

DOES THE BIBLE HAVE MISTAKES

UNDERSTANDING THE FOUNDATION FOR BIBLE BELIEF

*"He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment:
a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he."*

~ Deuteronomy 32:4

1. God Does Not Make Mistakes

- a. When the truth is radical, then you are living in dark days - Isa 59:14-15
- b. Believing the Bible is unfashionable, even in churches ... "It is written by men!"
- c. Fundamental doctrine → God is always right – Ps 145:3, 17, 147:5, 18:30, Gen 18:25
 - i. God does not make mistakes – Deu 32:4, Matt 5:48, Heb 4:15
- d. Scripture is inspired by God (His words written) – 2 Tim 3:16
 - i. The Bible is an infallible witness of Jesus – John 5:37-39
 - ii. God's words/work require his perfections – pure Ps 119:140, true Ps 119:160
- e. The reason the Bible would not have mistakes is that it is the word of God.

2. Mistaken for Errors

- a. Fallible ~*def* Liable to fail, mistake, be at fault, wrong; to err or deceive in judgment.
- b. God is infallible; his words are infallible – fallible men mistake in accusing him of error
- c. Falsehoods, lies, devil's words, wickedness – *They are all a true/right record*
- d. Miracles, supernatural, ghosts, "unscientific" – *Only to those smarter than God*
- e. Hard passages/ words – *Your failure to understand is not God's mistake*
- f. Grammar / spelling / printing – *Some things change, God's words do not*
- g. Different words, quotes – *Dictionaries consist of summaries and synonymous words*
- h. Contradictions – *Are only mistakes if the context is the same*

3. The Bible Has Contradictions

- a. Contradiction ~*def*. A contrary statement or inconsistency
- b. Contradictions help teach context, new instructions, progressive revelation
 - i. One context for war - Joel 3:10, one context for peace - Micah 4:3
 - ii. Don't judge until you are supposed to – Matt 7:1-2, 1 Cor 2:15
 - iii. Peace or great tribulation – Luke 2:14, Lk 12:51, Matt 24:21
 - iv. What should you eat? Gen 1:29, 9:2-3, Lev 11:2-8, Acts 10:9-15, 1 Tim 4:4
 - v. Secret or not secret since the world began – Acts 3:21, Rom 16:25

4. The Bible Has No Mistakes

- a. Does the Bible have mistakes? "No" Does my Bible have mistakes? "Yes"
- b. Some "Bibles" have mistakes – 2Sa 21:19, Josh 19:2, Mk 1:2, Jn 1:18, 3:16, Phi 2:6-7
- c. The 20th century inerrancy debates tried to solve a problem of their own making.
- d. *"All translations have mistakes" "No Bible is perfect" "Perfection in the originals"*
 - i. Why don't experts fix mistakes they claim? They deny Bible perfection now
 - ii. Believing any Bible is perfect would mean the text has authority over us.
 - iii. Infallibility "in the originals" only leaves us with fallible Bibles now.
- e. The KJ Bible believing position comes from believing the Bible without mistake.