

# Keeping it Simple Part 1 Revelation 22:18-19

## Can We Simply Trust the Bible?

**EVERYTHING** we NEED to Know about the Christian life is Found in the Bible.

That is why we must be Completely Certain that we CAN Trust it!!!

***18 And I solemnly declare to everyone who hears the words of prophecy written in this book: If anyone adds anything to what is written here, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book. 19 And if anyone removes any of the words from this book of prophecy, God will remove that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city that are described in this book.***

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The Bible has been constantly attacked! >Despised >Denied >Dissected >Disregarded

But the Most Dangerous Group are the **Delinquents**

## Five Reasons YOU Can Know the Bible IS the Word of God!

**1. Because of its Scientific Accuracy** He also says to the Son, "In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundation of the earth and made the heavens with your hands. ***11 They will perish***, but you remain forever. ***They will wear out*** [Gr. palaiōō (pollee-ah-oh) decay rundown] like old clothing. ***12 You will fold them up like a cloak and discard them like old clothing. But you are always the same, you will live forever.***" Hebrews 1:10-12

***22 God sits above the circle*** [Hb. chūwg (koog)--can be "sphere" also] of the earth. Isaiah 40:22

***7 God stretches the northern sky over empty space and hangs the earth on nothing.*** Job 26:7

Lev 17:14 Blood Levi 13-15 Quarantine Jeremiah 33:22 Stars

While the Bible is not a science/medical text book but where it speaks it speaks accurately.

**2. Because of its Historical Accuracy** ***17 You must completely destroy the Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, just as the Lord your God has commanded you.*** Deuteronomy 20:17

>Critics of the Bible cited this a fabrication/error for centuries. Yet, in the 1900's the Hittite capital city of Hattusa (modern day Boğazköy in northern Turkey) was discovered, thus vindicating the Bible.

>Moses could NOT have written the first five books of the Bible cuz "paper" "writing" had not come about yet. Yet, with the discovery of **Tel el Armana**, not only was writing available but they had a "postal" and historical record keeping systems back **200 years** before Moses!!

***16 I [Belshazzar] am told that you [Daniel] can give interpretations .... If you can .... tell me their meaning, you will be ..... purple robes...a gold chain... you will become the third highest ruler in the kingdom.***" Daniel 5:16

Critics of Daniel (there's been many) stated Babylon had no King Belshazzar and why offer #3 position?

In 1854 they discovered the Clay Tablets of Nabonidus. On these tablets we find out that Nabonidus was co-king with his son, Belshazzar. Nabonidus was traveling throughout the kingdom while his son ruled the city.

While the Bible is not basically an historical textbook there over **25,000** sites, events, peoples, etc. mentioned in the Bible and not a single one has been disproved!!!

Now let me ask a question! If those discoveries had **NOT** been found would the Bible be less accurate?

**Romans 3:4 Let God be true and everyman a liar!**

**3. Because of its Amazing Unity!** <sup>1</sup>*This is a revelation from [of] Jesus Christ,* Revelation 1:1  
<sup>1</sup>*In the beginning God.....* Genesis 1:1

We have one Bible but made up of **66** books using 2 major languages and several minor ones. Written by **40** authors from various backgrounds from 3 different continents spanned over 2000 years ago yet still relevant and completely UNIFIED:

One Problem SIN                      1 Theme SALVATION thru Grace and Faith  
1 Purpose GLORIFY GOD              1 Villain devil                      1 Hero JESUS His Death = Salvation

**4. Because of Its Unprecedented Fulfilled Prophecy** <sup>21</sup>*“But you may wonder, ‘How will we know whether or not a prophecy is from the Lord?’ <sup>22</sup> If the prophet speaks in the Lord’s name but his prediction **does not** happen or come true, you will know that the Lord did not give that message. That prophet has spoken without my authority and need not be feared.* Deuteronomy 18:21-22

Even famous psychics run less than 5% right on a 1 year in advance.

There were **300 predictions** about Christ in OT. **All 300 came true!**

The **DEAD SEA** scrolls prove that these OT predictions were not written after the fact but before

Micah 5.2 Isaiah 9 Isaiah 53 Isaiah 40.3 Genesis 3.15 Psalm 188.22 Genesis 12 Daniel 7

Genesis 49 Zechariah 11.12 Isaiah 7 Isaiah 53.9 Psalm 22 Psalm 16:10

PF’s #1 cool prophecy! Isaiah 44-45 **150 years** before His birth King Cyrus of Persia is predicted by name

**5. Because of its Power to Change Lives**

*For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile.* Romans 1:16

*This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!* 2 Corinthians 5.17