



RCC Phoenix – 4.24.22 – The Bible (Week 1)

Question: What is the Bible?

The word Bible means _____.

HOLY Bible literally means _____ Book.

The Bible is a collection of books, writings and letters from approximately _____, God inspired writers over the span of _____ years.

The Bible contains _____ “books” in total. The Old Testament has _____. The New Testament has _____.

Question: What distinguishes the Bible in comparison to all the other religious writings?

1. The Bible is _____

2 Timothy 3:16 NLT

“All Scripture is *inspired* by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.”

The Bible was written _____ us not _____ us.

These men of God would write in the context of their own _____ and with a specific _____ in mind.

The Greek word used for “inspired” literally means _____ - _____.

This may sound mysterious but it is simply identifying that the _____ of Scripture is God Himself, not a human being.

2 Peter 1:20-21 NLT

“Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet’s own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.”

God is _____.

Deuteronomy 32:3-4 NLT

“I will proclaim the name of the Lord; how glorious is our God! He is the Rock; his deeds are perfect. Everything he does is just and fair. He is a faithful God who does no wrong; how just and upright he is!”

Psalms 18:30 ESV

“This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.”

2. The Bible is _____.

Definition:

_____ of making mistakes or being wrong

If we hear anyone say, “God showed me...” or “God told me to tell you...” it _____ contradict Scripture.

Proverbs 30:5-6 NLT

“Every word of God proves true. He is a shield to all who come to him for protection. Do not add to his words, or he may rebuke you and expose you as a liar.”

No argument against the Bible is _____. Nearly every argument today against the Bible is an old idea re-dressed in modern clothing.

3. The Bible Has Been Verifiably _____

Question:

How do we know the Bible we read today is the real thing?

A. The number of available copies of the literary work

Ancient Literature	Number of Available Copies
Plato "The Republic"	
Julius Caesar "Gallic Wars"	
Writings of Aristotle	
Homer "Illiad"	
New Testament	

Presently, historians have in their possession more than _____ fragments or complete copies of the New Testament written in the original language of Greek.

They also have approximately _____ additional copies of the New Testament written in other languages up until the invention of the printing press.

B. The time between the original writing and our earliest copy of the literature

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There is far less time between the known dates of original writings of the NT and the earliest copy in our possession. This lends extensive credibility to the literary accuracy of the New Testament.