

REASONS FOR FAITH SERIES

IS THE BIBLE INSPIRED?

"Sanctify them
by the Truth.
Your Word is Truth"

2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; 1 Peter 1:23-25; Mark 13:31

2 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

2 Peter 1:20-21 (NKJV) ²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,

²¹ for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

1 Peter 1:23-25 (NKJV) ²³ having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, ²⁴ because "*All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away,* ²⁵ *But the word of the LORD endures forever.*" Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.

Mark 13:31 (NKJV) ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

I. Introduction

II. How can we show that the Bible is inspired?

A. We must look in the Bible itself.

B. We need to look outside the Bible for evidence to confirm the Bibles claims to its own inspiration.

III. What is the definition of biblical inspiration?

IV. What the Bible has to say about its own inspiration.

A. The inspiration of the Old Testament.

1. The OT's claim to itself being inspired.

2. What Jesus said about the OT.

3. What Paul said about the OT.

4. What Peter said about the OT.

5. The book of Hebrews.

B. The inspiration of the New Testament.

1. Jesus' witness to NT inspiration.

2. Peter's witness to NT inspiration.

3. Paul's witness to NT inspiration.

4. John's witness to the book of Revelation

5. The objection of circular reasoning.

V. Prophecies in the Bible that have been fulfilled in history after they were uttered form an excellent evidence for the existence of the supernatural character of the Bible.

A. The destruction of the city of Tyre: Ezekiel 26:3, 4, 7-8, 12, 14, 21

B. The restoration of the country of Israel: Ezekiel 37.

VI. Conclusion