

“Is the Bible True?” part 2
God Questions
Part 3

1 Peter 3: 15 “But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,”

Whenever you learn more about God:

- **You learn more about yourself**
- **You understand more about Life**
- **You can worship God more deeply!**
- **You become more equipped to have meaningful “God conversations”**

Common question about God

- 1. Is God real?***
- 2. Is the Bible true?***
- 3. Don't all roads lead to heaven?***
- 4. How can a good God allow suffering?***
- 5. Which is right:
 evolution or creation?***
- 6. What happens when I die?***

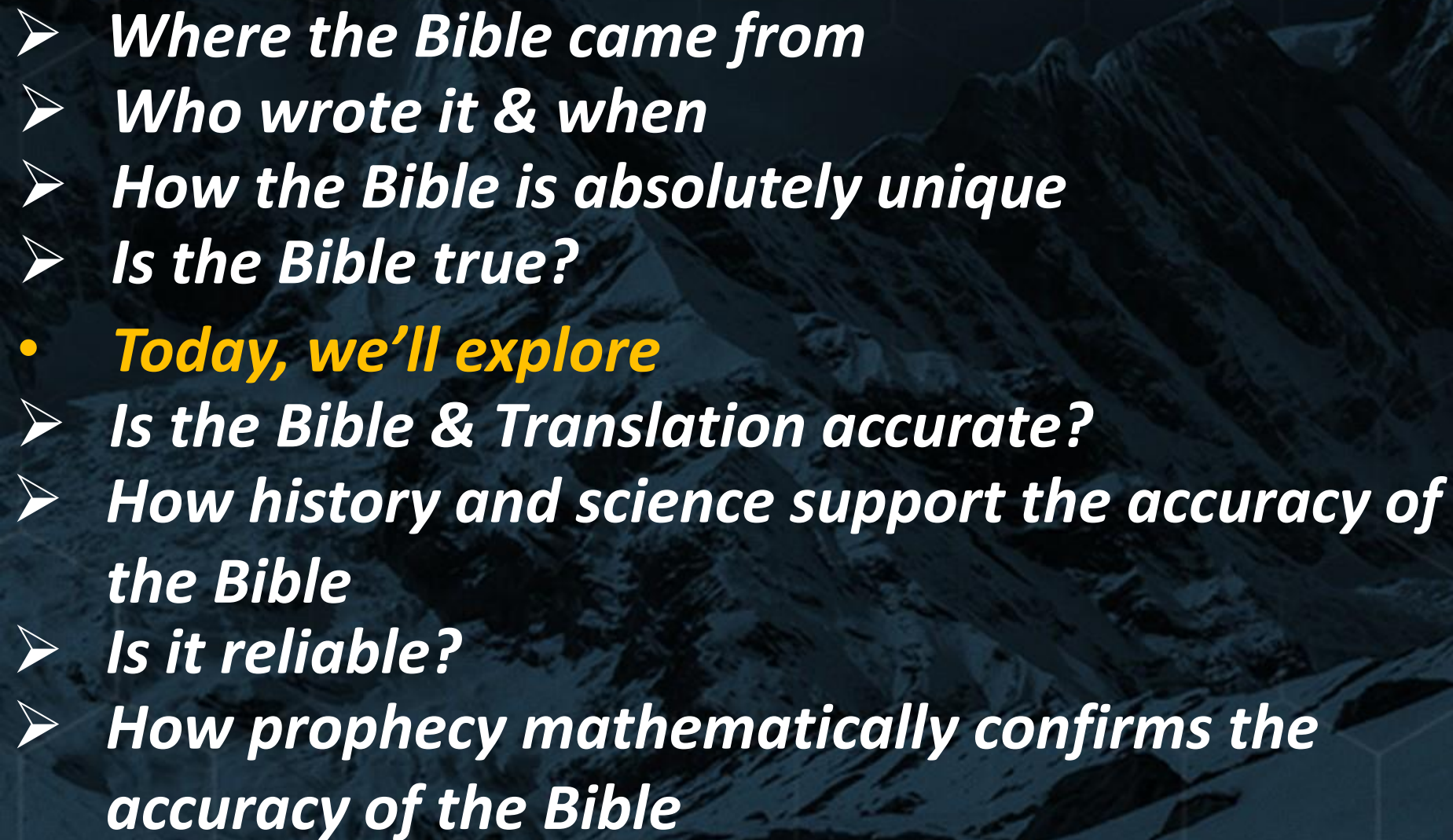


Our understanding of the Bible

Proverbs 30:5–6 “Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.”

The Bible is flawless

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training for righteousness” - 2 Timothy 3:16.

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- *Where the Bible came from*
 - *Who wrote it & when*
 - *How the Bible is absolutely unique*
 - *Is the Bible true?*
 - *Today, we'll explore*
 - *Is the Bible & Translation accurate?*
 - *How history and science support the accuracy of the Bible*
 - *Is it reliable?*
 - *How prophecy mathematically confirms the accuracy of the Bible*

*The Bible is a unique piece of literature
because of the credibility of the authors
and the Authority of God who inspired their
writing*

The Bible is unique...

In its Composition

In its Circulation

In its Translation

In its Durability

In its effect on People

The Bible helps you understand:

➤ **Who you really are**

➤ **Who you can be**

➤ **& gives you guidelines to live a thriving life**

The Bible is amazingly Accurate!

The Bible is not a scientific textbook, but it does describe how the universe works. Consider the following:

<u><i>Author</i></u>	<u><i>When Written</i></u>	<u><i>Earliest Copy</i></u>	<u><i>Time Span</i></u>	<u><i># of Copies</i></u>
<i>Caesar</i>	<i>100–44 BC</i>	<i>AD 900</i>	<i>1,000 years</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Plato</i>	<i>427–347 BC</i>	<i>AD 900</i>	<i>1,200 years</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Herodotus</i>	<i>384–322 BC</i>	<i>AD 900</i>	<i>1,300 years</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Aristotle</i>	<i>450–385 BC</i>	<i>AD 900</i>	<i>1,400 years</i>	<i>49</i>
<i>Homer (Iliad)</i>	<i>900 BC</i>	<i>400 BC</i>	<i>500 years</i>	<i>643</i>
<i>New Testament</i>	<i>AD 40–100</i>	<i>AD 125</i>	<i>25 years</i>	<i>24,000</i>

The English Bible is translated directly from the Original languages

The bible claims

Earth is a sphere
Number of stars = more than a billion
Every star is different
Light is in motion
Air has weight
Winds blow in cyclones
Blood is a source of life and healing

Humans Thought

Earth is a flat disk
Number of stars = 1,100
All stars are the same
Light is fixed in place
Air is weightless
Winds blow straight
Sick people must be bled

We Now Know

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- *The conversation of mass and energy*

“What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.

I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that men will revere him. Whatever is has already been, and what will be has been before; and God will call the past to account. Ecclesiastes 1.9; 3.14-15

- *The hydraulic cycle of evaporation, condensation, and precipitation*

“As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater... Isaiah 55.10

*“He draws up the drops of water, which distill as rain to the streams; the clouds pour down their moisture and abundant showers fall on mankind. Who can understand how he spreads out the clouds, how he thunders from his pavilion?”
Job 36.27-29*

- *Gravity*

“All streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full. To the place the streams come from, there they return again. Ecc 1.7

- ***The effect of emotions of physical health***

“A cheerful look brings joy to the heart, and good news gives health to the bones”. Proverbs 15.30 ;

“Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones”. Proverbs16.24;

“A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones”. Proverbs17.22

- *The spread of contagious disease by close contact*

“The person with such an infectious disease must wear torn clothes, let his hair be unkempt, cover the lower part of his face and cry out, ‘Unclean! Unclean!’

⁴⁶ As long as he has the infection he remains unclean.

Leviticus 13.45-46

- ***The importance of sanitation of health***

“Designate a place outside the camp where you can go to relieve yourself. As part of your equipment have something to dig with, and when you relieve yourself, dig a hole and cover up your excrement.”

Deuteronomy 23.12-13

“Through the wealth of data uncovered by historical and archaeological research, we are able to measure the Bible’s historical accuracy. In every case where its claim can be tested, the Bible proves to be accurate and reliable.”

Scholar Jack Cottrell



“It may be categorically stated that no archaeological discovery has ever contradicted a biblical reference.” ***Archaeologist Nelson Glueck***

One of the most compelling pieces of evidence for the truth of the Bible is its record of Fulfilled prophecies

These prophecies were incredibly detailed: they foretold

- *In what city He would be born*
- *To what family He would be born*
- *Details regarding the manner of His birth*
- *How He would live*
- *How He would die*
- *And how He would rise again*

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“...we find that the chance that any man might have lived down to the present time and fulfilled eight prophecies is 1 in 10^{17} .” Peter Stoner

1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000

Jesus fulfilled 332 prophecies