

WEEK 2: WHERE IS THE PROOF?



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**How do we know if the Bible is
the REAL word of God?**

Where's The Proof?

How can someone make a **definitive claim** about something that they have **NO KNOWLEDGE** about or have at least researched to investigate if what they are claiming is true?

Where's The Proof?

- 1) **Biblical Lens** = meaning what does the bible have to say about this?
- 2) **Historical Lens** = what does history tell us about the bible?
- 3) **Faith Lens** = what role does faith play?

Biblical Lens

Biblical Framework #1 The Scriptures

- 1 Timothy 2:16-17 it says.....
- **All Scripture is given** by the **Inspiration of God** (God Breathed) and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Biblical Lens

- **God has inspired every person or author who participated in the writings of the books of the bible.**
- **God has imparted His Knowledge to a particular author of the bible on what to write, when to write and how to write it, specifically for the purpose of us His children who he has created to have a road map to life.**

Biblical Lens

FUN FACTS.....PAY ATTENTION !!!!

- 1) The Bible contains 66 Books.
- 2) The Bible was composed by at least 40 writers.
- 3) The Bible was composed over a period of 1500 years beginning in the Old Testament and ending in the New Testament.

Biblical Lens

Biblical Framework #2 Prophecy

- The divine origin of the bible is demonstrated through its frequent use of prophecy. Of all the "holy books" of the world, both of past and present, **only the "Bible" contains accurate predictive prophecies** because only "God" of the bible knows the future and has the power to bring it to pass. (Ark Encounter)
- **God is Omniscient** which means that God knows everything, past, present and future.

OLD TESTAMENT - 39 BOOKS

PENTATEUCH - 5	HISTORICAL BOOKS - 12	POETRY & WISDOM - 5	MINOR PROPHETS - 12
GENESIS	JOSHUA	JOB	HOSEA
EXODUS	JUDGES	PSALMS	JOEL
LEVITICUS	RUTH	PROVERBS	AMOS
NUMBERS	1 SAMUEL	ECCLESIASTES	OBADIAH
DEUTERONOMY	2 SAMUEL	SONG OF SONGS	JONAH
	1 KINGS	MAJOR PROPHETS - 5	MICAH
	2 KINGS		NAHUM
	1 CHRONICLES		HABAKKUK
	2 CHRONICLES		ZEPHANIAH
	EZRA		HAGGAI
	NEHEMIAH	LAMENTATIONS	ZECHARIAH
	ESTHER	EZEKIEL	MALACHI
		DANIEL	

NEW TESTAMENT - 27 BOOKS

GOSPELS & ACTS - 5	PAUL'S EPISTLES (LETTERS) - 13		GENERAL EPISTLES & REVELATION - 9
MATTHEW	ROMANS	1 THESSALONIANS	HEBREWS
MARK	1 CORINTHIANS	2 THESSALONIANS	JAMES
LUKE	2 CORINTHIANS	1 TIMOTHY	1 PETER
JOHN	GALATIANS	2 TIMOTHY	2 PETER
ACTS	EPHESIANS	TITUS	1 JOHN
	PHILIPPIANS	PHILEMON	2 JOHN
	COLOSSIANS		3 JOHN
			JUDE
			REVELATION

FULFILLED MESSIANIC PROPHECIES

PROPHECIES ABOUT CHRIST'S LIFE		
PROPHECY		FULFILLMENT
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel (Isaiah 7:14).	BORN OF A VIRGIN	After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:18).
Out of you, Bethlehem Ephratah, shall come forth the One to be Ruler in Israel (Micah 5:2).	BORN IN BETHLEHEM	Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea (Matthew 2:1).
The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding (Isaiah 11:2).	FAMED FOR WISDOM	Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men (Luke 2:52).
He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth (Isaiah 53:9).	LIVED A SINLESS LIFE	Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth (1 Peter 2:22).
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. The lame shall leap like a deer (Isaiah 35:5-6).	HEALED THE NEEDY	The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear (Matthew 11:5).
The Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor (Isaiah 61:1).	PREACHED GOOD NEWS	The poor have the gospel preached to them (Matthew 11:5).
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey (Zechariah 9:9).	ENTERED JERUSALEM IN TRIUMPH	They brought the colt to Jesus, and He sat on it . . . Then those who followed, cried, saying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! (Mark 11:7-9).

PROPHECIES ABOUT CHRIST'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION

PROPHECY		FULFILLMENT
My own familiar friend in whom I trusted has lifted up his heel against me (Psalm 41:9).	BETRAYED BY A FRIEND	Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Him (Mark 14:10).
They weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12).	SOLD FOR THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER	And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver (Matthew 26:15).
He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth (Isaiah 53:7).	SILENT WHEN ACCUSED	Pilate asked, "See how many things they testify against You!" But Jesus still answered nothing (Mark 15:4-5).
I gave My back to those who struck Me, and My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting (Isaiah 50:6).	BEATEN AND SPAT UPON	Then some began to spit on Him, and the officers struck Him with the palms of their hands (Mark 14:65).
He was numbered with the transgressors (Isaiah 53:12).	CRUCIFIED WITH SINNERS	With Him they also crucified two robbers (Mark 15:27).
They will look on Me whom they pierced (Zechariah 12:10).	HIS SIDE PIERCED	But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear (John 19:34).
He made His grave with the rich at His death (Isaiah 53:9).	BURIED WITH THE RICH	A rich man from Arimathaea, named Joseph, asked for the body of Jesus. Then Joseph laid it in his own new tomb (Matthew 27:57-60).
You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption (Psalm 16:10).	ROSE FROM THE DEAD	The angel said to them, "You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen!" (Mark 16:6).
You have ascended on high (Psalm 68:18).	ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN	He was received up into heaven (Mark 16:19).
The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand" (Psalm 110:1).	EXALTED AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND	Jesus Christ has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God (1 Peter 3:22).

PROPHECY	OT PROPHECY	NT FULFILLMENT
Born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:18, 24, 25
Tribe of Judah	Genesis 49:10	Luke 3:23, 33
House of David	Jeremiah 23:5	Luke 3:23
Born at Bethlehem	Micah 5:1-2	Matthew 2:1
Preceded by a messenger (John the Baptist)	Isaiah 40:3	Matthew 3:1, 2
Ministry to begin in Galilee	Isaiah 9:1	Matthew 4:12, 13, 17
Perform Miracles	Isaiah 35:5, 6	Matthew 9:35
Teacher of Parables	Psalms 78:2	Matthew 13:34
To enter Jerusalem on a donkey	Zechariah 9:9	Matthew 21:6-11
Gentile Nations to believe on Him	Isaiah 60:3	Acts 13:47, 48
To rise from the dead	Psalms 16:10	Acts 2:31
To ascend to Heaven	Psalms 68:18	Acts 1:9
Betrayed by a friend	Psalms 41:9	Matthew 10:4
Sold for 30 pieces of silver	Zechariah 11:12	Matthew 26:15
Money to be thrown in the Temple	Zechariah 11:13	Matthew 27:5
Money to buy a potter's field	Zechariah 11:13	Matthew 27:7
Forsaken by His disciples	Zechariah 13:7	Matthew 14:20
False witnesses accuse Him	Psalms 35:11	Matthew 26:59, 60
Silent before His accusers	Isaiah 53:7	Matthew 27:12
Beaten, wounded, spat on	Isaiah 50:6	Matthew 26:67
Hands and feet pierced	Psalms 22:16	Luke 23:33
Crucified with thieves	Isaiah 53:12	Matthew 27:38
Garments parted and lots cast	Psalms 22:18	John 19: 23, 24
Gall and vinegar offered Him	Psalms 69:21	Matthew 27:34
His forsaken cry	Psalms 22:1	Matthew 27:46
No bones broken	Psalms 34:20	John 19:23
His side pierced	Zechariah 12:10	John 19:34
Darkness over land from midday	Amos 8:9	Matthew 27:45
Buried in rich man's tomb	Isaiah 53:9	Matthew 27: 57-60
Messiah to offer Himself as Prince to Israel 173,880 days after March 5, 444 BC	Daniel 9:26, 27	Luke 19:41-44
Messiah comes, Messiah cut off (dies), Jerusalem and Temple destroyed	Daniel 9:26	by Titus in 70 AD
Jews to lose power to pass death sentence 23 years before the trial of Christ	Genesis 49:10	11 AD (Josephus, Antiquities, Book 17:13:1-5)

What are the odds against
anyone fulfilling the prophecies
about the Messiah in
the Old Testament?



THE JOHN ANKERBERG SHOW



FAST BREAK

1. How many books are there in the Bible?

(Prize: 2 candies)

2. Approximately how many writers composed the Bible?

(Prize: 2 candies)

3. Approximately what time frame was the Bible written?

(Prize: 3 candies)

4. What was one important point that I mentioned that a person should do?

(Prize: 4 candies)

Where's The Proof?

- See notes

Where's The Proof?

Let's now look at some Historical Frame works.

Historical Lens

Historical Framework #1

The Water Cycle: Evaporation, Precipitation, Condensation.

- Two French scientist first became aware of the water cycle about 400 years ago however in the bible Job talks about God and the water cycle around (540-330) BC (Before Christ) then add an additional 2000 years after Christ.
- Job 36:27-28 says the following, **He (God)** draws up drops of water (**Evaporation**), which distill as rain to the streams (**Precipitation**), the clouds pour out their moisture (**Condensation**) and abundant showers fall on mankind.

(FIU College of Communication)

Historical Lens

- The Earth's Core
- Both the inner and outer core of the Earth's core is **EXTREMELY HOT** with temperature ranging from 7200-9000 degrees Fahrenheit or 4000-5000 degrees Celsius.
- Job 28:5 says....Above the ground food grows, but beneath it the food decays as if it were burned by fire.
- (FIU College of Communication)

Historical Lens

Historical Framework #2

- Here's some more historical findings related to the bible shared in a video.
- Watch the below video and I encourage you to do some more investigation on your own.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oQd-fdpq9mk>

Faith Lens

- So in that infamous song penned by Tina Turner; What's Love Got To Do With It.....we too can ask.....
- WHAT'S FAITH GOT TO DO WITH IT

Faith Lens

Faith Framework #1

- Hebrews 11:6
- But **without FAITH** it is **impossible to please** Him; for he that cometh to **God** must believe that He is **a rewarder** of them that **DILIGENTLY seek Him**.

Faith Lens

Colossians 1:16-17

For **by Him All THINGS were Created**, in heaven, in earth visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominion, or rulers or authorities. **ALL THINGS were created** through Him and for Him. And He is before all things and **in Him ALL THINGS** hold together.

Faith Lens

Having Faith: means trusting in the Lord in spite of not having all of our questions answered.

This usually occurs in a few ways in my experience:

- 1) Being obedient to the tugging of God's calling on one's life.
- 2) When someone has surrendered to the calling of God's unconditional love on their life.
- 3) When someone has accepted the Lord Jesus as their personal savior.

Where's The Proof?

The Bible holds the key to eternal life. The Bible's message provides ultimate answers to our greatest need (God's forgiveness) and meets our deepest desires (eternal life).
(Ark Covenant)

Where's The Proof?

- In conclusion we can see that the proof is actually in the pudding. i.e. **THE BIBLE**.
- We can see that the **BIBLE** reveals this, **HISTORY** confirms this **and** having **FAITH** solidifies this proof.
- Again remember to **Read, Pray, Research, Read, Pray Research** and **Read Pray** and **Research** your **Bible!**

OVERTIME

1. In this study what are three key Frameworks that proves that the bible is the word of God (4 candies)
2. Which book of the bible talks about the water cycles and the center of the earth being extremely hot. (4 candies)
3. Based on this bible study what three things are very important to do. (4 candies)
4. Under the biblical framework can you provide me with one example of how the bible proves that it is true. (4 candies)



QUESTIONS

