

2 Timothy 3:16-17 “*All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.*”

B. “Infallible” is simply saying that from start to finish this Book can show you the track upon which a successful marriage is run, or how to handle your finances correctly, or how to live any aspect of your life in a **SUCCESSFUL** way. The Bible can show you when you get off track, how to get back on and how to stay on. It will never lead you down the **WRONG** path.

3. THE BIBLE IS THE **INERRANT** WORD OF GOD.

A. Inerrancy means that when all facts are known, the Scriptures in their original autographs and properly interpreted will be shown to be **WHOLLY TRUE** in everything that they affirm, whether that has to do with doctrine or morality or with the social, physical, or life sciences.

Proverbs 30:5-6 “*Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him. ⁶Do not add to his words, or he will rebuke you and prove you a liar.*”

1. When science or archeology disagrees with the Bible it doesn't prove that science is right and the Bible is wrong, it proves science has not **CAUGHT UP** with the Bible.
2. When science agrees with the Bible, it doesn't mean that it proves the Bible, but that the Bible proves the **VALIDITY** of the scientific findings.
3. Since the Bible is the Word of God, that makes the **BIBLE** the standard.

4. HOW DO I KNOW THAT THE BIBLE IS TRUE?

A. Fulfilled **PROPHECY** is one the most compelling evidences that the Bible is true.

1. Three representative fulfilled prophecies from the Bible.

2. The prophecy about the City of **TYRE** made by Ezekiel in 580 B.C. came true exactly as Ezekiel said 300 years later. (Ezekiel 26:4-21)

3. The Book of Daniel prophecies that **FOUR** great kingdoms will emerge after him and gives specific details about each one.

4. The return of the Jews to **ISRAEL**.

B. The **HISTORICAL ACCURACY** of the Bible gives evidence of its validity.

Dr. Nelson Glueck, probably the greatest modern authority on Israeli archeology, has said “No archeological discovery has ever contradicted a Biblical reference. Scores of archeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or in exact detail historical statements in the Bible. And, by the same token, proper evaluation of Biblical descriptions has often led to amazing discoveries.”

C. The **SCIENTIFIC ACCURACY** of the Bible gives evidence of its validity.

The Bible was the first to suggest:

1. The earth was round. (The Bible never describes the earth as flat, as some critics claim.)

Isaiah 40:22 “*He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in.*”

2. The hydrologic cycle. (First discovered by two scientists Perrault & Marriotte in the 1700's yet it was described 3000 years ago in the Bible.)

Ecclesiastes 1:7 “*All the rivers flow into the sea, yet the sea is not full. To the place where the rivers flow, There they flow again.*”

3. The vast number of stars. (Common opinion until the telescope was that there were around 3,000 stars in existence but 2,500 years before the telescope the Bible suggested there were so many they couldn't be counted, which turned out to be true.)

Jeremiah 33:22 “As the host of heaven cannot be counted, and the sand of the sea cannot be measured, so I will multiply the descendants of David, My servant, and the Levites who minister to Me.”

4. The law of increasing entropy. (This law was first discovered and explained by scientists Clausius & Thompson in the mid-1800’s yet it was perfectly described by the Bible 3000 years ago.)

Psalms 102:25-27 “Of old Thou didst found the earth; And the heavens are the work of Thy hands. ²⁶Even they will perish, but Thou dost endure; And all of them will wear out like a garment; Like clothing Thou wilt change them, and they will be changed. ²⁷But Thou art the same, And Thy years will not come to an end.”

5. The importance of blood in life processes.

Leviticus 17:11 “For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.”

6. The atmospheric circulation. (Theories about atmospheric circulation did not emerge until the 1600’s yet it is described 3,000 years ago in the Bible.)

Ecclesiastes 1:6 “Blowing toward the south, then turning toward the north, the wind continues swirling along; and on its circular courses the wind returns.”

7. The gravitational field. (Job was the first book written in the Bible over 4000 years ago. How did Job know that the earth sits on nothing? That was not known for 1000’s of years later.)

Job 26:7 “He stretches out the north over empty space, And hangs the earth on nothing.”

- D. The fact that the Bible **WORKS** is the greatest proof of all.

Multitudes of people, past and present, have found from personal experience that its promises are true, its counsel is sound, its commands and restrictions are wise, and its wonderful message of salvation meets every need for both time and eternity.



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Why Believe In The Bible?



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2 Peter 1:21 “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spoke as they were **MOVED** by the Holy Spirit.”

A. **ALL** scripture is inspired.

B. The **VERY WORDS** of scripture are inspired.

Matthew 5:18 “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 all is accomplished.”

C. God used **BOTH** human and divine personalities to bring us the Bible.

2. THE BIBLE IS THE **INFALLIBLE** WORD OF GOD.

A. The word “infallible” means that you can trust it not to lead you astray. It will never guide you down the **WRONG PATH**.