

The Biblical Believer #101

The Messiah's Return

A 12 Part Series

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Can We Trust Bible Prophecy?

**Yes! Evidence That Bible
Prophecy Is 100%
Trustworthy**

**What Does God Want
Us To Know?**

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A Topical Study of The Bible

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There are 90 cited or written out scriptures, an average of 2.3 p/page

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Preface

About the author: *I go by handle of “the 9th grader”. My name is not important because I am not important in the overall scheme of things, I seek no money (print copies are sold at cost to produce & ship) and no recognition. My reward is that God may be glorified. If you are frustrated by my spel’n, or linguistics you may miss the message. Read to understand the concepts, please set aside nitpicking my chick’n scratch’n. My words here should be regarded as fallible and **the Scriptures supreme**. I am not a teacher, I am a reader, I wrote this pamphlet about what I read in the Bible. What I hope for is that we all would draw closer to God in these final days. I’ll get personal; I am a sinner, I know my own thoughts, my selfishness, my self-centeredness, my fleshly and worldly behaviors, I am no one with a lofty reputation and in some ways, I am a hypocrite. I have been in a spiritual battle for decades since asking Christ to be my personal Lord and Savior. **(Eph 6:10-17) Very, very soon, Jesus will return, in <12 yrs. The Bible is 100% True.** If you are like me, you long for the day when we will have the full victory over, our flesh, worldly influences and the Devil. Perhaps you too can relate to these words that the apostle Paul wrote;*

Romans 7:14-25 *For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin. For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate. But if I do the very thing I do not want to do, I agree with the Law, confessing that the Law is good. So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.*

*Over 40 years ago, then an atheist and fulltime sinner, I came to know God is real, I believed and received Jesus Christ, God’s Son as my Savior. My hope, trust and faith reside in His redeeming power after finding no goodness of my own. Since then, I give all praise and glory to God, for reconciling a sin debt I could not repay. I love God’s Word; **revealing Jesus Christ the savior of my soul.** If you wish to email me (no attachments) use tract@the9thgrader.com, I will check this email occasionally.*

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Let's begin by asking our Heavenly Father for help

Dear Heavenly Father, we pray that you guide us in searching out the truth, help us to know what you want us to know and help us to draw near to you. You know the heart of every person, you know my heart, please help me to be sincere, earnest and sensitive to your leading. Please guard my thoughts, please lead me in Your way. You alone are God, I confess that I have often rebelled or been apathetic with regards to doing Your will, so I ask that You lead me out of the trappings of my selfish and worldly ways and that Your Word would cleanse my heart in such a way that I would more completely and joyfully submit to Your will. In the name of Your Son Jesus Christ, I pray, Amen

Introduction

Jesus is Coming Back Very Soon!

There are many fundamental essentials to being “Christian.” Among the essential core tenants are; belief in **“the One True God”**, belief in the **“Bible as the Word of God to mankind”** and belief and faith in **“Jesus Christ as our personal redeeming Savior sent by God”**. These, among other foundational tenants should lead each of us to ponder the question; **“Am I a Christian?”** Based on the Bible, am I really? How do I know for sure? More importantly; **“How can I be sure that I am?”**

Being Christian in America (*roughly 75% claim to be*) is becoming less popular. Approximately 90% of all American homes claim to have a Bible yet only 11% claim to have read the Bible cover to cover. Only, 53% have ever read more than a few passages of the Bible.

This begs the question; if we are not actually reading the Bible, how do we know we actually are Christian? **What is the Biblical requirement?**

It is apparent that if we are not regularly reading the Bible, there must be some other basis that causes people to believe that they are “a Christian.” Is church attendance, or just believing in “a” god, the validation that we “meet God’s requirements?” Could your or my own beliefs be in contradiction with actual “Biblical requirements?”

According to the Bible, believing in “a” god, or even believing in the **“One True God”** **does not make a person a Christian.** **Jam 2:19 You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.** Neither does the Bible teach us that merely attending church makes one a Christian. And it seems reasonable, that if the one true God provided directions on how to get into Heaven and what it means to be Christian, **shouldn't we be serious about reading His actual**

instructions? The fact is, **as God, His criteria, not ours** will decide who is going to reside eternally with Him in Heaven and who will be cast eternally into Hell. Thus, we “as Christians” should be structuring our lives solidly on the instructions God provided.

In many countries, being a Biblical Christian is illegal. Many of our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ are being killed, beaten or locked up just for identifying as Christian. Clearly, their faith and belief are solid!

So, the question to you and I is; if we were to be arrested today and hauled into court and charged for the crime of being a “Christian”, would we still profess that we are? Would our admission and knowledge of Christian doctrine be so solid within our heart that we would willingly subject ourself to cruel punishment or death? Or would a judge rule that we don’t know enough about God’s word and there’s little evidence that we actually demonstrated our Christian faith in daily life. Would there be enough evidence in our life to convict us?

I’m not trying to change or build any sort of doctrinal stance with what follows in this series, yet I do understand that some; Christians, pastors or theologians may have stances of their own that they have taught (*likely around the aspects of the length of creation, when it took place, aspects of the rapture and perhaps other teachings*) that may be challenged by what I will be sharing in this series.

Please understand I desire no conflict and I’m quite comfortable waiting for God to show all of us how the future will actually unfold. While the Word of God takes aim at the heart of man (**Jer 17:9**), I know there are many pastors and brothers and sisters in Christ who are of a virtuous heart, who sincerely want to please God. We can and will love each other as brothers/sisters in Christ, even if we disagree about something.

We all agree: in any tug of war regarding what your or my views, beliefs or ideas are ... God and the scriptures must reign supreme, for the fallible shall not rise above the that which is not. **2 Titus 3:16-17** [All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;](#)¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, [equipped for every good work.](#) **Isaiah 44:6-8** “Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: ‘I am the first and I am the last, **and there is no God besides Me.**’⁷ ‘Who is like Me? Let him proclaim and declare it; yes, let him recount it to Me in order, from the time that I established the ancient nation. And let

them declare to them the things that are coming and the events that are going to take place. ⁸ **‘Do not tremble and do not be afraid; Have I not long since announced it to you and declared it?’** And you are My witnesses. Is there any God besides Me, or is there any *other* Rock? I know of none.’”

God and God’s Word shall be and must be honored by all of us who by comparison are feeble in every way. **Isaiah 30:8** **Now go, write it on a tablet before them and inscribe it on a scroll, that it may serve in the time to come as a witness forever.** **2 Pet 1:19-21** **So we have the prophetic word *made* more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.** ²⁰ But **know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation,** ²¹ for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, **but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.**

Straight up, my interpretations of God’s Word are indeed fallible and I could be in error. Throughout the world we have many Christian denominations because of disagreements about Biblical interpretation. Indeed, I have had to leave a couple of churches because of serious “scriptural error” in what was taught. God bless our pastors. Being a pastor, a pastor’s wife or child is no cake walk. Pray for your pastors!

It is quite common to debate and reason from the Bible and to make allowances for minor disagreements. I love that God made us all different! Each part of the body, has a purpose. **(1 Cor 12:12-26)** Yet some ministers teach “as if it was doctrine” (*an essential belief*), a pre-tribulation rapture. The timing of the rapture is NOT doctrine. When I read the Bible, I find that there is a full plate of ambiguity within the Scriptures that makes such a rigid stance absurd. The timing of the rapture is not definitive nor conclusive; there is some vagueness about “the when”. My heart goes out to all the pastors who “*very likely(?)*” in a few short years have to explain to their flock why their other teachings should be trusted “*if*” their congregation goes thru the various unpleasant aspects of the Tribulation. Then their members will ask; “*what else has our pastor been wrong about?*”

There are many amazing things that occur in the Bible, things beyond our modern comprehension, but I don’t doubt for a second any of God’s Word; not the flood, not the tower of Babel, not that people lived hundreds of years, not the virgin birth: for me ... **it’s all true.**

And I understand that we only have a tiny fraction of what God did in the past, a smidgin of God's history and power and God is not done, He has much more in store. **Isaiah 65:17-18** *"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things will not be remembered or come to mind."*¹⁸ *"But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create ..."*

I am convinced that the 40 days Jesus spent with His disciples after Jesus's resurrection, had to be the most incredible knowledge dump in the history of mankind. Imagine the miracle working man, the Son of God, whom taught you over the prior 3 years, who was killed and hung on a cross, then buried in a cave ... but then He comes back to life! WOW! Jesus then spends the next 6 weeks telling you about many wonderful things of God and His Kingdom before He departs back to Heaven. These once timid and unassuming men ... now get it!

Jesus summarizes what really matters: **Mark 12:28-31** *One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He {Jesus} had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?" Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.'"* *"The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"* *There is no other commandment greater than these."*

The Bible is our source for drawing near to God

Before becoming a Believer, I bought a Bible to explore. Initially, reading the Bible cover to cover was hard to digest. The 1st translation I read was a King James Version (KJV), which uses Old English language making it hard for me to understand. I then began using the New International Version (NIV), before settling on the New American Standard Bible (NASB). I think the English Standard Version (ESV) is a good translation as well.

Yet, like many Christians for much of my past my Bible sat on a shelf. After I started going to church, I often brought my Bible with me, but I rarely read it on my own. All that changed. These days, I keep it near me and try to read it every day. The Bible is a smorgasbord feast; I can't stop reading it. **God is amazing and the Bible is amazing!**

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Booklet Summary

Please read and contemplate the whole tract, but the takeaway of this review is:

- 1) There is no doubt with regards to the historically documented findings of ancient Bible manuscripts. The finding of the *Dead Sea Scrolls* and other ancient texts since then, unequivocally established the validity of Biblical text. Prior to the discovery and examination of these ancient manuscript's deniers use to harass Believers that there was no way we could know the Bible we have was accurate. Since then, our modern Bible has been proven accurate and dependable. I chose not to rehash the work of others, the evidence is solidly established and you can research this further yourself at the following links:
www.josh.org/manuscript-validate-old-testament/ and
www.carm.org/about-the-bible/can-we-trust-the-new-testament-as-a-historical-document/ and
www.thomasnelsonbibles.com/blog/is-the-bible-historically-accurate)
- 2) The OT was written long before the NT period and these OT scrolls were and remain today the object of use by the Jewish religion, Judaism. Simply put; while the Hebrew people do not reference the OT as "Bible", the Hebrew texts are included in the Christian Bible because they are foundational to Christianity. Jesus Christ was Jewish; His lineage is even traced in the very first chapter of our NT. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the long awaited Jewish Messiah, was rejected by the Jewish religious leaders for two reasons: **a)** they expected a conquering King rather than a humble baby born in a manger and **b)** Jesus was very critical of the way these religious leaders were instructing and caring for God's people. The OT; outlines God choosing Abraham and his descendants, it is where God established the Law and the Law exposes our sin. When the Hebrew religious leaders rejected God's Son, their Messiah, God opened the door to invite all the other peoples of the world into His family via His Son, Jesus Christ.
- 3) The OT contains much prophecy that was fulfilled during the period prior to the Messiah, Jesus Christ's coming. God chose and spoke thru men and women known as Prophets. The OT prophets also spoke about the coming Messiah and Redeemer

who would save mankind from their sins. This is the part the Hebrew religious leaders missed; *“before they needed a conquering King to defeat all of Israel’s enemies, they needed a Redeemer to save them from their own sinful ways”*.

- 4) Using the Biblical prophetic text from the OT and the widely accepted dating for when they were originally recorded, we are able to solidly confirm the NT actions of Jesus and John the Baptist and validate the fulfillment of these prophecies, spoken many hundreds of year before. Indeed, they all came true. Thus, we prove the accuracy of Biblical prophecy, we can fully trust it!
- 5) Reviewing many other miraculous aspects surrounding the Bible, it reconfirms the Bible is God’s truth, it is indeed supernatural.
- 6) Since we can unequivocally trust Biblical prophecy, we can now read what God has said will occur in our future. With this knowledge and renewed urgency, we can get our own life in order and warn others to do the same.
- 7) With a fresh trust in the Bible, we can go forward and pattern our life and build our faith and hope in God. God clearly and plainly establishes that **He alone is the One True God**. The pathways to Heaven or Hell are made known and each of us during this physical life, will choose our way to one place or the other.

God speaks His “word” that He wants mankind to know: **Isaiah 55:11** So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it. And He also has His chosen prophets speak His words. **1 Kings 17:16** The bowl of flour was not exhausted nor did the jar of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke through Elijah.

The next 6 pages provide tables identifying 14 OT prophecies, with their corresponding bc origination dates and then the NT ad fulfillment text and dates. God proves He is trustworthy.

These establish that when God speaks one or thousands of years into the future, **God always does what He says**. Fulfilled Bible prophecy proves the reliability of what God says is about to happen in our current generation. God wants us to know was is about to happen.

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We Can Trust Bible Prophecy! YES, the Bible is God's Truth!

Event	OT Prophecy Scripture	Date Written	Recorded NT Fulfillment	Date Fulfilled
Jesus would be pierced thru His hands and feet	<p>Psalms 22:16-17 For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; <u>they have pierced my hands and feet</u>. I can count all my bones, Zech 13:6 "And one will say to him, "What are these wounds between your arms?" Then he will say, "Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends."</p>	900-1100 BC	<p>John 19:23-24 When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, <u>(nailed to a wooden cross thru the hands and feet)</u></p> <p>John 20:25-27 So the other disciples told him, "<u>We have seen the Lord.</u>" But he said to them, "<u>Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.</u>" Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "<u>Peace be with you.</u>" Then he said to Thomas, "<u>Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.</u>"</p>	33 AD God made it happen; it came true apx 1000 yrs later
<p>2 prophetic events in this prophecy: 1) they divide his garments, and 2) they gamble for his clothing</p>	<p>Psalms 22:17-18 ... they stare and gloat over me; they divide <u>my garments among them</u> and for my clothing <u>they cast lots.</u></p>	900-1100 BC	<p>John 19:23-24 ...they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also, his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."</p>	33 AD God made these happen, they came true apx 1000 yrs later

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<p>2 prophetic events in this prophecy;</p> <p>1) A repentance messenger (<i>John the Baptist</i>) would pave the way for of for Jesus Christ</p> <p>2) the Lord would come.</p> <p>(biblically the wilderness is a place of cleansing &/or preparation)</p>	<p>Isaiah 40:3 <u>A voice is calling.</u> <u>"Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.</u> Malachi 3:1 <u>"Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me.</u> <u>And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.</u></p>	<p>740-700 BC Isaiah's prophecy</p> <p>after Isaiah, Malachi prophesied about John the Baptist around 430 bc</p>	<p>Matt 3:1-6 In those days <u>John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea.</u> "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, <u>The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'</u> " Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Matt 11:7-11 As these men were going away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? "But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? <u>Those who wear soft clothing are in kings' palaces! "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and one who is more than a prophet. "This is the one about whom it is written, 'Behold, I send My messenger ahead of You, Who will prepare Your way before You.'</u> <u>"Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. Acts 13:24-25</u> Before his (<i>the Lord Jesus</i>) coming, John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was finishing his course, he said, "What do you suppose that I am? I am not he {the Messiah}. No, but behold, after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie.</p>	<p>28-31 AD God made these happen, they came true apx 460-770 yrs. later</p>

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<p>Jesus brought forth the Covenant of Grace, yet He was crucified by the very people He presented it too.</p>	<p>Zechariah 12:10 <u>"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.</u></p>	<p>480 BC</p>	<p>Heb 10:28-29 Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? <u>Jesus brought forth the covenant of grace</u></p> <p>Luke 23:32-34 Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, <u>there they crucified him</u>, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <u>And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."</u> <u>Jesus while dying at the hands of those who killed them, asked God to forgive them, to grant grace instead of judgment for the crimes committed</u> John 19:31-37 Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So, the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. <u>But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.</u> He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: <u>"Not one of his bones will be broken."</u> And again, another Scripture says, <u>"They will look on him whom they have pierced."</u></p>	<p>30-33AD God made it happen; it came true apx 510 yrs. later</p>

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<p>2 prophetic events in this prophecy;</p> <p>1) The Messiah would be betrayed for 30 pcs of silver and the money would be given 2) for a potter's field via the house of the Lord (temple)</p>	<p>Zech 11:12-13 I said to them, "if it is good in your sight, give me my wages; but if not, never mind!" So, they weighed out <u>thirty shekels of silver as my wages</u>. Then the LORD said to me, "Throw it to <u>the potter, that magnificent price at which I was valued by them</u>." So, I took the <u>thirty shekels of silver</u> and threw them to <u>the potter in the house of the LORD</u>.</p>	<p>480 BC</p>	<p>Matt 26:14-16 Then one of the twelve, whose name was Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What will you give me if I deliver him over to you?" And they <u>paid him thirty pieces of silver</u>. And from that moment he sought an opportunity to betray him.</p> <p>Matt 27:3-7 Then when Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he changed his mind and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders, saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself." And <u>throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple</u>, he departed, and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since it is blood money." So, they took counsel and <u>bought with them the potter's field</u> as a burial place for strangers.</p>	<p>30-33AD God made these happen, they came true apx 510 yrs. later</p>

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<p>Jesus Christ, came into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey. He was later crucified on the cross, with the sign above him "king of the Jews"</p>	<p>Zechariah 9:9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud daughter of Jerusalem! <u>Behold, your king is coming to you: righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.</u></p>	<p>480 BC</p>	<p>John 12:12-15 On the next day the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard that <u>Jesus was coming to Jerusalem</u>, took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and began to shout, "<u>Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, even the King of Israel.</u> <u>Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written, "FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SEATED ON A DONKEY'S COLT."</u></p> <p>Luke 23:38 There was also an inscription over him, "<u>This is the King of the Jews.</u>"</p> <p>John 4:40-42 So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "<u>It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.</u>"</p>	<p>30-33 AD God made it happen; it came true approx 510 yrs. later</p>

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<p>3 prophetic events in this prophecy;</p> <p>1) a virgin (<i>miraculous event</i>) will give birth,</p> <p>2) to a male child,</p> <p>3) who is God's son.</p>	<p>Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, <u>the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (God with us).</u></p>	740-700 BC	<p>Matt 1:18-22 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take <u>Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.</u>" All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet ... John 10:30+38 ... <u>I and the Father are one ... that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father."</u></p>	<p>3 BC to 1 AD</p> <p>God made these happen, they came true apx 700-740 yrs. later</p>
<p>2 prophetic events in the prophecy;</p> <p>1) He will be born in Bethlehem and</p> <p>2) will rule in Israel.</p>	<p>Micah 5:2 But you, O Bethlehem, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, <u>from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.</u></p>	742-687 BC	<p>Matt 2:11 Now after <u>Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea</u> in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem ... Luke 2:1-7 Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. <u>Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him and was with child. While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son, and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.</u></p>	<p>3 BC to 1 AD</p> <p>God made these happen, they came true apx 700-740 yrs. later</p>

The Incredible Accuracy of Biblical Prophecy

What are the odds? Those ancient Biblical prophecies on the preceding pages about the coming of Jesus Christ were all fulfilled! What are the odds of the Bible prophecies coming true hundreds of years after they were predicted? First let's look at the lottery something we are all familiar with. I'm no statistician nor mathematician, but the odds of you picking the correct 6-winning set of numbers in the Mega Millions Lottery are 1 in roughly 300,000,000. Your odds of being hit by lightning vary depending upon where you live in the USA, but statistically you'd get hit by lightning several times over before you'll ever win the lottery. Sure, someone does eventually win the lottery and many people buy an occasional ticket or get in the office lottery pool, but everyone must understand that for the supreme majority of people who purchase a lottery ticket, their, "*I could win dream*" **will never come true.** Statistically, 1 in 300 million is way out there and we are all going to forever fail at picking the correct numbers.

I have a book written by a scientific mathematician named Peter Stoner, called "*Science Speaks*", in it he calculated that for "just 8" of the 14 OT Bible prophecies I listed prior concerning Jesus Christ coming true, the odds would be 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000 or one in "*one hundred quadrillion.*" It's worth noting his calculations were reviewed by one of his peers and deemed proper in every respect. Only God could make the impossible happen, because God is indeed making them happen!

Consider also that these prophecies are not limited to just 60 known numbers, they have much, much, greater complexity and difficulty because:

- 1) were spoken of hundreds of years before hand,
- 2) by different people,
- 3) each who claimed to have them supernaturally revealed to them,
- 4) who lived in different historical time periods,
- 5) who decided to write them down so that they would be preserved for those of us in the future,
- 6) about not only plausible events, but also miraculous events (things not humanly possible like a virgin birth),
- 7) that would involve people from many walks of life from shepherds to kings and;

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8) their combined predictions would affirm what was going to take place in the life of Jesus Christ.

With these considerations you should come away with the understanding that the fulfillment of just 8 prophecies is beyond comprehension, **its miraculous ... because they are arranged by the one true God. God is REAL and the Bible is a trustworthy document!**

My friend, God is not bound by limits of this physical realm as we understand them, quite the opposite, God orchestrates everything in its time. God is not a mortal king, He is not a magician, He is not one of many gods, He is not in a wrestling match with other so called gods like Zeus, Hercules or Aphrodite, He is the **One True God**. Thus, **we can depend upon God** to accomplish just what He says He is going to do. God is not only much more reliable; **He is immeasurably reliable** and He is perfect in every way.

Those prophecies about **Jesus Christ are not possible except that God arranged all of it.** God is real and He is speaking to mankind. Sadly, most do not care to hear and few make little if any effort to know the One True God. I beg you to consider, to really consider, that God is real and He loves you and God sent His Son, Jesus Christ to die for sinners like you and I, to pay a sin debt we cannot pay. But you cannot not just sit back and believe there is a god **and think that “makes you and the One True God right with each other”.**

These prophecies, spoken hundreds of years before Jesus Christ was born, **were all fulfilled**. The impossible, God made happen! There are many, many, more prophecies about Jesus Christ not listed here and a hundred+ other prophecies spoken by God’s prophets about other events that were fulfilled before Jesus Christ came that dealt with all sorts of; kings, kingdoms, wars, blessings, punishments and events surrounding Jewish history and its people.

God has revealed what is about to be come to pass, identifying some, but not all of these end times events, is what this “*The Messiah’s Return Series*” is about. Commonly referred to as the Great Tribulation, **difficult days are ahead of us**, but for those who come to Jesus Christ, soon after the Tribulation we will enter a period of the most glorious festivity that can be comprehended. This current time period we are living in, is described in the Bible. There are indeed Biblical prophecies that refer to this last day we are in. After these next dozen tumultuous

years, God promises a “rest” from the toil of this life **to all who have embraced His Son, Jesus Christ.** [Heb 4:1 Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it.](#) For the 1,000 years that follow Jesus’s return, Jesus Christ will be the supreme ruler on earth. Think about this; <12 years from now, you’ll not have any concern for your career or retirement, because you will be* basking in the Kingdom of Christ! (**if you invited Jesus to be your Lord and Savior*) But turbulent times lie in front of us.

Mankind Can’t Bring World Peace nor Rid Us of Poverty

How well have the 200+ nations of our current time period ruled their people? Is any nation free of corruption? Is the world at peace? Do judges and juries always rule with justice? Are we as peoples of the earth free from lusts and materialism? Why does every nation still have the poor, the sick and diseased within their borders? Why so many broken marriages and broken families? Truth is getting hard to find!

America is so overrun with laws no one can begin to comprehend them all. Today, we as Americans have nearly every convenience that can be invented, but we still lead busy troubled lives. This is the mess we have made, if we are honest, collectively we are all to blame, we all inject our bias, our greed our pride into our everyday life. **This earth is our mess; it’s the mess we and our forefathers have created.** But our mess can be useful to God because if we reflect on the mess we made, it should draw us closer to God, closer to Someone who can and will fix everything. If you read the 1st pamphlet in this “*The Messiah’s Return Series*”, you know that **Jesus is returning very, very, soon** and God will judge every person who has ever lived. The Bible accurately describes how our body of flesh gets so much in our way of leading a virtuous life.

Gal 5:14-23 [For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, “YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”](#) ¹⁵ [But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.](#) ¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. ¹⁷ [For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.](#) ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. ¹⁹ [Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,](#) ²⁰ [idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions,](#)

factions, ²¹ envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

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At face value it appears that many world leaders and several of our American presidents will not get to see Heaven, they will (*it appears*) be living elsewhere, in a very hot place ... but I am not their judge, God is. After Christ's return, there will be no more evil, no more self-serving prideful worldly leaders and no more corrupted behavior.

The antagonists of this world will be gone; Jesus will reign in righteousness and truth. God has spoken; it will happen just as He desires. For now, God is speaking now thru His written word; He wants us to know how this all goes down and He wants us to draw near to Him and to trust Him for the final outcome. On the other side of this "proving ground" called earth, lies eternity, and our choices here decide where each of us will reside in the future.

Our hope must not be in this world or this life, **our hope must be grounded in God and His Son, Jesus Christ**. We are in the final few years before this all wraps up, soon, many things will begin taking place. **Instability** will be everywhere throughout the world, there will be very little we can count on. The nations of the world will put the Antichrist into power, but before that happens, people will first have to want a one world leader. To get to that point, there will have to be **much instability**. But just like God foretold the coming of Jesus Christ His Son, **God has also revealed what will be going down in this end time**. God has proven that He not only knows the future, but God insures it goes down just as He says it will. The Bible is where God reveals His plan.

Amos 3:7 *Surely the Lord GOD does nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets.* **Jer 1:12** Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching over My word to perform it." **John 16:12-15** "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and **he will declare to you the things that are to come.** ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and

declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore, I said that he will take what is mine **and declare it to you.**

2 Peter 3:1-18 This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, ² that you should **remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles,** **Jude 17-18** But you must **remember, beloved, the predictions of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. They said to you, "In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions."**

Acts 3:19-24 **Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,** ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹ whom heaven must receive **until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.** ²² Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. **You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you.** ²³ And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.' ²⁴ **And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days.** **Isaiah 46:9-10** ... remember the former things of old; **for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,'**

No Book Like the Bible!

The Bible, is truly a most astonishing work, wayyyy beyond the mere work of a man or woman: **Jesus is Coming Back Very Soon!**

- The Bible is not assembled chronologically,
- Is not one book, it is 66 separate books or letters,
- Was written over the course of 2000 years (*OT book of Job, the oldest book at apx 1900 BC, NT books in first century AD*),
- Was written in 3 original languages (*Hebrew, Aramaic & Greek*),
- Created on 3 separate continents (*Asia, Africa & Europe*),
- Has at least 40 different authors,
- Has some books written by unknown authors,

- Is written of not of one prose, but contains several literature types, including; history, genealogy, poetry, songs, prophecy, sometimes it uses parables and/or symbolism to convey a point, records of dreams and visions, lifestyle instruction and commands, God establishing His moral value system, eye witness and personal experience testimony and provides mankind with a relationship manual, between “self and others” and “self and the One True God”. **Jesus is Coming Back Very Soon!**
- It gives lots of detail about priestly instructions, yet other writings can be vague.
- Some prophecies are described as hidden, sealed or locked up for a period of time or permanently.
- It is a “*tell all tabloid*”, where the true-life personal failures of many of its main characters are openly and clearly depicted. Other than Jesus, every person in the Bible was a sinner. (*oh my gosh!*)
- Informs us of the act of creation of this physical world where we live, work and play and the unseen spiritual heavenly world where God exists and also a fiery place called Hell. While our physical body will die and perish our soul will live on in one of these other realms.
- Contains the basis for two main covenants (*among others*) between God and mankind; the 1st depicted in the OT to the chosen Hebrew people, the 2nd “*offered*” (*must be individually accepted*) to all mankind who come to Christ.)
- Is only a partial literary work, a tiny fraction of the words of; God and His Son, the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

Yet with all this apparent mishmash and apparent disarray, the overall Bible message is completely harmonious in its overall purpose and message. The Bible is indeed what God wants mankind to know about Him and about the antagonists we must resist while we are present on this earth. God informs us how to rise above these earthly trails and to set our eyes on a heavenly reward that lies in front of us in the next life.

No other literary work could have survived just a few of the difficulties listed above. Yet the One True God of all we see and comprehend, He indeed orchestrated His divine purpose in the Bible’s overall formation. We were created by God, God has not abandoned us, but He is letting us reveal our true character during this lifetime. We will go over God’s “plan” in a future TMRS booklet.

Equally astounding is how the Bible has touched so many;

- The Bible has been the top selling book year after year since the dawn of modern printing, *(the Bible is excluded from consideration on best seller lists, as it would always be #1)*
- It's the book most given away for free, *(oddly its reportedly the most stolen too)*
- Just one very well-known Bible distribution organization *(there are hundreds from very small to very large)* "The Gideons" reported distributing 1-million Bibles every 4 days. *(their website October of 2024)*
- A copy of the Bible can be found in most American homes.
- And yet according to various surveys, it is perhaps the least read book of all books found in a home.
- The Bible isn't a self-help manual it's a "you need God manual," hence why so many credit the Bible with "changing their lives." It's the book that agonizingly, but truthfully confronts our sinful behavior and thoughts, yet we are still drawn to it because of its message of; forgiveness, compassion, reconciliation and love.
- The Bible makes us face who we are and that's why so many don't want to read it. God demands we acknowledge our less than admirable conduct, while the Holy Spirit convicts our hearts as Jesus Christ walks towards us extending His blood-stained hands to say, "it's OK, He has paid our debt if we will just come to Him".
- From the original languages of Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic the whole Bible has been fully translated into over 730 languages.
- The NT has been translated into over 1,600 other languages,
- And portions of the Bible have been translated into another 1,200+ languages.
- We are sinners one and all, but God sent His Son Jesus, to pay the price for our sin, to make things right between God and us.
- History reveals that many of those God used, were martyred, prematurely killed because their devotion to God would not be set aside. They would not renounce their faith in God.
- The Hebrew people have also experienced thousands of years of persecution because of their faith in the One True God.
- A similar culture of persecution of God's chosen people *(Jewish and Christian alike)* is about to happen again in the next dozen years, many nations of the world will gather seek to destroy Israel and Christians.

The Bible is the instruction book for life. **2 Tim 2:15-17** ... and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. **Rom 15:4** For whatever was written in earlier times {OT} was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

The Bible challenges all human creation, confronting us with our individual behaviors, activity and thoughts. We each must then personally decide if God and His Word is relevant. The words penetrate our thoughts by putting a struggle within us; ie God's moral code, verses what our flesh and worldly impulses desire us to do. God's Word exposes our selfishness and sinfulness. **Gal 5:24** Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Among the core principles in the Bible, two are **truth** and **justice**. The Bible presents the Bible as truth for mankind and it wraps up this age of mankind by the full application of justice for all who have not sought the sanctuary of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ. The following words are quantified by how many times (x) they (*and forms of each*) are used in the Bible; judge 177x, judgement 158x, just 397x, truth 199x, court 172x, witness 143x, justice 138x, guilt 95x, guilty 44x, punish 128x.

The certainty of standing before God for judgement, based upon the evidence of our life and words cannot be overstated. The truth will stand supreme, God's judgement will not be prejudiced, **it will be just!** **Acts 10:34-35** Opening his mouth, Peter said: "I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality,³⁵ but in every nation the man who fears {revere} Him and does what is right is welcome to Him. But God is telling you and I ahead of time, so we know how to behave and what to do to receive God's grace and mercy when we do not behave well. God receives and embraces the repentant sinner. **2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

The Bible is one book in its use, but it is really many books (*some just letters*) brought together into one volume. If you think about it, it's the same way with our justice system. Papers and testimonies from

different witnesses are all brought together into one courtroom to provide jurors and the judge with various aspects of evidential truth.

One important aspect of the Bible is that it's the first hand and sometimes 2nd hand deposition like accounts of what actually took place, in or around each writer. A judge would ask; "What did Jesus say and others who He spoke to?" Each of the 4 gospels given by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John record what Jesus said and what others said and did as they interfaced with Jesus and began building the church.

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Eye Witness Accounts

The NT is a book of personal accounts (*and personal instructions*) from those who lived with and experienced Jesus Christ and the growth of the early first church. (*which **is not the catholic church** or any other denomination falsely claiming to be "the original church"*) Some who refuse to believe there is a God, say the Bible is a fairy tale concoction meant to promote the Christian religion. But I found it's really a book of detailed personal accounts of the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God's Son, sent to provide a path of redemption for all mankind and as we've already established, His birth and life were foretold many hundreds of years before. And I believe Jesus is very soon about to return, before the end of 2036. A lot is about to happen, prophecies are going to start getting fulfilled one after the other, **worldwide instability** will abound as we enter the Great Tribulation.

These NT eye witness accounts provide the continuity with the OT to establish the truth of what happened and more importantly, how we need to respond to the truth and evidence so solidly established.

Consider just a few excerpts from the NT text that reveal how each author offered their written records in an **evidential** manner, not a story telling or fanciful manner.

Written by Matthew (*a tax collector, who had to keep good records*)

Matt 1:1 [The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah ...](#)

{Matthew provides the genealogical evidence to establish that Jesus meets the OT blood line requirements to be the Messiah.}

Matt 1:18 [Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: ...](#) {Matthew

provides a full history of how Jesus Christ came to be, but he also includes the miraculous aspects of it, including the less than admirable account of a pregnant woman who claimed to be still a

virgin and Matthew includes the OT verse that predicts this virgin birth.}

Matt 2:1-2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, ... {specifics regarding the time and location}

Written by Mark

Mark 1:1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
{Mark articulates an original record regarding the gospel and Jesus Christ, the Son of God}

Written by Luke *(a physician, keen on observation and record keeping)*

Luke 1:1-4 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, ² just as they were handed down to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³ it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; ⁴ so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught. {Luke is writing to a person and he starts by letting Theophilus know that he is writing an accurate record of what is taking place.}

Luke 2:1-2 Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. ² This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.
{Details about specific events and leaders}

Luke 3:1 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, {Clearly, such detail about the setting, makes it clear this is not a story, but a record.}

Luke's 2nd account *(detailing the disciples' activities after Jesus had risen)*

Acts 1:1-2 The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen. {Luke also wrote the book of Acts, and he describes it as an account, a record of what took place}

Acts 4:13 Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men,

they were amazed, and *began* to recognize them as having been with Jesus. {Luke doesn't flatter the characters in his account; he is just telling it like it is}

Written by John

John 1:6-8 There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. {*John the Baptist, not the John writing this gospel testimony*} ⁷ He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the Light, but *he came* to testify about the Light. {John the apostle, documents another John who was also a witness, that God had sent to proclaim that Jesus was coming.}

John 5:1-2 After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ² Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes. {Notice the detail of the location, he gets very specific in descriptions, he is concerned about details}

1 John 1:1-4 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life {Jesus Christ} ² and the life was manifested, and **we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life,** which was with the Father and was manifested to us ³ what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ These things we write, so that our joy may be made complete.

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The Bible isn't the only historical book regarding the life of Jesus Christ and the early church.

- **Flavius Josephus** – (*1st century*) a Jewish (*non-Christian*) historian sought to document the history of the Hebrew people, which just happened to be during the initial period while Jesus disciples were starting churches.
- **Tacitus** – (*early 2nd century*) a Roman historian, recorded the death of Jesus on the cross.
- **Pliny the Younger** – (*2nd century*) a Roman governor documented his take from interviews with Christians.
- **Lucian of Samosata** – (*2nd century*) a non-believing pagan wrote about the followers of Christ.

While far less supportive, (*the Bible quite handily stands on its own*) some of you may be comforted by being in the company of well-known figures who shared their personal thoughts about God and the Bible.

William Penn: writer, founded the Colony of Pennsylvania for religious freedom - *“If we will not be governed by God, then we will be ruled by tyrants”*

Augustine of Hippo: theologian, writer, preacher - *“The Holy Scriptures are our letters from home”*

Bible Factoid – In the Bible we find “the” TRUTH. Don’t try to learn “about” the Bible, rather discover the love and truth of God found **in the Bible by reading the Bible for yourself**. The Bible is not only to be read but also **reflected or meditated on**. Start reading in the New Testament (NT), read each book several times. What is God trying to reveal to you? Pick a good version (*each credible version is a translation associated with a specific goal*). I prefer the **NASB**, which is known for being a better word for word translation, which can be a bit clumsy while reading. The **ESB** is known for being a more recent modern English translation, the **NIV** is known for being a good sentence for sentence translation. The **Living Bible**, translation uses a smaller more easily understood vocabulary for those with less education or mentally challenged.

It is truly is the most fascinating book I’ve ever read. Yes, there are some portions of it that seem dreary like genealogies and rabbinic duties, but God has used each of these seemingly unimportant texts to convey one or more important truths. God used many common people whose faults and sins are frequently revealed in the Bible. It’s a “*tell all*” book! These Bible characters serve as examples for us both for good behaviors and bad behaviors. We are sinners, yet over and over, God’s love endures for repentant sinners!

William McKinley: 25th President of the U.S.A. - *“The more profoundly we study this wonderful book, (Bible) and the more closely we observe its divine precepts, the better citizens we will become and the higher will be our destiny as a nation”*

Mark Twain: (Samuel Clemens) writer, humorist - *“Most people are bothered by the passages of scripture they do not understand, but the passages of scripture that bother me the most are those I*

do understand” and “The best cure for Christianity is reading the Bible”

Abe Lincoln: 16th President of the U.S.A., he abolished slavery - *“I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this book that you can by reason and the balance by faith and you will live and die a better man. It is the best book which God has given to man” and “All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated to us through this book.”*

Daniel Webster: lawyer, statesman, member of Congress- *“Education is useless without the Bible” and “If there is anything in my thoughts or style to commend, the credit is due to my parent for instilling in me an early love of the Scriptures. If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper, but if we and our prosperity (children) neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury our glory in profound obscurity.”*

Sir Isaac Newton: mathematician, physicist, astronomer, chemist - *“I have a fundamental belief in the Bible as the Word of God, written by men who were inspired. I study the Bible daily.”*

Ronald Reagan: 40th U.S. President, Governor of California, Actor - *“Of the many influences that have shaped the United States into a distinctive nation and people, none may be said to be more fundamental and enduring than the Bible”*

Queen Elizabeth: Queen of United Kingdom for 7 decades - *“Tell your prince that this book (Bible) is the secret of England’s success.”*

George W. Bush: 43rd U.S. President, Governor of Texas - *“I was humbled to learn that God sent His Son to die for a sinner like me. I was comforted to know that through the Son, I could find God’s amazing grace, a grace that crosses every border, every barrier and is open to everyone. Through the love of Christ’s life, I could understand the life changing powers of faith, faith changed lives. I know, because faith has changed mine. I could not be governor, if I did not believe in a divine plan that supersede all human plans. Politics is a fickle business, polls change. Today’s friend is tomorrow’s adversary. People lavish praise and attention, many*

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times its genuine, sometimes it is not. Yet I build my life on a foundation (faith in Jesus Christ) that will not shift.”

John Wesley: English theologian and evangelist - *“I want to know one thing, the way to Heaven; how to land safely on that happy shore. God Himself has descended to teach the way, for this very end He came from Heaven. He has written it down in a book! (Bible) Oh, give me that book at any price, give me the book of God! “I have it, here is the knowledge enough for me. Let me be, a man of the Book.”*

George Washington: America’s 1st President - *“It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible”*

Walter F Burke: prior general manager of Project Mercury and Gemini space programs, prior VP of McDonnell Aircraft Corp. and Sunday School teacher - *“I have found nothing in science or space exploration to compel me to throw away my Bible or to reject my Savior Jesus Christ, in whom I trust. The space age has been a factor in the deepening of my own spiritual life. I read the Bible more now. I get from the Bible what I cannot get from science, the really important things in life.”*

And from someone not famous ...

The 9th Grader – I am in the final years of my life and in reflection of the entirety of my life I offer the following: *“I have read the entire Bible multiple times over; over these last 40 years I still read and study it nearly every day. If I had to get rid of every book to keep only one, it would be my Bible. If you offered me \$1 million dollars to give up reading the Bible for just one year, without hesitation I would turn it down and give you a Bible for free. In all my years I count the wisdom of the Bible priceless and enduring. It is food for my soul. I’m telling you; the Bible’s value is worth far more than gold, it holds the keys to life and death. Yet, the Bible itself is not to be worshiped, it is a compass leading us toward the enduring care and love of God our Father and Jesus Christ our Savior.*

We have briefly discussed and established that the Bible:

- ✓ Is an incredible book spanning 2000+ years that harmonious in its overall purpose.
- ✓ Contains 100% accurate prophetic predictions by God’s messengers.

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- ✓ Is a book from God to mankind.
- ✓ Contains a collection of books or letters written by eye witnesses to what occurred.
- ✓ Used personal accounts, evidentiary in nature, meant to be a truthful account and record.
- ✓ Is a book highly prized by famous people who enjoyed adoration of the general American public.

Yet there are other aspects that I do not have the space to cover:

- a) Where scientists of math and astronomy have stated they find no Bible text that contradicts what is known to be true with regard to current knowledge;
- b) Where scientists of archeology have never found the historical records of explored sites to contradict the Bible, rather the Bible is used to identify many such sites;
- c) That the Jewish people, who were chosen by God to be His people, have remained distinct and unlike other races, the Jewish people still exist in spite of attempts by many to eradicate them, *(note God's wrath did indeed come upon them for their constant disobedience and rebellion, they were in exile 2500 years from the land God gave them, but God is coming back to them because He said He would);*
- d) The personal testimony of literally millions of people who say *"God changed my life, God is real"*.

But what I can do is what I've done so far and will do in the months ahead as I release each pamphlet, that is to show you now beforehand aspects of the prophetic wrap up that is about to occur. You and I are the generation what is about to see prophetic teachings come true, which will certainly prove beyond a doubt, God and the Bible can and must be trusted. But if you do not come to Jesus before these things start happening, it may be too late.

I would add that human effort and human history also prove we (mankind) cannot bring utopia (heaven on earth) by our own effort. God's way will be the only way to purge mankind of evil and to hold everyone accountable for our unrepented actions. In no manner will Donald Trump bring utopia to the world, only Jesus can. Yet I hope President Trump fixes a bunch of stuff that's wrong with our government. It is possible President Trump may be at the helm of our country when everything worldwide starts to crumble.

Truth

God is Truth, His Word is Truth, He offers Truth, the Gospel is Truth and the Truth will prevail in the end. (*which is coming very soon!*)

Truth is foundational to the Christian Faith. **John 4:23-24** “But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.”²⁴ “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Bible Factoid – Using an average reading speed, it takes a little over 18 hours to read the New Testament, it takes a little over 52 hours to read the Old Testament. (*71 hours in total*) From this we can surmise that the average person could read thru the entire Bible in:

< 100 days, (3 1/3 months) just **45 minutes a day** reading the Bible,
< 142 days, (4 3/4 months) just **30 minutes a day** reading the Bible,
< 284 days, (9 1/2 months) just **15 minutes a day** reading the Bible,
< 365 days, (1 year) just **12 minutes a day** reading the Bible.

The Bible is where we draw near to God and we find God’s truth. The word “truth” appears 199x in the Bible, 108x in the NT. The apostle John made truth a focus of his teachings in; John and John 1, 2, & 3 he used the word 48x.

Satan will be active, speaking into the minds of people to not believe what God has told us beforehand. Satan has power and Satan will be sharing his power to works signs and miracles in these last years. This next decade will be extraordinary, like nothing seen before.

2 Thes 2:9-10 The coming of the lawless one [evil prince/antichrist] is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders,¹⁰ and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

For anyone seeking truth, your destination will be the Bible where you will find the One True God. When we come before God at the Great Judgement, truth will be the only kind evidence presented and used with regard to each person’s final destination.

Eph 1:13 In Him {Jesus}, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Perhaps you or someone you know had a bad experience with someone who said they were Christian? I believe you!

Four varieties of so-called Christians that give Christianity a bad name

- Those who wear a jersey but not participate (*rather observing from the sidelines*) ... Christianity is not for you.
- Those want to remain as they are ... Christianity is not for you.
- Those who want to take the Bible and cut out the parts they don't like, so as to conform it to what they want ... Christianity is not for you.
- Those who are self-righteous and condemning towards others ... Christianity is not for you.

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All readers must understand, every occupation, every family, every government has “bad actors” people who we wish would shape up and get their act together. Christianity is no different because anybody can take the name. People without driver’s licenses drive cars, people who are not pharmacists sell drugs on the street and people who have a Bible can act in direct contrast to the message within the Bible. Some Believers do start off with good intentions, but let their devotion slip away re-embracing the carnal pleasures of this world. We will examine casual and carnal Christianity in the light of the Bible in another pamphlet topic.

If in humility you are aware of your failings, know in your heart that there must be “God” and you want to learn about Him, if spiritual truth really matters, if you desire and willing to be loved and live under the lordship of someone truly honest, good and righteous, with the most impeccable character ... the Bible is both your map and compass to a wonderful relationship with God and His Son Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 65:16 “Because he who is blessed in the earth will be blessed by **the God of truth...** **Dan 9:13-14** “As it is written in the law of Moses, all this calamity has come on us; yet we have not sought the favor of the Lord our God by turning from our iniquity and giving attention to Your truth. {the Bible}¹⁴ “Therefore, the Lord has kept the calamity in store and brought it on us; for the Lord our God is righteous with respect to all His deeds which He has done, but we have not obeyed His voice.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. **John 18:37-38** Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose, I was born and for this purpose I have

come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” ³⁸ Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”

Frequently Christians are maligned for our devotion to the Bible? Why? Because the Bible takes aim at sin and we who seek to obey God cannot embrace sin as good even if others do and want us to embrace/accept what they do. God’s truth is still **“the truth”**. **Gal 4:16** So have I become your enemy by telling you the truth?

Consider Where Society or Mankind is at Today

Today we have at least 4 things corrupting our information streams. A lot of what we find on the web, in blogs social media feeds and on the news is; **1)** It’s entirely not true, **2)** its part truth and part falsehood, **3)** its missing relevant information that would bring proper context and balance, or at best **4)** it has built in bias. I’m not coming at this opinion with a right or left slant, just straight ahead, there is so much corrupted information everywhere. Strangely many people are attracted to such falsehoods, like we have a thirst to read and spread information that injures, agitates or misleads others. Yet, down deep isn’t what we crave real truth?

We now have “artificial Intelligence” (AI) being promoted as a sort of *“savior of the world, it will solve all kinds of problems”*. Yet what most people are experiencing is its menacing ability to produce; fake pictures, fake videos, fake audio, fake news, used to hack our accounts and otherwise wreaking havoc in many areas of our life. The “A” in AI, stands for “artificial” meaning it’s not the real thing, it is fake, just like artificial sweetener is not real sugar. AI truth is not real truth, its artificial truth. AI just might be the last “idol” that mankind places *(more correctly, misplaces)* its trust in, **rather than trusting God**. What we need is real truth. **Full disclosure;** *I did use AI to create the cover image for this pamphlet series. It was my first time!*

Me, myself and I? Sadly, much of the modern world is chasing “likes,” many others are trying to become a “worldly influencer,” still others are trying to gain a hundred thousand “followers” on a blog. What they all miss, which says a lot about them, is their focus is on “me” ... with no or very little focus on God. When they come to the Final Judgement, all they will have to say is, *“yeah I agree, my life was all about me.”* Technology is breeding a lot of very selfish people. We should crucify our flesh, not foster it. **Gal 5:24** Now those who belong to Christ Jesus

have crucified the flesh {are working on that} with its passions and desires.

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God is asking each one of us to make a choice in this life. Very soon, the Day of Judgement will be here and to Heaven or Hell we will each go. So, knowing this, what should you do?

I'm doing what I can to get my own house (*heart and actions*) in order (**Isaiah 38:1**) and to warn you and others. The information I hope you get from these TMRS tracts is really this ... an understanding of what is God doing and about to do. If you become convinced the Bible is true, that God is real, you may decide to act on that and invite God to begin changing you. If you do, you will find a heavenly Father better than any father on earth. What I know for sure, is we each need to get right with God ASAP. Not only in rejecting/repenting of our sinful ways, but also cleansing ourselves with the blood of Jesus, confessing our transgressions and asking for God's forgiveness. And we also have to really examine the Scriptures to get our Christian theology right.

God is warning mankind, that we don't have to die and end up in Hell, we have a choice to make. **God loves us so much, He has taken care of all the details to ensure our eternal happiness and eternal security, all of our sins can be forgiven,** but we must listen to Him and stop going down the worldly and self-centered paths we are on.

John 3:16-18 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

For readers who are currently Biblically founded Christians, what is coming over the next 12 years **is going to test our devotion to God.** Perhaps you think you are going to be raptured away first? That is very likely not the way it's going to go down. We are likely going to go thru most, if not all of the tribulation, a good many of us will be martyred for our devotion to Jesus Christ. But we will rise to glory on the other side! I will do a review on the Rapture in another TMRS pamphlet.

On the one hand, this soon coming trial will burn off all the fleshly and worldly fluff, leaving only what is genuine and wholesome in each

Believer. Suffering is one way to get cleansed of all attitudes and behaviors that do not belong in our life. Even though some of us will suffer in death, *(which has to happen someday anyway)* our hope is not an empty hope, our hope goes beyond a physical death and beyond the grave, God will resurrect every person who ever lived, some to an everlasting punishment, others who received God's gift of His Son, to a victorious everlasting life with Jesus Christ.

Our stay here on earth is temporary, this is a proving ground, each person is given free will to make choices. Here in this physical realm, we can love and care for one another or abuse and use one another. God is literally watching to see how we each behave; our character is being revealed and very clearly. The next life is where the unrepentive evil will be separated from those who love God and love each other. I cannot stress enough; you and I are only here for a brief time. **1 Peter 1:17** If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth; **1 Peter 1:24-25** For, "All flesh is like grass, And all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, And the flower falls off,"²⁵ But the word of the Lord endures forever." **James 4:14** Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away.

Our hope for good leadership is coming. It's going to happen; God is going to make everything right! Mankind is not capable of creating such an environment ... **but God will.**

Biblical Christianity is not just different than all of the other religions of the world, **it is entirely exclusionary.** **Biblical Christianity is similar to no other religion and it condemns all other false gods and religions.**

If you think "*all paths lead to God*" you're going to find out that those words are not in the Bible, those words are not the words of God, they are a lie of the devil. All who have uttered such words need to repent confessing they spoke in ignorance. **The One True God, offers ONE path to Heaven,** but it's a path where He has paid the fare, He has paid the price for your seat on the plane of redemption. The question is, "*Will you come on board or continue to go your own way?*"

Not now, maybe later? Rejecting God's priceless gift to you, His Son Jesus Christ, is rejecting God. None of us knows when we will take our last breath, that threshold can come suddenly. Once death comes, it's

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too late to change your mind about Jesus. Everyone reading this, has heard about Heaven and Hell, so we are all without excuse. I was once in that camp, on a whim, a low point in my life, I tossed out a prayer of sorts, giving God the chance to prove to me “if” He was real. I tested “*the God I did not know*” and several years later He met me at my level, by doing the impossible. God showed me He was real, I knew then, I had to dive into the Bible and learn about God. But I was a sinner ... why would God even care about me?

The truth is ... we are all sinners. Our deeds, our words, our thoughts convict us, that’s why God offered His Son, Jesus Christ. We have only this this one physical life, then comes physical death, for some death comes early, others in our old age, but death comes to us all and then we enter the next life as spirit-beings like God and the angels. But there is a clear dividing line between the two destinations where we are eternally punished or eternally rewarded.

The Bible certainly tells us to love and care for each other, but the Bible also tells us we cannot earn or work our way to Heaven. **Romans 3:20** For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. That said, our character and heart is certainly revealed when we compassionately seek to help those around us. God’s Son, **Jesus Christ is the only way** and we have to follow God’s instructions for this age we are living in. The Bible is clear, only thru Jesus Christ will anyone be saved from the “Final Judgment” that is coming.

The truth is ... none of us seeks after God with our whole heart, none of us loves our neighbor as ourselves. **Psalm 14:2-3** The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one. This is verse is me and it’s you, we are guilty. Yet, we do not have to fear what lies ahead, we just have to trust God wholly and completely even during the instability and apparent insanity of these fast approaching end time vents.

You and I do not have to worry about all the details, we just need to be sincere, to believe what God says, to love God, to repent, confess our sins, receive and believe in His Son, Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Then we must foster and nurture our new life in Jesus Christ, to love and serve God and to love and serve each other. Jesus summed up all

of the law of the Bible in 2 short verses. **Matt 22:37-40** And Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” “This is the great and foremost commandment. “The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ “On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.”

The Bible is not what we are to worship, we are to only worship God and yet with a genuine heart. The words of the Bible are how we get to know and draw near to God. When the words of God reside in our heart, we can repeat these words to others absent having a Bible with us. As such, the Word of God can abide in us.

As “Biblically based Christians”, we describe the Bible as “God’s word.” The importance of the Bible goes well beyond letting us know what lies in the future, that is one small part. The Bible is for; guidance, teaching, correcting and cleansing. **2 Tim 3:16-17** All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. **Eph 5:26** so that He might sanctify her, **having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word**, **Jer 1:12** Then the LORD said to me, “You have seen well, for **I am watching over My word to perform it.**” **John 17:6-8** “I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, **and they have kept Your word.**” ⁷ “Now they have come to know that everything You have given Me is from You; ⁸for **the words** which You gave Me I have given to them; ...

The Bible, the Word of God, is not something that can be separated from the life of a Christian. There have been no more prophets since Jesus Christ. **Mark 12:6** “He had **one more to send, a beloved son; he sent him last of all** to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’

God sent His Son, as the last beacon confirming God’s oversight upon mankind. We are now left with this collection of words within the old and new testaments. Christians are now led by the light of the Bible and the Holy Spirit of God.

God’s word (the Bible) can change you;
God’s Son (Jesus Christ) can save you;
God’s Holy Spirit can lead you;
You can be assured of Heaven ...
but only if **you ask** and are willing **to let Him be Lord.**

It’s a choice!

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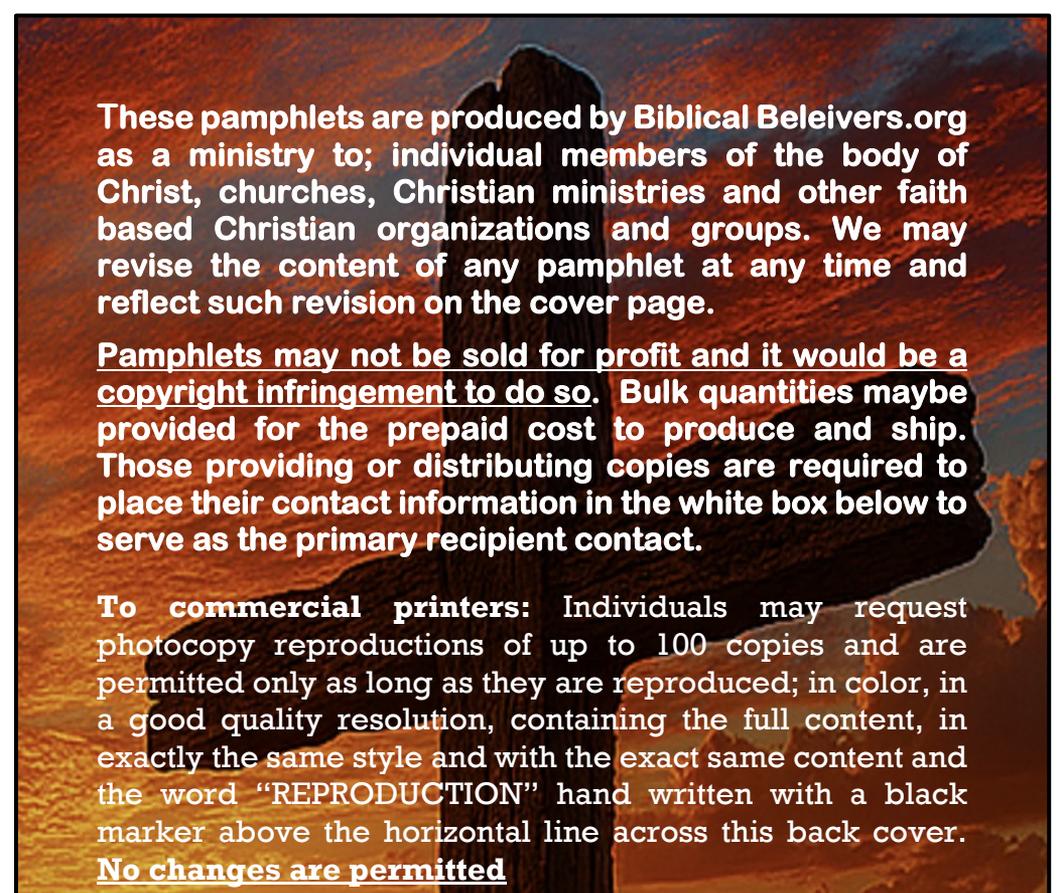
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