



The Bible is the Inspired Word of God

Even though written by at least thirty-six different authors, who were kings, farmers, lawyers, generals, fishermen, ministers, and priests, a tax collector, a doctor, some rich and some poor, stretching over a period of 1,600 years, yet the Bible is one book because God was its real author.

The Bible makes claims about itself, it claims to be inspired. It was written by men who were guided by the Holy Ghost. It cannot be broken or proved untrue.

The Bible says, *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God.”* **2 Timothy 3:16.** *“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 Peter 1:21.** *“The scripture cannot be broken.”* **John 10:35.**

The Bible is not a collection of men’s ideas. Its writers were guided by the Holy Ghost.

Jesus demonstrated His confidence and belief in Scripture as He quoted the Bible and stated it was true. Jesus quoted Scripture when meeting the temptations of Satan. Jesus often quoted Scripture as authority for the truth He was teaching.

Jesus said, *“It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone.”* *“It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.”* *“It is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”* **Matthew 4:4, 7, 10.** *“Thy word is truth.”* **John 17:17.**

Bible prophecies confirm that the Bible was inspired. The Bible says, *“I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. Behold the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”* **Isaiah 42:8, 9.** *“Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.”* **Isaiah 46:9, 10.**

Bible predictions of things to happen in the future confirm the inspiration of Scripture as they come to pass. Notice the following examples of fulfilled Bible prophecies:

A. Four world empires to arise: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. The king Nebuchadnezzar had a dream which was interpreted by Daniel through inspiration, *“Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.”* **Daniel 2:19.** And he reveals to the king the setting up of these empires. *“Thou, O King, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form*

thereof was terrible. This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay." **Daniel 2:31-33.**

B. Cyrus to be the warrior to capture Babylon. Before Cyrus was born, God's Bible prophet named him as the general who would overthrow Babylon. "Thus saith the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the lions of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut; I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron: And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel." **Isaiah 45:1-3.**

C. After Babylon's destruction, it would never be inhabited again. "And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there." **Isaiah 13:19, 20.** "And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwellingplace for dragons, an astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant." **Jeremiah 51:37.**

D. Egypt would never again have a commanding position among the nations. "And I will bring again the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return into the land of Pathros, into the land of their habitation; and they shall be there a base kingdom. It shall be the basest of the kingdoms; neither shall it exalt itself any more above the nations: for I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations." **Ezekiel 29:14, 15;** "And I will make the rivers dry, and sell the land into the hand of the wicked: and I will make the land waste, and all that is therein, by the hand of strangers: I the Lord have spoken it. Thus saith the Lord God; I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause their images to cease out of Noph; and there shall be no more a prince of the land of Egypt: and I will put a fear in the land of Egypt." **Ezekiel 30:12, 13.**

E. Earth-shaking calamities and fear toward the end of time. "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." **Luke 21:25, 26.**

F. Moral degeneracy and decline of spirituality in the last days. "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." **2 Timothy 3:1-5.**

Today scientist have confirmed scientific statements in the Bible to be accurate and it is the Spirit who has guided these men to the truth. The Bible says, "Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever." **Psalms 119:160.** "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself: but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come." **John 16:13.**

A. "He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing." **Job 26:7.** This scientific fact is from Job, the Bible's oldest book.

B. *“It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:”* **Isaiah 40:22**. The Bible said the earth is round centuries before man found out.

C. *“To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure.”* **Job 28:25**. Long before scientists knew, God said air has weight.

D. *“And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”* **Colossians 1:17**. The word “consist” here literally means “hold together” or “cohere.” Many Bible translations put it “hold together.” This is the answer to the nuclear physicists’ worrisome question about the atom. The real mystery of the atom does not involve its benumbing mega-power, but rather, “Why doesn’t the atom fly apart?” Scientific knowledge says it should, but it doesn’t. Some scientists are wondering what puzzling power, completely unknown to them, is holding it together. The Bible says that mysterious power is the Creator, God Himself.

Even the Biblical health principles reveals the Bible was inspired as we look at the health problems facing us today. Negligence to observe these health principles has led to widespread disease, especially among third world countries.

The Bible provision of Moses’ day that body waste should be buried was 3,500 years ahead of its time and saved countless thousands of Jewish lives. Major problems still arise when sanitation is not properly handled. *“Thou shalt have a place also without the camp, whither thou shalt go forth abroad: And thou shalt have a paddle upon thy weapon; and it shall be, when thou wilt ease thyself abroad, thou shalt dig therewith, and shalt turn back and cover that which cometh from thee:”* **Deut. 23:12-13**.

The Bible says, *“Neither let us commit fornication, as some of tem committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.”* **1 Corinthians 10:8**. The word “fornication” denotes all kinds of immoral sexual conduct. There would be no AIDS epidemic if this up-to-date Bible counsel were obeyed, nor would abortion be the international scandal that it now is.

The Bible says to leave alcoholic beverages alone. *“Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.”* **Proverbs 23:29-32**.

If this extremely effective Bible solution were implemented, just think what it would mean:

1. Millions of alcoholics becoming sober, respectable citizens.
2. Millions of families reunited.
3. Millions of broken homes mended.
4. Multiplied thousands of lives saved by sober driving.
5. Thousands of government, business, and professional leaders making clear-minded decisions.
6. Billions of dollars available for humanitarian use.

Ancient artifacts unearthed by archaeologists repeatedly confirm the accuracy and truth of the Bible which tells us that the historical statements of the Bible are accurate. *“I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.”* **Isaiah 45:19**.

For years skeptics said the Bible was unreliable because it mentions the Hittite nation and cities like Nineveh and Sodom, which they denied ever existed. But now modern archaeology has confirmed that all three did, indeed, exist.

Critics also said that Bible-mentioned kings Belshazzar (*“Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords...” Daniel 5:1*) and Sargon (*“...when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him...” Isaiah 20:1*) never existed. Once again, it has now been confirmed they did exist.

Skeptics also said the Bible record of Moses was not reliable because it mentions writing (*“And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord...” Exodus 24:4*) and wheeled vehicles (*“And they took off the Chariot wheels...” Exodus 14:25*), neither of which they said existed at the time. They, of course, know better today.

At one time the 39 kings of ancient Israel and Judah who reigned during the divided kingdom were authenticated only from the Bible record, so critics charged fabrication. But then archaeologists found cuneiform records that mentioned many of these kings and, once again, the Bible record was proved accurate. Critics have repeatedly been proved wrong as new discoveries confirm biblical people, places, and events. It will always be so.

In conclusion:

The 66 books of the Bible were written:

1. On three continents.
2. In three languages.
3. By about 40 different people (kings, shepherds, scientists, attorneys, an army general, fishermen, priests, and a physician).
4. Over a period of about 1,500 years.
5. On the most controversial subjects.
6. By people who, in most cases, had never met.
7. By authors whose education and background varied greatly.

Yet, though it seems totally inconceivable,

1. The 66 books maintain harmony with each other.
2. Often new concepts on a subject are expressed, but these concepts do not undermine what other Bible writers say on the same subject.

Talk about astounding!

Ask people who have viewed an identical event to each give a report of what happened. They will differ widely and will virtually always contradict each other in some way. Yet the Bible, penned by 40 writers over a 1,500-year period, reads as if written by one great mind. And, indeed, it was: *“Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” 2 Peter 1:21*. The Holy Ghost “moved” them all. He is the real Bible Author. The four Gospels do sometimes differ in the way they report the same event, but they complement each other.