

Why the Bible?

Reaching a Lost World Lesson 3

- Some other “religious” books...

- Quran

- Vedas

- Book of Mormon

- Catholic Bible

NOTE: God is SERIOUS about NOT DEVIATING from His BOOK!

Galatians 1:8-9-

- Distinction #1 — _____

Prophecy	Prophesied	Fulfilled
Line of Abraham	Genesis 12:3, 22:18	Matthew 1:1
Virgin Birth	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:18-23
Descendent of Isaac and Jacob	Genesis 17:19; 21:12; Numbers 24:17	Matthew 1:2, Luke 3:34
Born in Bethlehem (specific!)	Micah 5:2	Luke 2:1-7; Matthew 2:1
Will be Called out of Egypt	Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:13-15
Member of Tribe of Judah	Genesis 49:10	Luke 3:33 (part of genealogy)
From Lineage of David	Jeremiah 23:5	Matthew 1:6; 1:1

Prophecy	Prophesied	Fulfilled
Herod Kills Children (pain and sorrow accompanies birth)	Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16
Called Immanuel	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:23
Eternal Existence	Micah 5:2	John 1:1,14
Anointed by the Spirit	Isaiah 11:1-5	Luke 4:18
Ministry of Miracles	Isaiah 35:4-6	Matthew 15:30-31
Enter Jerusalem upon Donkey	Zechariah 9:9	John 12:12-16
Bones not Broken at Crucifixion	Psalms 34:20; Exodus 12:46	John 19:33-36
Sold for 30 pieces of silver and 30 pieces thrown in temple	Zechariah 11:12-13	Matthew 26:15; 27:5

- Distinction #2— _____
 - Length of Time
 - Written over a period of 1600 years
 - 60 generations
 - Number of Writers
 - Over 40 different writers
 - Various Backgrounds
 - Moses was Egyptian prince
 - Joshua was a soldier
 - Samuel was a priest
 - David was a king
 - Job was a rich farmer
 - Amos was a poor farmer
 - Ezra was a scribe
 - Nehemiah was a cup bearer
 - Isaiah was a prophet
 - Daniel was a prime minister
 - Matthew was a tax collector

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- Mark was an evangelist
- Luke was a doctor
- John was a wealthy fisherman
- Peter was a poor fisherman
- Paul was a tentmaker
- Places of Writing
 - 3 different continents (Africa, Asia, Europe)
 - Different places
 - Desert (Exodus 17)
 - On Mt. Sinai (Exodus 20)
 - In Egypt (Jeremiah)
 - On the Isle of Patmos (Revelation)
 - In Babylon (Daniel)
 - In Persia (Esther)
 - In Corinth (1 & 2 Thessalonians)
 - In Ephesus (Galatians)
 - In Rome (Colossians, 2 Timothy)
- Different Languages
 - Hebrew
 - Greek
 - Aramaic
- Different Times and Moods
 - Peace and War
 - Joy and Sorrow
- Wrote about hundreds of controversial subjects!

NOTE: The book is still consistent and reads as if written by one author!

2 Tim. 3:16-

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- Genesis and Revelation

- Distinction #3—_____
- God inspired His Holy Word
 - 2 Tim. 3:16-17-
 - 2 Peter 1:17-21-

- God preserved His Holy Word
 - Ps. 12:6-7-
 - Prov. 30:5-
 - Matt. 5:18-

- *APPLICATION*
- Can you defend the fact that the Bible is a supernatural book and different from any other book that has been written or ever will be written?

- Truly believe we have an accurate, inerrant Word of God today?