

Inerrancy of Scripture

PROFESSION
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NEED TO KNOW PASSAGE:
2 PETER 1:16-21
2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

PROFESSION

The Bible claims to be the Word of God

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." - 2 Timothy 3:16

PRODUCTION

The Bible is composed of 66 Books, in 3 Languages, over 3 continents, with 40+ authors, over 1500 years, with one theme without contradiction

"For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit." - 2 Peter 1:16

The A,B,C,D's of PRODUCTION:

Author - Was the book written by a prophet, apostle, or someone directly linked with either?

Belief - Does the book reflect correct orthodoxy?

Consistent - Is the book in line with the rest of God's revealed Word?

Distribution - Was the book widely accepted by the early church?

PRESERVATION

The Bible was preserved through the ages unlike any other book

"And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea." - Colossians 4:16

Old Testament

Oldest FULL Manuscript: 900 A.D.

Dead Sea Scrolls, dated 200 B.C., confirms 1000 years accurate transmission

New Testament

Date of Earliest Copies: 125 A.D.

Number of Copies: 5,700 Greek Manuscripts

Other Ancient Text Comparison

Plato's writings have 7 known manuscripts with the earliest copy at 1200-1300 years after its original.

Homer's writings have 643 known manuscripts with the earliest copy at 500 years after its original.

Aristotle's writings have 49 known manuscripts with the earliest copy at 1500 years after the original.

Steps from God to You:

Revelation - God reveals Himself in general and specific ways.

Inspiration - God superintends the human author to record his revelation in their distinct personalities.

Transmission - Scribes accurately copied the text for others.

Canonicity - God guided the early church to recognize the books that were inspired by God.

Textual Criticism - The study of all ancient manuscripts to determine the original wording.

Translation - Taking the original languages into our own.

Interpretation - Understanding what the text means.

Illumination - God opens the mind and heart of the individual to that which is true.

Application - You put the Word of God into belief and practice.

PROPHECY

The Bible foretells events which are fulfilled perfectly

"And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself." - Luke 24:27

Jesus fulfilled over 40 specific prophecies alone including:

PROPHECY	OLD TESTAMENT FORTOLD	NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLED
Born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Matthew 2:1, Luke 2:4-6
Born of a Virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:22-23, Luke 1:26-31
From the line of Abraham	Genesis 12:3, 22:18	Matthew 1:1, Romans 9:5
From the tribe of Judah	Genesis 49:10	Luke 3:33, Hebrews 7:14
From the line of David	2 Samuel 7:12-13	Luke 1:32-33, Romans 1:3
Live in Egypt	Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:14-15
Called King	Psalms 2:6, Zechariah 9:9	Matthew 27:37, Mark 11:7-11
Have his hands and feet pierced	Psalms 22:16	John 20:25-27
Would be a sacrifice for sin	Isaiah 53:5-12	Romans 5:6-8
Would raise from the dead	Psalms 16:10, Psalm 49:15	Matthew 28:2-7, Acts 2:22-32

PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Of the Disciples

"¹⁰Let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." - Acts 4:10-12

Of You

"Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." - John 4:39