

SERMON NOTES

Series: Building Upon the Firm

Foundation of God's Word

Title: Build by Trusting It's Prophetic Accuracy & Thematic Unity

Text: 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Ps.119:86

Topic: Is the Bible Trustworthy

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“Can I Trust the Bible?” There are seven reasons why you can... 1. It is historically accurate; 2. It is scientifically accurate

3. It is prophetically accurate.

A prophecy is when God, through one of His prophets says, “*Something is going to happen in the future at such and such a time, in such and such a way.*”

Example: there are over **three hundred** prophecies in the Bible about Jesus, some of them a **thousand years** before he was born, and over a **thousand year** period. It takes more faith to believe it was all just a coincidence than to believe that God planned it.

“*No prophecy ever originated from humans. Instead, it was given by the Holy Spirit as humans spoke under God's direction.*” 2 Peter 1:20&21

In ancient Israel a prophet of God had to be correct **one hundred percent** of the time. If you were wrong **just once** you would be put to death.

“*But this is all happening to fulfill the words of the prophets as recorded in Scriptures.*” 2 Peter 1:19

“*The angel said to me, ‘These words are trustworthy and they're true. The Lord... sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place.’*” Revelation 22:6

4. The Bible is thematically unified.

The Bible has the same **theme** from Genesis to Revelation. It is the theme of redemption and Jesus is the central character.

This is significant because the Bible is made up of **66 books** written over a **sixteen hundred** year period, by **forty** different authors. Their writings weren't even collected into one book until about **thousand** years after the last one died.

“*Beginning with and all the Prophets, Jesus explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.*” Luke 24

“*You search the Scriptures because you believe they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me!*” John 5:39

5. It is confirmed by Jesus.

“*I'll tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen will disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished!*” Matthew 5:18

“*Scripture is always true.*” - Jesus (John 10:35) “*Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.*” -Jesus (Luke 11:28)

The accounts of Noah, Adam and Eve, Sodom and Gomorrah and Jonah are the most **disputed** stories in the Bible but Jesus **believed they really happened.**

“*If you believe what you like in the Bible, and don't believe what you don't like, it's not the Bible you trust, but yourself.*” - Augustine