

Title: What Is The Bible?
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Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16

The Bible has NEVER been disproven scientifically, historically, archaeologically, or spiritually.

The Bible is completely trustworthy and fully sufficient for faith and life because it is **incomparable, inspired** and **inerrant**.

The Bible was written over a 1500 year time span, by over 40 authors from every walk of life: kings, soldiers, peasants, philosophers, commercial fishermen, and even a tax-collector. It was written in the wilderness, prison, at times of war and peace, at times of prosperity and poverty. They wrote in times of great victory and joy. Some wrote during deep depression and loss. They wrote on 3 different continents: Asia, Africa, and Europe; and in 3 languages: Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. It covers many controversial subjects that always create debate: marriage, divorce, remarriage, homosexuality, authority, parenting, character, God, life and the after life. And yet, page after page, chapter after chapter, book after book unfolds as one harmonious story.

Incomparable

AUTHOR	WORK	DATE WRITTEN	EARLIEST COPY	TIME SPAN	# of COPIES
Homer	Iliad	800 B.C.	400 B.C.	400 years	643
Tacitus	Annals	A.D. 100	A.D. 1100	1000 years	20
	New Testament	A.D. 50-100	114 fragments 200 books 250 most NT 325 complete	50 years 100 years 150 years 225 years	5366

Inspiration

1. 2 Timothy 3:16
 - A. All Scripture, the entire Bible, is inspired.
 - B. The entire Bible is God-breathed.
 - C. The entire Bible is profitable.

2. 2 Peter 1:21
 The Holy Spirit moved them along.

Inerrancy

1. The Scripture is presented as divine authority.
 - a. It is unbreakable, Jn.10:35
 - b. It is imperishable, Matt.5:17, 18
 - c. It is written (final authority), Matt.4:4, 7, 10 (92 x in NT)

2. The Scripture is presented as God's Word.
 - a. It is the "Word of God," Jn.10:34; Heb.4:12
 - b. It is "breathed out" of God, 2 Tim.3:16

3. The Scripture is presented as completely true, Ps.119:160; Pro.30:5; Jn.17:17

4. God is completely truthful, Rom.3:4; Titus 1:2; Heb.6:18

5. The Bible is presented as historically and scientifically true, Mt.12:40; 19:4; Jn.3:12

We need to understand this book as we do Jesus.

Denial of inerrancy is an attack:

- on the authenticity of the Father who originated it
- on the authority of the Son who affirmed it
- on the activity of the Spirit who inspired it
- on the stability of the Church which is built on it

Two Reasons I Believe the Bible:

1. Jesus affirms every bit of it.
2. Fulfilled prophecy

One Thing This All Means: When I read it, I better obey it.