

The Bible Is an AMAZING Book!

By: David Sproule

All sorts of things have been said and written about the Bible, and it can sometimes be hard to sort through it all. So, here's the question, "What can we know about the Bible? Is it possible to know if it is really from God or not?" Consider just a few things we know about this amazing book.

Amazing Fact #1: The Bible maintains complete unity from beginning to end. Think about this: There were about 40 men who wrote the 66 books of the Bible over a period of about 1,600 years. Can you imagine finding any continuity or agreement in such a document? And yet, that's exactly what you'll find, and with masterful precision. The penmen remain united in theme and purpose and content throughout the entirety of the book, without wavering and without contradicting each other. That's amazing! That's from God!

Amazing Fact #2: The Bible is completely accurate in all of its details. That's a bold claim to make, so check it carefully. The Bible is full of historical and geographical information covering millennia, and whenever discoveries have been made from those eras, it has only verified the precision of each of those details. Books produced by mere men have been found to be plagued with mistakes, especially as time passes. But not the Bible! That's amazing! That's from God!

Amazing Fact #3: The Bible is filled with predictive prophecies that were fulfilled exactly as predicted. There are hundreds of prophecies that were made hundreds (sometimes thousands) of years before their fulfillment, and these prophecies deal with matters relating to people, places and events that were impossible for the writers to have known about or to have affected the outcome in any way. No human could ever foretell the future like the Bible does! That's amazing! That's from God!

Amazing Fact #4: The Bible contains extraordinary scientific foreknowledge. The Bible is not a science textbook, but there are scientific details within it that are astonishing, as related to the fields of astronomy, oceanography, biology, medicine, physics, etc. The penmen could have never known or understood these things, as man just recently "discovered" most of them in the last few centuries. That's amazing! That's from God!

Pick up your Bible. This is no ordinary book! While many charges have been leveled against the Bible, those charges have all faded one-by-one, but the Bible still remains. Why is that? Because the evidence within the pages of the Bible itself prove that it can in no way be the product of a man or a group of men (on their own)! God used men to write HIS WORD (**2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21**). That's amazing!

Jeremiah and “Prophets” of His Day

By: Selected

Jeremiah chapter twenty-three gives a vivid picture of what was happening just before Nebuchadnezzar came to bring God’s judgment on the Jewish nation. The land was filled with many prophets, but Jeremiah stands in marked contrast with those false prophets found throughout the land. There are so many lessons to be learned from reading this chapter.

First, there is the reaction of Jeremiah. “My heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake” (v. 9). He was so overwhelmed that he described himself as being like a drunken man who has been overcome by wine. He reacted in this way, “... because of the Lord, and because of His holy words.”

God’s hope for the spirituality of the Jews was entrusted to prophets and priests. Jeremiah stood alone against the prophets of Samaria in the northern kingdom and against the prophets in Jerusalem in the southern kingdom (vs. 12-13). Their messages were described as folly and as a horrible thing. These messages had “caused My people Israel to err” and “commit adultery and walk in lies” (vs. 13-14). God’s view of every one of them was they “...are like Sodom to Me, and her inhabitants like Gomorrah.”

These prophets “speak a vision of their own hearts” (v. 16), “prophecy lies” and the deceits of their own heart” (v. 26), saying “I have dreamed, I have dreamed” (v. 25)!

These prophets had been joined by the priests (v. 11). Those who had been appointed by God to reverently come before Him on behalf of

the nations had profaned the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place on earth. God said, “Yes, in My house I have found their wickedness” (v. 11). Judgment lay on the horizon, which Jeremiah described as God coming as a violent whirlwind that would fall violently on the head of the wicked (v. 19). His anger would not be turned back until He had executed and performed the thoughts of His heart. Yet these false prophets repeatedly said that only peace lay ahead and condoned the worship of Baal (v. 17).

God said, “I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied” (v. 21). “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; they speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord” (v. 16).

This is such a remarkable section of the Bible and teaches us so much. The only true path to find our God in a land filled with so many “prophets” is to only listen to the message He has given in the Scriptures we know are from God. Jeremiah was grieved and so should we be!



Upcoming Events

Sun. April 6: Monthly potluck luncheon.

Area events:

Area events/details are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please check them out.

Prayer List

Prayer Requests:

Allen Clifton who had a PET scan recently.

Rick Bass who is still having tests done to get a correct diagnosis.

Draven Garcia who will be having knee surgery this week.

Virginia Escojido and Veronica Serenil’s great niece, Milani Barron, who is having seizures.

Rieke Bass’ coworker’s mother, Margie Fagg, who had cardiac surgery last week.

Rick Bass’ cousin, Jimmy, who is doing well after hip surgery.

Members

Jeff Cannady, Jerry FitzSimmons, James Hicks, and Veronica Serenil.

Service Roster

Week of March 16, 2025

Sunday Morning

Scripture Reading..... Ferman Rosales
Song LeaderJack Jobes

Opening Prayer.....James Cammock
Closing Prayer..... Dan Fielder

Lord’s Supper & Offering

Bread..... Ken Dorries
Cup..... Doug Jobes
Offering.....Barry Lehtinen
Assist.....Mike Atkinson
Assist..... Lupe Escojido
Assist.....Bryant Siegel

Sunday Evening

Song Leader Doug Jobes

Opening Prayer.....Bryant Siegel
Closing Prayer..... Steve Randle

Lord’s Supper & Offering.....Ken Dorries/
Bill York

Wednesday Evening

Adult ClassCody McCoy
Song Leader Richard Hill
DevotionalBryant Siegel

Other

Prepare CommunionFerman Rosales

Congregational News This Week

Birthdays

Connie Kaspar.....Mar.19
Manny Flonnory.....Mar. 20

Contact information for Sandi Fricks is on the table in the foyer. Please add it to your Pocket Directory!

Please sign up to open/close the building, prepare communion, and host youth devos for 2025. The sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the hallway.

If you have any prayer requests, upcoming events to be announced, or updates/corrections please contact our secretary, Nina Siegel, at (361) 573-0030 or email office.midtownchurch@gmail.com

Our Elders

Mark FitzSimmons
Ron White

Our Deacons

James Cammock—Evangelism
Lupe Escojido— Benevolence
Doug Jobes—Safety, Men's Encouragement &
Winter Youth Retreat
Kevin Sheeran—Worship Organization and
Communication
Bryant Siegel—Education and Finance

Our Minister

Cody McCoy

Weekly Reading

For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
Philippians 1:21 NKJV

Service Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class.....9:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship.....5:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.

Attendance Records

Week of March 9, 2025

A.M. Bible Class.....56
A.M. Worship.....81
P.M. Worship.....50
Wednesday Worship.....57

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