

**Evidence that The Bible is The Infallible Word of God**  
**~ Ten Reasons to Believe ~**  
**Lesson #7**  
**• Reasons Four thru Six •**  
**• H A N D O U T •**

► With Lesson #7 we return to the basic Ten Reasons to Believe, beginning with Reason #4, which looks at the Bible from a Scientific point of view. This is a “HOT TOPIC” issue because the critics of the Bible declare anything that cannot be proven scientifically has no truth and should not be taken seriously. So let's see what the Bible has to say on that subject ...

**REASON #4 • IT'S SCIENTIFIC ACCURACY ...**

Q: When anyone says that the Bible is not scientifically accurate, how do we answer these critics who use this statement to discount the Bible?

1.

2.

Q: Two really good examples about the Bible's scientific accuracy concern the properties of blood and the earth's position in space. What does the Bible say about these two examples?

1. **Blood:**

Leviticus 17:11 • For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.

2. **Space:**

Isaiah 40:21-22 • Haven't you heard? Don't you understand? Are you deaf to the words of God – the words He gave before the world began? Are you so ignorant? *God sits above the circle of the earth. The people below seem like grasshoppers to Him! He spreads out the heavens like a curtain and makes His tent from them.*

Job 26:7-10 • God stretches the northern sky over empty space and hangs the earth on nothing. He wraps the rain in His thick clouds, and the clouds don't burst with the weight. He covers the face of the moon, shrouding it with His clouds. He created the horizon when He separated the waters; He set the boundary between day and night.

## REASON #5 • IT'S OPEN, FRANK, HONESTY ...

Q: In what way does the Bible show us an unusual amount of open, frank honesty?

Q: When you think of flawed Biblical heroes presented in realistic light, who do you think of?  
 ► Here are a few that I thought of; there is room at the end to add to the list.

NAME	SCRIPTURE	DESCRIPTION OF ERRANT BEHAVIOR
Abraham	Genesis 20:2-3, 9	
Moses	Exodus 17:1-7	
Sampson	Judges 13 - 16	
King David	2 Samuel 11	
Elijah	I Kings 17	
The 12 Disciples	Luke 22:11, 24	
Paul	Acts 15:36-39	

Q: What does the above list tell us about the men God uses, as well as the purpose of the narrative of the Bible?

### REASON #6 • IT'S PREDICTIVE PROPHECY ...

The Bible's predictive prophecies are one of the most incredible features of the Bible. In no other document do we find such wealth of future predictions. Most importantly, when these prophecies are fulfilled they are fulfilled with absolute accuracy.

Q: It was the Prophets who delivered God's Prophecies. What is a Biblical Prophet and how was he to function?

The simple definition:

A Biblical Prophet functioned in two basic ways:

[1]

[2]

Q: When God communicated through His Prophets, what two major things were accomplished?

1.

2.

Q: Of all the hundreds of prophecies in both the OT and NT, which type are the most important?

Q: When the O.T. speaks of the Messiah, what are the specifics given regarding His lineage?

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Q: Micah 5 states that Messiah would be born in Bethlehem of Ephrathah. What is especially amazing about this prophecy concerning Messiah's birthplace?

Q: What does the Old Testament say about Messiah's **purpose**?  
[References: Isaiah 53, Psalm 16, Acts 13:33-35]

Q: What concluding statement can be made regarding the Old Testament's prophecies concerning the Messiah?

John 5:37-40 • And the Father who sent me has Himself borne witness about Me. His voice you have never heard, His Form you have never seen, and you do not have His word abiding in you, for you do not believe the One whom He has sent. You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about Me, yet you refuse to come to Me that you may have Life.

## CONCLUSION

The predictive Prophecies alone gives us tangible and objective evidence that the Bible is the inspired Word of God. From these OT prophecies not only do we get a **predictive** picture of the promised Messiah, but we get a specific picture of Jesus of Nazareth, God's Son and Messiah, who is the only One who is able to fulfill all of these prophecies.

If the predictive prophetic aspect of the Bible was the only evidence we had to believe the Bible is the infallible Word of God, for me it would be enough.



Next Time:

### **Lesson #8**

• Reasons to Believe Seven •

**The Bible is Christ-Centered from cover to cover.**

