

Search for Truth

1. The Absolute Authority of the Bible

John 5:39

As we study the bible we will find Jesus from Genesis to Revelation!

1. The Old Testament: What is it?

The Bible is a collection of 66 books. It has two major parts- Old Testament and New Testament. Before we get into the New, let's look at the Old so we can understand the whole Bible.

Old Testament

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Law – 5 Books

History – 12 Books

Poetry – 5 Books

Major Prophets – 5 Books

Minor Prophets – 12 Books

There were approximately 32 writers covering 3,600 years of man's history.

One Author

2 Peter 1:21

21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2. From God's Hand to Ours!

For the first 2,500 years the Word of God came:

- **Orally**
God talked to Adam
- **Creation**
The world itself speaks of God
- **Conscience**
That feeling in your heart

First written Covenant

Ex 31:18

18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

First Bible printed in 1488

Johann Gutenberg invented the printing press and the first book he ever printed is the Bible.

3. The Bible

Survivor of time and critics

The Bible is remarkable in its survival of criticism. It has withstood vicious attacks from enemies as has no other book. Voltaire, the French infidel who died in 1778, said that in one hundred years, Christianity would be erased from history. But what has happened? Only fifty years after his death, the Geneva Bible Society used Voltaire's own printing press and house to produce hundreds of Bibles.

Matt 24:35

35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

God wrote it!

1 Corinthians 14:37

... the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

2 Tim 3:16

It is not man's book to God, it is God's book to man.

We saw it happen!

2 Peter 1:16

16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

Acts 2:22

4. How can we know the Bible is true?

As Christians we believe it by faith!

Heb 11:3

3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Is there any way you can know the Bible to be true even if you do not have faith?

Science

In the days of Columbus, navigators believed the world to be flat but the word of God hundreds of years before science fully understood lets us know it was round.

Isa 40:22

Medicine

As recently as the eighteenth century, physicians believed that bleeding "relieved" the patient of "bad blood" or impurities responsible for the disease. George Washington died from a "bleeding" administered by physicians as treatment for a cold.

Lev 17:11

11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood:

History - Archeology

Archeology is largely responsible for confirming the historical accuracy of the Old Testament. By discovering and establishing innumerable details, the Bible ranks as a highly valued source of history.

Dead Sea Scrolls

Until the twentieth century, the oldest Hebrew Old Testament copy was dated from A.D. 1008. In 1947 two shepherds discovered one of the greatest treasures in archeological history near the Dead Sea. Several clay jars containing scrolls stood in a dark, sandy cave. When biblical scholars deciphered these scrolls, they were stunned! The scrolls dated more than 1,900 years old! That's around the same time that Jesus walked the earth.

5. Prophecy Says: "It's true!"

The future has always intrigued man, yet our book contains priceless predictions. Its rate of accuracy has never been equaled. Our Bible contains 6,000 specific prophecies. Thousands have already been filled, with 100% accuracy!

Prophecy is the greatest test. The proofs of science, medicine, history and archaeology might be regarded as coincidence. But no one can refute words that were spoken by men of God thousands of years ago that have come true and are still coming true to this day. During the life of Jesus Christ alone, 333 prophecies were filled. At least 29 Old Testament prophecies relating to the trial, suffering, death, and burial of our Lord, spoken by many different voices throughout five centuries, every one of them was literally fulfilled in a 24-hour period of time.

It happened then, and it is happening now

The Bible tells of things that would happen long after it was written. Here's one of many examples:

Dan 7:4

4 The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it.

What do these animals or beasts represent? Later in the same chapter it tells us.

Dan 7:17

17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth.

Dan 7:23-24

23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.
24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

So the Beast represents Kings or kingdoms. Today we would say nations.

As you know the symbol for Great Britain is a lion, and the symbol for America is an eagle. The Bible records the separation of these two great countries before they even existed.

The Bible also records that the sign that Jesus is soon to return is:

- Immorality
- False “Christs” and cults
- 666 system
- Israel re-gathering
- Witchcraft
- Famines, Pestilence and earthquakes
- Wars and rumors of wars

Joel 2:30

30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

2 Peter 3:10-11

It looks like the Bible speaks of a nuclear blast; Blood, fire, vapor of smoke, a great noise, fervent heat, melting, and dissolving.

A good question

“what manner of persons ought ye to be”

It is here at this sobering moment, that we can get a smile on our face. Because the Bible tells us how we can live a life more abundantly through Jesus Christ our Lord.