

The Book of 2 Timothy
Chapter 3 Part 2
“Every Word, Gods Word”

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George Washington

“It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible.”

Abraham Lincoln

“I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated to us through this book.”

Patrick hennery

“The Bible is worth more than all the other books which have ever been printed.”

Napoleon

“The Bible is no mere book, but it is a Living Creature, with a power that conquers all that oppose it.”

Ben Franklin

A cultured person is one who knows something about everything and everything about something. A Christians Specialization must be the Bible.

Today In America we have:

An Authority Crises, no one respect any kind of authority, particularly Spiritual Authority.

1. **Parental Authority**, Children do not respect their parents.
2. **Marital Authority**, Husbands and Wives do not respect the commitment they made to their marriage.
3. **Political Authority**, Our government leaders do not respect the great and awesome responsibility and office that the Lord and the People have given them.
4. **Academic Authority**, Students do not respect those teaching them, or each other.
5. **Ecclesiastical Authority**, which is the Christian church, no longer does the world respect or hold in high regard those that believe and live the Bible in their lives.

What happened?

The Index of Cultural Indicators over the last 30 years says that:

1. **Our population** has increased by **41%** in America.
2. **Our Gross domestic Product** that the United States Produces has increased **300%**.
3. **Our Social Spending** on things we need for our life has increased by **500%**.

And yet at the same time, the same Index of Leading Cultural Indicators over the last 30 years says that:

Since 1963

1. There has been a **560%** increase in **Violent Crime**.
2. A **400 %** increase in **illegitimate births**.
3. A **400%** increase in the **divorce rate**.
4. A **300%** increase in **single-parent homes**.
5. **200%** increase in **teenage suicides**.
6. **75% drop** in **SAT scores**.

From the Heritage Foundation, 1993

...What happened in 1963?

WE OUTLAWED THE BIBLE IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

Last Sunday, we Studied 2 Timothy chapter 3. We Finished with verses 16 and 17.

As I told you, We are going to do a special Topical Study on these 2 Verses

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 **All Scripture is given by inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

What does this mean: “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God?”

Simply put, it means that the Bible claims that every word contained in it, it the WORD OF GOD.

Peter also commented on the Fact that the Bible is the Word of God

2 Peter 1:19-21

19 And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;
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.**

Peter says that your Bible is not the words of men, but is the “Inspired Word of God” because it is the Holy Spirit that is the real author of the Bible.

Now, is that Talk, or can the Bible back up that claim with some facts?

Next week we will take a look at the fact that no other Book in the World that has ever been written is so bold to declare that it can prove it is the Word of God by telling you of future events before they have happened, with 100 percent accuracy!

In the Book of Psalms, The Lord declares that His Word He holds in higher regard than even His Own Name!

Psalms 138:2

...For You have magnified Your **word above** all Your name.

Back to our 2 verses that we want to study from 2 Timothy chapter 3

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is **given by inspiration of God**, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- **The key phrase here** in verse 16—is “*Given by inspiration of God...*”
- **This expression**—comes from the Greek word—2315 “**Theopneustos**” (teh-op'-nyoo-stos)—Which means literally—“**Divinely breathed in**”

THE SAME VERSE—BUT IN THE NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION...

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is **God-breathed** and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (NIV)

What this means to us is that the 66 Books that you have there in your hand, every word is ‘Breathed’ by God Himself.

Matthew 5:18 Jesus said:

For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one **jot** or one **ittle** will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

The Jot are the little hooks that are on some of the Hebrew letters, the Tittle is the punctuation marks.

Jesus not only claimed that every Word of your Bible is The Word of God, but also that even the Punctuation marks on the words were put there where God wanted them to be...Not one word shall pass away until all of them are fulfilled.

1. Is the bible the word of God?—how can we know for sure?

- More that 2,000 times—in the old testament—the Bible says things like...“*And God spoke to Moses...the word of the Lord came to Jonah...and God said...*”

Allot of books claim to be the word of god—what makes the Bible different?

1. It was written over a period of **1500 years**.
2. It was written by **40 different authors**.
3. It was written by **people with all kinds of different backgrounds**:
 - **Joshua**—a military general.
 - **Daniel**—a prime minister.
 - **Peter**—a fisherman.
 - **Nehemiah**—a kings assistant.
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4. It was written in many different places:
 - **Moses**—in the desert.
 - **Paul**—in prison.
 - **John**—on an island—in exile.
5. It was written in 3 different countries—**Asia—Africa—and Europe**
6. It was written in 3 different languages—**Hebrew—Greek—and Aramaic**.
7. It was written about many various and controversial subjects—and yet the Bible fits together as one perfect—harmonious unit.

“A Single Integrated Message System” A single subject, Who Jesus is and what He came to do for you.

Now, lets think about this for a moment.

- What would happen if we took **40 people**.
- From all kinds of different countries and backgrounds.
- Over a period of **1,500 years**.
- We Told them to write **66 Books**...

We asked them to write in these 66 books, about a single subject, what would we end up with?

- **40 radically different opinions** that would most likely conflict with the writings of the other 39 writers.
- **We would find** that they would hardly agree on anything.

Yet, how is it that the Bible fits together perfectly with total harmony throughout the Scriptures?

- **This is what Bible Scholars** call the “**Internal evidence in the bible**”—that only God could construct something like as intricate and detailed as the bible—only God could assemble 66 books—and make them all fit together so perfectly.

2. Hasn't the new Testament been changed—as it was copied and re copied over and over—throughout the years?

- **The new testament** was originally written in the Greek language.
- **The original copies** of the New Testament were written by hand—and copied over and over—these copies are called "Manuscripts".
- **Today, there are in existence: 5,500 original manuscripts**—of the New Testament.

The copies of the New Testament that we have are dated from 20 to 60 years after the originals were written from 20 to 50 A. D.

There are 2 famous works that the world looks to as great written works:

1. **Caesars "The Gaelic Wars**. The copies that we have of this work is dated 1,000 years after it was first written. The world considers this to be a completely reliable copy.
2. **Homers "The Odyssey**, exists as a copy today that is dated 2,200 years after it was first written

So your New Testament has better documentation, than any other Book in all of History!

- **Not only does the new testament** have 5,500 manuscripts—more than any other work in history, **it was also translated into other languages**—at a very early date.
- **The copies of the new testament** that we have in our possession today, that were translated into other languages—in excess of **18,000!**

This means that we have more that 23,000 copies of the new testament in existence today.

- **If we compare** these original 23,000 manuscripts—to our Bible today—they are virtually identical.
- **The only "errors"**, if you want to call them that, are in spelling, punctuation—or grammar.

Not one doctrine of scripture that we have based our faith upon today—has been changed—since the original manuscripts were first written.

3. One of the most surprising proofs that the bible is the word of god—is the fact that Jesus said that it is. THE WORD OF GOD.

Now if you believe the claims that Jesus made:

1. *That He is God Himself and*
2. *The Creator of everything that exists and*
3. *The ONLY SAVIOR OF ALL PEOPLE...*

Then you should have no trouble believing that Jesus said Himself that the Bible is THE WORD OF GOD.

If you don't believe the claims that Jesus made:

- *That He is God Himself and*
- *The Creator of everything that exists and*
- *The ONLY SAVIOR OF ALL PEOPLE...*

Then you have a much bigger problem that we have time to overcome this morning...

- **As Jesus began to teach** as it is recorded in the New Testament, He confirmed the authority of the old testament by quoting from it several times.

QUESTION: *What was Jesus favorite Old Testament Book?* **The Book of Deuteronomy.** Jesus quoted from Deuteronomy more than any other book in the Bible.

- **Jesus also promised** that the New Testament would have the same authority as the Old Testament, through His EYE WITNESSES, His Disciples.
- **In Matthew chapter 22**—Jesus is having a discussion with the Sadducees, who didn't believe in a literal resurrection from the dead. THAT'S WHY THEY WERE SAD—YOU—SEE!
- **Notice** what Jesus says to them...

MATTHEW 22:23-29

23 The same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him and asked Him, THEN THEY ASKED HIM A QUESTION ABOUT THE RESURRECTION...

29 Jesus answered and said to them, "**You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.**

- **Jesus said** that because they did not know the "**Scriptures**"—they were misinformed about the resurrection why? Because the scriptures plainly teach about a resurrection from the dead.
- **What is most interesting about this verse**—is the fact that Jesus said that "**The scriptures were the power of God**"—not the writings and opinions of men—but the actual words of the creator.

So—number one—Jesus said that THE ENTIRE BIBLE—is the word of God:

- Jesus speaks of the ENTIRE OLD TESTAMENT—as being "**The Word of God**":

Jesus says that the old testament is divided into 2 parts: "**The law and the prophets**":

- The law—is the first 5 books of the bible—genesis—exodus—Leviticus—numbers and Deuteronomy—written by Moses.
- The Prophets, are....Well...All of the Prophets!

LUKE 16:16

16 "The law and the prophets were **until** John (THE BAPTIST). Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it.

QUESTION: When Did the Old Testament Period End? What does the above verse say? "The Law and the Prophets were UNTIL JOHN THE BAPTIST.

Did you know that in the technical sense, John the Baptist is a part of the Old Testament prophets, not the New Testament

In the last Book of the Old Testament, the book of Malachi, the Lord promised that before he would send to us Jesus the Messiah, Elijah would come first.

Malachi 4:5-6

Behold, **I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.**

6 And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

Jesus said that if Israel had accepted Jesus as their Messiah, then John the Baptist would have fulfilled this Prophecy from Malachi by being Elijah is Spirit.

John 11:7-14

...concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

8 But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

9 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.

10 For this is he of whom it is written:

"Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,
Who will prepare Your way before You.'

11 "Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.

14 And **if you are willing to receive it, John is Elijah who is to come.**

The point of this little exercise, is that Jesus we know is the Creator, the One who died for our sins, then From the Historical Record, is proven that He rose from the dead.

This same Jesus that we know and trust our Life and Salvation to, also claimed that the entire Old and New Testament is THE WORD OF GOD.

If Jesus Quotes verses from the Old Testament when He is seeking to teach a point in the New Testament, what does that mean to us this morning...

It means that Jesus is saying that these Old Testament Scriptures are True, and Accurate, and are the Word of God...

Some of the Old Testament Books and verses Jesus Quoted from:

MATTHEW 22:43

43 He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him `Lord,' saying:

- JESUS IS REFERRING HERE TO PSALM 110:

PSALM 110:1

1 The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

MATTHEW 24:15

15 "Therefore when you see the `abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),

- JESUS IS REFERRING TO THE BOOK OF DANIEL CHAPTER 9:

DANIEL 9:27

27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate."

JESUS TALKS ABOUT THE EVENTS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT:

MATTHEW 19:4-5 CREATION

4 And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning `made them male and female,'

5 "and said, `For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?

GENESIS 2:24

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

LUKE 17:27 THE FLOOD OF NOAH

27 "They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

GENESIS 7:6-7

6 Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters were on the earth.

7 So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and his sons' wives, went into the ark because of the waters of the flood.

JESUS SAID THAT THE SCRIPTURES WERE WRITTEN BY MEN—WHO WERE MOVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT:

MARK 12:36

36 "For **David himself said by the Holy Spirit**: 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'" '

JESUS CONFIRMS BOOKS IN THE BIBLE—THAT MANY CRITICS HAVE CLAIMED—ARE NOT THE WORD OF GOD—SUCH AS:

MARK 7:10

10 "For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.'

JESUS IS QUOTING FROM THE BOOKS OF EXODUS AND DEUTERONOMY:

EXODUS 20:12

12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

DEUTERONOMY 5:16

16 'Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

MARK 7:6

6 He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me.

JESUS IS QUOTING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH—CHAPTER 29

ISAIAH 29:13

13 Therefore the LORD said: "Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, but have removed their hearts far from Me, and their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,

LUKE 11:30-32

30 "For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation.

31 "The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here.

32 "The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.

JESUS QUOTING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT BOOK OF JONAH—CHAPTER 1:

[JONAH 1:1-2](#)

1 Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me."

THERE IS EVEN AN OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE THAT GIVES A BLOW BY BLOW DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENTS OF JESUS OWN CRUCIFIXION—ALMOST 1,000 YEARS BEFORE—JESUS WAS EVER PUT ON THE CROSS, IN PSALM 22:

[MATTHEW 27:46](#)

46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" **PREDICTED IN PSALM 22—VERSE 1**

[MATTHEW 27:41-42](#)

41 Likewise the chief priests also, mocking with the scribes and elders, said,

42 "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe Him. **PREDICTED IN PSALM 22—VERSE 7**

[JOHN 19:28](#)

28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" **PREDICTED IN PSALM 22—VERSE 14-15**

[JOHN 19:36](#)

36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." **PREDICTED IN PSALM 22—VERSE 17**

[JOHN 19:37](#)

37 And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced." **PREDICTED IN PSALM 22—VERSE 16.**

[JOHN 19:24](#)

24 They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things. **PREDICTED IN PSALM 22—VERSE 18.**

[JOHN 19:30](#)

30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. **PREDICTED IN PSALM 22—VERSE 31.**

Next Sunday I will take you through some of the Amazing Prophecies of the Bible in Detail, that prove beyond any doubt that the person that is the author of the Bible is not From the Earth, but had the ability to see all of the events of the earth from outside of Time!

For those of you who have been with is through the Old Testament Prophecies that Jesus fulfilled perfectly in every detail, you remember that there are over 300 detailed specific predictions about the one person who would come in all of History and be The True and Living God in Human Flesh

- **We know that Jesus is the One**—These 300 Prophecies were pointing to because he is the only one in all of history—who fulfilled these 300 predictions perfectly

8 Prophecies

Micah 5:2	Born in Bethlehem	1:200,000
Zech 9:9	King on Donkey	1:100
Zech 11:12	30 Pieces of Silver	1:1,000
Zech 11:13	Temple, Potter, etc.	1:100,000
Zech 13:6	Wounds in Hands	1:1,000
Isa 53:7	No Defense; Innocent	1:1,000
Isa 53:9	Died with Wicked	1:1,000
	Grave with Rich	
Psalm 22:16	Crucified	<u>1:10,000</u> 1:10 ²⁸

If we say the total population of people born in the past 2,000 years = 100 billion (10¹¹):

$$10^{28}/10^{11} = 10^{17}$$

An Equivalent Sample

Concept Model: State of Texas covered with silver dollars, 2 feet deep. [Alternate model: there are only 10¹⁷ seconds in the history of the universe!]

16 Prophecies

$$10^{28} \times 10^{28} = 10^{56}$$

$$10^{56} / 10^{11} = 10^{45}$$

Concept Model: Ball of silver dollars—radius 30 times the distance of the earth to the sun!

48 Prophecies

$$10^{28} \times 10^{28} \times 10^{28} \times 10^{28} \times 10^{28} \times 10^{28} = 10^{168}$$

$$10^{168} / 10^{11} = 10^{157}! \text{ (That's a bigger number than we can grasp.)}$$

Concept Model:

- Make a "ball" of every atom in the universe (10^{66}).
- Make a ball for each atom of the universe ($10^{66} \times 10^{66} = 10^{132}$).
- Repeat that exercise, every second since the universe began ($10^{132} \times 10^{17} = 10^{149}$)

...and we're still short by 100,000,000 times (10^8)...and we've still only dealt with 48 prophecies out of over 300 in the Old Testament!

Adapted from Peter Stoner, *Science Speaks*.

Design A Genealogy

Try to design a genealogy, of actual people, with the following parameters:

1. The number of words in it must be divisible by 7 evenly.
2. The number of letters must also be divisible by 7.
3. The number of vowels and the number of consonants must also each be divisible by 7.
4. The number of words that begin with a vowel must be divisible by 7.
5. The number of words that begin with a consonant must be divisible by 7.
6. The number of words that occur more than once must be divisible by 7.
7. The number of words that occur in more than one form shall be divisible by 7.
8. The number of words that occur in only one form shall be divisible by 7.
9. The number of nouns shall be divisible by 7.
10. Only 7 words shall NOT be nouns.
11. The number of names in the genealogy shall be divisible by 7.
12. Only 7 other kinds of nouns are permitted.
13. The number of male names shall be divisible by 7.
14. The number of generations shall be 21, also divisible by 7.

This is the genealogy of Jesus Christ, in Greek, in Matthew.

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