

Divin' In – Wednesday Night Bible Study

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Do today's youth think the Bible is antiquated? Do they think it is not relevant for today's issues? Why should they listen to anything about it?

*"The Bible is a unique volume, composed of 66 books, with over 40 different writers, over 1600 years, with **ONE** consistent storyline all the way thru, and with **ONE** ultimate Author....."*

– Brian Edwards from DVD "Why 66?"



Can we trust the Bible?



Written by:

Fishermen, politicians, generals, kings, farmers, historians, cup-bearers, musicians, prophets, tax collectors, etc.

Written where?

On 3 different continents, from dungeons, from temples, on beaches, on hillsides, during peacetime and during war

Written in what language?

Hebrew, Greek, Aramaic, and it has been translated into over 2,400 other languages.

Psalm 119:89-91 NIV

"Your Word, LORD, is **eternal**; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures. Your laws endure to THIS day, for all things serve you."

1 Peter 1:24-25 NLT [quoting from Isaiah 40:8]

"As the Scriptures say, from Isaiah 40, QUOTE, 'People are like **grass**; their beauty is like a flower in the field. The grass withers and the flower fades, BUT, the Word of the Lord remains **forever**.' UNQUOTE. And that Word IS the Good News that was preached to you."

The New Testament was written between 48 and 94 A.D., and over 24,000 copies of N.T. manuscripts exist today.

Before the printing press was invented in 1450, copies had to be made by hand. Jewish scribes before the time of Jesus, and centuries afterwards, had specific rules for copying Scripture.

- They had to use clean animal skins, and only black ink
- They had to verbalize each word out loud while writing
 - The letters, words, and paragraphs had to be counted
- A document became invalid if 2 letters touched each other
 - And even more....

In 1947 kids climbing around Qumran discovered jars with papyrus in them, with writing on it....voluminous writing of Scripture by Essenes. Copies of every book of Old Testament, except Esther. SIX copies of the Book of Deuteronomy, complete Isaiah scroll which was almost IDENTICAL to previous oldest copy of Isaiah, 1,000 years newer.

FULFILLED PROPHECY:

From Zechariah 9:2-4 ERV [Zechariah, about 500 B.C.]

"...Tyre is built like a **fort**....But the Lord will take it all. He will destroy her powerful navy and that city will be destroyed by **fire**!"

In 332 B.C., Alexander the Great built a half-mile causeway 200-ft wide to destroy the city.

From Luke 19:43-44 ESV [Jesus weeps for Jerusalem]

"...For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you inthey will not leave one **stone** upon another...."

On August 30, 70 A.D., Roman forces led by General Titus, set fire to wealthy Jerusalem and King Herod's Temple.

From Job 26:7 GW [Job lived 2,000 years before Jesus]

"God stretches out His heavens over empty space. He hangs the earth on **nothing** whatsoever."

In 1968, for the first time, a human being was able to see the entire earth, floating in space.

Leviticus 17:11 ERV [Written by Moses, 1,500 A.D.]

"....the life of the body is in the **blood**."

Doctors bled George Washington to death.

Messiah will be born in Bethlehem [Micah 5:2], die by crucifixion [Psalm 22], betrayed by 30 pieces of silver [Zechariah 11], be buried in rich man's tomb. [Isaiah 53].

All fulfilled by Jesus.