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From “Seven Wonders of the Word of God, part 1 and 2 ” II Peter 1:16-21
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II Peter 1:16-21 ¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly contrived myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; instead, we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying “This is my beloved Son,^[e] with whom I am well-pleased!” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice when it came from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹We also have the prophetic word strongly confirmed, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰Above all, you know this: No prophecy of Scripture comes from the prophet’s own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by the will of man; instead, men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

WONDER # 1: THE BIBLE’S DIVINE INSPIRATION

II Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God^[a] and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness,

Hebrews 4:12-13 For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³No creature is hidden from him, but all things are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give an account.

WONDER #2: THE BIBLE’S UNIQUE FORMATION

WONDER #3: THE BIBLE’S WIDESPREAD CIRCULATION

Matthew 24:14 This good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed in all the world^[a] as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

WONDER # 4: THE BIBLE'S HONEST CONFIRMATION

Luke 1:3-4 So it also seemed good to me, since I have carefully investigated everything from the very first, to write to you in an orderly sequence, most honorable Theophilus, ⁴so that you may know the certainty of the things about which you have been instructed.^[a]

(1) Scientific proof

(2) Literary proof

(3) Historical proof

WONDER# 5: THE BIBLE'S ENDURING PRESERVATION

Psalms 119:89 LORD, your word is forever;
it is firmly fixed in heaven.

WONDER #6: THE BIBLE'S PROPHETIC VALIDATION

II Peter 1:19 We also have the prophetic word strongly confirmed, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

A. Historical prophecies: Israel resettled

Isaiah 27:6 In days to come, Jacob will take root.
Israel will blossom and bloom
and fill the whole world with fruit.

B. Messianic prophecies: Details about Jesus

WONDER #7: THE BIBLE'S PERSONAL APPLICATION

II Timothy 3:15 and you know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

