

What is life's most
important question?

Whatever answer we give to this question is as valid
as the source we use to answer it is accurate.

Is the Bible from God?



The best evidence that the Bible is from God?

Jesus

Following Jesus' attitude toward scripture

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Jesus accepted as Scripture a book...

Frequently copied and translated

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18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.

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Isaiah was a prophet (Luke 4:21; Deuteronomy 18:20)

Isaiah wrote his prophecies 740 years prior to Jesus (Isaiah 6:1)

Jesus read from an old scroll that had been copied for over 700+ years

Jesus read from an old scroll that had been translated from Hebrew to Greek 200 years B.C.

Jesus called this reading scripture

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God's will that copies be made of originals
These copies to be made in presence of qualified witnesses

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**The king was to treasure his copy
He was to read his copy always**

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His copy was called "law" and "statutes"
From his copy the king would learn to fear God

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Containing miraculous historical events

OT Events

Creation Gen. 1-2

Ark and flood Gen. 6-8

Sodom/Gomorrah Gen. 19

Lot's wife Gen. 19

Manna Ex. 16

Brazen serpent Num. 21

Jonah and fish Jonah 1-2

Jesus' reference

Mk. 13:19

Matt. 24:37-39

Lk. 17:29

Lk. 17:32

Jo. 6:31-32

Jo. 3:14

Matt. 12:39-41

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Filled with prophecies

<u>Prophet</u>	<u>Fulfillment</u>	<u>Date B.C.</u>
<u>David</u> <i>Psalms 41:9</i>	<i>Jo. 13:18</i>	1,000
<u>Isaiah</u> <i>61:1</i> <i>6:9-10</i>	<i>Lk. 4:16-21</i> <i>Matt. 13:14-15</i>	750
<u>Daniel</u> <i>9:27;</i> <i>11:31; 12:11</i>	<i>Matt. 24:15</i>	605-530
<u>Zechariah</u> <i>13:7</i>	<i>Matt. 26:31</i>	520
<u>Malachi</u> <i>3:1</i>	<i>Matt. 11:10</i>	445-432

<u>605</u>	<u>549</u>	<u>547</u>	<u>536</u>	
2:36	7:4			<u>Babylon</u> 626-539 BC
2:39	7:5	8:3,4,20	11:1-2	<u>Media-Persia</u> 539-330
2:39	7:6	8:5,21-22	11:3-4	<u>Greece</u> 330-63
				<i>Alexander the Great</i>
			11:5	<i>Egypt</i> 323
			11:6	<i>Syria</i> 204
		8:23-25	11:21-35	<i>Antiochus Epiphanes</i> 175
			11:32b-35	<i>Maccabees</i> 168
2:40	7:7-8, 24-25		11:36-45	<u>Rome</u> 27
2:44				<u>God's kingdom</u> 33 AD

Daniel's 1st prophecy of Media-Persia 605 BC
Media-Persia ascended to prominence 539 BC

- 605-539 = 66 years prior to fulfillment

Daniel's 1st prophecy of Greece 605 BC
Greece ascended to prominence 330 BC

- 605-330 = 275 years prior to fulfillment

Daniel's prophecy of Alexander the Great 547 BC

Alexander the Great rose to power 330 BC

- 547-330 = 217 years prior to fulfillment

Daniel's 1st prophecy of Rome 605 BC
Rome ascended to prominence 27 BC

- 605-27 = 578 years prior to fulfillment

Over a period of 70 years, Daniel foretold the rise and fall of numerous nations and their leaders.

From 66 years before their occurrence to 578 years before, Daniel knew what was going to happen and when it was going to happen.

How did he know these things?



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Isaiah's prophecy of Cyrus was 150 years before Cyrus' birth.

How could Isaiah have known this?

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Claiming a Divine origin

1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz concerning Judah and Jerusalem, which he saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah. 2 Listen, O heavens, and hear, O earth; For **the Lord speaks**, "Sons I have reared and brought up, But they have revolted against Me...10 **Hear the word of the Lord**, You rulers of Sodom; **Give ear to the instruction of our God**, You people of Gomorrah.

Isaiah 1:1-2, 10

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Did Jesus accept this book thinking these
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But if Jesus accepted this book knowing
these four points were true?
The Bible is vindicated as God's word!