



CAN WE TRUST THE BIBLE?

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The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. . . . and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. BAPTIST FAITH & MESSAGE, 2000

1. The Bible claims to be the _____.

"Thus saith the Lord"

"Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition." MATTHEW 15:6

All Scripture is inspired by God . . . 2 TIMOTHY 3:16 ESV

For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. 2 PETER 2:21

2. Jesus affirmed the Bible's _____
and _____.

"It is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one stroke of a letter of the law to fail." LUKE 16:17

"For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away from the Law, until it is all accomplished."

MATTHEW 5:18; JOHN 10:35; LUKE 11:51, 17:17, 24:44

3. _____ proves the Bible's trustworthiness.

"Truly I have spoken; truly I will bring it to pass. I have planned it, surely I will do it." ISAIAH 46:11; DEUTERONOMY 18:22; HEBREWS 6:18

4. _____ evidence supports the Bible's integrity.

Author	Book	Date Written	Earliest Copies	Time Gap	No. of Copies
Homer	Iliad	800 B.C.	c. 400 B.C.	c. 400 yrs.	643
Herodotus	History	480-425 B.C.	c. A.D. 900	c. 1,350 yrs.	8
Plato		400 B.C.	c. A.D. 900	c. 1,300 yrs.	7
Caesar	Gallic Wars	100-44 B.C.	c. A.D. 900	c. 1,000 yrs.	10
New Testament		A.D. 50-100	c. 114 frag. c. 200 books c. 250 most of NT c. 325 complete NT	+ 50 yrs. 100 yrs. 150 yrs. 225 yrs.	5366

Adapted from *The New Evidence That Demands a Verdict* by Josh McDowell

5. _____ confirms the Bible's reliability.

6. The _____ of Scripture points to its supernatural nature.

7. The Bible _____.