

THE R.U.S.H. BIBLE STUDY

THE INSPIRATION OF SCRIPTURE



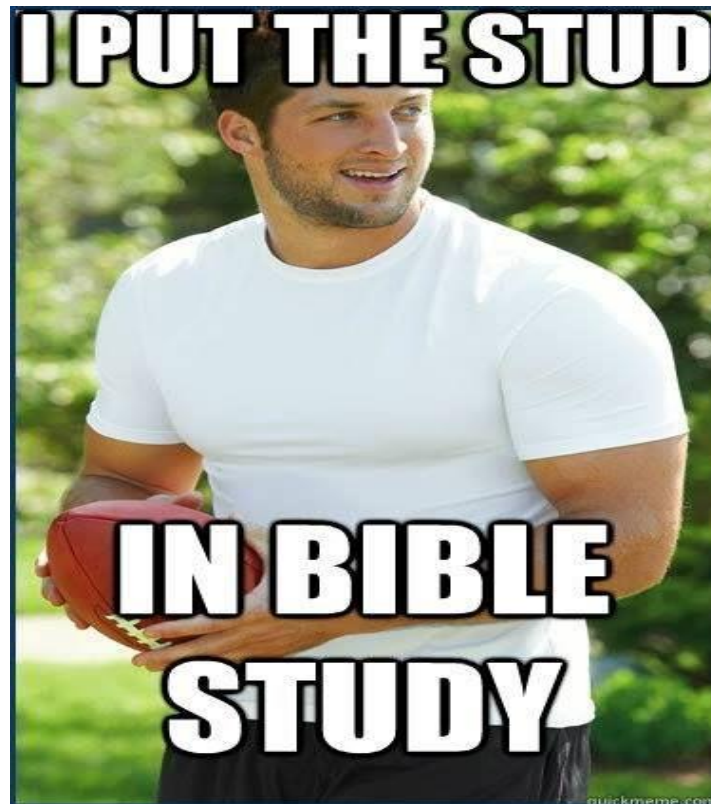
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The R.B.S Arguments for the Inspiration and Reliability of Scripture

Introduction:

Torah code

Your faith is worth more than gold

~ 1 Peter 1:7

The discovery of significant words spelled out at equidistant skip sequences of letters in the original text of the Hebrew Bible is powerful evidence that the Bible is a work of God rather than a work of men.

God's way of righteousness is by faith in Jesus Christ. Faith implies a decision to trust, without proof. For those who take that step God sends the Holy Spirit to make the Bible come alive and He takes the believer on a journey where faith grows and matures. We have an opportunity to increase faith when we comprehend what has been called the Torah Code, an underlying pattern of words spelled out at equidistant skip sequences throughout the original text of the Hebrew Bible.

An example ...

Using the Masoretic text we find the word TORAH spelled out at equidistant letter skip sequences at the start of the books of Genesis, Exodus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

The Hebrew word TORAH תורה (meaning "law") is the title rabbis use to describe the first five books of the Bible, the Law of Moses.

Finding this pattern does not mystify the Bible. It is simply there. It is a fact. It can be checked by counting the letters manually or with computer programs. That the pattern is there is remarkable. It occurs too many times to be considered a coincidence. It is an indication – a seal so to speak – of divine authorship.

The first word in Genesis 1:1 is BERESHEET ("In the beginning."): בראשית

The last letter of this Hebrew word is a tav: ת

Tav is the first letter of the word TORAH: תורה

Count seven times seven letters, or 49 characters, from that tav. The 50th letter in the Hebrew text is vav – the second letter in the word TORAH: תורה

Keep going in this way, every 50th letter, and TORAH is spelled out. In the book of Exodus, starting with the first occurrence of the letter tav, the word TORAH is spelled out in the same way.

Do the same exercise in the fourth and fifth books of the Bible – Numbers and Deuteronomy – and we find the same phenomenon, except that the word TORAH is spelled backwards; pointing inwards, so to speak.

What about Leviticus, the middle book of the first five books of the Bible?

In that book we find spelled out the Hebrew word that represents the name of God: יהוה

Starting with the first letter yud, skipping seven letters and counting the eighth, we find the word YHWH, which some people transliterate into English as Yahweh or Jehovah (but see our video teaching "[The name of God](#)" for a fuller explanation).

It is impossible that this could have happened by chance. The only conclusion is that the Spirit of God directed the men who wrote the text.

Also revealed in skip sequences in the Hebrew Bible is the Hebrew name of Jesus, YESHUA: ישוע

- Example 1:

Starting with the yud in BERESHEET, the first word in Genesis 1:1, and skipping 521 letters consecutively, the phrase is spelled out: YESHUA YAKOL, meaning: "Jesus is able."

- Example 2:

The book of Leviticus gives instruction on blood sacrifices to cover sin. They all point to Jesus' perfect sacrifice on the cross. Leviticus also describes rules for the priests and for the High Priest. Jesus is our great High Priest.

Leviticus 21:10 says: "And the High Priest, the one among his brothers who has had the anointing oil poured on his head ..."

Starting with the heh, the second letter in the Hebrew: VE HA'COHEN HA'GADOL, "And the high priest ..." and counting every third letter, reveals the phrase: HAIN DAM YESHUA, meaning: "Behold the blood of Jesus."

- Example 3:

Isaiah 53 is one of the great passages in the Hebrew Bible pointing to the work and person of the Messiah.

Isaiah 53:8-10 reads:

*By oppression and judgment He was taken away. And who can speak of His descendants?
For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of My people He was
stricken. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though
He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. Yet it was the Lord's will to
crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the Lord makes His life a guilt offering, He
will see His offspring and prolong His days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in His
hand."*

Embedded in this passage is the phrase YESHUA SHMI
(meaning "Jesus
is My name.")

ישוע שמי

It is found by starting at the second yud in the word YARIK – "He shall prolong" – in verse 10,
and counting back through the verses every twentieth letter.

God is calling Israel to recognize their Messiah

TORAH TORAH TORAH → YHWH ← HAROT HAROT HAROT

1. Historical Documentation:

Literary terminology

1. Autographs are the original physical writings of the document by the author.
2. Manuscripts are copies of the autographs and are in a first-class category of witness texts.
3. Primary sources are writings that come directly from the event(s) through eyewitnesses and participants.
4. Secondary sources are written further away in time from the event(s) and come from second hand information that can no longer be disputed by those who were present or alive at the time.
5. Literary works are usually considered primary sources if written within a generation or century of the event.
6. The closer the writing is to the event(s) the more reliable the writing becomes.
7. The more manuscripts you have, even those with errors, the better chance you have of reconstructing the autograph.

In comparison to other well received historical events the Bible is very well documented. For example:

Event Subject	Year Written	Earliest Copy	Manuscripts
a. Ceaser (Galic wars)	10BC	100AD	251
b. Aristotle	384BC	850AD	5
c. Plato (Tetralogies)	427BC	900AD	210
d. Pliny (Natural History)	31AD	850AD	200
e. Herodotus	480BC	900AD	109
f. Tacitus (Annals)	100AD	850AD	33
g. Thucydides	460BC	900AD	50
h. Sophocles (Tragedies)	496BC	900AD	193
i. Livy (History of Rome)	59BC	400AD	150
j. Demosthenes Speeches	300BC	1100AD	340
k. Homers Illiad	800BC	400BC	1757
l. The New Testament	49-95AD	117AD	5795
N.T. in other languages		100-150AD	7974
Latin Vulgate		200-300AD	over 10,000

2. Medical Proofs of Inspiration:

a. Quarantine and wearing masks:

Moses was instructed by God to have lepers wear a covering over their upper lips in Leviticus 13:45. We know today that leprosy bacilli spreads through nasal drippings and saliva, hence the need for a mask to stop the spread along with the quarantine Moses demanded. The scientific community globally didn't start quarantining the sick (including lepers) until the 1400's.

b. Water of Purification to cleanse people who had come into contact with a corpse:

In Numbers Ch. 19 God instructed Israel to prepare the "water of purification" that included the ashes of a red heifer, hyssop, cedar wood, and scarlet. The recipe for the water of purification stands today as a wonderful example of the Bible's brilliance, since the recipe is nothing less than a procedure to produce an antibacterial soap.

When we look at the ingredients individually, we begin to see the value of each. First, consider the ashes of a red heifer and cedar. One of the most oft'-produced types of home-made soap is lye soap. The various lye-soap recipes reveal that, to obtain lye, water often is poured through ashes. The water retrieved from pouring it through the ashes contains a concentration of lye. Lye, in high concentrations, is very caustic and irritating to the skin. It is, in fact, one of the main ingredients in many modern chemical mixtures used to unclog drains. In more diluted concentrations, it can be used as an excellent exfoliant and cleansing agent. Many companies today still produce lye soaps. Amazingly, Moses instructed the Israelites to prepare a mixture that would have included lye mixed in a diluted solution.

Furthermore, consider that hyssop was also added to the "water of purification." Hyssop contains the antiseptic thymol, the same ingredient that we find today in some brands of mouthwash. Hyssop oil continues to be a popular "healing oil," and actually is quite expensive, the leaves contain an antiseptic, antiviral oil. A mold that produces penicillin grows on the leaves. An infusion is taken as a sedative expectorant for flue, bronchitis, and phlegm".

The oil from the cedar wood in the mixture contains numerous salutary properties. "Cedar wood has long been used for storage cabinets because of its ability to repel insects and prevent decay. In oil form, applied to humans, it is an antiseptic, astringent, expectorant (removes mucus from respiratory system), anti-fungal, sedative and insecticide. "Cedar leaves and twigs are in fact rich in vitamin C, and it was their effectiveness in preventing or treating scurvy that led to the tree's being called *arbor vitae* or tree of life. In addition, recent research has shown that extracts prepared from either *Thuja occidentalis* or *Thuja plicata* [types of oriental cedar—KB] do in fact have antiviral, anti-inflammatory, and antibacterial properties. A group of German researchers reported in 2002 that an extract prepared from cedar leaf, alcohol, and water inhibits the reproduction of influenza virus type A, while a team of researchers in Japan found that an extract of Western red cedar was effective in treating eczema.

Finally adding scarlet, which would have been a woolen scarf for example would hold the ingredients together to apply to the skin. This keen understanding of germ theory was thousands of years before modern medicine "discovered" medicinal uses of the ingredients we have discussed here in just this one example of a cleansing solution to purify workers from going from one patient to another and preventing cross-contamination.

c. **Ingesting blood:**

God takes away blood from being eaten by his people, science confirms blood is an unhealthy food source: While God's demands in Leviticus 17:6 are made for worship and sacrifice purposes, they also make perfect sense in a medical way. Medical wisdom today revealed pretty good reasons why eating animal blood and fat are undesirable and unhealthy.

The Singapore Food Agency declared "Animal blood food products, such as pig's blood, are prohibited in Singapore as blood can easily support the growth of bacteria and harbour diseases." in a press release. It also said "Unhygienic harvesting of blood can also result in the introduction of food borne pathogens into blood food products."

Livescience.com says blood is a possible transmitter of diseases and toxins. According to the website, in very small amounts (say, a few teaspoons), and if the blood is free from pathogens, blood is likely harmless. Beyond that is another thing. It also says the strange fact is, blood, when drank, is toxic. When confined to places where blood is supposed to be, such as the heart, vessels, and so on, it is essential for life. But when ingested it's a very different story. Of course all toxins have doses, and just as a tiny bit of poison won't necessarily harm you, the more you eat or drink, the greater the danger.

Because blood is so rich in iron, and because the body has difficulty excreting excess iron, anyone that consumes blood regularly runs a risk of iron overdose. Iron, in high doses it can be toxic. This condition, called haemochromatosis, can cause a wide variety of diseases and problems, including liver damage, buildup of fluid in the lungs, dehydration, low blood pressure, and nervous disorders.

d. **Sterilization to prevent spread of disease:**

The book of Numbers Chapter 31: 19-24 tells the instructions of Moses and Eleazar to men of Israel who just returned from war. Note how becoming in contact with blood, quarantining and sterilization by fire or water were emphasized:

¹⁹And as for you, remain outside the camp seven days; whoever has killed any person, and whoever has touched any slain, purify yourselves and your captives on the third day and on the seventh day. ²⁰Purify every garment, everything made of leather, everything woven of goats' hair, and everything made of wood." ²¹Then Eleazar the priest said to the men of war who had gone to the battle, "This is the ordinance of the law which the Lord commanded Moses: ²²Only the gold, the silver, the bronze, the iron, the tin, and the lead, ²³everything that can endure fire, you shall put through the fire, and it shall be clean; and it shall be purified with the water of purification. But all that cannot endure fire you shall put through water. ²⁴And you shall wash your clothes on the seventh day and be clean, and afterward you may come into the camp."
Numbers 31: 19-24, NKJV

e. **Good hygiene is a means of preventing diseases. Washing and bathing in running water will prevent illnesses and diseases:**

“And when he who has a discharge is cleansed of his discharge, then he shall count for himself seven days for his cleansing, wash his clothes, and bathe his body in running water; then he shall be clean”, Leviticus 15:13, NKJV

“When the army goes out against your enemies, then keep yourself from every wicked thing. If there is any man among you who becomes unclean by some occurrence in the night, then he shall go outside the camp; he shall not come inside the camp. But it shall be, when evening comes, that he shall wash with water; and when the sun sets, he may come into the camp.” Deuteronomy 23, 9-11, NKJV

- f. Circumcision on the 8th day for infants:
This procedure follows sound medical practice on healing of wounds.
“He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised, every male child in your generations, he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant”, Genesis 17:12 NKJV

Why the circumcision is to be carried out specifically on the eighth day? Modern medical science has discovered that blood clotting in a newborn reaches its peak on that day. The level of vitamin K is highest on this day and vitamin K plays a pivotal role in regulation and control of the important clotting factors in the coagulation pathway that helps in stopping bleeding.

- g. The lower rib is the only bone in the human body that can regenerate: The National Institutes of Health revealed that rib bones show an unusual capacity to regrow and repair themselves even when a large portion is damaged or removed. It's almost humorous that God used a rib to make Adam a help-meet in Genesis 2:21-22.

“And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; ²² And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.” Genesis 2:21-22.

- h. The consumption of clean and unclean animals and the toxicity of their bodily secretions:

In 1953, an extensive study, performed by David I. Macht and published in the *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* (a publication of the American Association of the History of Medicine and of The Johns Hopkins Institute of the History of Medicine), tested the toxicity of the meat of animals listed in Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14. Macht's technique was to place a certain seedling (*Lupinus albus*) in fresh muscle juices of the various animals noted as clean and unclean in the biblical text. This method was used at the time to study the blood of normal human patients as compared to the blood of cancerous patients (1953, p. 444). Macht noted that his results revealed “data which are of considerable interest not only to the medical investigator but also to the students of ancient Biblical literature” (p. 445).

Some of his results were indeed of interest. For instance, he would take a control group of seedlings that grew in normal solutions and compare that group to seedlings placed in the various meat juices. He would then record the percent of seeds that grew in the meat juices as compared to those that grew under normal circumstances. For example, when placing the seedlings in meat juices from the Ox, the seeds grew 91% as often as they would if placed in a regular growing solution.

Seeds in sheep juices grew 94% as often as those in the control group in regular solution. Seedlings in meat juice from a calf—82%; from a goat—90%; and from a deer 90%. Since these

animals chew the cud and have a divided hoof, they were listed as clean in Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14:

“Now the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying to them, “Speak to the children of Israel, saying, ‘These are the animals which you may eat among all the animals that are on the earth: Among the animals, whatever divides the hoof, having cloven hooves and chewing the cud—that you may eat’” (Leviticus 11:1-3).

When several unclean animals were studied, however, they showed significantly higher levels of toxicity and much lower levels of seedling growth. Seedlings in meat juice from pigs grew only 54% as often as the control group under normal growing conditions; rabbit—49%; camel—41%; and horse—39%. These results for larger mammals suggested that the biblical division between clean and unclean could have been related to the toxicity of the juices of such animals.

Macht did similar research on birds, in which he found that extracts from biblical clean birds such as the pigeon and quail grew his seedlings 93% and 89%, while those from unclean birds such as the Red-tail hawk (36%) and owl (62%) were much more toxic. As Moses said: “And these you shall regard as an abomination among the birds; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the eagle, the vulture, the buzzard, the kite, and the falcon after its kind; every raven after its kind, the ostrich, the short-eared owl, the sea gull, and the hawk after its kind” (Leviticus 11:13-19). Other studies included several different kinds of fish. The biblical regulation for eating fish was that the Israelites could eat any fish that had fins and scales (Deuteronomy 14:9). Those water-living creatures that did not possess fins and scales were not to be eaten (14:10). In regard to his study on the toxicity of fish, Macht wrote:

Of special interest were experiments made with muscle juices and also blood solutions obtained from many species of fishes. Fifty-four species of fishes were so far studied in regard to toxicity of meat extracts. It was found that the muscle extracts of those fishes which possess scales and fins were practically non-toxic [Herring—100%; Pike—98%; Shad—100%—KB], while muscle extracts from fishes without scales and fins were highly toxic for the growth of *Lupinus albus* seedlings (pp. 446-448).

3. Scientific Proofs of Inspiration: *“Heavily edited and added to by the author from 101 Scientific Facts & Foreknowledge” by Eternal Productions <http://www.eternal-productions.org/101science.html>*

a. The Earths Molten Core:

How did Job know? In Job 28: 5: “The earth, from which food comes, is transformed below as by fire.” The funny thing is the core is not “on fire”, it is “molten”. Job was correct to say “as by fire.”

b. The Earth is round:

Isaiah 40:22 states the phrase “the circle of the Earth.” (Written 2800 years ago!)

c. The Earth is floating in space: (These passages from Job were written 3500 years ago!)

Job 26:7 states “He.....hangeth the Earth on nothing.”

d. The Earth is spinning on an axis:

Job 38:14 states speaking of the Earth “It is turned as clay to the seal”

- e. **The Earth exists in a continuum of time space and matter:**

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Beginning	Heavens	Earth
Time	Space	Matter
Past	Height	Solid
Present	Width	Liquid
Future	Depth	Gas

A trinity of trinities.

- f. **The Bible describes the star cluster called Pleiades as being tightly bound together, whereas, the Orion star cluster is described as loose:**

It was only recently discovered that the star cluster called the Pleiades is gravitationally bound, and that the Orion star cluster is flying apart due to insufficient gravity to hold the cluster together.

Job 38:31 “Can you bind the chains of the Pleiades? Can you loosen Orion’s belt?”

- g. **While science long held that stars were identical, they now agree with scripture:**

1 Corinthians 15:41 “There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.”

- h. **The Bible supports the scientific evidence that the universe is expanding.**

Jeremiah 51:15 “It is He who made the earth by His power, who established the world by His wisdom, and by His understanding He stretched out the heavens.”

Isaiah 40:22b “He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in.”

- i. **The biblical order of creation coincides with the logical sequence of the elements needed before life could be introduced.**

Genesis 1 In the Genesis 1 account, God first created light (v. 3), then water (v.6), then soil (v.9), then plants (v.11), then animals (v.24) and humans (v.26) to eat the plants.

- j. **The Bible accurately describes the hydrologic cycle which includes: Evaporation – Condensation - Precipitation:**

Job 36:27-28 “He draws up the drops of water, which distill as rain to the streams; the clouds pour down their moisture and abundant showers fall on mankind.”

Amos 9:6 “He builds his lofty palace in the heavens and sets its foundation on the earth; he calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out over the face of the land—the Lord is his name.”

- k. The Bible accurately describes the ocean currents & atmospheric jet streams:

Ecclesiastes 1:6-7 “The wind blows to the south and turns to the north; round and round it goes, ever returning on its course. All streams flow into the sea, yet the sea is never full. To the place the streams come from, there they return again.”

Psalms 8:8 “...the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the *paths* of the seas.”

- l. The Bible accurately describes the depths of the ocean as having underwater springs and mountains:

Job 38:16 “Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep?”

Jonah 2:5-6 “The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever.”

- m. The following are all scientific truths described in just the Book of Job alone, the oldest book in the Bible, proving its divine inspiration. Some of the previous are repeated here.

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Scientific Truth: The Earth floats in space. At this time the scholars thought was that the Earth was set on the back of animals like elephants or giraffes, or on the gods. But Job correctly states,

“God stretches the northern sky out over empty space and hangs the earth on nothing.” **Job 26:7 (KJV)**

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Scientific Truth: The air has weight. Science until relatively recently felt air was weightless.

“To make the weight for the winds; and he weigheth the waters by measure.” **Job 28:25 (KJV)**

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Scientific Truth: Light moves. Science felt at the time that light was fixed in space.

“Where is the way where light dwelleth? And as for darkness, where is the place thereof,

²⁰That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof, and that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof?” **Job 38:19-20 (KJV)**

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Scientific Truth: Oceans are fed by springs not just rain and rivers as was thought at the time.

"Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea? or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?" Job 38:16 (KJV)

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Scientific Truth: The Earth has a molten core. Science had no concept of a heat under a flat earth's surface.

Notice the core is not on fire, there is no available oxygen, it is molten.

"As for the earth, out of it cometh bread: and under it is turned up as it were fire." Job 28:5 (KJV)

3. Prophetic Proofs of Inspiration:

- a. Prophecies from the Old and New Testaments that have been fulfilled also add credibility to the Bible. For example, in Isaiah 66:7,8 (700 BC), the prophet gives a strange prophecy: "Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion was in labor, she gave birth to her children."

In 1922 the League of Nations gave Great Britain the mandate (political authority) over Palestine. On May 14, 1948, Britain withdrew her mandate, and the nation of Israel was "born in a day."

There are more than twenty-five Bible prophecies concerning Palestine that have been literally fulfilled. Probability estimations conclude that the chances of these being randomly fulfilled are less than one chance in 33 million.

- b. The Prophetic Rise and Fall of Nations. The Scriptures predicted the rise and fall of great empires like Greece and Rome (Daniel 2:39,40), and foretold the destruction of cities like Tyre and Sidon (Isaiah 23). Tyre's demise is recorded by ancient historians, who tell how Alexander the Great lay siege to the city for seven months. King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had failed in his thirteen-year attempt to capture the seacoast city and completely destroy its inhabitants.

During the siege of 573 BC, much of the population of Tyre moved to its new island home approximately half a mile off the coast. Here it remained surrounded by walls as high as 150 feet until judgment fell in 332 BC with the arrival of Alexander the Great. In the seven-month siege, he fulfilled the remainder of the prophecies (Zechariah 9:4; Ezekiel 26:12) concerning the city at sea by completely destroying Tyre, killing 8,000 of its inhabitants and selling 30,000 of its population into slavery. To reach the island, he scraped up the dust and rubble of the old land city of Tyre, just like the Bible predicted, and cast it into the sea, building a 200-foot-wide causeway out to the island.

Another startling prophecy was Jesus' detailed prediction of Jerusalem's destruction, and the further dispersion of the Jewish people throughout the world, which is recorded in Luke 21. In AD 70, not only was Jerusalem destroyed by Titus, the future emperor of Rome, but another prediction of Jesus (Matthew 24:1,2) came to pass: the complete destruction of the Jerusalem temple.

- c. Messianic prophecy. In Daniel chapter 9, the Bible prophesied the timeline of the coming of the one and only Jewish Messiah, prior to the temple's demise. Five centuries in advance, the Bible gives a precise and accurate countdown from when King Artaxerxes would give the

decree to restore Jerusalem in 445 BC to the crucifixion of Christ in AD 33, culminating in the temple's destruction in AD 70.

Some argue that prophecies like this must have been written after the events took place, to make the Bible appear supernatural. However, any historian can attest that the Jewish Scriptures had already been completed, translated into the Greek Septuagint, and widely published before Jesus' birth.

In the following description, see if you can identify who is being referred to:

"He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon him...And the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; he was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth...He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people he was stricken."

Who do you think this text is speaking about? If you said Jesus Christ, you would be correct. What you may not realize is that this description was given 700 years before Jesus' birth in the Book of Isaiah (chapter 53). This is another clear foretelling of the Savior given hundreds of years before His birth. While many have died for noble causes through the centuries, Jesus alone uniquely embodies these words—so that we could easily identify Him as the Savior.

4. The Astounding Mathematical Odds Regarding Christ:

The Old Testament prophets declared, among many other things, that the Messiah would be:

a. Born in Bethlehem

*"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah,
Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel,
Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting." (Micah 5:2)*

b. To a virgin

*Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son,
and shall call His name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)*

c. He would be betrayed for thirty pieces of silver

*Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain."
So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver.
¹³ And the LORD said to me,
"Throw it to the potter"—that princely price they set on me.
So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them
into the house of the LORD for the potter. (Zechariah 11:12, 13)*

d. He would die by crucifixion

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?
Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?
² O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear;
And in the night season, and am not silent. ³ But You are holy,
Enthroned in the praises of Israel. ⁴ Our fathers trusted in You;
They trusted, and You delivered them. ⁵ They cried to You, and were delivered;
They trusted in You, and were not ashamed. ⁶ But I am a worm, and no man;
A reproach of men, and despised by the people. ⁷ All those who see Me ridicule Me;
They ^[b]shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, ⁸ "He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him;
Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!" ⁹ But You are He who took Me out of the womb;
You made Me trust while on My mother's breasts. ¹⁰ I was cast upon You from birth.
From My mother's womb You have been My God.
¹¹ Be not far from Me, For trouble is near;
For there is none to help. ¹² Many bulls have surrounded Me; Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled Me.
¹³ They ^[g]gape at Me with their mouths, Like a raging and roaring lion.
¹⁴ I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint;
My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me. ¹⁵ My strength is dried up like a potsherd,
And My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death.
¹⁶ For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me.
They ^[j]pierced My hands and My feet; ¹⁷ I can count all My bones.
They look and stare at Me. ¹⁸ They divide My garments among them,
And for My clothing they cast lots. ¹⁹ But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me;
O My Strength, hasten to help Me! ²⁰ Deliver Me from the sword,
My ^[q]precious life from the power of the dog. ²¹ Save Me from the lion's mouth
And from the horns of the wild oxen! You have answered Me.
²² I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.
²³ You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him,
And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel!
²⁴ For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from Him;
But when He cried to Him, He heard. ²⁵ My praise shall be of You in the great assembly;
I will pay My vows before those who fear Him. ²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
Those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live forever!
²⁷ All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the LORD,
And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You.
²⁸ For the kingdom is the LORD's, And He rules over the nations.
²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth Shall eat and worship;
All those who go down to the dust Shall bow before Him,
Even he who cannot keep himself alive. ³⁰ A posterity shall serve Him.
It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation,
³¹ They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born,
That He has done this. (Psalm 22)

e. And be buried in a rich man's tomb

And they made His grave with the wicked
But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence,
Nor was any deceit in His mouth. ([Isaiah 53:9](#)).

There are many more.

The Astounding Mathematical Odds of Inspiration.

There was only one person who fits all of the messianic prophecies of the Old Testament, who publicly performed countless miracles, made the crippled walk and the blind see, resurrected the dead, taught the most profound words ever uttered, and then died for the sins of the people, all before AD 70: Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of Mary.

Couldn't Jesus have "accidentally" fulfilled all the dozens of prophecies? No. The scientific probability that any one person could fulfill just eight of these prophecies is 1 in 10¹⁷.

Now let's try to imagine the likelihood of that. If we took that number of silver dollars (100,000,000,000,000,000), drew a black X on only one, and laid them over the state of Texas, they would cover the entire state two feet deep. Now blindfold a man and tell him to travel as far as he wishes and then pick up only one silver dollar, and it must be the marked one. What chance would he have of picking up the right one? It would be exactly the same odds that just eight of the messianic prophecies would all come true in any one person—yet they all came true in Christ (adapted from *Science Speaks* by Peter Stoner).

Even one real case of fulfilled prophecy would be sufficient to establish the Bible's supernatural origin. But in all, there are over *three hundred* prophecies that tell of the ancestry, birth, life, ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus of Nazareth. All have been literally fulfilled to the smallest detail.

Over 25 percent of the entire Bible contains specific predictive prophecies that have been literally fulfilled. This is true of no other book in the world. And it is a sure sign of its divine origin.

Closing Statement

*"The best argument for your faith in Christ is your life.
Be the best man, woman, husband, wife, mom, dad, son, daughter,
or young person you can be.
When you don't know something, admit it.
When you are wrong, admit it.
When you falter, put it under the blood of Jesus.
If you see a fellow laborer falter, help them.
Love people more than you disagree with them.
Win souls not arguments.
Be faithful." DH*

GENESIS 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. [CONTINUUM]



JOB 26:7

He.... hangeth the earth upon nothing.

JOB 38:14

It is turned as clay to the seal...

ISAIAH 40:22

It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth.

The earth is round, existing in time, spinning on its axis, and floating in space.

But sure...the Bible isn't science.

