

## The Bible is God's book

I believe it would be fair to say that almost anyone that reads this lesson knows what the Bible is and that it has something to do with God and Jesus. Beyond that what do you know about it? Is it important? Does this book come from God and if it does what is it about? Why should anyone care about the Bible? It is my hope this lesson will shed some light on these questions.

## How do we know it is from God?

### The Bible gave us accurate scientific information long before mankind discovered it.

- 1) **Genesis 15: 5** “And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be”  
The stars can not be numbered.
- 2) **Leviticus 17:11** “For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.” Blood is essential to human life.
- 3) **Job 26: 7** “He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing.” The earth hangs on nothing.
- 4) **Psalms 8: 8** “The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas” The Bible told us the air and waters of our planet have paths in them or currents.
- 5) **Isaiah 40: 22** “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” The Earth is round.

### The Bible gives us accurate historical information.

- 1) Clement of Rome lived from around 35-99 AD wrote to the same church in Corinth which the apostle Paul wrote I and II Corinthians too.
- 2) Josephus a Jewish historian who lived from around 37-100 AD wrote references to Jesus, John the Baptist, and Jesus's brother James.
- 3) Tacitus a Roman historian and politician lived from around 56-120 AD wrote of Jesus being put to death by Pontius Pilate and being the founder of Christianity.
- 4) Pliny the Younger a Roman lawyer lived from around 61-113 AD wrote to Emperor Trajan wanting to know how to deal with Christians.
- 5) In 1993 a discovery of an ancient mound called Tel Dan, in the north of Israel, words carved into a chunk of basalt were translated as "House of David" and "King of Israel"
- 6) R.D. Wilson (1856-1930) was Professor of Semitic Philology at Princeton Theological Seminary pointed out that the names of 29 Kings from ten nations (Egypt, Assyria, Babylon and more) are mentioned not only in the Bible but are also found on monuments of their own time.

Both of these lists could go on but the points are made.

### The Bible also makes prophecies and fulfills them

- 1) **Isaiah 7:14** “Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel” and **Matthew 1: 22-23** “Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.” It was prophesied Christ would be born of a virgin and it was fulfilled.
- 2) **Daniel 2:31-44** prophesied the church (kingdom of God) would come in the time of the Roman empire and after the time of Babylonian empire, Medes and Persian empire, and Greek empire which was fulfilled in **Acts 2** when the church was established.
- 3) **Micha 5:22** “But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting” and **Matthew 2: 1-6** “Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel” It was prophesied Jesus would be born in Bethlehem which was fulfilled.

There are many more prophecies made in the Bible and fulfilled in its pages.

The Bible has been given to us by God and he wants us to use it.

- 1) **Isaiah 40: 8** “The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever”, **Matthew 5:18** “For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled”, and **Matthew 24:35** “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away” God’s word will always be with us.
- 2) **1 Thessalonians 2:13** “For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe” God wants us to know about and believe in Him and gives us the Bible to help our belief.
- 3) **Matthew 4:4** “But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God”, **2 Timothy 2:15** “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”, and **Hebrews 4:12** “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” God wants us to know and study His word.

- 4) **2 Peter 1:20-21** “Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 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” and **Revelation 22: 18- 19** “For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book” God wants man to have his word and does not want it altered by man.
- 5) **2 Thessalonians 2:14-15** “Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle”, and **2 Timothy 3:15-17** “And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.” God gave us his word so we could know how to obtain salvation.

### Conclusion

God gave us the Bible so that we can be able to obtain salvation by knowing what his will is and following his commandments. If we follow the instructions God has left us in his word, we can have salvation.