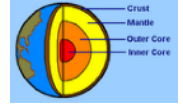




Is The Bible True, Reliable, and Relevant?

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A. Is the Bible True? An argument for the truth of the Bible is its record of revealing scientific facts before they were discovered by men.

Astronomy - 1) The universe had a beginning - Genesis 1:1; **2)** The moon does not shine (*it reflects the sun's light*) and the stars are not pure (*they have spots and flares*) - Job 25:5-6; **3)** The round earth is hanging on nothing in empty space - Job 26:7,10; Isaiah 40:22; **4)** The universe is governed by natural laws - Job 38:33; Jeremiah 33:25.

Meteorology - 5) The water cycle: rivers and springs are fed by precipitation which then evaporates, distills, condenses, and precipitates as rain, snow, etc. - Job 36:27-28; Ecclesiastes 1:6; **6)** Recurring, circular wind currents - Ecclesiastes 1:6.

Geology - 7) Mountains were under the sea then rose up - Psalm 104:6-8; **8)** Earth's core is hot like fire - Job 28:5; **9)** Water erosion - Habakkuk 3:9; **10)** Division of the earth, (land bridges connecting continents filled with melting glacier waters) Genesis 10:25.

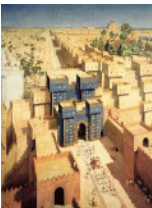
Oceanography - 11) Ocean springs - Job 38:16-17, Ocean currents - 2 Samuel 2:8.

Chemistry and Physics - 12) Visible things are made from invisible things (*atoms, molecules, etc.*) Hebrews 11:3; **13)** Elements melt with great heat and noise - 2 Peter 3:10; **14)** The destructive capacity of atomic bombs - Zechariah 14:12,15; **15)** There is a power that holds all atoms and molecules together - Colossians 1:17 NIV.

Medicine and Sanitation - 16) Bury human waste, wash with running water, disinfect with fire - Numbers 9:3-22; **17)** Laws of quarantine and social distancing - Leviticus 13, 14, 22; **18)** Use of antiseptics - Numbers 19:18; Luke 10:34.

Biology -19) The life of the creature is in the blood (*supplying oxygen, nutrients, and antibodies and removing wastes*) - Leviticus 17:11.

Archeology - 20) For more than 40 Archeological proofs of the Bible go to this link: <https://answersingenesis.org/archeology/does-archaeology-support-the-bible>



B. Is the Bible Reliable? Fulfilled prophecy shows it is.

Fulfillment of prophecies is one of the most amazing arguments that the Bible is reliable. God says, "Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other;. . . I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come" (Isaiah 46:9-10 NIV). Here's a partial list of fulfilled prophecies.

Prophecy	Date Prophesied	Fulfilled	Reference
(1) Babylon will rule Judah 70 years	~ 626-586 BC	609-539 BC	Jeremiah 25:11-12
(1) Babylon to be conquered by Cyrus (a king of Persia)	~ 701-681 BC	539 BC	Isaiah 45:1
(1) Jews would return from Babylon	~ 626-586 BC	536 BC	Jeremiah 32:36-37
(2) Jews regain control of Israel	~ 750 BC	5/14/1948	Amos 9:14-15
(2) Israel will be re-born in 1 day (happened by UN mandate)	~ 701-681 BC	5/14/1948	Isaiah 66:7-8
(2) God would watch over Israel, attackers would be defeated	~ 626-586 BC	Wars - 1948, 1967, 1973	Jeremiah 31:10
(2) Israel's very powerful militarily	~1400 BC ~ 593-571	Wars - 1948, 1967, 1973	Leviticus 26:3,7-8 Ezekiel 37:10-14

(1) "The Old Testament is Filled with Fulfilled Prophecies," <https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/topical-studies/the-old-testament-is-filled-with-fulfilled-prophecy-11652232.html>.

(2) "10 Prophecies Fulfilled in 1948" - watchmanbiblestudy.com/1948PropheciesFulfilled.html.

C. The Bible's Textual Consistency, Uniqueness, and Meticulous Copying Are Evidence of Its Truth and Reliability. - "The Bible is remarkably self-consistent, despite

having been written by more than 40 different writers over ... about 2,000 years. **God's moral law, man's rebellion against God's law, and God's plan of salvation are the continuing themes** ... Moreover, the Bible is uniquely authentic among ancient literary works in terms of the number of ancient manuscripts found and the smallness of the timescale between when the work was first written and the oldest extant manuscript ... This indicates that the Bible has been accurately transmitted throughout the ages, far more so than other ancient documents." Meticulous copying, with checks and balances, ensured each copy was transcribed accurately. <https://answersingenesis.org/howdoweknowthebibleistrue> <https://justthesimpletruth.com>>was-the-bible-copied-accurately

D. Jewish Laws, Eye-Witnesses, and Ancient Historians Provide Additional Proof of Biblical Truth and Reliability. - A high standard of truth was required by Jewish law, prophets whose prophecies did not happen were to be sentenced to death (Deuteronomy 18:20). Miracles that were done often had many eye-witnesses, making them easy to be verified. Before large crowds, Jesus cast out demons (Matthew 6:16-18), healed many who were sick (Luke 5:15), raised the dead (Luke 7:11-17), and was crucified (John 19:17-37). He was seen alive for 40 days after His resurrection from the dead (Acts 1:3), with more than 500 people seeing Him at one time (1 Corinthians 15:6). The gospels were written by eyewitnesses or from the accounts of eyewitnesses (1 John 1:1), many of whom died violently rather than change their testimonies. Josephus, a Jewish historian, and Tacitus, a Roman historian, (neither of which were Christian) gave secular historical accounts of the Jesus who did wonders and was crucified.



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E. But Is the Bible Relevant for Today? Yes! It gives us wise advice for daily living (Proverbs) and relating to God (Psalms). It also explains God's plans for the future and how we fit into them. - God says, "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you" (Jeremiah 31:3). **What about your future? Where are you going when you die? What about your sins?** All of us have sinned. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). God has provided someone to pay for our sins. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). "To Him (*Jesus*) all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission (*payment/forgiveness*) of sins" (Acts 10:43). **When you:** "confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, **you will be saved**" (Romans 10:9). Jesus said, "I go and prepare a place for you (*heaven*), I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also" (John 14:3). **Do you want Jesus to save you?**

Suggested Prayer: "Dear Jesus, I believe the Bible is true. Forgive me for all my sins and cleanse me from all my sinful ways. I repent from trying to live my life my way. Make me the kind of person You want me to be. Show me how to live and serve You. Right now, Jesus, I receive You as my personal Lord and Savior. AMEN!" Name _____

Date _____ Now that you've received Jesus, daily pray to Him and read the Bible. Go to a good church where you feel God's presence, they preach the Bible, you can get baptized, be filled with the Holy Spirit, and fellowship with other believers.

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