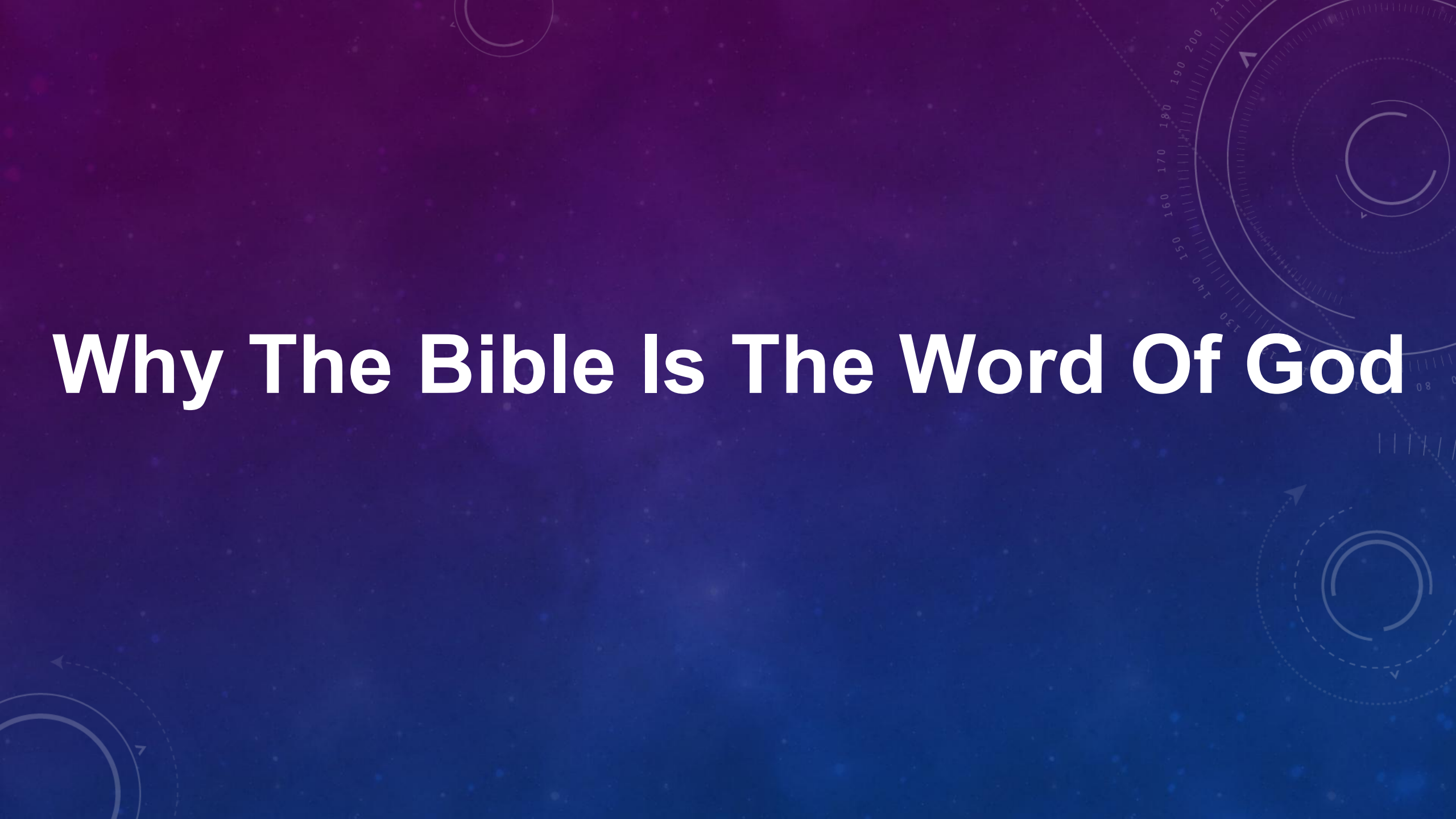


Why The Bible Is The Word Of God

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2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 NKJV

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for [a]instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 PETER 1:20-21 NKJV

knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private [a]interpretation, 21 for prophecy never came by the will of man, but [b]holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

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

ISAIAH 44:6 NKJV

“Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, And his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: ‘I am the First and I am the Last; Besides Me there is no God.

ISALAH 43:1 NKJV

*But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob,
And He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have
redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are
Mine.*

JEREMIAH 30:1-2 NKJV

*The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, 2
“Thus speaks the Lord God of Israel, saying: ‘Write in a book
for yourself all the words that I have spoken to you.*

EZEKIEL 38:1

Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

HOSEA 1:1 NKJV

The word of the Lord that came to Hosea the son of Beer, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

REVELATION 1:1-3 NKJV

The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants—things which must [a]shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John, 2 who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw. 3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

REVELATION 1:17-19 NKJV

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying [a]to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. 18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of [b]Hades and of Death. 19 [c]Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

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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

ISAIAH 46:10 NKJV

Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'

ISAIAH 42:8-9 NKJV

I am the Lord, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images. 9 Behold, the former things have come to pass, And new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them."

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

ISAIAH 44:28 NKJV

Who says of Cyrus, 'He is My shepherd, And he shall perform all My pleasure, Saying to Jerusalem, "You shall be built," And to the temple, "Your foundation shall be laid."

ISAIAH 45:1-4 NKJV

“Thus says the Lord to His anointed, To Cyrus, whose right hand I have [a]held— To subdue nations before him And loose the armor of kings, To open before him the double doors, So that the gates will not be shut: 2 ‘I will go before you And[b] make the [c]crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze And cut the bars of iron. 3 I will give you the treasures of darkness And hidden riches of secret places, That you may know that I, the Lord, Who call you by your name, Am the God of Israel. 4 For Jacob My servant’s sake, And Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known Me.

EZRA 1:1-3 NKJV

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, 2 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 [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

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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

DANIEL 8:20-22 NKJV

The ram which you saw, having the two horns—they are the kings of Media and Persia. 21 And the [a]male goat is the [b]kingdom of Greece. The large horn that is between its eyes is the first king. 22 As for the broken horn and the four that stood up in its place, four kingdoms shall arise out of that nation, but not with its power

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DANIEL 9:24-26A NKJV

*“Seventy [a]weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city,
To finish the transgression, [b]To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation
for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and
prophecy, And to anoint [c]the Most Holy. 25 “Know therefore and understand,
That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until
Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The
[d]street shall be built again, and the [e]wall, Even in troublesome times.. 26
“And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall [f]be cut off, but not for Himself;*

Some Other Prophecies Of Scripture That Are Now Historical Facts

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GENESIS 15:13-14 NKJV

Then He said to Abram: “Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years. 14 And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

EXODUS 12:40-41 NKJV

Now the [a]sojourn of the children of Israel who lived in [b]Egypt was four hundred and thirty years. 41 And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years—on that very same day—it came to pass that all the armies of the Lord went out from the land of Egypt.

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LEVITICUS 26:33 NKJV

I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you; your land shall be desolate and your cities waste.

DEUTERONOMY 28:64 NKJV

“Then the Lord will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known—wood and stone.

JEREMIAH 16:14-15 NKJV

“Therefore behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “that it shall no more be said, ‘The Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’ 15 but, ‘The Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them.’ For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers.

ISAIAH 11:12 NKJV

He will set up a banner for the nations, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel, And gather together the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth.

EZEKIEL 36:24

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

ISAIAH 43:5-6 NKJV

*Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your
descendants from the east, And gather you from the
west; 6 I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to
the south, 'Do not keep them back!' Bring My sons from
afar, And My daughters from the ends of the earth—*

EZEKIEL 36:33-35 NKJV

‘Thus says the Lord God: “On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt. 34 The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by. 35 So they will say, ‘This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.

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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.
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Influence of the Bible.

- a. The bible is the first book ever printed in 1454 AD by Gutenberg.
- b. The development of European culture and all western civilizations is based on the bible
- c. The 10 commandments are the cornerstone of Jurisprudence and the sermon on the mount the foundation of morality and ethics around the world.
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ISAIAH 44:6

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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

PSALM 119:97 NKJV

Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.

EPHESIANS 1:17

that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

Prayer

Father in the name of Jesus, grant me and every member of this church the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of you; endue each one of us with the spirit of love, to love your word until it becomes our way of life in the name of Jesus. Ps.119:97; Eph.1:17;