



BIBLE PROPHECIES

The Servant and the Bible

Source

- **Simplifying Faith lecture series:**
The Status of the Bible and the Impossibility of
Distorting its Words
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Outline

- What is the Holy Bible?:
- The Holy Spirit Keeps the Gospel
- The Unity of the Bible
- Importance & Authenticity of the Testaments
- God of the Old and New Testaments
- Before and After Grace

What is the Holy Bible?

Holy:

Exalted, divine, sacred, venerated, devoted to God, set aside

The Bible is God's Word:

“The words of Jeremiah...to whom the words of the Lord came” (Jer. 1:1-2)

“...I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last...What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia...” (Rev. 1:11)

What is the Holy Bible?

*“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. **You shall teach them diligently to your children**, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” (Deut. 6:6-9)*

Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.” (Ps 119:105)

What is the Holy Bible?

The Holy Bible is the Story of Salvation

Old Testament	New Testament
<i>“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel” (Is 7:14)</i>	<i>“Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary.” (Luke 1: 26-27)</i>

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<i>“When Israel was a child, I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son.” (Hos 11:1)</i>	<i>“Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child’s life are dead.” (Matt 2:20)</i>

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<i>“Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey” (Zac 9:9)</i>	<i>The next day a great multitude ...cried out “Hosanna! ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ The King of Israel!” Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: (John 12:13-14)</i>

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<i>He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth” (Is 53:7).</i>	<i>And the high priest arose and said to Him, “Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?” But Jesus kept silent. (Matt 26:62-63)</i>

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<i>They pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.”</i> (Ps 22:16-18)	<i>Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet:</i> (Matt 27:35)

What is the Holy Bible?

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Probability of one man fulfilling 8 Messianic prophecies:

If you mark one of ten tickets, and place all the tickets in a hat, and thoroughly stir them, and then ask a blindfolded man to draw one, his chance of getting the right ticket is one in ten. Suppose that we take 10^{17} silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They'll cover all of the state two feet deep. Now mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly, all over the state. Blindfold a man and tell him that he can travel as far as he wishes, but he must pick up one silver dollar and say that this is the right one.

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What is the Holy Bible?

<http://www.accordingtothescriptures.org/prophecy/353prophecies.html>

353 Prophecies Fulfilled in Jesus Christ		
<i>"Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me" (Psalm 40:7).</i> <i>"The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" (Revelation 19:10).</i> <i>"...all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me" (Jesus Christ, Luke 24:44).</i> <i>"For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me." (Jesus Christ, John 5:46).</i> <i>"To Him give all the prophets witness" (Acts 10:43).</i>		
Prophecy		Fulfillment
1. Gen. 3:15	Seed of a woman (virgin birth)	Galatians 4:4-5, Matthew 1:18
2. Gen. 3:15	He will bruise Satan's head	Hebrews 2:14, 1John 3:8
3. Gen. 3:15	Christ's heel would be bruised with nails on the cross	Matthew 27:35, Luke 24:39-40
4. Gen. 5:24	The bodily ascension to heaven illustrated	Mark 16:19
5. Gen. 9:26, 27	The God of Shem will be the Son of Shem	Luke 3:36
6. Gen. 12:3	Seed of Abraham will bless all nations	Galatians 3:8, Acts 3:25, 26
7. Gen. 12:7	The Promise made to Abraham's Seed	Galatians 3:16
8. Gen. 14:18	A priest after the order of Melchizedek	Hebrews 6:20
9. Gen. 14:18	King of Peace and Righteousness	Hebrews 7:2
10. Gen. 14:18	The Last Supper foreshadowed	Matthew 26:26-29
11. Gen. 17:19	Seed of Isaac (Gen. 21:12)	Romans 9:7
12. Gen. 22:8	The Lamb of God promised	John 1:29
13. Gen. 22:18	As Isaac's seed, will bless all nations	Galatians 3:16
14. Gen. 26:2-5	The Seed of Isaac promised as the Redeemer	Hebrews 11:18
15. Gen. 28:12	The Bridge to heaven	John 1:51

Some unwittingly fulfilled by His enemies (betrayal, trial, crucifixion, casting lots...)

The Holy Spirit Keeps the Gospel

- **The Holy Spirit worked in the writers of the Scripture** *“...no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God, spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit”* (2Peter 1:20-21),
- **He works in the readers of the Scripture** *“That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.”* (2 Tim 1:14)
- **Ex/ St. Mary of Egypt**
50 years alone in the wilderness without a Bible, yet she was fluent in the Scripture.

The Unity of the Bible

- *“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Tim 3:16-17).*
- **God’s inspiration** throughout the scripture demonstrates the Bible’s unity.
- **Our misunderstanding** of the Bible is typically the root cause of apparent inconsistencies

Authenticity and Importance of the Old Testament

□ Christ Himself attests to the importance of the Old Testament:

“...beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.” (Lk 24:27).

*“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.”
(Matt 5:17-18)*

Importance and Authenticity of the Old and New Testaments

- The Jews recorded how many times every letter appeared in the Old Testament:
 - א (Aleph) 42,377 times
 - ב (Beth) 38,218 times
- Any Jewish manuscript with more than 3 errors was destroyed
- The New Testament is preserved in the writings of the early church fathers of the 2nd and 3rd centuries.

God of the Old and New Testaments

- *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever”* (Heb. 13:8)
- It is man who changes and mans relationship with God which changed between the Old and New Testaments.
- The *covenant of salvation* and the God of the covenant remained the same throughout the Testaments “...*my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior...As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever.*” (Lk 1:47,55)

Before and After Grace

“What is the difference between the condition of man before and after grace? The Lord Jesus Christ came to liberate man from sin and slavery. He carried humanity from eternal death to life, from darkness to light. How then could the commandments of the Old Testament be the same as those of the New Testament? How could God ask man to fulfill the same commandments before salvation, that He demanded after the fulfillment of salvation and renewal?”

Before and After Grace

- Sword of war vs. sword of the Spirit
- *“...for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.” (Lk 21:15).*
- *“And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;” (Mk. 16:17).*
- *“their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world.” (Rom 10:18).*

Recap

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Glory Be to God Forever. Amen.



Three in One and Unity of Three