

My people 11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, For He shall bear their iniquities. **Isaiah 52:13,53:3,9,11 (700 B.C.)**

The details of Jesus' life and the purpose of his death are revealed hundreds of years before his birth to demonstrate the "Supernatural" character of his person. God is demonstrating through the fulfillment of the words the evidence that Jesus is who the Bible says He is.

The Restoration of Israel: Knowing what will take place in the future, like knowing lottery numbers requires supernatural knowledge. The nation of Israel is another piece of evidence God uses through the Bible. In A.D. 70 the Roman armies destroyed Jerusalem and the Jewish Temple, the Jewish people were scattered all over the world. The Bible not only foretold destruction of Jerusalem and Temple over 600-years before the event, the Bible also said the Jews would gathered from the nations and be restored to the land of Israel after many years.

8 "After many days you will be visited. In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely. Ezekiel 38:8 (597 B.C.)

Ezekiel wrote these words 2600-years ago, referring to the Jewish people who would be gathered back to the land of Israel in the latter years (Last years) after a long period of desolation (almost 2000-years) from A.D. 70 to 1948.



Dome of the Rock

Jerusalem the center of world conflict: One cannot read the news without hearing about the city of Jerusalem and conflicts in the Middle East. The prophets in the Bible foretold these conflicts and Jerusalem being the focus of them over 2600-years ago when Jerusalem was destroyed and desolate city.

"And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it. Zechariah 12:3

The Dome of the Rock, in Jerusalem is the most hotly contested property in the world, yet 2600-

years ago, **Zechariah** along with **Isaiah** and **Ezekiel** told us this would be the case in the future.

Conclusion

Who is God? The God of the Bible is the "One True" God who created the Heavens and the Universe, He created life from non-living matter. He provides the evidence of His identity in the Bible, for He is the God of the Bible. He sent Jesus Christ to pay for our sins that we might everlasting life with Him.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

You can ask to receive forgiveness of your sins by the death of Jesus, the Son of God who died for you sins as Isaiah foretold 2700-years ago and was fulfilled in Jesus 2000-years ago. Pray: Lord Jesus I am sorry for my sins, please forgive me accept me into your Kingdom, in the name of Jesus....Amen

Is the Bible God's Word?

Who is God?

The quest to find God has filled millions of volumes throughout history. This quest translates into our search for meaning. Why do we need to know, who God is?

Because, once we find God, we might understand the meaning of our life. Is there life beyond this world? What is our purpose? If we can find God, we might answer these questions. The question is can we find God?

Logically, we can prove the greater probability of God's existence. By reason and logic, we know the **universe is finite**. We also know it was "Caused" in the past. The depletion of energy (**2nd law of Thermodynamics**), the Radiation Echo, The Law of Relativity and the Universe's expansion all point to a finite universe.

In addition, the complexity of life requires, a **First Cause** (God) to exist. Cell intricacy, infrastructure, DNA and cellular communications all defy laws of probability, logically demonstrating the need of an **intelligent designer**.

Evolution, the alternative to intelligent design, is dependent on "chance" forming of life and "accidental gene mutation", which can logically be eliminated based on improbability. Logically, we can conclude **the probability of God** (The First Cause); outweighs His non-existence.

Can we know God?

Since we can come to the logical conclusion God exists, we can also conclude that if God did not want humanity to know Him, we could not find Him. Knowing who God is would requires God to reveal Himself to His creation. So is there any way of knowing if God has revealed Himself? Does belief in God just require faith or can we use evidence to know who God is?

Faith & Evidence

First we have to understand, everybody operates by faith and evidence. For example, when you drive over a bridge, how do you know the bridge will hold your car? Because you use the "evidence" of past experience and project it forward with "faith". You "believe" the bridge will support your car based on evidence. When you go up the elevator, drink water, eat food you operate on faith, based on past experience.



Lets illustrate this point with an airplane. When you board an airplane, do you know *for a fact* the airplane will land? On what basis do you buy the ticket, hoping the plane will make it to the final destination. If you thought there was a 10% chance (1 out of 10) that the plane would crash, most people would not go. When we board the plane, we go *with faith* the plane will successfully fly and land and take us to the place we want

to go.

Our faith “in the plane” is based on the evidence of past experience, our understanding of flying, through the testimony of others and so forth. So even atheists have “faith” in the plane.

Is there evidence the Bible is from God?

There are many different religions in the world, with different books, the Bible claims to be “Revelation” of the one “True” God who created the Universe and Life. Is there any way we can prove the Bible is from God, or should people just accept or reject it on blind faith? The Bible provides the evidence, proving itself as the word of God.

The word *evidence* comes from the word “evident” meaning easily recognizable or perceived. So where can we find the evidence of the Bible? Just as in any situation, we can compare the claims and words of the Bible to history and facts. There are several types of “Objective” evidence we can examine, this is not based on emotion or “Subjective” feelings but on material “Objective” evidence.

Archeological Evidence: Is the evidence which details the physical and material evidence of historical events which correspond to the events detailed in the Bible. Sennacherib’s Prism which details the Assyrian invasion of Jerusalem and mentions Hezekiah as king is an example.

Historical Evidence: Information which corresponds to the time, civilizations, events which correspond with biblical events, such as the Babylonian and Persian Kingdoms is example.

Documentary Evidence: The evidence stemming from the physical documents of the scripture. This would include the Dead Sea scrolls and other types of manuscripts.

Supernatural Evidence: Examining historical events through history and archeology is part of the natural world. The Bible claims to be a book which transcends the natural world, meaning its contents are “Super-natural”, going beyond the natural realms. Bible prophecy and miracles would fall under this category.

The Bible is book written by 39 different authors over a 1500-year period. The Old Testament is written in mostly Hebrew with portions in Aramaic over a 1000-year period (1450-425 B.C.). The New Testament is written in Greek over a 100-year period (A.D.40-100). The Bible claims to be “Super-Natural” revelation of the Creator, who revealed Himself through people (Prophets) who were inspired by the Spirit of God.

Super-Natural Objective Evidence

One type of evidence which separates the Bible from every other book is the **Super-natural objective evidence**. The Bible claims to be the super-natural revelation of the Creator of the Universe. The words of the Bible are seen as God’s words spoken through the

prophets of Israel, inspired by the Holy Spirit. Like a pen in the hand of man, the prophets were pens in the hand of God.



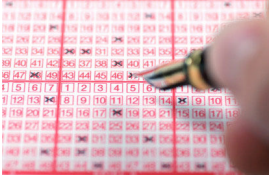
The Bible claims to transcend, time as the Creator of the Universe reveals Himself to His creation. In fact the Bible demonstrates its supernatural nature by revealing events thousands of years before the event. To help you understand what this means lets use the lottery as an example.

The Lottery and the Future

If someone, lets call him John, told you they could tell you the lottery number for next week’s 20-million dollar drawing, what would be your response? Well if you are like most people you might consider it joke. Why? Because you understand, knowing the future requires “Super-natural” knowledge. So if you play the number given to you by John and he predicted the right number you have 3-options of how John got it right. 1. He was lucky 2. He conspired with the lottery or 3. He had “Super-natural” knowledge of the future. Each time John gets the lottery number correct makes the probability of luck less likely. If John revealed the lottery number several times, the question would be what is the source of John information.

The Future foretold

The Bible claims the revelation of the future as evidence of its Supernatural nature.



“I have declared the former things from the beginning Even from the beginning I have declared it to you; Before it came to pass I proclaimed it to you, **Isaiah 48:3,5**

Lets look at 3 of many examples in the Bible which demonstrate the supernatural nature of the Bible. The Bible contains the “revelation” of events in the future and the past, demonstrating the Creator of the Universe is not constrained by time. or example, the Bible reveals that **at the beginning** of “Time” God created the Universe out of nothing. The Bible also reveals events at the end of time, and what happens after death. Time, space and matter are contingent (dependent) on God’s being.

God comprehends time and is not limited lack of knowledge, therefore Bible Prophecy reveals the character of God.

The Death of Jesus foretold: The life of Jesus might appear limited to the New Testament for many skeptics. However, the life and death of Jesus was foretold by the Old Testament hundreds of years before his birth. Isaiah who lived 700-years before Jesus described his death and rejection by the nation of Israel and His death for the sins of the world. Daniel in 539 B.C., gives us the exact day Jesus would be killed in the *70 Weeks of Daniel* (Daniel 9:24-27). Psalm 22:16 foretells the hands and feet of Jesus would be pierced 1000-years before the event. The Bible established the identity of Jesus, before He was born.

13 Behold, **My Servant** shall deal prudently; He shall be exalted and extolled and be very high. 3 He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him..... 9. **He was cut off from the land of the living;** For the transgressions of



Sennacherib Prism