

REASONS TO BELIEVE

- Hebrews 11:6 (NASB95) — 6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.
- Hebrews 11:6 (LBLA) — 6 Y sin fe es imposible agradar a Dios; porque es necesario que el que se acerca a Dios crea que Él existe, y que es remunerador de los que le buscan.

- The Bible is not just another book.
 - The Bible is 66 books.
- 40 different people wrote the Bible.
 - Over a period of 1500 years.
- **THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A BOOK LIKE THAT IN HISTORY.**
 - Never.

535 A.D to 2023 A.D.

Does that make it the word of God?

NO!

Nineveh

- Up until Nineveh's archaeological discovery in 1847 by Henry Layard, historians mocked the Bible as historically inaccurate since, except for the Bible, there was no mention of a city called Nineveh from any external sources.

The Hittite Nation.

- The website, Got Questions, shared the following observation: *“The critics reasoned that, since they had no archaeological evidence of a Hittite civilization, it must never have existed, and the Bible must perforce be wrong. However, many archaeological discoveries, beginning in 1876, have since proved that the Hittites were a powerful people in the 15th and 16th centuries B.C.”*

DOES THAT MAKE IT THE
WORD OF GOD?

GOD WOULD PROVE IT BY FORETELLING THE FUTURE.

- Isaiah 46:9-10 (NASB-U) "Remember the former things long past, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, [10] Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure'
- Isaiah 46:9–10 (LBLA) — 9 Acordaos de las cosas anteriores ya pasadas, porque yo soy Dios, y no hay otro; yo soy Dios, y no hay ninguno como yo, 10 que declaro el fin desde el principio y desde la antigüedad lo que no ha sido hecho. Yo digo: «Mi propósito será establecido, y todo lo que quiero realizaré».

- Isaiah 46:9-10 - *9 And do not forget the things I have done throughout history. For I am God — I alone! I am God, and there is no one else like me. 10 Only I can tell you what is going to happen even before it happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish.*

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- However she also predicted that **WW III would occur in 1954**
- That **Jacqueline Kennedy** would never remarry— (ironically she predicted this the day before she married Aristotle Onassis)
- She predicted the **conflict in Vietnam would end** in 1966 (it continued until 1975)
- We could go on examining all her wrong predictions for some time, but you get the point.
- If you take all her predictions... throw Nostradamus in as well... they were wrong over 90% of the time...

- Deuteronomy 18:21–22 (NASB95) — 21 “You may say in your heart, ‘How will we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?’ 22 “When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not come about or come true, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.
- Deuteronomy 18:21–22 (LBLA) — 21 Y si dices en tu corazón: «¿Cómo conoceremos la palabra que el SEÑOR no ha hablado?». 22 Cuando un profeta hable en el nombre del SEÑOR, si la cosa no acontece ni se cumple, esa es la palabra que el SEÑOR no ha hablado; con presunción la ha hablado el profeta; no tendrás temor de él.

- Genesis 3:15 (NASB95) — 15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.”
- Genesis 3:15–16 (LBLA) — 15 Y pondré enemistad entre ti y la mujer, y entre tu simiente y su simiente; él te herirá en la cabeza, y tú lo herirás en el calcañar. 16 A la mujer dijo: En gran manera multiplicaré tu dolor en el parto, con dolor darás a luz los hijos; y con todo, tu deseo será para tu marido, y él tendrá dominio sobre ti.

- Isaiah 7:14- 14 “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel. NASU
- Isaiah 7:14 (LBLA) — 14 Por tanto, el Señor mismo os dará una señal: He aquí, una virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo, y le pondrá por nombre Emmanuel.

- So, we know without doubt that these prophecies were in existence a minimum of 300 years before Jesus was born.
- 300 years - three centuries before Christ was born in Bethlehem these prophecies were written, were undeniably in existence, and were available in the Hebrew and Greek Old Testament.

OVER THREE HUNDRED PROPHEESIES

- Luke 24:44 (NASB95) — 44 Now He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”
- Luke 24:44 (LBLA) — 44 Y les dijo: Esto es lo que yo os decía cuando todavía estaba con vosotros: que era necesario que se cumpliera todo lo que sobre mí está escrito en la ley de Moisés, en los profetas y en los salmos.

- We know that the first Greek Translation of the Bible was written 300 to 250 years before Jesus was born.
- So how could they possibly know that he was going to be born in Bethlehem, and yet hail from Nazareth?
- How could they possibly know that he was going to be crucified, when the prophecies describing his death were written centuries before death by crucifixion was practiced? It didn't exist as a form of Capital punishment?
- How could they know he would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver 250 to 300 years before there was a Jesus?

**DOES IT MAKE IT THE WORD
OF GOD? NO!**

**•BUT IT'S STARTING TO
GET CLOSE.**

IF GOD CAME INTO THE WORLD WHAT WOULD WE EXPECT HIM OF HIM?

- Would we expect him to have an unusual entrance (miraculous) into the world?
- Would we expect him to perform miracles?
- Acts 2:22 (NASB95) — 22 “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—
- Acts 2:22 (LBLA) — 22 Varones israelitas, escuchad estas palabras: Jesús el Nazareno, varón confirmado por Dios entre vosotros con milagros, prodigios y señales que Dios hizo en medio vuestro a través de Él, tal como vosotros mismos sabéis,

Would we expect him to present to us the greatest teachings mankind ever heard?

AND THEN HE SAID THIS- I AM GOING TO PROVE IT TO YOU.

- Luke 24:21 (NASB95) — 21 “But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, it is the third day since these things happened.
- Luke 24:21 (LBLA) — 21 Pero nosotros esperábamos que Él era el que iba a redimir a Israel. Pero además de todo esto, este es el tercer día desde que estas cosas acontecieron.

I SAW HIM DIE.

AND I SAW HIM COME BACK.

- **John** died a natural death as Jesus had prophesied.
 - **Matthew** was slain with the sword in Ethiopia.
 - **James**, son of Zebedee, was beheaded at Jerusalem.
- **James**, the half-brother of Jesus, was thrown from the pinnacle of the Temple and somehow survived only to be beaten to death with clubs.
 - **Philip** was hanged against a pillar at Hierapolis, in Phrygia.
 - **Bartholomew**, was flayed alive at Albahapolis in Armenia
 - **Andrew** was martyred on a cross at Patre, in Archaia.
- **Thomas** WAS killed with a lance at Coromanded, in East Indies
 - **Thaddeus** was shot to death with arrows.
 - **Simeon Zelotes**; Was crucified in Persia.
- **Peter** was crucified head downward, because he didn't believe he was worthy to die in the same way as his Lord.
 - **Matthias** was stoned and then beheaded.
 - **Paul** was beheaded in Rome by Nero.
 - **Judas**, of course, hanged himself.

- He was born in an obscure village,
- The child of a peasant woman.
- He grew up in still another village,
- Where he worked in a carpenter shop
- Until he was thirty.
- Then for three years
- He was an itinerant preacher.
- He never wrote a book.
- He never held an office.
- He never had a family or owned a house.
- He didn't go to college.
- He never visited a big city.

- He never traveled two hundred miles
- From the place where he was born.
- He did none of the things
- One usually associates with greatness.
- He had no credentials but himself.
- He was only thirty-three
- When the tide of public opinion turned against him.
- His friends ran away.
- He was turned over to his enemies.
- And went through the mockery of a trial.
- He was nailed to a cross
- Between two thieves.

- While he was dying,
- His executioners gambled for his clothing,
- The only property he had on Earth.
- When he was dead,
- He was laid in a borrowed grave
- Through the pity of a friend.
- Twenty centuries have come and gone,
- And today he is the central figure
- Of the human race,
- And the leader of mankind's progress.
- All the armies that ever marched,
- All the navies that ever sailed,
- All the parliament that ever sat,
- All the kings that ever reigned,
- Put together have not affected
- The life of man on Earth
- As much as that ONE SOLITARY LIFE.