

**Notes for
How do I know? Part 2
How do I know that I can trust the Bible?
Five Proofs That The Bible is Inspired by God**

Each book of the Bible to be included in the Bible had to either have detailed foretelling of the future or the author had to show supernatural miracles and signs.

Proof #1: The Bible was written by people who were supernaturally confirmed by signs and wonders witnessed by multitudes of people.

Exodus 4:1-9 *Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The Lord did not appear to you?'" Then the Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied.*

The Lord said, "Throw it on the ground."

Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it. Then the Lord said to him, "Reach out your hand and take it by the tail." So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand. "This," said the Lord, "is so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you."

Then the Lord said, "Put your hand inside your cloak." So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was leprous, like snow.

"Now put it back into your cloak," he said. So Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh.

Then the Lord said, "If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first miraculous sign, they may believe the second. But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground."

2 Kings 1:10-12 *Elijah answered the captain, "If I am a man of God, may fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men!" Then fire fell from heaven and consumed the captain and his men. At this the king sent to Elijah another captain with his fifty men. The captain said to him, "Man of God, this is what the king says, 'Come down at once!'" "If I am a man of God," Elijah replied, "may fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men!" Then the fire of God fell from heaven and consumed him and his fifty men.*

John 20: 24-27 *Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."*

Christianity is built on historical facts and proof. The other world religions are built of belief without proof.

John 11:47-48 *“What are we accomplishing?” they asked. “Here is this man performing many miraculous signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”*

John 3:2 *“Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him.”*

1 Corinthians 2:1, 4-5 *When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, so that your faith might not rest on men’s wisdom, but on God’s power.*

2 Corinthians 12:12 *The things that mark an apostle—signs, wonders and miracles —were done among you with great perseverance.*

Proof #2: The Bible gives a second minimal threshold for divine inspiration: Detailed foretelling of the future (prophecy).



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Isaiah 46:10 *I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.*

The Bible has **8,352** verses out of its total **31,124** that are predictive (**27%**).

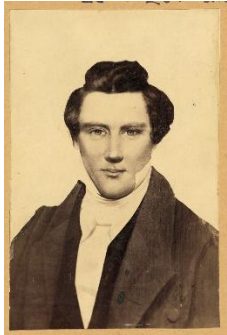
Approximately 2,000 Biblical prophecies have already been fulfilled to the letter.

Deuteronomy 18:22 *If what a prophet proclaims in the name of the LORD does not take place or come true, that is a message the LORD has not spoken. That prophet has spoken presumptuously. Do not be afraid of him.*

A study made of top psychics revealed that they were wrong 92% of the time.

“The Prophet said: ... the outbreak of the great war **will be at the conquest of Constantinople and the conquest of Constantinople when the Dajjal (Antichrist) comes forth.** He (the Prophet) struck his thigh or his shoulder with his hand and said: This is as true as you are here or as you are sitting.”

Another big, unfulfilled prophecy is that Mohammed prophesied the end of the world to be 500 years after the time he was living on the earth.



Joseph Smith thought he was living in the last days before Christ return, and prophesied Jesus Second coming in 1890.

Joseph Smith said that there are men living on the moon who dress like Quakers and live to be nearly 1,000 years old.

Deuteronomy 18:21-22 *“But you may wonder, ‘How will we know whether or not a prophecy is from the Lord?’ If the prophet speaks in the Lord’s name but his prediction does not happen or come true, you will know that the Lord did not give that message. **That prophet has spoken without my authority and need not be feared.**”*

I Kings 22:28 *Micaiah declared, “If you ever return safely, the Lord has not spoken through me.” Then he added, “Mark my words, all you people!”*

Proof #3: We know the Bible hasn’t changed over time because of the process that the Jews used to copy the books of the Bible has safeguarded the integrity of what was written.

1. Number of words per page.
2. Number of words per line.
3. Letters per page were counted.
4. Letter for letter copy.
5. Three people checked each page.
6. Compared number of letters per book.

Proof #4: The Qumran Scrolls showed us that the Bible hasn’t changed over time.

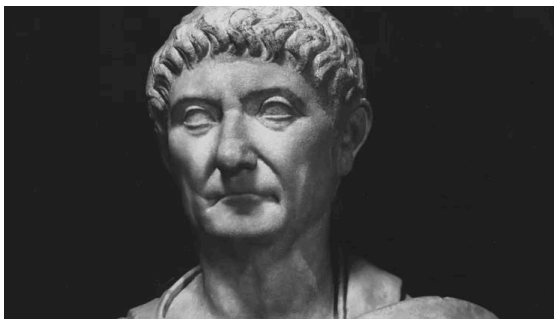




The early church fathers (97-180 AD) quoted the New Testament so much that if we were to lose all our manuscripts of the New Testament, we could reconstruct it all except for 11 verses just from the quotes of the early church fathers.

Proof #5: the uniqueness of the Bible: it is the planet's best-selling book-no other book compares to it.

Today there are over 130 Bible Societies in the world today and they distribute about 500 million copies of the Bible in over 2,300 languages every year. That's over 1.3 million bibles a day, or 57,077 Bibles printed and distributed each hour, or 16 Bibles each second.



Most Americans have never read the Bible.

Deuteronomy 32:46-47 *“Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law. They are not just idle words for you—they are your life.*

John 6:68 *Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.*



