

The Importance of the Bible *PART II*

Illustration:

Holiday Inns had planned to erect a hotel on the Mount of Olives. They sent a group of engineers to prepare for the erection. After some investigation they said it could not be done. There is a geological fault under the Mount which is causing it to split. (*A prophecy fulfilled when Christ returns. Zech 14:4*)

PROPHECY IN THE BIBLE

A. The End of the World

Matthew 24:3, *What shall be the sign of thy (Jesus') coming, and of the end of the world?*

1. Disease & sickness

Luke 21:26, (Jesus said), *Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth.* Due to stress etc, heart disease/attacks, are the leading killers (over cancer, accidents, etc) costing Americans \$260 billion/year.

2. Famines, pestilences & earthquakes

Matthew 24:6-7 *"There shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers (multiple) places...* There were only 35 natural disaster reported in 1960, 150 in 1980, 300 in 1990 and over 500 in 2007. From 500-1900AD there were only 21 major earthquakes. From 1900 to 1983 there have been 52 major earthquakes. Since 1983 there has averaged 40 major earthquakes every year!

- Famine: The world's population is currently doubling every 38 years.
- Pestilence: Currently we see problems with bees, ants, bats, AIDs, etc.
- Hectic lifestyle: Daniel 12:4 mentions *"The time of the end"(when) many shall run to and fro* (consider travel).
- Knowledge: *shall be increased (at the end of the world).*

3. The age of computers and satellite transmission (Two witnesses Rev 11:8-9).

4. Weapons of mass destruction (nuclear fallout described in 2 Pet 3:10-12 & Zech 14:12).

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(If technology could be measured it would equal 1" from beginning of time to 1800, 1" from 1800-1900.. and since the year 1900=555', as high as the Washington monument).

5. Morality

The morality will be like just before Noah's flood (Mt 24:37), The flood took place around 2000 BC ..(God deals in 2000 yr periods).. Genesis 6:12, *And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth... and that every imagination of the thoughts of (man's) heart was only evil continually.*

6. One world government (Rev 13:7, 16)

7. One world ruler (Dan 8, II Thes 2, Rev 6, 13)

8. One world religion (Rev 17)

9. One world economic system (10 nations, currently assembling G20)

10. The use of the number 6-6-6 (Rev 13:16-18)

All items that you purchase from the store have a UPC Barcode which equals "6-6-6" and is the first step toward a cashless system... (no illegal drugs, black market, extortion, money laundering, embezzling, cheating the IRS, no robbery or muggings, no Mafia, no bank robbery, (already putting microchips on store products, dog & cats, convicts, even elderly).Matthew 24:21, *For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be...* (Describe 7 year tribulation period).

B. The Rapture

The Rapture is the next event on God's calendar...1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 *For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be **caught up** together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

I Corinthians 15:51-52 *Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be **raised incorruptible**, and we shall be changed...*

There are over 1800 Bible verses that speak of Jesus coming again (6 times as many as the 333 prophecies which foretold His first coming) ... In the very last Bible promise, Jesus says in Revelation 22:12, *Behold, **I come quickly**; and my reward is with me.*

TRUE SCIENCE & ARCHEOLOGY AGREE WITH THE BIBLE

1. Circle of the earth, (Isa 40:22), long before Columbus in 1492AD
2. Globe hanging in midair (Job 26:7)
3. Moon doesn't shine (Job 25:5)
4. Sea & wind currents
5. Dirt & human body (the same 14 of 96 chemicals)
6. Leviticus 17:11 *For the life of the flesh is in the blood* (**Illus:** Washington & blood letting)
7. Archeology, (Noah's ark, 1949 image, Tower of Babel, Abraham's ruins, Tomb of Joseph, Red Sea chariot wheels, Mt Sinai, David's tomb, Nehemiah's stones, the Philistines, Hittites, Neb, # kings, Luke's writings, Herods, well at Sychar, Calvary & Garden tomb).

Many men have tried in vain to disprove the Bible with archeology only later to be corrected by a discovery. **Illus:** Nabonidus and Belshazzar

THE BIBLE SHOULD NEVER BE REJECTED BECAUSE OF RELIGIOUS TRADITION

Jesus said the following to religious clergymen who were following tradition instead of the Bible. *“Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God (Bible) by your tradition? Thus have ye made the commandment of God (Bible) of none effect by your tradition. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men (tradition).”* (Matt 15:3,6,9) **The Bible is God's final authority.**

REVIEW: Why should we believe the Bible over everything else?

1. God honors it above His own name. Psalms 138:2 *I will...praise thy name for...thy truth: for Thou hast magnified thy **Word** above all thy name.*
2. Jesus continually quoted it while on the earth.
3. It is the final source of truth and doctrine. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 *All scripture is given by **inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.*
4. Jesus said we would be judged out of the **Bible** on Judgment Day. John 12:48 *He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken (recorded only in the Bible), the same shall judge him in the last day.*
5. The Bible was 1/3 prophecy when it was written and has always predicted with pinpoint accuracy (over 300 prophecies foretelling the life of Christ alone). Much of the Bible has yet to be fulfilled.

“The Bible is the best gift God has given to man. All the good Savior gave to the world was communicated through this book. But for it we could not know right from wrong.”

--Abraham Lincoln