

EIGHT REASONS YOU CAN TRUST YOUR BIBLE

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1. JESUS BELIEVED IT.

He quoted from twenty-four Old Testament books and endorsed the authority of the Old Testament in Matthew 5:17-18. He referred to Abraham, Moses, David, Isaiah, Elisha, Jonah, and others. He realized the Old Testament scriptures had hidden types and shadows to prepare people for His arrival. Read Luke 24:27, 32, 44-45.

2. CLAIMS OF THE BIBLE ITSELF

Over 3,800 times, the Bible writers claim that God spoke through them as they wrote. The New Testament refers to the Old Testament as “the Scriptures” fifty-nine times. Over 2,000 times, the words “Thus saith the Lord” or its equivalent are found in the Bible.

3. THE APOSTLES BELIEVED IT.

The writings of the Twelve Apostles, which ultimately became part of the New Testament, were intended for a very young church. They believed the Old Testament was inspired, citing 284 quotations from the Old Testament, which appear in seventeen New Testament books. Not to mention, all of them, except John, died a martyr’s death for believing Jesus was the Messiah.

4. THE EARLY CHURCH FATHERS BELIEVED IT.

Many of these leaders were first-generation disciples of the Apostles who wrote extensively of the inspiration of both Testaments. Their 36,289 quotations show overwhelming support for their allegiance to the twenty-seven books of the New Testament. Justin Martyr, Irenaeus, and Origen are among that revered list.

5. THE HARMONY AND UNITY OF ITS SIXTY-SIX BOOKS ARE MIRACULOUS.

The Bible was written by forty different men on three different continents, in three different languages, who displayed a wide variety of moods, circumstances, and literary styles and extremely controversial topics. Their writings spanned 1,600 years, yet despite their diversity, the Bible presents a single, unfolding story: *God’s redeeming love for mankind.*

6. FULFILLED PROPHECY ENDORSES ITS CREDIBILITY.

More than sixty prophecies with over 300 specific details about Jesus’ birth, ministry, death, and ascension were fulfilled. Of the approximately 2,500 Bible prophecies recorded, all but five hundred have been fulfilled in detail with no errors. (*That stat is changing rapidly.*) One-third of the Bible is prophetic, and scriptures about Israel can be read in the headlines of our news outlets almost daily.

7. ITS PRESERVATION IS MIRACULOUS.

Emperors, entire kingdoms, and religions have attempted to destroy God's Word for centuries. Were it not truly inspired, their attempts would have succeeded.

8. ARCHAEOLOGY CONFIRMS HISTORICAL FACTS

Archaeological studies have provided substantial evidence to support the accuracy of the Bible. Scores of findings have confirmed the historical accuracy of the Bible. The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1947 was one of the most significant discoveries of our time.

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