

Why Should We Trust the Bible?

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The Bible is the most amazing book ever produced and published. There is none like it on the shelf.

We can trust the Bible because of...

I. Its Construction

- A. It was written over a period of 1500 years.
- B. It employs three languages – Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek.
- C. It was not written by one man.
- E. There is agreement in the accounts.
- F. The Bible contains one unfolding, consistent truth about sin, the Savior, and salvation.

II. Its Content

- A. The Bible contains “transcendent truth” or that which cannot be reconciled with man’s own reasoning.
- B. It presents man in a depraved condition.
Most man-made books exalt and elevate man.
All other religions make salvation attainable to man by good works.
- C. Each word has been meticulously preserved for centuries.

III. Its Correctness

- A. Historically
The Bible contains detailed historic records with dates, names, places and events.
- B. Scientifically
Science has not disproved the Bible. Instead, scientific discoveries have bolstered the authenticity of the Bible.
 - 1. The universe had a beginning in time. (*Genesis 1:1*)
 - 2. The earth is a sphere. (*Isaiah 40:22*)
 - 3. The atmosphere has weight. (*Job 28:25*)
- C. Prophetically
The Bible contains a myriad of detailed prophecies that have come to pass.
 - 1. Ezekiel and the destruction of Tyre and Sidon (*Ez. 26-28*).

2. Daniel gave a description of the four world empires to come (*Daniel 2, 7, and 8*).
3. Daniel gave the exact timing of the arrival of the Messiah (*Daniel 9:24-26*).
4. The death of Christ was described 1,000 years before the fact (*Psalms 122, Isaiah 53* and many other passages).
5. Jesus foretold that Jerusalem would be destroyed after his death (*Luke 21*).

IV. The Character of Christ

Only Jesus has the character and credentials necessary to be the Creator God.

- The universe had a beginning in time.
- It is made up of its constituent parts. It could not have created itself.
- There is personality, intelligence, morality, and beauty in the universe.
- There must be an eternal God, who created time and all that dwells within time.
- He revealed Himself in the person of Jesus Christ and no one else has the character to be the perfect revelation of God.

Jesus stands out for His purity, wisdom, and moral influence.

Jesus stands out because of the fact that He rose from the dead.

You can trust the Bible because of Jesus Christ!

If you can't trust Jesus and His Word, you can't trust anything.