

## **Part 1: Why You Can Trust the Bible**

### **Top 10 Reasons**

#### **Reason #10: Unity in Great Diversity**

1. The Bible has 66 different books in one volume
2. The Bible was originally written in three languages: Hebrew, Greek & Aramaic
3. The Bible was written on three continents: Asia, Africa & Europe
4. The Bible was written by more than 40 different authors from different cultures, backgrounds and time periods
5. The Bible was written over a period of about 1,600 years

#### **Yet the Bible has One Single Theme**

**There's One True, Living, Loving, Almighty God who created & sustains all things, and who reached out to humanity to save them from the penalty of sin for His glory**

#### **Reason #9: The Bible is an authentic and historically accurate ancient document**

The Bible far exceeds the standards set by scholars

#### **Reason #8: The Bible is scientifically accurate**

“Science is simply thinking God’s thoughts after Him” Johannes Keppler

Reminder: God Invented the Universe

#### **Reason #7: The Bible was written by eye witnesses**

Consider the following bible authors

- Moses was there when the Red Sea split
- Joshua was there when the walls fell at Jericho
- Ezra was there when the temple was rebuilt

The biographies of the life, death & resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth were written by or on behalf of credible eye witnesses

- Matthew: core disciple of Jesus
- Mark: eye witness account of the Apostle Peter
- Luke: interviewed many eye witnesses
- John: core disciple of Jesus

### **Reason #6: Predictions that came true**

Over about a 1000 year period about 300 predictions (prophecies) were made concerning Messiah (Promised Deliverer & Savior)

3 examples ALL fulfilled in Jesus Christ

1. EVENT: a Savior to be born In Bethlehem

PREDICTION: Micah 5:2

FULFILLMENT: Luke 2:4-7

2. EVENT: A Savior to be born of a virgin and called Immanuel (God with us)

PREDICTION: Isaiah 7:14

FULFILLMENT: Luke 1:26-38

3. EVENT: The Savior would be pierced in his hands & feet

PREDICTION: Psalm 22:16

FULFILLMENT: John 19:18

### **24 prophecies fulfilled 24 hours before Jesus' death**

Mathematicians have concluded that it is impossible for all these prophecies to have been fulfilled by accident

### **Reason #5: The Bible is relevant, practical & life changing**

The Bible has Transforming power

Examples: Saul to Paul & millions of Christians around the world

### **Reason #4 The Bible is confirmed by Jesus Christ**

“I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from God’s Law until everything is accomplished.” Matthew 5:18—words of Jesus

### **Reason #3: The Bible has survived & thrived under all attacks**

“One Hundred years from today the bible will be a forgotten book.”

Quote from Voltaire, a famous French philosopher in the 18<sup>th</sup> century

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Matthew 24:35

## **Reason #2: The Bible is inspired by God**

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

### 3 Possible Sources of Authorship

1. Clever people who declared themselves as lost, hopeless & condemned sinners
2. The devil and/or demons who wrote that they are doomed for eternity
3. God through Men

#3 is the only logical, reasonable & evidential choice

## **Reason #1: The Bible reveals the Way to salvation**

John 3:16-18

**The Bible is an Extraordinary  
Book You can TRUST!**