

## Is the Bible the Word of God?

*On many occasions I have heard the statement, “the Bible was written by man and is therefore not God’s word. Yes, although the Bible was truly written by many human authors over centuries, the Spirit of Yah was in each and every man who was called and chosen by Yah to record His word, Yah’s word that became the holy Bible.*

*The Bible is replete with facts and truths, many of which were not understood at the time they were written because science then, even now, pales in its ability to grasp the awesomeness, the might, power, strength and intelligence of our Creator. There is more than enough evidence to substantiate the Bible as being the irrefutable Word of Yah, never the imaginative product of men’s minds. The scientific community needs to remove entrenched blinders in order to finally acknowledge the God of Creation as solely responsible for our world, the universe, for all living things.*

*Today’s increase in knowledge is driven by mankind’s continued attempt to understand the uniqueness of our bodies and the vastness of the universe. Unfortunately, the more understanding we acquire, the less credit for His creation is given to Him who remains our strength, our power, the beauty, collectively the majesty of our living God.*

*A prime example of man’s attempt to decipher the uniqueness of our bodies and our origin is Charles Darwin’s almost universally accepted Theory of Evolution. I emphasize that its title includes the word “theory” which must be contrasted to the definition of fact. (The definition of “theory” as defined by the New Oxford American Dictionary: a supposition or a system of ideas intended to explain something esp. one based on general principles independent of the thing to be explained.) The fact remains that after thousands of archaeological digs, none have yielded the link, the body, the bones, linking humans, Homo sapiens, to any non-human species. Why? Because no link exists!*

*For X number of years, generations were led to believe this hoax; the teaching of evolution that buoyed a scientific “self-confidence” that continues to totally exclude any recognition of our creation by our Lord. I am not referring to the confidence we all need in order to rise each morning, go to work, do the best we can, facing our limitations and turning to our Creator asking for His help with humbleness that leads to humility.*

*What has been promoted is a self-defeating confidence in “self:” we have no respect for each other, no respect for authority and of course, no respect for our Creator. Instead of respect, we have substituted a pride full of self-love, with the need and self-justification for all of our desires to be fulfilled. After all, “me, myself and I” deserve it! If I need to step on you, hurt you or even destroy you, that’s not my problem. I come first!!*

*The Bible gives us prophecy. Through time, the fulfillment of many of these prophecies regarding the Greek and Roman empires have been revealed to us. The rise and fall of these empires are just one of such prophecies that have reached their conclusion in accordance to what Yah had predicted would happen.*

**Dan. 2:38-40** And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold. **39** And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom (**Greece**) of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. **40** And the fourth kingdom (**Rome**) shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.

*History records the demise of Greece by the Romans at the Battle of Corinth in 146 B.C.E. Rome plundered and wrecked the city of Corinth, but left its Greek culture intact.*

*Rome was strong and powerful for many centuries with its fall being completed in 476 A.D. At that time, the last Roman emperor of the west, Romulus Augustulus was deposed by the German chieftain Odoacer. The demise and fall of these empires add to the credence of Yah's Holy Word, the Bible.*

*The destruction of cities such as Tyre and Sidon were also prophesied. Tyre and Sidon, located in present Lebanon, were two powerful Phoenician cities which have become a shadow of their former glory days.*

**Isa. 23:1** **The burden of Tyre.** Howl, ye ships of Tarshish; **for it is laid waste**, so that there is no house, no entering in: from the land of Chittim it is revealed to them.

**Isa 23:4** Be thou ashamed, **O Zidon**: for the sea hath spoken, even the strength of the sea, saying, I travail not, nor bring forth children, neither do I nourish up young men, nor bring up virgins.

**Isa 23:12** And he said, Thou shalt no more rejoice, O thou oppressed virgin, daughter of **Zidon**: arise, pass over to Chittim; there also shalt thou have no rest.

*Tyre is actually two cities with the same name: one, the mainland, and the other on an island. Nebuchadnezzar had plundered the mainland while Alexander the Great conquered the island many years later.*

*Yah's proclamation about Tyre is summed up:*

**Ezek. 26:3** Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Tyrus, and **will cause many nations to come up against thee**, as the sea causeth his waves to come up.

*Along with the invasion, conquest and destruction brought about by Nebuchadnezzar and Alexander the Great, Tyre was invaded by the Muslims in AD 638. Crusaders from Europe conquered the area in AD 1124. Marmaluke Muslims retook area in AD 1291 which reduced Tyre to ashes. (Note referencing the Marmelukes: The Abbasid caliphs of Baghdad unwittingly create a group of considerable power in the Middle East. To strengthen their armies, they acquire slaves from the nomadic Turks of central Asia. These slaves, become known as Marmelukes.)*

**Ezek. 26: 4** And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock.

*In 332 B.C. historical records show Alexander forming a blockade around Tyre, constructing naval battering rams and smashing through the walls of Tyre.*

**Ezek. 26: 5** It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD: and it shall become a spoil to the nations.

*Huetius, a French Scholar, was quoted as saying “a learned man, living in Syria claimed he had seen the ruins of Tyre, its rocks to the sea, and scattered on the shore, made clean smooth by the sun, waves and wind, only used for drying fishermen’s nets.”*

*The prophecies of Ezekiel 26 were partially fulfilled by Nebuchadnezzar while the completion of the prophecies were carried out by Alexander the Great.*

**Ezek. 26:6-12** And her daughters which are in the field shall be slain by the sword; and they shall know that I am the LORD. **7** For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will bring upon Tyrus Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, a king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and companies, and much people. **8** He shall slay with the sword thy daughters in the field: and he shall make a fort against thee, and cast a mount against thee, and lift up the buckler against thee. **9** And he shall set engines of war against thy walls, and with his axes he shall break down thy towers. **10** By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee: thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wheels, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into thy gates, as men enter into a city wherein is made a breach **11** With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets: he shall slay thy people by the sword, and thy strong garrisons shall go down to the ground. **12** And they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise: and they shall break down thy walls, and destroy thy pleasant houses: and they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the water

#### **The stones, timber and soil of Tyre would be cast into the sea**

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*An interesting note as to how the prophecy of Ezek. 26:12 was fulfilled describes Nebuchadnezzar who had plundered the mainland part of Tyre and Alexander, many years later, conquering the island Tyre. There is a natural land bridge between the island and the mainland, approximately three feet below the water. Alexander, very cleverly, used the ruins from the “Old Tyre” (Mainland), by throwing these ruins into the sea forming a base that enabled them safe passage across.*

#### **The city would never be rebuilt**

**Ezek. 26:14** And I will make thee like the top of a rock: thou shalt be a place to spread nets upon; thou shalt be built no more: for I the LORD have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.

*In Ezek. 26:14, Yah is not declaring Tyre would be completely destroyed, but would no longer arise to become re-established as the powerful and majestic city it had been in biblical years.*

*We have numerous Messianic prophecies that tell of the first coming of our Lord Yeshua.*

**Mic. 5:2** But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

**Isa. 7:14** Therefore, the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

*There are prophecies detailing what mankind thought of our Lord, prophecies of the betrayal of our Lord, and prophecies of His suffering.*

**Zech. 11:12** And I said unto them, if ye think good, give me my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.

**Psalm 22:1-31** <<To the chief Musician upon Ajeleth Shahar, A Psalm of David.>> My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring? **2** O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent **3** But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel. **4** Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them. **5** They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded. **6** But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people. **7** All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, **8** He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him. **9** But thou art he that took me out of the womb: thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts. **10** I was cast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly. **11** Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help. **12** Many bulls have compassed me: strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round. **13** They gaped upon me with their mouths, as a ravening and a roaring lion **14** I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. **15** My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death. **16** For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. **17** I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me. **18** They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. **19** But be not thou far from me, O LORD: O my strength, haste thee to help me. **20** Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog. **21** Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns. **22** I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee. **23** Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel. **24** For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard. **25** My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him. **26** The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the LORD that seek him: your heart shall live for ever. **27** All the

ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. **28** For the kingdom is the LORD'S: and he is the governor among the nations. **29** All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul. **30** A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation. **31** They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.

*And of course Isaiah 53.*

*We also have the prophecy by Yeshua, speaking of the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple in 70 A.D. This prophecy leaves us with ramifications that remain relevant, felt up to the present day. The Jews have never been able to practice their belief of sacrifices because the destroyed temple has not been rebuilt.*

**Luke 21:24** And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

*The Bible gives us more than the above-mentioned prophecies; it emphasizes the creativeness, intelligence, strength and power of our God.*

**Job 26:7** He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and **hangeth** the earth upon nothing. *In the Book of Job, approximately 1613 B.C.E., we are told of the earth hanging on nothing, suspended in space.*

**Psalms 8:8** The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the **paths of the seas.**

*What does the Bible mean by "paths of the sea"? Man discovered the existence of ocean currents in the 1850's, but the Bible was referencing the science of Oceanography 2800 years ago. Matthew Maury (1806-1873) discovered the warm and cold continental currents, as he had utilized the Bible as a guide to achieve scientific discovery.*

**Psalms 19:5-6** Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. **6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it:** and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

*Scientists thought the sun was stationary. Then it was discovered in recent years that the sun is in fact moving through space at approximately 600,000 miles per hour. It is traveling through the heavens and has a "circuit" just as described in the Bible. Its circuit is so large that it would take approximately 200 million years to complete one orbit.*

**Jonah 2:6** **I went down to the bottoms of the mountains;** the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.

*In recent years, man has discovered massive mountains on the ocean floor, even though Scripture had revealed this fact thousands of years ago. As stated by Jonah, **he went down to the bottoms of the mountains.***

**Psalms 102:25-26** Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. **26** They shall perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

*Three different places in the Bible (Isa. 51:6, Psalms 102:25, Heb. 1:11) indicate the earth is wearing out. As energy becomes less and less available to us, the universe will eventually wear out, resulting in a “heat death” with no more energy available to us. Man has not been kind to our earth, however, the wearing out of the earth is part of Yah’s plan.*

**Psalms 104:2** Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who **stretchest** out the heavens like a curtain:

*Scientists are now beginning to understand that the universe is expanding or stretching out.*

**Psalms 104:19** He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.

*Through astronomy we now understand that a year is the required time for the earth to travel once around the sun. The seasons are caused by the changing position of the earth in relation to the sun. How could Moses (accepted author of Genesis) have know 3500 years ago that the lights of the sun and moon were the determining factors of the year’s length, unless Yah inspired his words:*

**Ecclesiastes 1:7** All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.

*Written before 1000 B.C.E., this description remarkably confirms that water moves in a cycle.*

**Isaiah 40:22** It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

*Prior to 732 B.C.E., Isaiah informs us through Scripture that the earth is round.*

**Acts 14:17** Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

**Job 28:26** When he made a decree for the rain, and a way for the lightning of the thunder:

**Jeremiah 33:25** Thus saith the LORD; If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;

**Amos 9:6** It is he that buildeth his stories in the heaven, and hath founded his troop in the earth; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name.

*The universe is governed by Yah’s laws. We have been told the sun, the moon know when to rise and to set. The seas know how far they can go. Scientists have now determined that there are decrees or rules for rain. Rainfall is part of a process called the “water cycle.” The sun evaporates water from the ocean, the water vapor then rises and becomes clouds. This water in the clouds falls back to earth as rain and collects in*

*streams and rivers, making its way back to the ocean. Amos 9:6 states that Yah calls for the water of the sea and pours them out upon the face of the earth.*

**Heb. 11:3** Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

*Also recorded in Gen. 1:1; Psa. 33:6; John 1:3; Heb. 1:2; 2 Pet. 3:5*

**Heb. 11:11** Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

**Gen. 3:15** And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

*Gen. 3:15 reveals that a female possesses a seed for childbearing which was not common knowledge until a few centuries ago. The previous belief held that only the male possessed the seed of life, the woman but an incubator.*

*What has been revealed in scripture over the past millennium was and is only useful and important for your salvation if your heart, your eyes, your ears remain open to hear and to see the truth.*

*The scientific facts were recorded in the Evidence Bible written by Ray Comfort and Kirk Cameron.*

*Proverb (Psalms) to ponder:*

**Psalm 119:160-162** ¶ Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever. **161** ¶ Princes have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word. **162** ¶ I rejoice at thy word, as one that findeth great spoil.

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