

THE BIBLE: GOD'S BOOK OR MERELY FROM MAN?

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INTRODUCTION

II Timothy 3:16
II Peter 1:21
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Expect to deal with 2 proofs of inspiration (there are more)

- I. Fulfilled Prophecy
- II. Internal witness of the Holy Spirit

I. FULFILLED PROPHECY

See Isaiah 48:3 & 5 and compare Romans 1:2-4

| <u>Prophecy</u> | <u>Old Testament Reference</u> | <u>New Testament Reference</u> |
|---|---|--------------------------------|
| Born at Bethlehem | Micah 5:2 | Matthew 2:1 |
| Christ's pre-existence | Micah 5:2 | John 1:1 & 14 |
| Anointed by the Holy Spirit | Isaiah 11:2 | Matthew 3:16 & 17 |
| His ministry of miracles | Isaiah 35:5, 6a | Matthew 9:35 |
| His resurrection | Psalms 16:10 | Acts 2:31 |
| His ascension | Psalms 68:18a | 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 |
| Betrayal money thrown down in temple | Zechariah 11:13b | Matthew 27:5a |
| Betrayal money purchased potter's field | Zechariah 11:13b | Matthew 27:7 |
| Forsaken by disciples | Zechariah 13:7 | Mark 14:50 |
| Accused by false witnesses | Psalms 35:11 | Matthew 26:59-61 |
| Wounded and bruised | Isaiah 53:5 | Matthew 27:26 |
| Assaulted and spit upon | Isaiah 50:6 | Matthew 26:67 |
| Mocked | Psalms 22:7-8 | Matthew 27:31 |
| His hands and feet pierced | Psalms 22:16 (written 100's of years before crucifixion was used) | Luke 23:33 |
| Crucified with thieves | Isaiah 53:12 | Matthew 27:38 |
| Hated without a cause | Psalms 69:4 | John 15:25 |
| Gambled for His clothing | Psalms 22:18 | John 19:23-24 |
| They have Him gall and vinegar | Psalms 69:21 | Matthew 27:34 |
| His bones not broken | Psalms 34:20 | John 19:33 |
| His side pierced | Zechariah 12:10 | John 19:34 |
| While He died - darkness | Amos 8:9 | Matthew 27:45 |
| Buried in a rich man's tomb | Isaiah 53:9 | Matthew 27:57-60 |

Above are 24 detailed prophecies fulfilled in Christ. Altogether there were well over 300 such prophecies. *What are the chances of even 8 prophecies being coincidentally fulfilled? 1 in 10¹⁷* (if you had silver dollars numbering 10¹⁷, you could use them to cover the state of Texas 2 feet in depth!). *What are the chances of all of these 24 prophecies being coincidentally fulfilled in 1 life?*

Infinitesimally small!.... All 300+ prophecies? FORGET ABOUT IT!!!

We Christians are not trying to argue anyone into the Kingdom of God. That would be futile. But people should know that in the Bible, we have a very solid foundation for our faith.

II. INTERNAL WITNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

John 7:17
I John 2:3
Romans 8:16

CONCLUSION

What does God's Word say?
I Timothy 2:5
Colossians 1:20

Allow the Lord Jesus to mediate His peace between you and His Father!

(I gleaned much of my information from Josh McDowell's, *Evidence That Demands a Verdict*)