



Believing the Bible
History, Help and Holiness

Always be ready to give
an answer to anyone
who asks you about the
hope you have.

1 Peter 3:15



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What *is* the Bible?

- Bible means “book”
- The Book of Books
- All things to all men: Jewish, Protestant, Catholic...
- TLDR: the story of God redeeming man

Why read the Bible?

- We are outsiders
- It is the contract / TOR / black and white
- Sermons can't cover everything
- Straight from the source



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Death will be no more.

Revelation 21:4b

There is none who does
good, no, not one.

Psalm 14:3b

Now Hiram king of Tyre sent envoys to David, along with cedar logs and carpenters and stonemasons, and they built a palace for David.

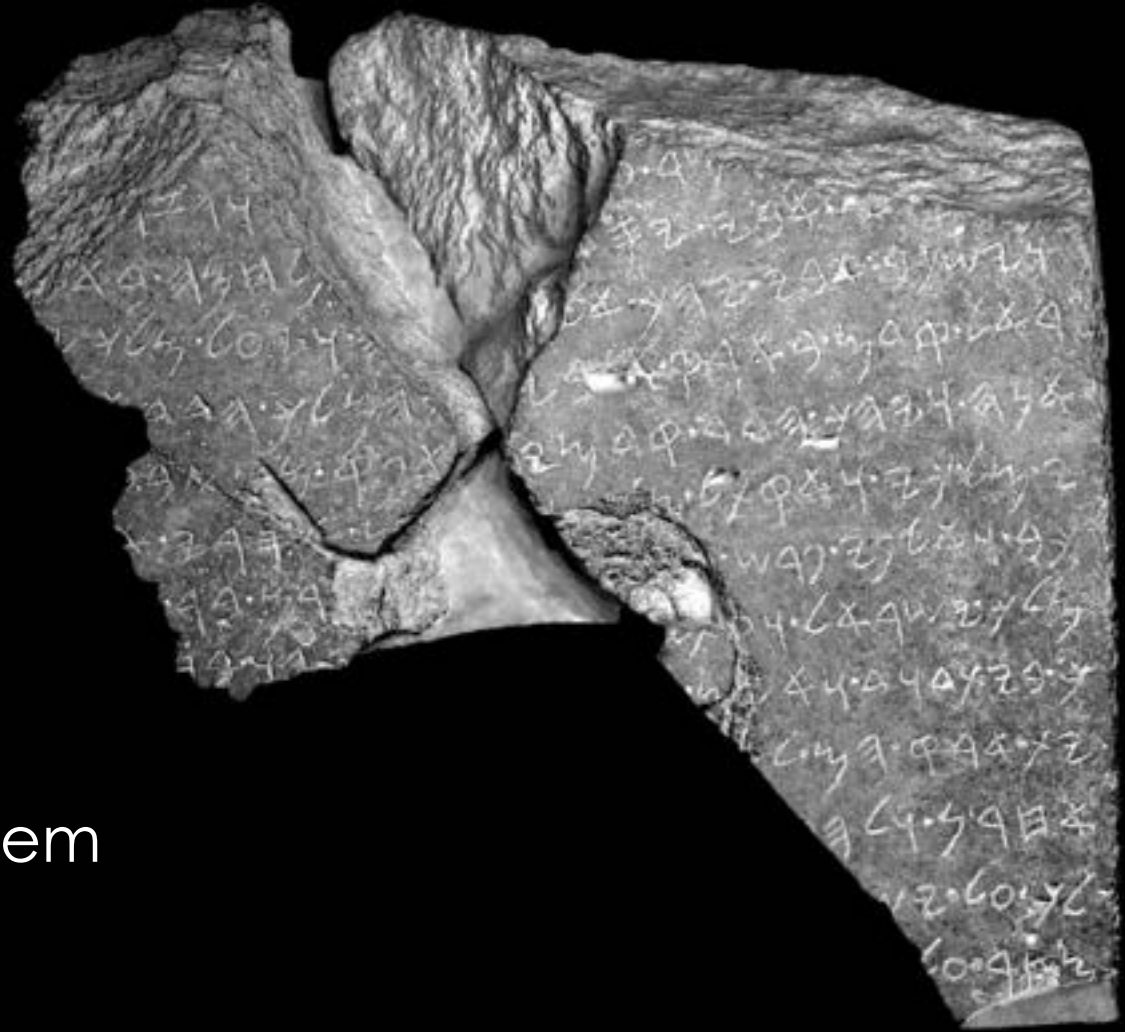
2 Samuel 5:11

Then David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel and had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.

2 Samuel 5:12

Tel Dan stele

- 9th c. BC
- Discovered 1993
- “House of David”
- Israel Museum in Jerusalem



*“The king of Israel entered previously
in my father's land; Hadad made me
king... I killed Jehoram son of Ahab
king of Israel, and I killed Ahaziah son
of Jehoram king of the
House of David...”*

Hazael, King of Aram, Tel Dan Stele

About this time Hazael king of Aram went up and attacked Gath and captured it. Then he turned to attack Jerusalem.

2 Kings 12:17

But Joash king of Judah took all the sacred objects... and he sent them to Hazael king of Aram, who then withdrew from Jerusalem.

2 Kings 12:18

Mesha stele

- 9th c. BC
- Discovered c. 1868
- “I am Mesha, son of Chemosh, king of Moab”
- Louvre Museum in Paris



Siloam Inscription

- 8th c. BC
- Discovered 1880
- “On the day when the tunnel was being cut out... the waters from the source flowed into the pool”
- Archaeological Museum in Istanbul



Western Wall



*“The impious Galileans support not
only their poor but ours as well.”*

Emperor Julian (331-363)

The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately sick; who can
understand it?

Jeremiah 17:9

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will be the first to rise.

1 Thessalonians 4:16

Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have believed.

John 20:29



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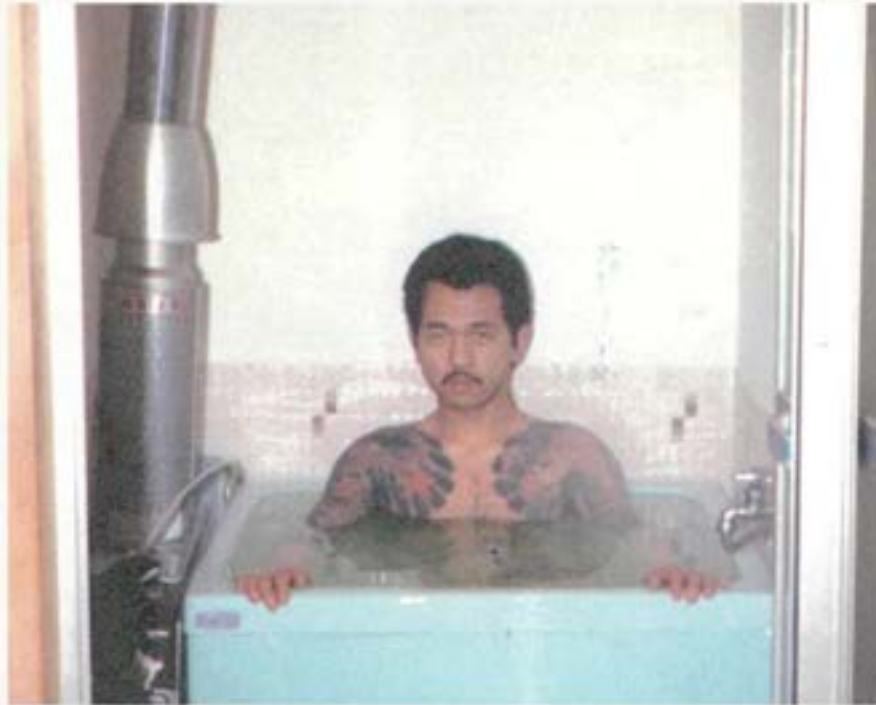
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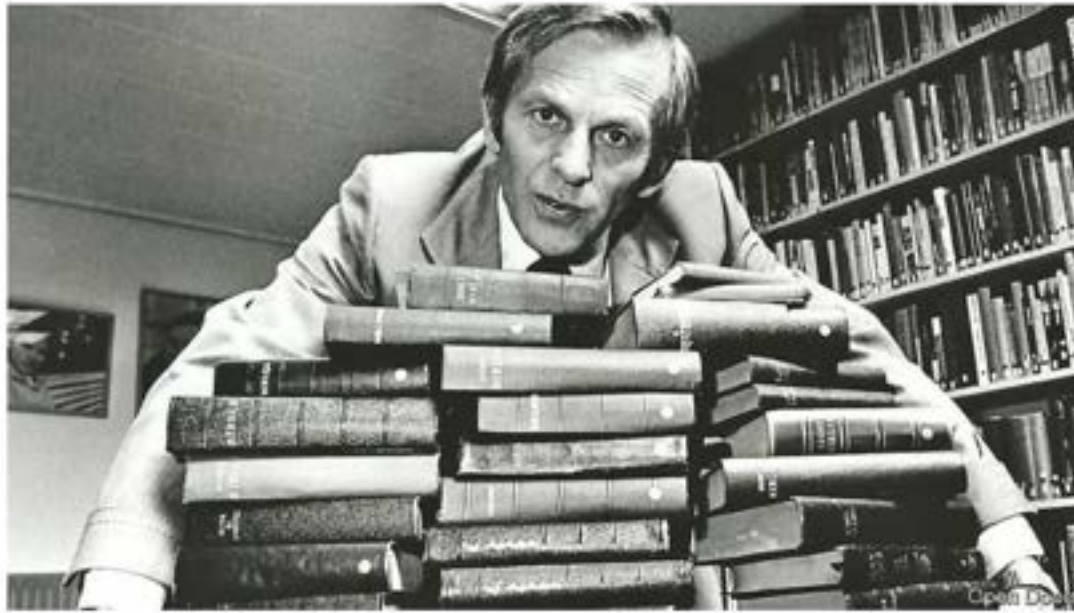


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Brother Andrew secretly carried Bibles behind the Iron Curtain

Andrew van der Bijl, a Dutch Christian missionary known as Brother Andrew, died on September 27th, aged 94

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Out of the depths I cry to you,
O LORD!

Psalm 130:1

Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no
evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and
Thy staff they comfort me.

Psalm 23:4

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2



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The word of God is living and active,
sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing to the division of soul and of
spirit, of joints and of marrow, and
discerning the thoughts and intentions
of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

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

2 Timothy 3:16

Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Genesis 2:7

[Paul's] letters contain some things that are hard to understand, which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures...

2 Peter 3:16

For us there is one God, the Father,
from whom are all things and for
whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus
Christ, through whom are all things
and through whom we exist.

1 Corinthians 8:6

If you declare with your mouth,
“**Jesus is Lord,**” and believe in your
heart that God raised him from the
dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9

At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that **Jesus Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:11

No one can say, “**Jesus is Lord,**”
except by the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:3

Jesus said to her,
“I who speak to you am He.”

John 4:26

For I have come down from heaven,
not to do My own will but the will of
Him who sent Me.

John 6:38

I and the Father are one.

John 10:30

The Bible is holy because

- The God who inspired it is holy
 - It commands righteousness
 - It condemns wickedness
 - It is God's word
 - It is protected by God
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Whenever Jehudi had read three or four columns of the scroll, the king cut them off with a scribe's knife and threw them into the firepot, until the entire scroll was burned in the fire.

Jeremiah 36:23

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path...

The sum of Your word is truth

Psalm 119:105, 160

The grass withers and the
flowers fall, but the word of
our God stands forever.

Isaiah 40:8

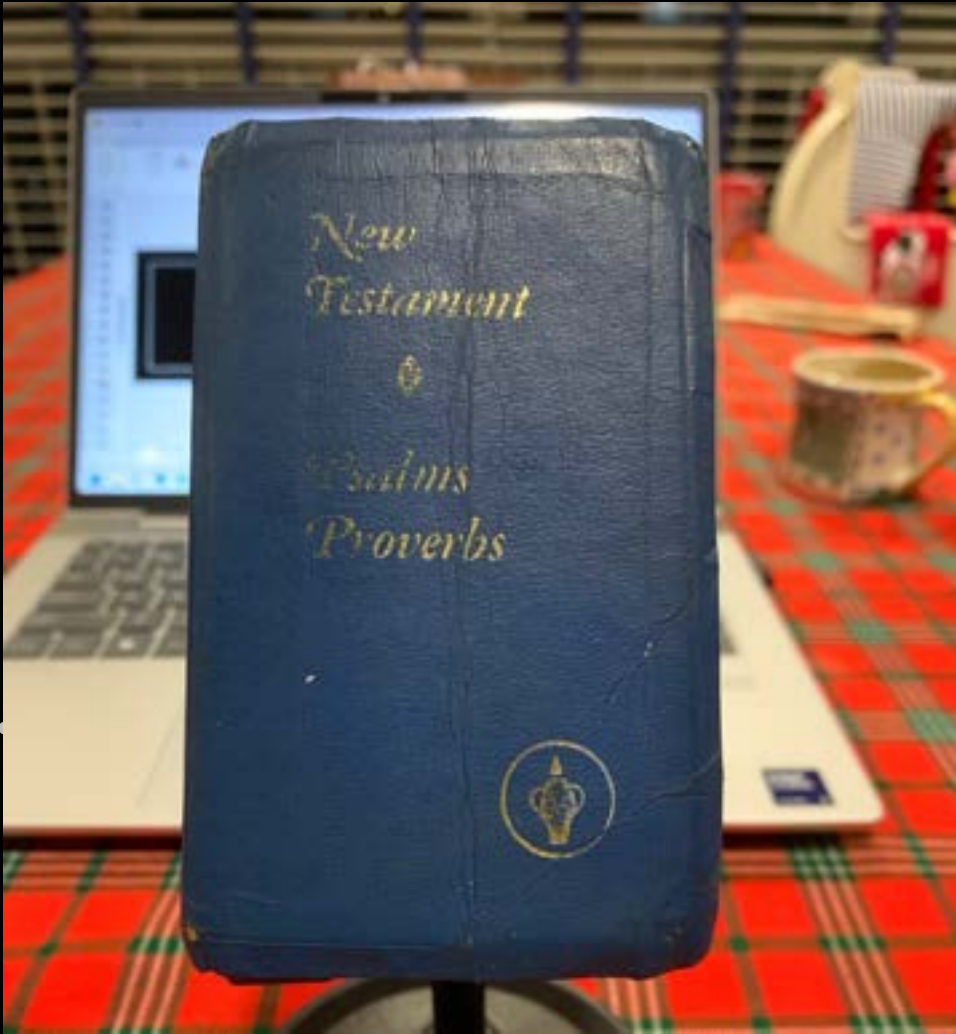
Heaven and earth shall pass away,
but My words shall not pass away.

Matthew 24:35





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TAMIL.

செய்தான், தன்முன்னம் ஓர் பிள்ளையுள்ள பூரணமுள்ள
கருவியை எவ்வாறு அமைக்கலாம் இவ்வாறுதான் தந்தையார்முள்ள
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HEBREW.

כִּי־בָרָכָה אָהֵב הָאֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָעוֹלָם עַד־
אֲשֶׁר גָּמַן אֶת־בָּנָו אֶת־יְחִידוֹ לְמַעַן לֹא־
יֵאבֹד כָּל־הַמְּאֻמִּין בּוֹ כִּי אִם־יְחִיָּה חַיִּי
עוֹלָמִים:

MALAY.

کارن دمکنده الله مناسبی ایسی دنیا این سوختن درین امن مع
توفیق است ، سنای بارشباب مع لرحای آکندی جانن ای نلس
ملیکن براوله مشول مع ککل .

CHINESE.

神愛世人、甚至將他的獨
生子賜給他們、叫一切信
他的、不至滅亡、反得永生。

THE BIBLE contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you.

It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here Paradise is restored, Heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed.

CHRIST is its grand subject, our good the design, and the glory of God its end.

It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened at the judgment, and be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.