

Source night The Bible



The Bible Overview

Word- Biblia, Written in Hebrew, Greek 66 books - 39 OT, 27 NT

Canon of scripture set by synods NT as now 3rd century 13th century chapters added 16th century verses added

How God reveals himself to people

General Revelation, available to anyone revelation= apokalipsis= making naked, laying bare

1. Creation Romans 1v20 Wonder of Earth, Self healing bodies etc
2. Providence Acts 17 v24-28 God provides seasons, Keeps World going
3. Conscience Deep sense of right and wrong, Moral beings

Special Revelation

1. Supernatural e.g. audible voice, prophecy, dreams, angels
2. Jesus- 'Word became flesh'
3. Bible- Word of God in our hands! It is progressive revelation OT times people didn't know what we do

7 reasons to believe the Bible

1. It's honesty Warts and all look at it's hero's
2. God preserved it Dead sea scrolls Prof FF Bruce " Best preserved ancient world book"
Attacks of men failed

Author	Earliest copy since original	Number of copies in existence today
Homer	1,300 years	643
Plato	1400 years	7
Aristotle	1000 years	5
Tacitus	1000 years	20
New Testament	100 years (30/40 yrs?)	14,000

3. Historical, Scientific, Geographical accuracy Isaiah 40 v22 Job 26 v7 Luke 7 OT law cleaning utensil's
Science accurate, but not science textbook, see appendix over creation
4. Prophetic accuracy 2,500 prophecies of which 2,000 fulfilled 100 about Jesus e.g. place of birth
(www.reasons.org search Bible Prophecy)
5. Unity of the Bible 66 books, 40ish authors, over 1,600 years one message.
6. Power to change lives, Bible has moral and ethical superiority
7. Jesus believed it literally Matt 12 v40, Matthew 24 v37 Mark 10 v 6-8,

Inspiration of the Bible

2 Timothy 3 v16 theopneustos = God breathed

2 Peter 1 v 20-21

2 Peter 3 v 15-18

1 Corinthians 2 v 12-13

God and man working together. Term- Plenary Inspiration means Holy Spirit had full influence over all Bible
Not mechanical— can see writers personality, education etc

Bible doesn't just contain the word of God it is the Word of God. 'Liberal Christians'?

Place of Bible

1. Ultimate authority in Church over belief and practice,
What you believe about the Bible makes you the Christian you are.
2. Ultimate authority over moral behaviour
3. Great for everyday use!

Notes on reading the Bible

Hermeneutics, the art of interpreting the Bible

1. Understand words of Bible Hebrew and Greek meanings e.g. love
2. Understand context of Bible passage e.g. agricultural setting
3. Don't take one verse in isolation, build up whole picture e.g. 1 Timothy 5 v23
4. Remember we come to the Bible with our own backgrounds, which can shade the way we view it.
5. There are sections that are more important than others but we can learn from all of it!
6. Get to know the author!

Appendix Bible and Creation Big issue for many

Not an issue that should be splitting Christians.

Six different ways different Christians take the issue.

1. Historic Creationism earth very old God prepared world for human life Humans are relatively young
2. Young Earth Creationists Earth and Humans young literal 6 days creation relatively short time ago, Science wrong
3. Gap Theory Huge gap in time between Gen ch 1 v1 and Gen 1 v2 Account from Gen 1v2 onwards re-creation after ??
4. Poetic Creation account in Genesis just a poetic way of explaining God made everything
5. Day Age View Word 'day' (Hebrew Yom) can mean a long period of time not just used to describe 24 hour period
6. Theoist Evolutionist All current scientific theories correct but God caused evolution to happen, but how take Gen'?

Based on Mark Driscolls talk found at <http://marshill.com/media/doctrine/creation-god-makes>