



## How Do We Know That God Wrote the Bible?

In our look at various questions, this one must be one of the first ones that is answered. All that we are, all that we believe, all that we hope for, and all that holds us together is built around and upon the Bible.

- Our faith comes from the Bible (Rom 10:17)
- It is the Bible that was to be preached (2 Tim 4:2)
- It is the Bible that the early disciples devoted themselves to (Acts 2:42; 17:11)

### **If the Bible is not from God...**

Then we know very little about God  
We do not know if there is a \_\_\_\_\_  
We do not know if there is life \_\_\_\_\_ death  
Then there are no \_\_\_\_\_ and we  
are left to ourselves to determine what is  
right and wrong  
We do not know where we came from, what we  
are doing here, nor where we are going

### **A. Skeptics of the Bible are convinced that the Bible is a collection of fables, myths and stories passed down through generations**

- H.S. Bellamy estimates that there are more than 500 flood legends worldwide

1. It is charged that the Bible is a \_\_\_\_\_ book
2. The Bible is claimed to be full of \_\_\_\_\_
3. The miracles cannot be supported by \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_
4. The Bible \_\_\_\_\_ human development and retards man's \_\_\_\_\_ progress

### **There are Three kinds of Faith**

1. Unreasonable faith: believing in something in \_\_\_\_\_ of the evidence
2. Blind faith: believing in something \_\_\_\_\_ any evidence
3. Reasonable faith: believing in something \_\_\_\_\_ of the evidence



## How to know the Bible is from God:

### 1. It makes that \_\_\_\_\_

- 2 Tim 3:16; 1 Thes 2:13; 2 Pet 1:20-21; Gal 1:11-12)

The expression:

Word of God— \_\_\_\_\_x in Bible

Thus saith the Lord— \_\_\_\_\_x

The Lord said— \_\_\_\_\_x

God said— \_\_\_\_\_x

### 2. F \_\_\_\_\_ of P \_\_\_\_\_

- 1/4 of the Bible is prophetic and 2/3 of those prophecies have been fulfilled
- God used fulfilled prophecy as a test of His word (Deut 18:21-22)
- There are more than 300 prophesies about Jesus (exact village He was born in, exact amount he would be betrayed for, to the exact words He said on the cross, to the exact number of days in the tomb)

### 3. Accuracy with h \_\_\_\_\_ and archaeology

- Luke lists 32 countries, 4 cities, 9 islands and a host of political and governmental terms. Many of the words Luke uses are unknown outside of the Bible. Not one inaccuracy has ever been documented.
- There are 40 references to the Hittite nation in the Old Testament. Archeological discoveries in the late 1800's found more than 10,000 clay tablets from the Hittite capitol of Hattusaus
- Moabite Stone refers to King David
- Hezekiah's tunnel, ossuary of Caiaphas, stele of Tiglath-Lileser III (referring to events in 2 Kings 15); references to Solomon's temple



Moabite Stone

### 4. Accuracy with the S \_\_\_\_\_

Stars are innumerable (Jer 33:22)

Recesses in the ocean (Job 38:16)

Currents in the ocean (Ps 8:8)

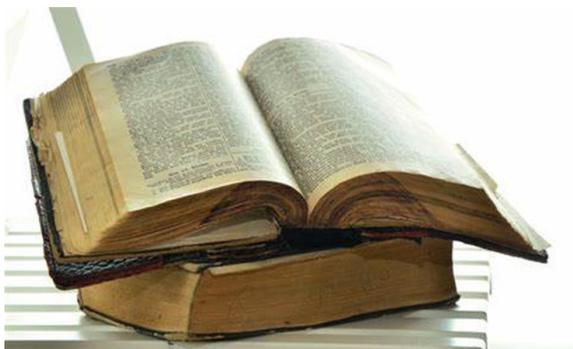
Water/vapor cycle (Ecc 1:7)

### 5. U \_\_\_\_\_ of theme, doctrine and intent

- Bible was written over a period of 1,500 years, by 40 different people, who had various backgrounds, lived on three different continents, during various times, discussing very controversial topics, yet there remains one central repeating story: The salvation found in Jesus Christ

### 6. The G \_\_\_\_\_ that comes from the Bible

Changed lives, advancement of moral good in a society, optimism and hope it supplies



*Last eve I passed beside a blacksmith's door  
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;  
When looking in, I saw upon the floor  
Old hammers worn with beating years of time.*

*'How many anvils have you had,' said I,  
To wear and batter all these hammers so?  
'Just one, said he; then said with twinkling eye,  
'The anvil wears the hammers out, you know.'*

*And so I thought of the anvil of God's word  
For ages skeptics blows have beat upon;  
Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard,  
The anvil is unharmed—the hammers gone!"*