

## The Bible Claims Inspiration

### Introduction

In our previous lesson, we established that the Bible is reliable as a book of history. Over the last 200 years, archaeology continues to prove that every details regarding geography, nations, and people are factual. However, this alone does not prove that it is the word of God. The Bible claims to be inspired. How do we prove it? The best way is to let the Bible speak for itself. There is nothing more powerful than examining the prophecies.

#### I. First, the Bible claims to be inspired.

Exodus 20:1

2 Timothy 3:16

2 Peter 2:16-21

#### II. The Bible Claims to be inspired – Amazing Unity

##### A. 40 writers over a period of 1,500 years

Moses and Joshua, educated in Egypt, and military leader

David, a shepherd

Solomon, a king's son

Amos, a herdsman and fruit picker

Daniel, a Jewish prince and prime minister in Babylon

Matthew, a tax collector

Peter and Mark, fishermen

Luke, a medical doctor

Paul, a Jewish rabbi

##### B. Written on three continents

Europe

Asia

Africa

##### C. Written in three languages

Hebrew

Aramaic

Greek

##### D. Its message is amazingly consistent.

III. The Bible claims to be inspired – Precise Prophecies

A. Not one prophecy in the Old Testament has failed in its fulfillment.

B. Old Testament prophecies

The descendants of Abraham, their beginning, their enslavement, and their deliverance – Genesis 15:13-14

70-year Babylonian captivity – Jeremiah 25:11-12

King Cyrus - Isaiah 44:28 (150 years before his was born)

Greek, Medo-Persian, and Roman Empires – Daniel 2:31-45

Fall of the city state of Tyre – Ezekiel 26:3-14

IV. Precise Prophecies about Jesus

Over 300 prophecies fulfilled

Born in Bethlehem Ephrathah – Micah 5:2 (predicted 700 years prior)

Born of a virgin – Isaiah 7:14

A descendant of David – Isaiah 9:6-7, Jeremiah 23:5

Betrayed for 30 pieces of silver – Zechariah 11:12

Crucified and divided his garments – Psalm 22: 16-18

Buried in a rich man's tomb – Isaiah 53:9

Raised himself from the dead – Psalm 16:8-11

Jesus predicted he would raise himself in three days – John 2:19

Conclusion

We have established that the Bible is reliable as a record of history. Now, we have established that the Bible has amazingly fulfilled prophecies. These fulfilled prophecies provide great evidence for the inspiration of the Bible. The Bible is beginning to show us that it is the word of God.