

## **TOPIC I - THE BIBLE**

### **PART II**

#### **IS THE BIBLE THE TRUE, INSPIRED AND INERRANT WORD OF GOD?**

Again, how do we know for sure that the Bible is the true word of God and not just another religious textbook? And if so, what is it trying to accomplish? What is its purpose?

It claims, as we saw, to be a living thing when absorbed by those who believe and a convicting effect on those who don't. We'll come back to that in the next lesson. There are several things to point to to show the amazing Bible to be God's Word.

A. Prophetic fulfillment. The Old Testament has several hundred prophecies in it about various things including people, events and discoveries and all have been fulfilled to date except the ones that describe the happenings at the end of the age. The New Testament as well, especially words of Jesus also contain prophecies that have been fulfilled or are still awaiting fulfillment at the last days. In the Old Testament, most of the prophecies come from the mouths of the prophets.

For example, concerning events:

Isaiah 45:1; 45:13 Isaiah lived and wrote from around 700 - 680 B.C. The events he describes took place around 550 when Cyrus, King of Persia overthrew Babylon and the Babylonian Empire. He allowed the Jews, who had been held captive by Babylon for around 59 years to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the city and Temple that Neb. Of Babylon had destroyed. Jeremiah prophesied the same thing. He lived and wrote later than Isaiah, around 626 -586 B.C. In 32:36-37 he wrote, "Now therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel concerning this city of which you say, 'It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by sword, by famine and by pestilence.' "Behold, I will gather them out of all the lands to which I have driven them in My anger, in My wrath and in great indignation; and I will bring them back to this place and make them dwell in safety."

Ezekiel wrote an even more impressive prophecy. In 26:1-6; 13-14.

1: Now in the eleventh year, on the first of the month, the word of the LORD came to me saying, 2: "Son of man, because Tyre has said concerning Jerusalem, 'Aha,

the gateway of the peoples is broken; it has opened to me. I shall be filled, *now that* she is laid waste,' 3: therefore thus says the Lord GOD, 'Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and I will bring up many nations against you, as the sea brings up its waves. 4: 'They will destroy the walls of Tyre and break down her towers; and I will scrape her debris from her and make her a bare rock. 5: 'She will be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea, for I have spoken,' declares the Lord GOD, 'and she will become spoil for the nations. 6: 'Also her daughters who are on the mainland will be slain by the sword, and they will know that I am the LORD.'"

13: "So I will silence the sound of your songs, and the sound of your harps will be heard no more. 14: "I will make you a bare rock; you will be a place for the spreading of nets. You will be built no more, for I the LORD have spoken," declares the Lord GOD."

There are numerous presentations available addressing the coming Messiah and how Jesus fulfilled them in His birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension. These can be found online or in the appendices of many Bibles.

B. Testimony even of Mohammed that the Bible is of God. Amazingly enough, the Quran says,

Sura An-Nisa, 4:163-164

163. Verily, We have inspired you (O Muhammad) as We inspired Nuh (Noah) and the Prophets after him; We (also) inspired Ibrahim (Abraham), Isma'il (Ishmael), Ishaque (Isaac), Ya'qub (Jacob), and Al-Asbat [the twelve sons of Ya'qub (Jacob)], 'Iesa (Jesus), Ayub (Job), Yunus (Jonah), Harun (Aaron), and Sulaiman (Solomon), and to Dawud (David) We gave the Zabur (Psalms).

164. And Messengers We have mentioned to you before, and Messengers We have not mentioned to you, - and to Musa (Moses) Allah spoke directly.

Sura 3:3-4

"ALLAH is HE besides Whom there is none worthy of worship, the Living, the Self-Subsisting and All-Sustaining. HE has sent down to thee the Book containing the truth and fulfilling that which precedes it; and HE has sent down the Torah (Law of Moses) and the Gospel (of Jesus) before this, as a

guidance to the people; and HE has sent down the Discrimination (judgement between right and wrong). It is He Who has sent down the Book (the Qur'an) to you (Muhammad with truth, confirming what came before it. And he sent down the Taurat (Torah) and the Injeel (Gospel).

Sura 3:33

"Allah chose Adam, Nuh (Noah), the family of Ibrahim (Abraham) and the family of 'Imran above the '*Alamin* (mankind and jinns) (of their times)."

C. The resurrection of Christ. The most important evidence of all is the Resurrection of Christ. Even the Apostle Paul said,

"But if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain. Moreover we are even found to be false witnesses of God, because we testified against God that He raised Christ, whom He did not raise, if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep." I Corinthians 15:13-20

Many books have been written to try and disprove the resurrection of Christ. Several of these critics and skeptics came to faith through their own investigation to try and prove it didn't happen. Among these are Josh McDowell (Evidence that Demands a Verdict), Frank Morrison (Who Moved the Stone?) and Lee Strobel (the Case For Christ).

I also have done a comprehensive paper on the subject that may be found on my website<sup>1</sup> entitled, "The Resurrection of Christ."

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<sup>1</sup> [www.bibleclassroom.org](http://www.bibleclassroom.org)