

# LESSON 15 APOLOGETICS: I CAN TRUST THE BIBLE!

## WHY DID JESUS COME?

JOHN 18:37 PILATE THEREFORE SAID TO HIM, "ARE YOU A KING THEN?" JESUS ANSWERED, "YOU SAY RIGHTLY THAT I AM A KING. FOR THIS CAUSE I WAS BORN, AND FOR THIS CAUSE I HAVE COME INTO THE WORLD, THAT I SHOULD BEAR WITNESS TO THE TRUTH. EVERYONE WHO IS OF THE TRUTH HEARS MY VOICE."

TRUTH MATTERS - BECAUSE ETERNITY IS LONG TIME TO BE \_\_\_\_\_ . . .

## WHY APOLOGETICS? "APOLOGIA"

1 PETER 3:15

BUT SANCTIFY THE LORD GOD IN YOUR HEARTS, AND ALWAYS BE READY TO GIVE A \_\_\_\_\_ TO EVERYONE WHO ASKS YOU A REASON FOR THE HOPE THAT IS IN YOU, WITH MEEKNESS AND FEAR;



- 1 - VALIDATE CHRISTIAN TRUTH
- 2 - SAVE THE LOST
- 3 - STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH
- 4 - REFUTE ERROR

## I CAN TRUST THE BIBLE — PROPHECY

THERE ARE 26 OTHER RELIGIOUS BOOKS THAT PEOPLE OF FAITH BELIEVE ARE DIVINELY INSPIRED. OF THESE ALL BOOKS, \_\_\_\_\_ OF THEM, NOT A SINGLE ONE, CONTAINS \_\_\_\_\_ SPECIFIC, FULFILLED PROPHECIES!

**27% OF THE BIBLE CONTAINS WHAT WAS PREDICTIVE PROPHECY AT THE TIME THAT IT WAS WRITTEN.**

**THESE ARE JUST A FEW PROPHECIES THAT HAVE BEEN FULFILLED...**

- **HE'D BE BORN OF THE SEED OF ABRAHAM (GENESIS 12:1-3, 22:18)**  
**OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH (GENESIS 49:10)**  
**OF THE HOUSE OF DAVID (2 SAMUEL 7:12)**
- **HE WOULD BE BORN IN THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM (MICAH 5:2)**
- **HE'D COME WHILE THE TEMPLE WAS STILL STANDING (MALACHI 3:1)**
- **HE WOULD BE BORN OF A VIRGIN (ISAIAH 7:14)**
- **HE WOULD PERFORM MIRACLES (ISAIAH 35:5-6)**
- **HE WOULD BE REJECTED BY HIS OWN PEOPLE (PSALM 118:22; 1 PETER 2:7)**
- **THE PRECISE TIME IN HISTORY WHEN HE WOULD DIE (DANIEL 9:24-26)**  
483 YEARS AFTER THE DECLARATION TO RECONSTRUCT THE CITY OF JERUSALEM IN 445 B.C.
- **HOW HE WOULD DIE (PSALM 22:16-18, ISAIAH 53; ZECHARIAH 12:10)**
- **THAT HE WOULD RISE FROM THE DEAD (PSALM 16:10; ACTS 2:27-32)**

**MANUSCRIPT EVIDENCE IS HUGE! DEAD SEA SCROLLS**

**THE MATHEMATICAL IMPROBABILITY OF ONE MAN JUST FULFILLING 8 OF THE PROPHECIES OF JESUS WOULD BE  
1 IN 100,000,000,000,000,000!**

**IT'S NO WONDER WE DON'T SEE ANY FULFILLED PROPHECIES IN OTHER RELIGIOUS WRITINGS.**

**IN ISAIAH 46:9-10 GOD SAID...**

**"I AM GOD, AND THERE IS NONE LIKE ME, DECLARING THE END FROM THE BEGINNING,  
AND FROM ANCIENT TIMES THINGS THAT ARE NOT YET DONE."**

**BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**EVERY PROPHECY OF THE BIBLE, BY DR. JOHN WALVOORD.**

**WHEN CRITICS ASK - A POPULAR HANDBOOK ON BIBLE DIFFICULTIES BY NORMAN GEISLER AND THOMAS HOWE  
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