

WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE THE BIBLE?

Hebrews 4:12

INTRODUCTION: Here is the question: "Is the Bible true? Why should I believe the Bible? Is the Bible true and reliable? Many Christians believe the Bible is the Word of God but they do not know the reasons they believe the Bible is the Word of God. The Bible claims very clearly to be inspired of God and true!

I. DOES THE BIBLE CLAIM TO BE THE WORD OF GOD?

The Bible makes it very clear that it is the Word of God not the word of man.

1 Thessalonians 2:13. The apostle Paul said he was preaching the Word of God. Hebrews 4:12: This Book, the Bible is alive. It is not like any other book you will ever read. The Bible can judge your thoughts and intentions. John 3:19-20: those who love evil will not love the Bible! The Bible claims it was inspired of God: 2 Timothy 3:16-17: It is God breathed. John 3:8; 2 Peter 1:16-21: Peter is saying the Word of God that he wrote he did not just make it up but he was moved by the Holy Spirit of God to write it out. John 17:17: The Bible claims to be the truth!

II. THE BIBLE HAS PROVEN ITSELF TO BE TRUE!

The Bible has proven itself to be unique, reliable and true! The Bible is made up of 66 books; 29 books in the Old Testament and 27 books in the New Testament and it was written by 40 different authors over a period of 1,500 years. These different authors were from many different walks of life. They wrote in three different languages—Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. These books were written on three different continents with totally different governments and cultures yet the Bible has a common theme. That common theme is the glory of God and the salvation of men. The Bible speaks truthfully about both history and science. Isaiah 40:22; Job 20:7; Isaiah 40:26.

III. BIBLE PROPHECY PROVES THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD!

No other book has prophecy that is 100% true 100% of the time. Isaiah 44:6-8. The Bible predicted the king of Persia 150 years before he was born and told exactly what God would have him do. Isaiah 45:1-4; Isaiah 44:26-45:6. All this was written by Isaiah 150 years before it came to pass. When Isaiah said Cyrus would command the rebuilding of the Temple it had not even been destroyed yet. There are forty-eight specific prophecies concerning the coming Messiah. Micah 5:2; Isaiah 7:14. The prophecies given of the Messiah came true because God is God and nothing is impossible for Him. The Bible has withstood the test of time and scrutiny. 1 Peter 1:23-25

IV. THE BIBLE IS A LIFE CHANGING BOOK!

The Bible changes lives: 1 Peter 1:23-25. The Bible will change your life if you have trusted Christ as your Lord and Savior. The Bible is called the Word of God and so is the Son of God called the Word of God: Revelation 19:11-16; John 1:14. Our Lord's Word is His bond: Psalm 138:2.