

Is the Bible truly from God?

Throughout the Bible you will find claims such as “thus says the LORD God,” “God... has spoken,” “the things I write to you are the commandments of the Lord,” “revealed by the Holy Spirit,” and “all Scripture is given by inspiration of God.” Many people wonder whether they can trust these claims. If a book did originate in the mind of God, what evidence would prove that? Would the knowledge of specific, future events be proof since man cannot know specific, future events?

The prophets who wrote Scripture consistently spoke about God sending someone to the Jews, from the Jews. The prophet Moses recorded the prophecy of Jacob that a lawgiver would come from the tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:10). Hundreds of years later, the prophet Nathan repeated and narrowed this claim when he told David, a king from Judah, that God would establish his throne within his family (2 Samuel 7:16). Hundreds of years later the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah continued this claim (Isaiah 9:7; Jeremiah 23:5). Micah, living in Isaiah’s lifetime, narrowed this claim even further when he said this ruler would be born in Bethlehem and would come to earth “from everlasting” (Micah 5:2). Each generation in Israel accepted and preserved these writings, expecting their prophecies to be fulfilled. Were they?

Maybe you know that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, a small village in the land of Judah, and that his parents were from the tribe of Judah and descendants of David (Luke 2:4, 15-16; Matthew 1:1). Maybe you know He was a ruler and came to earth from heaven (Matthew 28:18; John 1:1, 14).

These are not the only details predicted by the prophets. For example, they told that God would send someone who would be despised, rejected, treated unjustly, killed with transgressors, with the rich at death, an offering for sin, and prolonged in life after death (Isaiah 53). Jesus fulfilled this also.

Can you predict specific people, places, and events by your knowledge alone? This is proof that the prophets had knowledge from a super-human source—God. This is the proof that the Bible truly is from God. What will you do with this evidence?

Is the Bible credible?

Believing God, the Bible, and the prophets is a matter of evidence, not “blind faith.” While not everyone has witnessed the same evidence, God offers all men sufficient evidence to persuade him to believe the truth. The Bible’s credibility is built upon evidence yet have you heard people deny the Bible’s credibility? Investigate the claims and all related evidence to see who is credible.

1. “The Bible contradicts itself.” This claim is discredited by gathering *all* relevant facts. Doing so shows that different details do not contradict each other. For example, the Bible says Judas hung himself and also that he fell and his insides “gushed out.” Some say this is a contradiction in the cause of his death, but it is reasonable that after his death by hanging, his body fell from where it hung and burst open on impact. Simple investigation of the facts answers claims of contradiction.

2. “The books of the Bible were composed or selected by human councils who excluded books they didn’t like.” It is easy to make this claim, but where is the evidence? The Bible was not composed in a single time or place but in many places throughout time. While human councils have made official statements about the Bible, the books of the Bible existed and established credibility before those councils existed.

3. “The Bible has been mistranslated and corrupted, so we don’t know what the original books said.” This accusation is made by skeptics, Muslims, and even the book of Mormon. The evidence for the accuracy of the translation of the Bible over thousands of years answers this claim. This evidence is found in ancient translations of the Bible (research *Septuagint*), ancient copies of the Bible (research *Dead Sea Scrolls*), and Bible quotes from ancient authors (research *Church fathers*).

What other objections have you heard?

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