

Proof that the Holy Bible is God's Word

A biblical worldview is based on looking at the world from God's viewpoint as revealed in the Holy Bible.

(Genesis 1:1, 26; Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 1:1-3; Revelation 1:7-8; Revelation 22:7, 12, 16)

The Holy Bible is God's Word because of predictive prophecy.

(Psalm 22; Isaiah 53; Daniel 9:24-27; Revelation 1:3; Revelation 22:10, 18-19)

Apologetics (Strong's #627 *apologia*) refers to the discipline of defending the Christian faith.

(Acts 22:1; Acts 24:10 NIV; Acts 25:8 NIV; Acts 26:1-2 NIV; 1 Corinthians 9:3; Philippians 1:7; Philippians 1:17; 2 Timothy 4:16; 1 Peter 3:15)

1 Peter 3:15 (NKJV)

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a DEFENSE to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you.

The purpose of the BC/AD dating system was to make the birth of Jesus Christ the dividing point of world history.

(Isaiah 9:6; Micah 5:2; Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-20)

2 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV)

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.

All Scripture is inspired by God, which means God breathed it into the apostles and prophets who wrote it down.

(Genesis 2:7; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21, Ephesians 2:20; Ephesians 3:5; Revelation 21:12-14)

The efficacy of the Holy Bible as God's Word is based on overwhelming historical accuracy and prophetic proof.

(Isaiah 11:11-12; Isaiah 14:1; Isaiah 43:5-7; Isaiah 66:8, 19-20; Jeremiah 31:38-40; Jeremiah 32:37-44; Ezekiel 11:16-20; Ezekiel 37:11-12, 14, 21-22, 25; Ezekiel 38-39; Hosea 3:4-5; Amos 9:11-15; Zechariah 10:8-10)

The entire Bible points to Jesus Christ as the Messiah.

(Genesis 3:15, Genesis 22:18, Genesis 26:4, Genesis 49:10, Numbers 21:6-9, Numbers 24:17, Deuteronomy 18:15, Psalm 16:9-10, Psalm 22, Psalm 132:11, Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 9:6-7, Isaiah 40:10-11, Isaiah 50:6, Isaiah 52:13-15, Isaiah 53, Isaiah 60:21, Jeremiah 23:5, Jeremiah 33:14-15, Ezekiel 34:23, Ezekiel 37:25, Daniel 9:25, Micah 5:2, Micah 7:20, Zechariah 6:12, Zechariah 9:9-10, Zechariah 12:8-10, Zechariah 13:7, Zechariah 14:4, Malachi 3:1-4, Malachi 4:2-6)

The resurrection of Jesus is proof that He was telling the truth about being the Messiah.

(Daniel 9:24-26; Matthew 16:21; Mark 8:31; Luke 24:44-46; John 11:25; Acts 2:32; Acts 13:30-37; 1 Peter 1:3)

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If you're going to embrace a biblical worldview, you have to be convinced that the Holy Bible is God's Word. The way you convince, and are convinced, is through evidence. Consider the following 10 key points that could serve as evidence:

1. **The Holy Bible** is made up of 66 different books that were written over a span of 1600 years (from about 1500 BC to 100 AD). It was written by more than 40 different authors from every walk of life – including kings, fishermen, tax collectors, shepherds, prophets, and even a physician. The Old Testament has 39 books (written about 1500-400 BC). The New Testament has 27 books (written about 45-100 AD). These books were written in different places, at different times, and on different continents.
2. **The Holy Bible** is the only book that was written in three different languages – Hebrew (the language of the Israelites and practically all of the Old Testament), Aramaic (the common language of the Near East until the time of Alexander the Great), and Greek (the language comprising almost all of the New Testament).
3. **The books of the Bible** were received and recognized as God's Word by the church Fathers and God's people throughout history.
4. **Before the printing press was invented, the Bible** was copied by hand. In many cases, the Old Testament was copied by Jewish scribes who developed intricate methods of counting words and letters to ensure the accuracy of every written copy.
5. **The Bible** was the first complete book ever printed on the printing press with moveable type (The Gutenberg Press in 1465 with the Latin Bible).
6. **There is much evidence that the Bible** we have today is remarkably true to the original writings. There is more manuscript support for the Bible, and specifically the New Testament, than for any other body of ancient literature. 5,000+ Greek, 10,000+ Latin, and nearly 25,000 current existing manuscripts attest to the integrity of the Holy Bible. The text of the Bible is better preserved than the writings of ancient philosophers like Plato and Aristotle.
7. **The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls** (in 1947) confirmed the astonishing reliability of some of the copies of the Old Testament made over the years.
8. **As the Bible** was carried to other Countries, it was translated into the common language of the people by scholars who wanted others to know God's Word. Today, there are still 1,800 people-groups with no Bible in their own language.
9. **By 200 AD, the Bible** was translated into seven languages; by 500, 13 languages; by 900, 17 languages; by 1400, 28 languages; by 1800, 57 languages; by 1900, 537 languages; by 1980, 1,100 languages; and by 2006, 2,426 languages had some portions of the Bible.
10. **The Holy Bible** is inspired by God (as stated in 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and 2 Peter 1:20-21).

These 10 points (among others) all contribute to why the Holy Bible is the best-selling book of all time. Just the fact that the Holy Bible is the #1 best-selling book of all time (reaching into the billions sold) might even convince someone that the Holy Bible is God's Word.

The Holy Bible presents a single unfolding story – God's redemption of human beings. The paradise lost in Genesis becomes the paradise found in Revelation. The tree of life closed in the book of Genesis is fully opened in the book of Revelation.

Finally, the leading character throughout the Bible is the one true and living God known through Jesus Christ. In fact, there are over 500 Old Testament scriptures that describe the history of salvation, preparing the way for Jesus as the Messiah.

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