

Is The Bible True?

*The God Questions, Part 2**

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Proverbs 30:5-6 (NIV)

Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.

The Bible claims to be **FLAWLESS**.

“Flawless” = **without imperfection, blemish, or defect.**

1. Where the Bible came from:

Every book of the Bible was written by a prophet, an apostle, or someone with a **direct link** to one.

...built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets... Ephesians 2:20

2. How the Bible is unique:

A. In Its Composition

1. It was written over **1600** years.
2. By **40+** authors.
3. With different **backgrounds**.
4. In **3** different languages, from **3** different continents.
5. With **continuity** and **agreement** from cover to cover.

B. In Its Circulation

It's the single most **published** book in the history of the world.

C. In Its Translation

It's the single most **translated** book in the world (over 2,650!)

D. In Its Durability

1. It has survived **bans**, **burnings**, ridicule, and criticism.
2. **Emperors** and **kings** have tried to eradicate it.

E. In Its Effect on People

1. They never get **through** with it.
2. It alters their view of the **world**.
3. It changes their **relating** patterns.
4. It changes their **values** and **ethics**.
5. It changes their **vocabulary**.
6. It changes their view of **eternity**.

3. How the Bible has been copied and translated:

- A. The Bible was written in **Hebrew**, **Aramaic**, and **Greek**.
- B. The Talmudim (A.D. 100 – 500) were **meticulous**.
- C. The Massorettes (A.D. 500 – 900) were **MORE meticulous**.
- D. The New Testament has **24,000** manuscripts to compare.
- E. The English Bible is translated **directly** from the **original** languages.

4. How science and history compare to the Bible:

“Through the wealth of data uncovered by historical and archaeological research, we are able to measure the Bible’s historical accuracy. In every case where its claim can be thus tested, the Bible proves to be accurate and reliable.”

Jack Cottrell, *The Authority of the Bible*, pp. 48-49

5. How prophecy compares with the Bible:

- A. **332** prophecies were fulfilled in Jesus’ first coming.
- B. The probability that even **8** of these would be fulfilled in one person is 1 in 10^{17} .
- C. The probability that **48** of these would be fulfilled is 1 in 10^{157} . There are 10^{66} atoms in the universe.

2 Timothy 3:16 (ESV)

All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

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