

SERIES:

SUBJECT: **“A MORE SURE WORD OF PROPHECY”**

READING: Psa 119:89-96 *For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. (90) Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth. (91) They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants. (92) Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction. (93) I will never forget thy precepts: for with them thou hast quickened me. (94) I am thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts. (95) The wicked have waited for me to destroy me: but I will consider thy testimonies. (96) I have seen an end of all perfection: but thy commandment is exceeding broad.*

Introduction:

In introducing this series of on the coming end of the world I pointed out to you the that we must **make a choice** upon which we will base our understanding of this world and our life in it. **Science or Scripture. God’s revelation or Man’s fabrication!**

**From God’s view point the Bible, God’s word THE TRUTH IS CLEAR and if we are wise it will be our choice as well; hold up your bibles and let’s recite the wisdom we know about the Bible:**

***“I hold in my hand The Inspired, Infallible, Inerrant, Preserved Word of God!***

- *It is what it says it is,*
- *Everything addressed in its pages are what it says they are!*
- *What it says about me is true;*
- *Everything it asks me to do is in my very best interest and for God’s glory!*
- *It is God’s gift to me, for my salvation, for my good, for my instruction, and for my protection!*

- *And it reveals where our universe came from and where it is headed!”*

The bible we have just put down is God’s revelation of Himself that goes beyond what we learn from nature and what we learn from our innate understanding that there is A God; Rom 1:19-20 **Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them. (20) For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:**

No one will be able to stand before the Great White Throne and say I did not know what God wanted of me! Those who would say that God’s word declares “**that they are without excuse:**”

The revelation of God goes beyond what men can know of God in their conscience and in nature through the “**Direct Revelation**” *God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, (Heb 1:1)*

The Old Testament, originally written in the Hebrew language, reveals God as Creator, as Law Giver and as the God of his chosen people, the people of Israel. **It tells the story of God’s creating a nation and blessing them above every other nation! It also reveals the decline of that nation as they drifted away from God.**

The New Testament, originally written in the Greek language, reveals God as God of all people of the earth, as the Father, sending himself as Jesus, his Son, to be born on earth, to live, die and rise again to restore all people to himself.

The **Old Testament** sets before us the historic record of **what God did and how the people responded as examples!** These examples are for our education. The **New Testament** sets before us the historic record of Christ’s coming, of His ministry, of His sacrifice for sin, His death, burial, and resurrection, of God’s plan of

Salvation to restore man to the place of fellowship and blessing; of His creation and commissioning of the church; of His plan to spread God's message and work through those who receive the Gospel of Christ; and the way we are to be transformed into the image of Christ!

From there the New Testament turns prophetic and reveals what God will do through the church age or as it is also called the age of grace.

- Some of that has already been fulfilled and we have not only the biblical record of its fulfillment but the historic and archeological evidence that the prophecies have been fulfilled.
- The rest of the New Testament is futuristically prophetic.
- This is how Jesus described it to the Apostle John;

Rev 1:3-6

(3) Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

(4) John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, **from him which is, and which was, and which is to come;** and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;

(5) And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

(6) And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

The New Testament is authoritative because it and it alone tells the story of Jesus, God's Son.

1. It also tells the story of the first Christians and their understanding of Jesus.

2. In the first centuries after Jesus, Christians agreed, through the Church leaders, on which writings were inspired, that is, which writings were authoritative.
3. The writings which **they knew to be inspired by God** were the accounts written by the eyewitnesses of Jesus and by some of the first Christian leaders who were their contemporaries.

Through their eyes, their thoughts and their personalities,

- We can come to know God and God's will for us –
- How we can enter into a relationship with God,
- How we can live in that relationship with God and
- How we can die, still in that relationship, **which can and will take us to be with God forever.**

Today as we continue answering the broader question "*Are We Living In The End Times?*" We ask an additional and more narrow question;

## **I. Should We Trust The Bible; God's Revealed Word In Written Form?**

**Why is this important?** Those who make the choice to base their understanding of this world and their life in it on Scripture God's revelation **are putting their happiness, their contribution to mankind, their own lives and that of their family and their eternal destiny on the line for the truths revealed in this book!**

**The stakes could not possibly be higher!**

- a. **The Bible as we have received it from God** continues His revelation of Himself which Peter calls "**A MORE SURE WORD OF PROPHECY!**"

- i. According to Peter he felt it incumbent on him to remind his readers of certain facts that are essential to the faith!
- ii. The truth as it is revealed in the word of God must be preserved for the generation that would follow his.
- iii. For us beloved this obligatory responsibility is perhaps even more important!
- iv. Over the years since the founding of the Church by Jesus Christ the Hates of hell have been assailing the church and the Biblical faith it is to preach;

**b. There are several historical and scientific, and archaeological reasons we can have absolute trust in the written word of God!**

- i. The Qur'an has been printed 800 million times which puts it neck and neck with the Quotations from Chairman Mao the first Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China! **The Bible is the most owned book ever printed and has been printed 6 billion times or 38 times more than its two nearest competitor combined.**
- ii. The Bible never claims to be a science textbook. Nevertheless, the Bible claims to be *“true from the beginning”* (Psalm 119:160, KJV), so every specific reference about science must be accurate. **It has never been proven to wrong concerning scientific things it addresses. For example:**

1. Atomism is the belief that everything is made up of a few simple parts called Atoms. It dates at least as far back as the 400's BC.
2. During the 1500's and 1600's such founders of modern science as Francis Bacon, Isaac Newton, and Galileo believed in the theory of Atomism.
3. Rudjer Boscovich believed that atoms contained smaller parts, which in turn contained still smaller parts, and so on down to the fundamental building blocks of matter.
4. He felt that these building blocks must be geometric points with no size at all.
5. Now most atomic physicists accept a modern form of this idea.
6. And The bible said; Rom 1:20  
**For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:**

- iii. The people groups and individuals identified in the bible have all to date proven to exist through historical and archeologic evidence.

A stele is an upright stone that is inscribed and used as a monument of an important event or achievement.

### **The Tel Dan Stele (900–850 BC)**

- This particular stele is extraordinary because carved on its stone face is the expression, “House of David.”
- Proving it existed in history and flatly contradicts the long-held opinions of skeptics who denied that David ever existed.

### **The Meesha Stele (846 BC)**

- Popularly known as the Moabite Stone, it records the revolt of Meesha, King of Moab, against Israel.
- This incredible stele mentions Omri, King of Israel, and David of the United Monarchy.
- It even refers to Yahweh, the unique name of the God of Israel!
- Together with the testimony from the Tel Dan Stele, they prove to be a powerful external witness that the Bible records the true history of the kings of Israel and their interactions with foreign kings.

### **The Nabonidus Cylinder (550 BC)**

- King Nabonidus of Babylonia left a magnificent cuneiform cylinder mentioning his elder son, Belshazzar by name.
- Critics of the Bible had claimed for many years that the account in the book of Daniel was wrong; they said Belshazzar was never a king in Babylon and that Nabonidus was not his father.

- The discovery of this cylinder clearly showed again that these scholars were dead wrong and the Bible absolutely right.

### **Caiaphas Ossuary**

- An ossuary was a box constructed to hold the bones of the dead after decomposition. In 1990 a startling discovery was made that shook biblical scholars and archaeologists alike.
- In the Peace Forest section of Jerusalem was discovered a burial cave containing twelve ossuaries, one of them being none other than that of Caiaphas, the high priest who presided at the trial of Jesus.
- This amazing discovery provides us with a powerful historical connection to the events described in the Gospels.

### **Pilate Dedication Stone**

- In June 1961 an inscription on a limestone block, found at a Roman amphitheater in Caesarea Maritima, rocked the scholarly world.
- The block, which was once used as a dedication stone of a nearby temple and now reused for seating at the local amphitheater, had an extraordinary inscription.
- It read: “Tiberieum, (Pon)tius Pilatus, (Praef)ectus Iuda(eae).” Those scholars who questioned Pilate’s existence (and the gospel accounts generally) were silenced with this amazing discovery!

- iv. **Every prophecy that it said would happen has yet to be proven inaccurate!** (Some have not yet been fulfilled but they will be and they again will prove veracity of Bible).
  - v. **From personal experience** I can assure you that entering into a relationship with God through Christ will transform your life in such a way that all the science that man's wisdom has been able learn is left powerless and dumbfounded!
- c. **Nothing else in this world or in the spirit world can even come close to being worthy to be trusted than the written word of God!**

### **Conclusion:**

It's 6 billion copies printed copies demonstrates that the Bible is the most sought after, read, and trusted book in the history of man!

**Pick up your bible right now and repeat these words if you believe them to be true;**

***"I hold in my hand The Inspired, Infallible, Inerrant, Preserved Word of God!***

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**It is so sought after and trusted because it has proven to have the truth and value man needs more than any other book!**

Since the Bible has never been proven wrong, has never misrepresented the facts it declares to be true we can accept what it says to be true and factual!

There is a God who has shown there is not a single righteous human being, that none seek after God; **having no hope, and without God in the world:**

Jesus is the son of God and the Savior of the souls of men who is man's only hope; Act 4:12; **Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

There is a place of eternal happiness called heaven and eternal joy awaits those who are willing to receive Jesus as savior!

There is a place of eternal torment called the "Lake of Fire" all one has to do to find himself in this eternal torment is to ignore the truth concerning The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There are religions galore! Philosophies by the tens of thousands! But not one of them is represented in its writings as being what the Bible is! *The Inspired, Infallible, Inerrant, Preserved Word of God!* **All others are counterfeits, perpetrated frauds, creations of the god of this world Satan!**

**INVITATION:**

**There Is Not A Single Proof That The Bible Cannot Be Trusted! THE QUESTIONS THEN ARE SIMPLE;**

**WILL YOU BELIEVE ITS GOD WHO SAYS HIS WORD THE BIBLE IS SETTLED IN HEAVEN?**

**WILL YOU TRUST ITS SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST WHO said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. JOHN 6:35-37?**

**WILL YOU TRUST IT TO BE YOUR GUIDE FOR FAITH AND PRACTICE? Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. Psa 119:105**

**LOST FRIEND RECEIVE CHRIST THIS VERY DAY!**

**SAVED BROHERS AND SISTERS TRUST GOD'S WORD AN PURPOSE LIVE BY ITS TRUTHS EVERY DAY OF YOUR LIFE FROM THIS DAY FORWARD!**