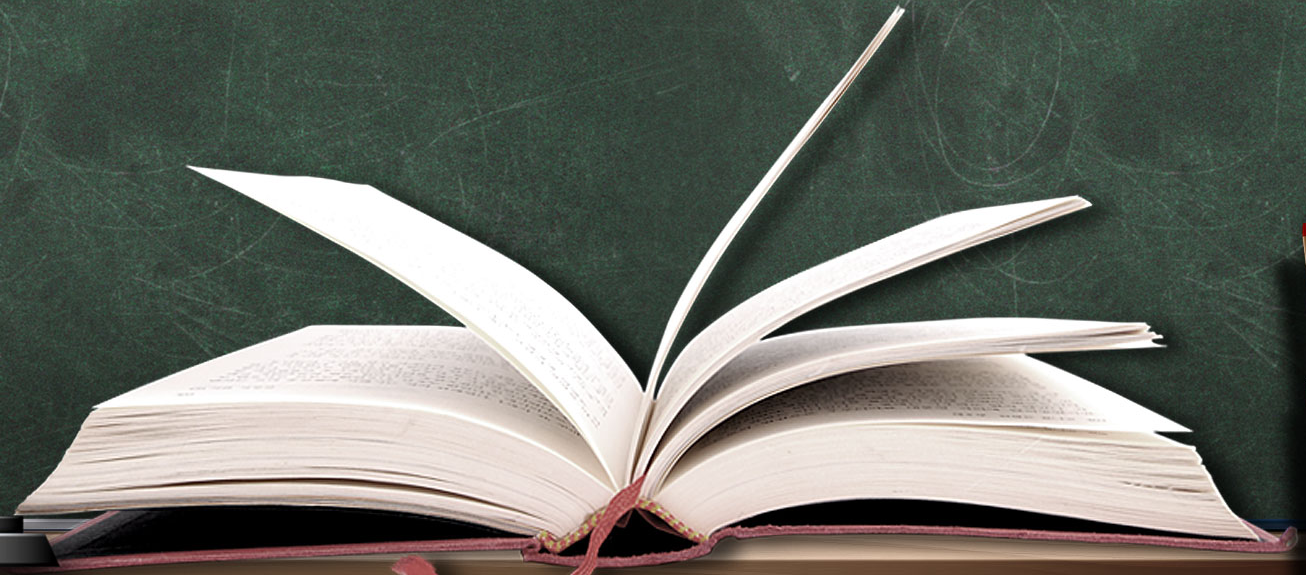


Why we Believe the Bible is true

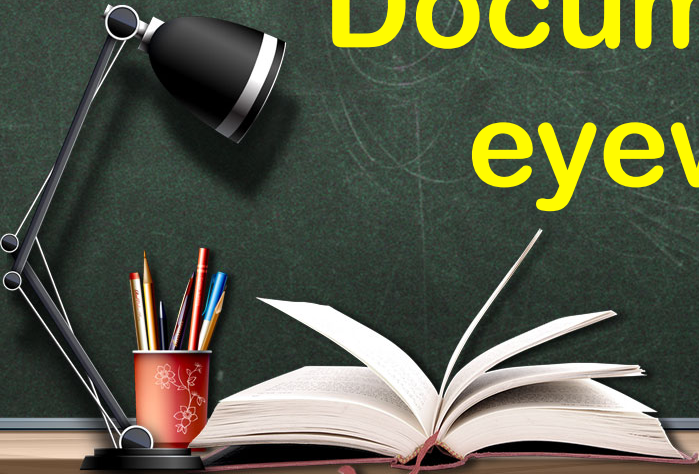


Because of that experience, we have even greater confidence in the message proclaimed by the prophets. You must pay close attention to what they wrote, for their words are like a lamp shining in a dark place—until the Day dawns, and Christ the Morning Star shines in your hearts. Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God. II Peter 1:19-21

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Week One

The Bible: A Perfectly Reliable
Collection of Historical
Documents written by
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“It’s a reliable collection of historical documents . . .” - Luke 1:1-4

A “collection:” 66 books written on three different continents, in three different languages, over a period of 1,500 years, by over 40 authors from multiple walks of life. Covers hundreds of different subjects and topics.

Q: Why Four Gospels? A: Perspective

Matthew - proving Jesus is Jewish Messiah

Mark - shortest, brevity, “and immediately!”

Luke - Not an eyewitness, but a physician and historian; interested in chronology

John - Goal is evangelism; 7 major signs

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I John 1:1-4

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have *seen with our eyes*, which we *looked upon* and have *touched with our hands*, we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you . . . — that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you . . .

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For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: . . . and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. I Cor. 15:1-9

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