



Jesus Is LORD!

IS THE BIBLE TRUTH?

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INDRUCTION:

All Biblical facts historical, prophecies, scientific, and principles for every day life, have been proven true. No other manuscripts have given exact dates, times and places to be totally true and proven later by archaeologist. The constitution was written with the law of God as the guide and has proven to be the best instrument for government ever written. If we live by the law of the Bible we would have a perfect society. Places on earth where this is true, proves this statement. The prophecies are 100% accurate.

HISTORICAL:

Why does the Bible exist? The answer has to do with the transmission of the gospel down through the generations. Once God had revealed Himself and His plan of salvation to Israel and to the believers surrounding Jesus, the question arose how this truth would be passed along to posterity without its suffering distortion from later interpreters. The only obvious answer to this question was a written documentatio n. It would be necessary to secure the revelation in a fixed, written, and authentic form so that the truth would not be lost in the transmission. Both from a human and a divine standpoint, then, a Bible was required to be the vehicle of transmission of the gospel, conveying the revelation intact to succeeding generations.

Does the Bible itself give answers? You can see that it does when you consider, first, the fact that leading figures in the Bible, such as Moses, Jeremiah, Luke, and Paul, are described as writing things down precisely for people who are unable to talk with them directly. Second, you find that Jesus and the apostles in the New Testament had a very high view of the divine authority of the Hebrew Scriptures, which they believed God gave by inspiration (2 Tim. 3:16). The idea of the Bible was not a late afterthought in the history of salvation but was in the process of being formed almost from the first. It seems reasonable to conclude that God's plan of salvation included the Bible as a book. Conveying the truth of the gospel down through the years. A general acquaintance with the book goes a long way toward answering questions. They carefully preserved the law of God given through Moses and accepted it as binding on them. The inspired prophecies could not be allowed to be forgotten. The process of formation can thus be viewed both from the point of view of God's purpose and with an eye on the natural historical dynamics. In the case of the New Testament, it is clear that four writers undertook the task of presenting the life of Jesus, each of them with some special emphases and with a particular audience in view. The apostle Paul, as well as some others, had the practice of writing letters to groups of people to communicate with them when visiting was difficult. Writing was a way of instructing them in the things of God from a distance. There is a historical answer. The best information we have is the Bible itself. The Law of Moses was written down and became the core of the later Old Testament. This is the assumption of all the later documents. There is much less said about the composition and preservation of the other writings. Certainly the divine authority claimed by the great prophets

of Israel attached to the books, which preserved their preaching. As for the New Testament, the books involved are fewer and were composed over a mere half century. The respect for the words and deeds of Jesus is obvious and would explain both the preparation and the respect accorded the four Gospels. Paul's apostolic authority guaranteed respect for his epistles from the beginning. Respect grew later when the original witnesses began to die off and the epistles circulated among the churches. The authority of a prophecy like the Revelation of John, if deemed authentic, would be automatic.

Is there an interplay then that may have subjective and objective factors in the determination of the canon of Scripture? Yes, we need to view it in terms of God's providence guiding and directing His people in this matter. God sent His messengers and the Scriptures in their wake. God's Word to the people had to make its own impact upon human lives. There is the historical solidity of God's revelation in history, but there is also the need for God's sheep to hear the voice of their Shepherd. God has given us His written Word and allowed it quietly and unhurriedly to make its impact upon us. It did not require a big council when the decision would come down from the leaders of the churches. All that was needed was that God's people be satisfied in the matter of the historical authenticity and then of the practical efficacy of the books. The fact that substantially the whole church came to recognize the same books as canonical is remarkable when we remember the agreement was not at all contrived.

The body of our canon is solid and well supported, and proves itself over again in our use of the Bible. Therefore, we can live happily with the assurance that the Bible is true.

With the writer of Psalm 119, we should give thanks to God for His gift of the Scriptures, in which we can hear His voice and meet with Him. We know the Bible is God's Word, not only because we are His children, but because we are people of faith and experience its authority and truth. The formation of the Bible was in part a human process, directed, we believe, by God. We have reason to feel full confidence when we accept the sixty-six books as God's inspired Word to us. We treasure the Bible because it gives us firm anchorage in history and is the source from which we can continually draw inspiration for renewing our faith and finding the path to follow in serving the Lord. (King James Version is the only Bible that was translated directly from the manuscripts.) Do not use any other Bible.

PROPHECIES ARE FULLFILLED ACCURATELY.

Isaiah 7: 14-15 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

Isaiah 9: 6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

The forth telling of Jesus' birth is just two of the many.

Ps. 72: 10-11 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.

Isaiah 53: 3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for

our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Ps. 22: 17-18 I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me. They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.

Jesus' suffering was told of the prophets of old. Many scriptures tell of the savior's suffering and death.

SCIENTIFICALLY THE BIBLE IS RIGHT!

Job 25: 5 Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not; God's Word said that the moon does not shine before scientist knew that the moon was a reflection of the sun.

Job 28: 25 To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure.

God told of the water being weighed before humidity was ever heard of. The humidity was not discovered till 1608.

God's Word tells of the great dinosaurs that walked on the earth before man of modern day knew of it.

Job 40: 15-23 Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox.

Lo now, his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly. He moveth his tail like a cedar: the sinews of his stones are wrapped together. His bones are as strong pieces of brass; his bones are like bars of iron. Surely the mountains bring him forth food, where all the beasts of the field play. He lieth under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed, and fens. The shady trees cover him with their shadow; the willows of the brook compass him about. Behold, he drinketh up a river, and hasteth not: he trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth.

PRINCIPLES OF LIFE TO LIVE BY:

Proverbs 29:3 Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father: but he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth his substance.

Proverbs 29:23 A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit.

We could write a book on this subject from the Bible. Many people have written such books.

CONCULATION:

The word "Bible" was formed from a Greek term meaning books in the plural. It is the bestseller and has been translated into more than two thousand languages and dialects. The Word of God has changed people from bad to good. It has brought healing and comfort to millions of humans through the years. If you do not believe in God or His word then it is your choice to think that some day that you will not stand before a just and loving God that died for you. Now spend your life proving to yourself He is not real.