

Is the Bible REALLY God's Word? (cont'd)

I. The Bible's claims —

- A. "All Scripture is inspired by God" (2 Timothy 3.16-17)
- B. "not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words" (1Cor 2.13)
- C. "men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God" (2 Peter 1.20-21)
 - 1. e.g. Moses (Exodus 20.22), Deborah (Judges 4.4), David (2 Samuel 23.2), Jeremiah (1.9), and Paul (Galatians 1.11-12; Ephesians 3.1-5)
- D. "so that we may know the things freely given to us by God" (1 Corinthians 2.12)

II. Its unified message —

- A. 40 different human authors...
- B. Written in 3 different languages...
- C. On 2 different continents...
- D. Over a period of 1500 - 1600 years...
- E. But it is all ONE big story; from beginning to end, it all goes together!

III. Its historical accuracy —

- A. "Belshazzar the king" (Daniel 5.1)
- B. The Hittites (e.g. Joshua 1.4)
- C. Sargon II, king of Assyria (Isaiah 20.1)

IV. Its scientific foreknowledge —

- A. Astronomy (Job 26.7; Isaiah 40.22)
- B. Oceanography (Job 38.16; Psalm 8.8)
 - 1. Ancient Israelites were not a seafaring people.
- C. Meteorology (Ecclesiastes 1.7; 11.3; Amos 9.6)
- D. Physics (Psalm 102.25-27; Isaiah 51.6)
 - 1. The 2nd Law of Thermodynamics, i.e. Law of Increasing Entropy.
- E. Medicine (Leviticus 17.11)
- F. Biology (Genesis 1.1ff; 1 Corinthians 15.39)

V. Its fulfilled _____ —

- A. "*If the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken*" (Deuteronomy 18.22). The implication is unmistakable — if the word *does* come to pass or come true, that is a word that the Lord *has* spoken.
- B. _____ (Deuteronomy 28)
- C. _____ (Isaiah 13.17-22)
- D. _____ and _____ (Isaiah 44.28; cf. 2 Chronicles 36.22-23).
- E. _____ (Isaiah 19)
- F. _____ (Zephaniah 2)
- G. _____ (Ezekiel 26)
- H. _____ (Joshua 6.26; 1 Kings 16.34)
- I. _____ (1 Kings 13.1-2; 2 Kings 23.15-16)
- J. Messianic prophecy — _____ specific prophecies fulfilled in the birth, life, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ.

VI. Since the Bible is God's Word...

- A. We need to _____ it, _____ it, and _____ it!
- B. It tells me what _____ right, what _____ right, how to _____ right, and how to _____ right! (2 Timothy 3.16-17)