

Reasonable Faith: Additional Validation for Bible's Divine Origin

- I. The Bible's Uniqueness
 - A. Authorship: 40 men of varied backgrounds; words inspired
 - B. Subject matter: 66 books; a variety of genres; 1500 yrs.
 - C. Indestructability: Syrian, Roman rulers; skeptics for centuries
 - D. Impact: 704 languages; 5 billion printings; widespread influence on education, art, music, literature, history, government, law, science

- II. Its Scientific Foreknowledge. (eternal-productions.org/101science.html)
 - A. Biogenesis: Life from life. Origin of life? Gen.1 "after their kind"
 - B. Life is in the blood: Lev.17:11 (Washington was "bled" to death)
 - C. Roundness of earth & vastness of Universe: Isaiah 4:22
 - D. Earth hangs in space and empty void: Job 26:7 (Bootes Void, 1981)
 - E. Innumerable stars: Jer.33:22 (6,000? No! Telescopes: 200 sextillion)
 - F. Springs in oceans: Gen.8:2; Job 38:16. Found in 1977 at depth of 1.5 miles
 - G. Atmospheric circulation: Eccl.1:6. 1883 earliest recorded

- III. Its Fulfilled Prophecies: Using the science of probability, the chance that any man could fulfill 8 prophecies is 1 in 100 quadrillion. Peter Stoner, Science Speaks. We share 8+ over which Jesus had no control.
 - A. The family into which He would be born. Abraham and David Gen.12:3/Matt.1:1, 17
 - B. His miraculous conception in the womb of a virgin. Gen.3:15; Isa.7:14/Matt.1:18-25; Lk.1:26-31
 - C. His birthplace. Bethlehem. Micah 5:2/Matt.2:3-6; John 7:42
 - D. Emmanuel (God with us) Isa.7:14.Matt.1:22, 23;Jn.1:1-3, 14
 - E. Triumphant entry on an untrained colt. Zech.9:9; Isa.62:11/Matt.21:1-11; Lk.19:28-44; Jn.12:13
 - F. Betrayed by "friend" for 30 pieces of silver (potter's field) Psa.41:9/Matt.26:49-50; Jm.13:26; Acts1:16. Zech.11:12-13/Matt.26:14-16; 27:3-9
 - G. Details of death: Flogged, spit upon, beard plucked out Isa.50:6/Gospels; Thieves Isa.53:9,12/Matt.27:38; Bones Num.9:12; Psa.34:20/Jn.19:33. Cast lots for garments Psa.22:18/Jn.19:34. Pierced side: Zech.12:10 Psa.22:16; Jn.19:38 Buried w/rich: Isa.53:9; Matt.27:57; Jn.19:38
 - H. Details of resurrection: Psa.16:10/ Mark 16:6. Broken seal; large stone removed; guards paid off; evidence from hostile sources; 500-plus witnesses over 40 days; Apostles greatly changed lives.