

Is the Bible the Word of God?

1. The Bible is inspired by God. God told His message to different people and inspired them to write His words.

. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. (2 Timothy 3:16 ESV)

. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (2 Peter 1:21 ESV)

2. In the Bible, these phrases like “God said”, “God revealed”, and “God sent” are mentioned many times. God hasn’t hidden Himself. But instead, He directly says that He is God.

. And God spoke all these words, saying, “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery…” (Exodus 20:1-2 ESV)

. Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. (Psalm 50:7 ESV)

. And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” (Isaiah 6:8 ESV)

. Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any.” (Isaiah 44:8 ESV)

. Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. (Isaiah 46:9 ESV)

. “... I made known to them Your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which You have loved me may be in them, and I in them.” (John 17:26 ESV)

. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” (John 20:21 ESV)

- 3. The entire Bible is written by more than 40 different writers. They were born in very different eras and in different places. They came from a really wide range of backgrounds: some were kings, some ministers; there're even fishermen, and shepherds, too. And there were many other backgrounds as well. It took over 1,600 years for all the different parts of the Bible to be written. So, the authors couldn't have sat together and talked about how to write the Bible and which parts to write about. Yet amazingly, there are no contradictions found in the entire Bible.**

- . Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. (Exodus 24:3-4 ESV)
- . Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs." (Amos 7:14 ESV)
- . Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught. (Luke 1:1-4 ESV)
- . The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending His angel to His servant John, who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. (Revelation 1:1-2 ESV)

- 4. Even the scientific knowledge mentioned in the Bible is totally accurate. In ancient times, they didn't have such advanced equipment and technology as we do today. However, the Bible tells us very clear facts about our world, like the earth being a sphere and that the earth is hung on nothing. And it even talks about the concept of the water cycle.**

- . And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. (Genesis 1:16 ESV)
- . He stretches out the north over the void and hangs the earth on nothing. (Job 26:7 ESV)

- . For He looks to the ends of the earth, and sees everything under the heavens. When He gave to the wind its weight and apportioned the waters by measure. (Job 28:24-25 ESV)
- . All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full; to the place where the streams flow, there they flow again. (Ecclesiastes 1:7 ESV)
- . 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 like a tent to dwell in. (Isaiah 40:22 ESV)

5. The Bible also contains a lot of prophecies. Many of these prophecies have already been fulfilled. For example, there're many prophecies that talk about how Israel would be restored. And this really happened. Who else can write a book that can talk about the future so accurately? This proves that the Bible is God's word.

- . Set forth your case, says the LORD; bring your proofs, says the King of Jacob. Let them bring them, and tell us what is to happen. Tell us the former things, what they are, that we may consider them, that we may know their outcome; or declare to us the things to come. Tell us what is to come hereafter that we may know that you are gods; do good, or do harm, that we may be dismayed and terrified. Behold, you are nothing, and your work is less than nothing, an abomination is he who chooses you. (Isaiah 41: 21-24 ESV)
- . Then say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from all around, and bring them to their own land. And I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. And one king shall be king over them all, and they shall be no longer two nations, and no longer divided into two kingdoms. (Ezekiel 37:21-22 ESV)

6. Many people read the Bible. When they read, they understand about God's love and are touched by His love. They start to have amazing changes, and have the power to become better. God's word is full of power. It's not just a book in black and white print.

- . Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by Your name, O LORD, God of hosts. (Jeremiah 15:16 ESV)
- . "... For nothing will be impossible with God." (Luke 1:37 ESV)
- . "... And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32 ESV)

. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. (John 17:17 ESV)

7. When we believe in the Bible and live with God, we'll be very happy.

. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. (Joshua 1:8 ESV)

. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. (Psalm 1:2-3 ESV)

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