

Session 1 - The Standard For Truth

Resource Guide

1 John 1:1 - That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

Week 2

"We believe the Bible to be the word of God as far as it is translated correctly; we also believe the Book of Mormon to be the word of God."

LDS 8th Article of Faith

Bible Translations:

A great question many people have is: "Has the Bible been translated correctly and why is there more than one translation of the Bible?"

Here are some great answers!

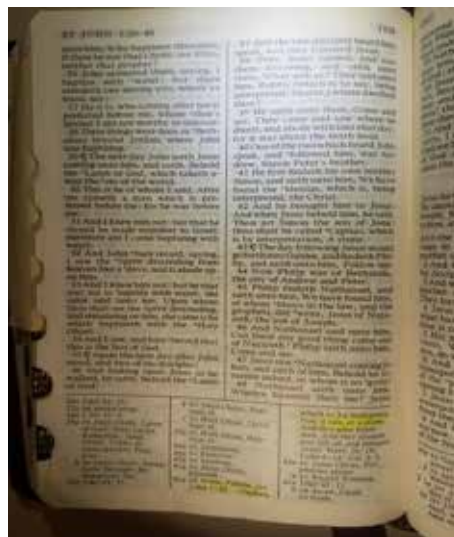
- <https://carm.org/the-bible/a-brief-history-of-bible-translations/>

- <https://carm.org/about-the-bible/the-bible-has-been-translated-so-many-times-can-we-still-trust-it/>

- <https://carm.org/the-bible/which-bible-is-the-word-of-god/?highlight=why+is+there+many+bible+translations%3F>

See also LDS and the Bible:

<https://wri.leaderu.com/mormonism/bible.html>



King James Bible Version with LDS Footnotes directing members to reference the Joseph Smith Translation (JST) of the Bible.

KJV / Joseph Smith Translation Comparisons

The Bible says not add to or subtract from God's word. Rev. 22:18-19 "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Other examples are: Prov. 30:5-6, Deut. 4:2, Deut. 12:32, Deut. 13:1-10, Gal. 1:6-9, 2 Tim. 2:15, Isa. 40:8, Matt. 24:24, Matt. 24:35, 1 Cor. 4:6, Mar. 7:13.

See also: <https://carm.org/mormonism/the-joseph-smith-translation-of-the-bible-and-his-false-claim-to-prophethood/>



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“Theopneustos” =
God Breathed

2 Timothy 3:16 - All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. *(Paul was writing about the words of Biblical prophets and apostles)*

TRUSTING THE BIBLE: <https://corechristianity.com/resource-library/articles/why-should-we-trust-the-bible>

See also: <https://alwaysbeready.com/can-we-trust-the-bible/>

What Jesus Believed about the Bible: <https://ca.thegospelcoalition.org/columns/ad-fontes/jesus-believe-bible/>

10 Reasons The Bible Can Be Trusted:



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#10 - Consistency

The Bible has a central theme that runs from beginning to end.

gotquestions.org/God-different.html

apologeticspress.org/3-good-reasons-to-believe-the-bible-has-not-been-corrupted-5196/

gotquestions.org/Jesus-in-the-Old-Testament.html



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#9 - Reliability

The reliability of the Bible was news to us. Far from being untrustworthy, there is no other book that is more scrutinized and found more reliable.

research.lifeway.com/2018/09/07/3-reasons-why-the-bible-can-be-trusted/

gotquestions.org/Bible-reliable.html

thegospelcoalition.org/essay/the-reliability-of-the-old-testament/

evidencetobelieve.com/reliability-of-the-bible



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#8 - The Canon

How the books were chosen to be included in the Bible.

We were taught that men compiled the books of the Bible specifically at the council of Nicea. But there is so much more to this faith-promoting process.

blog.tms.edu/why-these-66-books

gotquestions.org/canon-Bible.html

thegospelcoalition.org/essay/the-biblical-canon



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#7 - History

We were so encouraged to know there is credible and continuing support for the historical accuracy of the people and events of the Old and New Testament.

thesearchforchrist.org/?gclid=EAlalQobChM-llsXxh4-O-QIVL8LCBB01fAZHEAMYASAAEgJl2vD

blueletterbible.org/Comm/stewart_don/faq/historical-accuracy-of-the-bible/question2-important-bible-accurate.cfm

cslewisinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/KD-2009-Winter-How-Accurate-Is-the-Bible-410.pdf



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#6 - Archaeology

There are Biblical archaeological discoveries constantly being found. We encourage you to do an in-depth study on the archaeological finds of the Bible.

alwaysbeready.com/can-we-trust-the-bible/#archaeology

biblearchaeology.org/faq/4253-have-any-structures-mentioned-in-the-bible-been-discovered?highlight=WyJlc3RoZXliLCJlc3RoZXlncyJd

mit.irr.org/book-of-mormon-archaeology-full

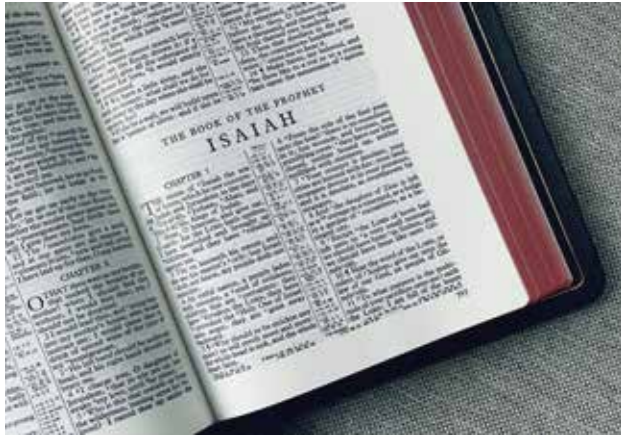


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#5 - Prophecy

There is no other book in the world that contains the prophetic accuracy of the Bible.

newtestamentchristians.com/bible-study-resources/351-old-testament-prophecies-fulfilled-in-jesus-christ/

jesusfilm.org/blog/old-testament-prophecies/

coldcasechristianity.com/writings/from-reliable-to-divine-the-fulfilled-new-testament-prophecy-of-jesus

#4 - Eyewitness Accounts

The eyewitnesses in the Bible stood by their word, many at great cost, including their martyrdom.

coldcasechristianity.com/writings/the-apostles-wrote-the-gospels-as-eyewitness-accounts/

crossexamined.org/examining-jesus-by-the-historical-method-part-6-eyewitness-testimony-the-case-for-the-gospels/

bethinking.org/is-the-bible-reliable/new-evidence-the-gospels-were-based-on-eyewitness-accounts

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#3 - Geography

Today, you can visit many places mentioned in the Bible. These places are real.

bethinking.org/is-the-bible-reliable/Geography-and-the-Reliability-of-the-Gospels

thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/simon-gathercole-on-the-reliability-of-new-testament-geography/

bible-history.com/geography (map links)



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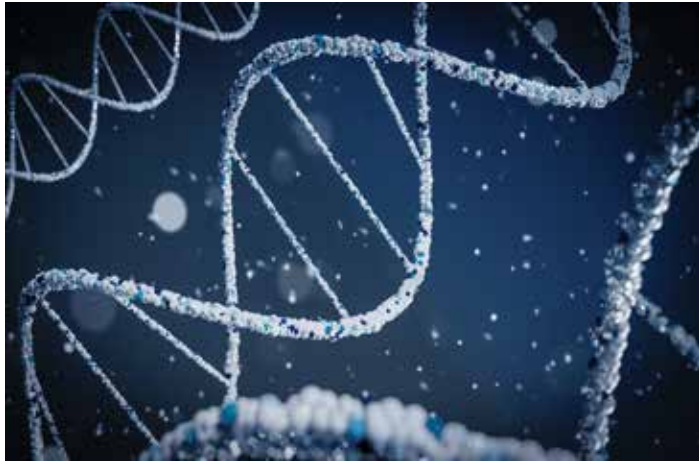


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#2 - Scientific Evidence

Although the Bible isn't a science book, there is much scientific evidence within it that points to the "Divine Creator" of all things. Allow these evidences to point to the truth.

kingjamesbibleonline.org/Scientific-Proof-of-Bible.php

eternal-productions.org/101science.html

youtube.com/watch?v=CFYswvGoaPU&feature=share



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#1 - Jesus

Jesus not only knew the word, He is the Word. He sealed his testimony of these words with his blood shed on the cross at Calvary.

gotquestions.org/Bible-literal.html

jesusplusnothing.com/jesus-books-bible

blueletterbible.org/Comm/stewart_don/faq/bible-difficulties/question32-did-jesus-believe-scriptures-without-error.cfm

Other Resources:

<https://youtu.be/iqt85ipxWIU> - Wonderful message

<https://www.equip.org/articles/bible-reliability-m-a-p-s-to-guide-you-through-bible-reliability/>

youtube.com/watch?v=MBtBHZtdU78

Carm.org, ColdCaseChristianity.com, CrossExamined.org

Leestrobels.com (Case For Christ, Heaven, Miracles, Grace)

TruthForLife.org, DavidJeremiah.org



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